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Statistics show that trade does not decline in Presidential years.

The United States spend \$125,000,000 a year for public charities and charitable institutions.

Within the borders of the State of Maine are wild lands of a total estimated value of \$32,000,000.

A queer illustration of British backwardness is found by the San Francisco Examiner in the fact that this year sees election returns exhibited to street crowds by the stereopticon for the first time in London.

The English Hackney horse, which is rapidly coming into favor in this country, is in England succeeding the Cleveland bay stallion as a sire for carriage horses.

In Japan a play called the "Extermination of Christianity" is on the boards. In the slaughter of make-believe missionaries to the shrieks of the orchestra is wildly applauded.

In view of the recent complaints about the "injurious action" of tinned goods on the human economy, it is interesting to note in the New York Recorder that recent experiments by Lunge and other well-known German chemists have demonstrated the fact that aluminium is practically unattacked by fruit juices, condensed milk, and the various constituents of preserved meats and vegetables.

There is a patient and industrious man named Rila Kittridge, of Belfast, Me., who is putting Mr. Gladstone's great speeches on postal cards, which he sends to the "Grand Old Man." On some of the cards he manages to get 20,000 words.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell, of the Forest and Stream Publishing Company, an enthusiastic hunter of wide experience, gives, in Scribner, a graphic narrative of a now extinct sport, and writes with force and feeling respecting the shameless slaughter that has made the title of this article, "The Last of the Buffalo," so appropriate.

The American hog is still engaged in pushing his nose into other countries, announces the Chicago Sun. Persecution, proscription, libel, infamous slanders, and even bayonets cannot keep him from inserting his savory snout into a foreign land, and when once he lifts his small, twinkling eyes upon a people they immediately become charmed with his toothsome possibilities and are the willing slaves of his porkship.

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REST. Water the roots of a rose when the sun that has scorched each petal...

ZULEIKA'S WILD RIDE.

HO can the horse-man be who crosses the market-place of Mirouan, sitting erect in his saddle, with lance at rest?

It is the invincible El-Malek, chieftain of a fierce mountain tribe, who venerate him as a saint.

Since he lost his eldest son, two years ago, El-Malek speaks but little and never smiles. His beard has become almost white, but his arm has lost nothing of its power.

Erect in his saddle, El-Malek follows with a keen glance among the motley crowd a man in a gold embroidered burse, who has just come to Mirouan.

This man is Hassan Bey, the insolent chief of the Ouled-Nayls, who, jealous of his brother Ahmed, killed him with arrows shot from afar.

Who would prevent it, since God permits it? El-Malek had heard this story only an hour before he reached Mirouan.

Zuleika had placed her urn upon the ledge of the fountain, but had not thought of filling it. Her companions, one after the other, had gone away, but she still remained.

Who calls? Certainly Hassan Bey cannot have disguised his voice with such a grave and manly tone.

She looked up, and suddenly her eyes flashed with new light, for she felt that this man had been sent by God.

The day advances, the sky seems to be on fire, but Yussuf does not falter. Suffocated, at first, by this furious flight,

Zuleika now began to breathe more freely; so much ground already gained in the direction of El-Malek's mountain tribe meant possible deliverance.

No, the bows send forth their arrows! Yussuf utters a painful neigh and El-Malek responds with a cry of anguish.

Now there are no more arrows to fear; a wall of rocks crowns this height. But death is only stayed off--blood is streaming from the side of the noble beast.

Hassan Bey has seen traces of blood upon the rocks, and his cries of hate have become cries of joy.

Night has again passed and the light of morning chases the jacksals that have come, scenting their prey from afar.

Two days' journey separates him from the tribe of which his master is chief.

"You see, there," said "that mirror that shines down here," it is Lake Zahrez.

El-Malek planted his lance in the ground and supported himself against it, erect in his saddle. He talked for a long time to Yussuf, and the animal shook his bleeding head.

Let us wait, and in the meantime breathe a little." The advice was good, and no one gainsaid it.

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be too late to continue the pursuit. And yet he remained in his place, changed into a statue, powerless to conquer the fear that emanated from this grand guardian.

After the rosy dawn, the leaden sky; after the red twilight, the blue night; then the aurora again; and the sentinel, still motionless, as well as those whose way he bars.

Neither Hassan Bey nor his men advanced twenty paces. The noise that put the vultures to flight was the galloping of the Bedouin horses that had come from the Djebel-Sahari.

Two days after leaving Port Said, Egypt, says a correspondent of the Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle, we had some very unsettled weather.

Looking southward, I observed what appeared to be a small black cloud, rising and coming steadily toward our steamer.

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A storm travels at the average rate of fifty miles an hour.

A typewriting machine which will print on the leaves of a blank book of any thickness is the latest invention.

A French artist has succeeded in photographing a flying insect. The time of exposure was but 1-250th of a second.

A plant for the manufacture of hand grenades has been erected in connection with the National Artillery foundry of Mexico.

African travelers tell us that the white rhinoceros frequently dies from eating poisonous plants which have no effect on the black one.

Aluminum is found combined with 195 other minerals, and therefore constitutes a large part of the crust of the earth.

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In order to prevent persons understanding telegraphy from reading the messages in offices and hotels, as they are received by the sounder, a secret telegraph receiver has been devised.

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A GREAT NAVAL REVIEW.

PREPARING FOR A BIG GATHERING AT HAMPTON ROADS.

The Different Governments That Will Send War Vessels--Grandest Display of Modern Times.

ALREADY the naval authorities are beginning to prepare for the great naval review that is to inaugurate the celebrations in honor of the Columbian year, next April.

The appropriation made by Congress (\$50,000) will not cover the expenses of mobilizing the fleet, let alone the expenses of maintaining it for several months.

A company in Louisville is manufacturing watering carts driven by electricity. A long pipe pierced with small holes diffuses the water, and in case of meeting other vehicles the pipe can be swung alongside of the cart.

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THE NIGHT HATH A THOUSAND EYES.

The night hath a thousand eyes, And the day but one;

After the pickpocket has succeeded in getting his hand in he takes things easily.--Binghamton Leader.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Knights of labor--When the baby's teething.--New York News.

When a grain field has got about all it can hold it is ready for some mow.--Texas Siftings.

The aeronaut loves his balloon. In fact, he's completely taken up with it.--Binghamton Leader.

Before marriage: He--"Kiss me, Carrie." After marriage: She--"Kiss me, Harry."--Boston Transcript.

A girl may not want to wear her love on her sleeve, but she usually likes to have her lover there.--Statesman.

There is a fat man down in the Neck who is so close fisted that he even hates to perspire freely.--Philadelphia Record.

Amelities in Wyoming. Bella--"How old is Miss Simpson?" Stella--"Old enough to vote."--Chicago News-Record.

"How are you getting along?" asked the farmer of the miller. "Same old grind," was the latter's reply.--Detroit Free Press.

A late-fad is to make ice cream in the shape of billiard balls. The boys are expected to take the cue at once.--Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Clara--"I want something to match my head to-night. What would you wear?" Maude--"Something light."--Detroit Free Press.

The story that the brewers throughout the country are purchasing grasshoppers to get their hops for making beer is said to be incorrect.--Carlisle Herald.

"Does a man have to be a Christian to get through college, nowadays?" "Not at all, but he must be a muscle man, without doubt."--Boston Courier.

"Do you refuse me on account of my age? I am only fifty-five." "That's just it. You may live fifteen or twenty years yet."--Indianapolis Journal.

He--"Congratulations me. I have just resisted a temptation." She--"What was the temptation?" He--"To propose to you."--New York Herald.

The gentleman, so often mentioned in novels, who riveted people with the gaze, has now obtained permanent employment at a boiler manufactory.--New Moon.

Bella (explaining with difficulty)--"Er--do you follow me, Mr. Masher?" Masher--"Um! I'm after you, Miss Faddis, it that's what you mean?"--Tid Bits.

"Mercy!" cried Juliet. "This glove is tight." "I, too, should be intoxicated," rapturously responded Romeo, "were I a glove upon that hand."--Harper's Bazar.

The tenor who attempted to whip the editor of the Dramatic Gazette for a sharp criticism, when he got through had no ear for music. The editor had both of them.--New York News.

Mr. Bullion--"You are far too young to marry my daughter. You are only eighteen." Tom--"Yes, sir, but Miss Julia is thirty-four, so the two of us would average about right."--Jester.

A barrister observed to a learned brother in court that he thought his whiskers very unprofessional. "You are right," replied his friend; "a lawyer cannot be too barefaced."--Fit-Bits.

Mike--"It's like old times to see you again, Pat. Why did you never write me a letter since last we met?" Pat--"O, didn't know yer address, Mike." Mike--"Thin why in the name o' sence, did ye not write fur it?"--Harper's Bazar.

Always pass the fruit to everybody else before helping yourself. Common politeness will induce your company to leave the choicest specimens upon the plate, and when it comes to your turn you can eat them without exciting remark.--Boston Transcript.

Papa--"Well, Tommy, and how did you like it?" Tommy (who has been taken to church for the first time)--"Very much, indeed. Everybody had to keep very quiet, but one man stood up and talked the whole time, and at last we all had to get up and sing to keep him quiet."--Pick-Me-Up.

Mudge--"Judge Billings is a remarkably easy man to get acquainted with, don't you think?" Vabsley--"I never noticed it." Mudge--"He is, though. I didn't know him for over an hour before I borrowed a dollar of him, and inside of the next hour we got so well acquainted that he refused to lend me another one."--Indianapolis Journal.

Mother Goose.

Mother Goose was a real character, and was not an imaginary personage, as we used to suppose. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Foster, and she was born in 1655. She married Isaac Goose in 1693, and a few years afterward became a member of the Old South Church. She died in 1757, aged ninety-two years.