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Twenty-seven of the States and Territories have compulsory education laws.

It is estimated that fully two-thirds of the whole amount of public money held by the London banks does not bear interest.

Mynheer Hoffmeyr, one of the most notable politicians in South Africa, has commenced a fierce agitation against English control at the Cape.

According to the latest census bulletin the native population increased twenty-three per cent. between 1880 and 1890, the foreign thirty-eight per cent. and the colored fifteen per cent.

The English of our day is considered by a high authority almost perfect, alike for the purpose of the orator, the philosopher, the lecturer and the poet. The purest English is said to be spoken in Lincolnshire.

The Austrian Emperor, in order to acknowledge a singular display of loyalty, accepted the sum of five florins, equal to about two dollars, which had been bequeathed to his majesty by a poor peasant, recently deceased in the Austrian province of Carinthia.

The Boston Herald would like to have the European custom, of selling fish alive in the markets, introduced into this country. "Our fashion of selling fish in the market," it says, "would fill a German with disgust. In the German cities fish is almost invariably sold alive."

The rapid growth of the habit of sobriety and temperance is, in the estimation of the Chicago Herald, one of the characteristics of the American railway service, the use of intoxicants becoming more and more the exception, although it is said to be the rule in the English service. It was a subject for comment in an English railway publication recently in changing the grade of the Great Western Railroad were not allowed to refresh themselves during working hours with anything stronger than oatmeal water.

Henry M. Stanley, in one of his speeches while standing for a seat in the British Parliament, said, "Though of British birth and parentage, I have spent the greater part of my life in travel and exploration in foreign lands, and when I returned two years ago to live in England I was a naturalized citizen of the United States, but in all my wanderings I have seen no power so great and so beneficent as the British Empire, and I feel that my birthright of English citizenship was a privilege which I could no longer forego. I therefore resumed the allegiance of my birth and resolved that if ever I could serve England again in any way there should be no barrier to overcome. My one mastering desire is for the maintenance, the spread, the dignity, the usefulness of the British Empire."

Widespread public interest is being aroused on the subject of improving the public highways of our country. Colonel Albert A. Pope, of Boston, has given a great impetus to the question by publishing in pamphlet form "A Memorial to Congress on the Subject of a Comprehensive Exhibit of Roads, Their Construction and Maintenance at the World's Columbian Exposition." The Memorial contains letters from President Harrison, members of the Cabinet and a large number of other prominent men in every section of the country, all highly commendatory of the movement for the improvement of public roads throughout the United States. Besides these letters extracts are given from editorial articles favoring road reform in leading papers all over the Union. These extracts show that the press everywhere is in line with the laudable efforts to improve and maintain public roads all over the land.

The editor of a New York weekly paper has offered to pay Professor Schiaparelli's expenses to this country and back in order to give the distinguished scientist an opportunity to peep at Mars through the great Lick telescope in California. It is generally agreed, remarks the Chicago Herald, that the most important of the professor's discoveries have been confirmed by the recent observations of other astronomers. The strange thing about it is that Schiaparelli has been able to see more with a telescope of a certain size than others have distinguished with larger instruments. This will be popularly explained by saying that he has very bright eyes. The professor himself says that he has been observing that one planet for many years, and that one's eyes derive greater distinguishing power by becoming accustomed to the light of a particular star. Whichever theory is true, if Schiaparelli comes to look through the Lick telescope he ought to be able, under favorable conditions, to tell us something new about the surface of Mars.

THE HAYING TIME.

Click, click, click! goes the mowing machine. With its shields of iron and falchions keen, As over the plain it speeds, Like a proud triumphal car, Like a chariot of war. With foaming, panting steels. The field with a thrill of fear is stirred. The startle bobolink has heard. The warning and goes in quest Of his mate; together they fly. Now circling low, now high Above their rush-hidden nest. But the iron oppressor's work is wrought With a swift career that spareth naught, And the tall grass, purple-crowned, And the flowers in fragrant bloom Go down in common doom And lie withered on the ground. Thus the sons of toil their tasks fulfill, Lightened by man's inventive skill, But a spirit of sweet-scented hain flows, That haunted the green highways Of the old time haying days. Ere the iron-wrought mower was known, When the summer days with song were filled, And the sturdy mower whirled his scythe, And the best man, never loth, Led the haying crew with pride Through the field's sweet-scented tide, Turning the double swath. Close followed by boys, bare-foot and brown, Joyously spreading the wire down; Thus the toilers from early morn Cheerily filled each hour. Ever watchful for a sign of shower, Till the sound of the dinner horn. Then the bobolink might safely rest; For a shield of grass to mark its nest. By the mower was kindly spared, And he stays his bray arm, Lost some nesting suffer harm, For they his friendship shared. We will honor with song our modern ways, But a dearer, tenderer, strain of praise Is echoed in memory's chime: Of the days so glad and long, When the hays of youth were strong, In the sweet old haying time. -St. Louis Republic.

A FORTUNATE MISTAKE.

S Captain Sprowl threw his hat on the bed and sat on the cushion in his easy chair in the cabin he looked ruefully at a neat package that lay on the table. "What a fool I was to buy that," he thought. "Old sextant was plenty good enough, though I had it nine years. Bought it in Liverpool when I was second mate of the Julia A. Smith. And now I have put out a month's earnings for a new one. What possessed me I don't know." And so the captain went on. Now, Captain Sprowl was not, as you might think from the name, a bald-headed old man with bushy whiskers. No; names are very misleading. Instead, he was tall and slender, with a sandy mustache, and had not a gray hair in his head. He came from Maine, and although but thirty years old, he had been for six years captain of the Edna Dunn, now lying at Constitution wharf, in Boston, discharging her cargo of sugar. "Well," puffed the captain, "nothing to do now but to get rid of the old sextant. I should go ashore next time if I had two sextants to navigate by. Must work the old off on some landlubber or somebody."

The package was lying on an old newspaper which he had brought through and through on his last trip out. "The very thing!" said he. "I'll put a notice in the paper--Sextant for sale, cheap, and if somebody don't bite at it, I miss my guess." The next morning the only thing the captain could see in the paper was this: Sextant for sale by a ship captain; nearly new and in perfect order; will be sold cheap. Address O. J. Globe office. And now my story's begun. Etta Bourne had been at work in a millinery store in Boston for nearly two years. She and her older sister Annie had learned the trade with the village milliner down in Kennebunk. But Annie, who had long been the belle of the village, got married, and Etta concluded to try her fortune in Boston. She was full of ambition. So it fell that in her two years in the millinery store she studied shorthand and typewriting, with the intention of fitting herself to be a confidential clerk. On Sunday she saw this advertisement:

For Sale--Jones's Premier Typewriter at half price; been used less than a month; in perfect order. Address O. J. Globe office, 47 Globe office.

Etta Bourne, being a Maine Yankee, knew a bargain when she saw it. She wanted to own a typewriter, and so she wrote a brief note addressed to "O. J. 47 Globe Office," asking where the machine could be seen, and dropped it into the letter box as she went to work Monday morning. Now, I said at the beginning that the strange thing about it is that Schiaparelli has been able to see more with a telescope of a certain size than others have distinguished with larger instruments. This will be popularly explained by saying that he has very bright eyes. The professor himself says that he has been observing that one planet for many years, and that one's eyes derive greater distinguishing power by becoming accustomed to the light of a particular star. Whichever theory is true, if Schiaparelli comes to look through the Lick telescope he ought to be able, under favorable conditions, to tell us something new about the surface of Mars.

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H. E. Bourne--Dear Miss: Yours in reply to my advertisement in the Globe is at hand. Please call on me aboard the bark Edna Dunn, Constitution wharf, between 2 and 3. Yours, H. E. Bourne, Captain.

The next afternoon about 4 o'clock a trim little figure walked rapidly over the rough planks of Constitution wharf. "It's a queer place to find a second-hand typewriter," thought Etta Bourne, "but I suppose the captain got tired of it, or couldn't use it because the vessel pitched so, or something like that."

She saw the gilt letters, "Edna Dunn." A fat, bald-headed man with a little gingham apron on looked out the door of a box-like house in the middle of the vessel.

A broad plank extended from the wharf across the bulwarks. The man in the apron came forward.

"I wish to see Captain Sprowl," said she. "Yes, ma'm. Come right aboard, ma'm, on that plank, ma'm. The captain is down in his cabin, ma'm." Etta Bourne stepped hastily along the plank, and the stout cook, putting his broad palms under her elbows, lifted her lightly to the deck.

"This way, ma'm," and he led her around to the after-companionway. They went down the brass-railed stairs, and as the cook knocked at the door Etta noticed how spick and span everything looked.

As a matter of fact the captain, in view of the lady's visit, had kept the cook scouring the wood and brasswork all the forenoon.

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"Yes, ma'am," said the captain, "this is the place. Will you take a seat?" As Etta sank into an easy chair she glanced about her in astonishment. She had no idea that these little low houses on ship's deck was so comfortable as this.

Here was a dainty little sitting room, with a rich, soft carpet, a hanging lamp of elaborate design, huge plush easy chairs and sofa, a pretty rattan rocker and a table strewn with the latest magazines.

"I beg your pardon," said the tall captain, who had been looking curiously at her; "but are you not related to Miss Annie Bourne of Kennebunk?"

"Why, yes, indeed; she is my own sister," answered Etta, with animation. "I used to go to school with her in the old Berwick Academy, years ago; but I didn't know she had a sister."

"Oh, yes, I went to the academy myself, but it was after she was graduated."

"And was old Brown principal when you were there?"

From this they went on for ten minutes, and each knew so many that the other did that they soon became old acquaintances.

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"Well, Captain Sprowl," said she, finally, "I mustn't forget what I came for. I believe you have a machine that you wish to sell?"

"Why, yes," said the captain, wondering what on earth this attractive young woman could want of a sextant.

"And how did you come to want to sell it," pursued she, wondering what use this sea-captain had for a typewriter.

"Well, the fact is," said the captain, reddening a little. "I bought a new one the other day when I really didn't need it, and of course, I haven't used for two. And," continued he, "since turn about is fair play, I am going to ask you what you want of one?"

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The average man has 2,304,000 pores in his skin. About eight species of whale are known on the California coast.

An opal weighing one pound and a quarter has recently been taken out of an Idaho mine.

The Krupp works in Essen, Germany, contain 2542 furnaces. These consume 1665 tons of coal and coke daily.

A horse will eat in a year nine times his own weight, a cow nine times, and an ox six times and a sheep six times.

In speaking of the solidification of a body by cooling, Professor Dewar says that water can be made to become solid by the evaporation of a quarter of its weight.

San Francisco, Cal., has an earthquake-proof hotel. It is constructed of iron and in the form of two hollow squares, one within the other, arranged so as to brace each other.

It is said that a natural deposit of a material capable of use as a polishing powder for metals has been discovered near Walcha, New South Wales, and that it is being introduced on the market.

Not earthworms but ants are the soil-tillers of parts of Southern Africa. Ant hills exist by millions, each covered by soil so fertile that a common saying is that an ox can be pastured on an ant hill.

Sleeping in the light of the moon when it is near the full is said to be injurious, especially near the tropics. It has no effect where the direct rays do not fall on the head or eyes of the sleeper.

Among birds that have the power of imitation the parrot is the best; but, as a matter of fact, its voice is decidedly inferior to that of the mynah, a species of starling. Curiously enough, the male bird speaks in a high, clear tone, like that of a child, while the female has a gruff voice.

An English scientist has made a calculation about the time it will take to fill the world with all the people it will hold. The present population of the globe is supposed to be about 1,467,000,000, and he estimates that the maximum of the inhabitants that can be sustained on the entire land surface of the earth is 5,944,000,000, and that this figure will be reached A. D. 2072.

The cableway at the Deer Park group of mines near Descanso, Cal., was broken in a singular manner recently. It has a single span of 4450 feet. The tension is twenty tons, and the loads are 120-pound sacks of ore from the mines on the mountain side to the mills below.

Just after an extra hard shake in the series of earthquakes there it parted. It is supposed that the vibrations, coming from each end of the line, met in the centre and caused the break.

Newsboy Sympathy.

A paralyzed newsboy sells papers from a wheel chair at the corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street, writes the New York correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. Visitors from the West may have noticed him, for he is a pathetic object and attracts much attention. His helplessness has aroused all the latent pathos in hearts that beat beneath ragged jackets in that neighborhood. A local writer tells a pleasing anecdote concerning him, which I reproduce:

The newsboys all sympathize with him. They help him fold and arrange his papers. On warm days they take turns fanning him, carry his little folding table and assist him in various ways.

One day during the late hot spell a ragged urchin, with a bundle of papers under his arm, dirt-begrimed and carrying a tin pail in his hand, walked up to the cashier's window in a store not far from where the cripple sits. Rapping on the window he attracted the attention of the cashier, and as he stood on his tiptoe he handed in his pail, while a smile bewitching as any society belle is capable of, encircled his dirty face, displaying a set of teeth purely white and as beautiful as nature could form them.

His large, lustrous, sparkling black eyes caught hold of the cashier, and he said: "Say, mister, der lame blokey what sells papers in der wagon on der corner wants a drink of icewater."

As the man who handles the cash passed out the pail of water the juvenile remarked: "Thanks, mister, you know der kid's awful lame and can't walk."

The New York newsboy is a rough, slangy, harum-scarum, devil-may-care and often mischievous individual, but generally his heart is in the right place.

Vanderbilt's Way.

A writer in the Figaro throws an interesting light upon Mr. Vanderbilt's method of buying pictures. The millionaire, it seems; went once to Meissonier and asked him which of his works was, in his own opinion, his chef d'oeuvre. Meissonier answered: "The Chess Players." "Whom does it belong to?" was Mr. Vanderbilt's next question. "To Herr Meyer, of Dresden," was the answer. That very night Mr. Vanderbilt dispatched a secretary to Dresden, who went straight to Herr Meyer and demanded to know his price. "\$50,000," replied the owner, thinking that he had effectually frightened his interrogator. "I take it," said the secretary to the great astonishment of Herr Meyer, and that it he did.--Fall Mail Gazette.

A Hen's Queer Feat.

Hop Whitney, of Moore, Ga., tells a strange story of animal life. A cat selected the fodder loft as the home for her kittens. A sitting hen was near her neighbor, and had the misfortune to be broken up. She at once ousted the cat from her bed and appropriated her three kittens. When Hop went into the loft, he was surprised to see the nammy cat lying without her kittens, and when he attempted to take the kittens from the hen he found he had a considerable row on his hands.--Atlanta Constitution.

WONDERS OF HYPNOTISM.

MARVELOUS EFFECTS OF A PHYSICIAN'S EXPERIMENTS.

Pain Entirely Subdued by the Force of Will Power--Active and Passive Patients.

In a very interesting paper on "Hypnotism and Mental Suggestion," in the Arena, Mr. B. O. Flower says: Dr. Hamilton Osgood related to me many instances where extraordinary cures have followed positive suggestion.

normal condition. As a rule, however, far more can be accomplished after the patient has been thrown into the hypnotic sleep, and it is this phenomenon and the result attending the same, which, if the reader will now follow me, I will describe as I personally witnessed it, some few weeks since, at the Home for Incurables, in the beautiful suburban town of Ashmont.

During this visit Dr. Osgood hypnotized twelve patients. In each instance the experiment proved completely successful. In many cases the patient yielded readily to the doctor's suggestion; in others it required a few moments to bring the invalid's will entirely under the domination of the physician's will, although it must be remembered that in all instances the patients were hypnotized at their express desire. To me there was something thrilling, startling, and terrible in this spectacle of a human mind instantly yielding to a will more royal than his own; becoming a willing vassal, with ears attuned to no voice save the regal master whose slightest wish becomes absolute law.

The general appearance of a subject in the hypnotic trance is that of a natural sleep, although, sometimes, when in a profound slumber, one is reminded of a patient under the influence of ether. There are present, however, these peculiarities in the hypnotic trance:

The subject, if in a profound sleep, is absolutely at the command of the operator; at a suggestion from him the cutter's will is as irresistible to him as if perfectly etherized; at his command the body instantly becomes as rigid as if all life had departed; at his suggestion the patient sees visions of the operator's creating and hears, perchance, the ravishing strains of celestial melody. In this realm of dreams he banquets and revels, while perhaps a limb is being amputated. And yet at the voice of the intelligent operator he instantly returns to a normal condition, provided the operator himself never for a moment doubts his ability to awaken the subject.

As I noted before, some patients yield much more readily than others. It was indeed interesting and curious to witness the subtle and inherent traits of different patients, even in the moment when the patient's will-power was momentarily yielding more and more to the hypnotizer.

This the first subject hypnotized by Dr. Osgood had expressed his desire to be so treated, and has described at length the trouble from which he was suffering. I really saw that he was one of those numerous individuals who derive their greatest joy from fault-finding and complaining--a chronic objector--and I observed with considerable curiosity the doctor's method of putting him to sleep. As I had anticipated, he involuntarily resisted the physician's suggestions for a minute or two. For example, after he had been partially hypnotized, Dr. O. said:

"Your eyes are heavy. It is difficult for you to raise your lids." He, with an effort, kept his eyes open for a moment, and later, when the doctor said, "You cannot open your eyes," he strove to do so and a gleam of triumph lit his countenance when he succeeded, though the heavy lids fell back almost instantly; and when the affirmation was repeated he made no further effort, being already in a deep sleep.

The next subject was a passive, mild-mannered man. The doctor did not even look him in the eye, but simply suggested sleep most positively to him, after which he lightly touched his brow between the eyes, and he was in a deep slumber, from which he did not awake until a half hour later, when the doctor loosened the bonds by a single word.

In another ward a lady asked to be hypnotized; her stomach was causing her considerable pain. She had been hypnotized several times before, deriving great benefit from this treatment. Dr. Osgood requested her to look him in the eyes for a moment. He then positively commanded her to go to sleep; to keep her mind passive; to think only of sleep, and go to sleep. In half a minute she was in a profound slumber.

He took a sharp instrument in his hand and pricked her face and hands several times with it, but there was nothing to indicate that she felt in the least degree any sensation whatever. The doctor then suggested that her stomach would be entirely relieved, on her waking; and placing his hand over her stomach for a moment, he added:

"You are now experiencing a warm sensation; the blood is now called to the stomach, and when you wake all pain will have disappeared. Now sleep on until I call you." He then passed into some other wards, where some other women were hypnotized, two of whom remained sleeping only a few minutes after the doctor left.

As all persons who are acquainted with hypnotism know, there are different stages. In some cases, the doctor informs me, he may hypnotize a person and keep them entirely under hypnotic influence as long as present, but as soon as he leaves they begin to awake. In other cases a profound sleep follows suggestion, and the patient does not arouse until the doctor breaks the spell by a word.

The Salvation Army are about to build a headquarters for Ireland at Belfast, to cost \$40,000.

Clusters of clover, if hung in a room and left to dry and shed their perfume through the air, will drive away flies.

OLD JOHN HENRY.

Old John's jest made o' the commonest stuff-- Old John Henry. He's tough, I reckon, but none too tough-- "Too much, though, 's better than not enough."

Says Old John Henry. He does his best and when his best's bad, He don't fret none, nor he don't get sad-- He simply 'lows it's the best he had-- Old John Henry.

His doctern's jest o' the plainest brand-- Old John Henry. 'A smilin' face and a hearty hand, 'S a religion' at all folks understand," Says Old John Henry.

He's stov'e up with the rheumatiz, And they ain't no shine on them shoes o' his, And his hair ain't out, but his eye teeth is-- Old John Henry.

He feed hisself when the stock's all fed-- Old John Henry. And "deeps like a babe" when he goes to bed, "And dreams o' heaven and home-made bread," Says Old John Henry.

He ain't refined as heort to be, To fit the statutes of poetry, Nor his clothes don't fit him, but he fits me-- Old John Henry. --James Whitcomb Riley.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The barber is poor indeed who doesn't even hone his razors.--Elmira Gazette. Prudence in a plume dropped from the wing of some past folly.--Texas Sittings.

Money talks; but it is frequently a trifle deficient in its grammar.--Washington Star. Do not expect to go to the top of the spire in politics unless you are willing to play the weather cock.--Galveston News.

"Gentlemen," said the auctioneer, "most of these books are in English; but there are a few volumes by Robert Browning."--Boston Transcript.

Mrs. D.--"Just think, Mary, how terrible. The poor man was torn limb from limb." "Lor' bless us, marm, and men so scarce!"--