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The two-minute bicycle promises to arrive far ahead of the two-minute trotter, observes the New York Recorder.

Some one has figured that there are no many railway lines, steam, elevated, cable and horse cars in New York City that a person may ride for six hours at a total cost of fifty cents.

According to an election return just made to the British Parliament, there are 6,229,120 voters in the United Kingdom. There were 4,592,482 in England, 270,276 in Wales, 747,271 in Ireland and 619,091 in Scotland.

F. P. Loomis, formerly United States Consul at St. Etienne, France, says that from an investigation he made he finds about 95,000 Americans visit Europe every year, and that they spend about \$100,000,000 annually abroad.

Cardinal Gibbons has rechristened Chicago with the classic title of "Thaumatothis," the wonder city. The appellation is deserved, but the New York World thinks it will hardly displace that of "the windy city" in popular parlance.

The name of Gay Head, applied to a famous promontory of the Massachusetts coast, means exactly what it seems to mean, and is peculiarly appropriate. The headland, as seen from the sea, is gray with many colors running in strata, the result of chemical qualities in the earth of the cliff. A like variety of color is presented by many rocky islets and headlands in the Sound opposite Pelham Bay Park.

The Woman's Library at Chicago contains 7000 volumes in sixteen languages and represents twenty-three countries. It is to be placed in the permanent Women's Memorial Building, which is to be erected in Chicago, and will form a nucleus for the collection of the literary work of women in the future, as well as, through its catalogue soon to be issued, a complete bibliography of women's writings up to the present time.

There are 22,000,000 soldiers in arms in Europe. If all Long Island were a drill-ground, calculates the New York Recorder, it wouldn't be big enough for their field manoeuvres. If they were to march in a street parade, files of ten abreast, it would take the line of 2000 miles 100 days to pass a given point at fair marching speed. In Indian file they would reach around the world. In a year they would drink the Hudson dry for over a mile of its length.

There has been a remarkable revival of interest in the "abandoned farms" of New England since so many mills closed their doors. A large number of applications have been made to the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture for its descriptive catalogue of the abandoned farms of that State. It is believed that some of the men who are out of work think of taking up farming as a means of livelihood. "But will a mechanic be a successful farmer?" queries the New York Tribune.

Now comes the suggestion that the dog power of the United States shall be utilized for draught purposes, as it is in Belgium. A writer estimates that there are 7,000,000 dogs in this country, and then figures out their aggregate pulling capacity. The idea may be new as to dogs, but the New York News recalls that humorist John Phoenix suggested the utilization of cat power more than forty years ago. His plan was to run sewing machines by cat power. The cat was to be placed in harness connected with motive works. A mouse was to be suspended just beyond the cat's reach. The cat's jumping for the mouse would propel the machine.

Says the Boston Cultivator: There is a deficiency of 34,000,000 bushels in the German rye crop this year, and this comes with a deficiency of 18,000,000 bushels of wheat. Rye bread is the staple food of a large part of the German people. They prefer it to wheat bread when they can get both. Owing to the tariff war with Russia importations of rye from that country are cut off. It is Russian rye that has heretofore supplied the deficiencies of what Germany requires. There is no to be a large demand for all the rye American farmers can produce during the coming twelve months. It is a crop much less exhaustive than is wheat. It can be sown later in the fall, and it fertilized with mineral manures it responds to liberal treatment quite as freely as does wheat. In many places the demand for rye straw makes the crop worth growing for the straw alone.

'TIS USELESS TO REGRET.

We've done the best we could, my dear,
We're nothing to regret:
We've taught the children many truths
On which our hearts were set;

THE EDITOR'S VISIT.

THE noon hour had come, and the city editor of the Chronicle was very busy making out an assignment list, when a queer old-fashioned figure of a man came into the room and stood waiting by the side of the desk.

The city editor faced his desk again, picked up his pen and fell to work, not looking at the other. The older man for an instant stood motionless, then he picked up the manuscript, put it in his pocket and turning away walked slowly out of the room without a word.

more likely, keener hunger than ever. When the child was left to herself she sat down and fell to looking over some illustrated papers which were her invariable source of amusement.

The elevator boy was much surprised and not a little amused when she asked for the editor. He tried to check her on the way up, but she refused to take any notice of his remarks, if she understood them.

"I don't know anything about this paper," he said. "Who did it come from?"

"From Gran'pop," she answered, as if that conveyed full information.

The elevator boy was quite deferential to her going down; but she paid no more attention to him than before. When she dipped out of the building she hurried up the street, the letter in her hand.

There was a mist before the old man's eyes as he read the last words.

A wonderful story of a French musical critic is related by persons who profess to have been acquainted with him and to have seen him in attendance on musical performances.

Salutations in Old Marblehead. The customary morning salutation at all seasons in old Marblehead, Mass., is, "How is the fish?"

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Edison, the electrician, makes rubies that excel the genuine. The surface of a man's lungs is estimated at 150 square feet, ten times the surface of the external body.

The difference between the atmosphere of the best ventilated houses and the outer air is illustrated by the conduct of cut flowers. Blossoms that retain their freshness but a day or two when standing in water within doors will sometimes live twice as long when dropped in a shady place out of doors, even without the aid of other moisture than they obtained from the earth and air.

A Chinese proverb's origin. "He'll steal your shoes" is an expression which in China is used to describe an errand boy and pilferer.

Moderate Climate Conducive to Age. Undoubtedly the climate most conducive to longevity is a moderate one, although a cold climate, other things being equal, has a decided advantage over a hot one.

WHAT THERE IS IN DUST.

IT CONTAINS STARCH GRAINS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES. Difference Between the Dust of Cities and of the Country-Examining a Pinch of Dust.

Where does all this starch come from? The answer is: From the food of mankind. Wheat, barley, rice, potatoes, etc., are largely composed of starch. Little grains of it are widely scattered by the winds, and being very light are held in suspension.

These are all organic substances, animal or vegetable. Dust contains much inorganic matter, particularly small particles of silica. On account of their size and shape such particles were for a long time mistaken for eggs of some kind, but this notion was finally exploded by making chemical analyses of the alleged eggs.

A Singular Product of Hawaii. One of the most singular products of Hawaii is a vitreous lava known as "Pole's hair." It is a silky, filamentous substance, olive green or yellowish brown in color, soft to the touch, but very brittle.

WEAVING.

I placed my loom the slender threads along- I laughed to see them gliding;
Then-Idle weaver! sat with careless hand;
And dreamful eyes to listen.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Ruled off-Ledgers. A tweed garment-A sea coat. "Get off the earth," the cyclone said to the barn.

Watts-"I wonder how this world will get along when you and I have left it?" Potts-"You'd better be wondering how we'll get along?"-In dianapolis Journal.

Measuring the Glass. A recent number of the Boston Globe states that Doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes has made a practice for some years of taking the "width" of the large class and other trees which he has seen in his daily rambles.