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Uncle Sam has 1416 clerks sixty years old and over.

According to present estimates about 20,000 miles of cable will be laid within the next two years.

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Mexicans are allowing American machinery to enter that country free, in order to hasten development. It is enormously wealthy, but its wealth is hard to develop.

Not only was the blarney stone at the World's Fair bogus, laments the New York Mail and Express, but the beautiful girl from Kildare in one of the adjoining booths was born in Pittsburgh.

Lord Rosebery, the new British Premier, once introduced a bill to substitute an elective Senate for the House of Lords. He is said to be heartily in favor of removing the veto power of the Lords.

Quinine is not used in the United States as extensively as it was ten years ago. In that time the consumption has been reduced fully twenty-five per cent. There is more quinine sold in Louisiana than in any other State in the Union.

Says the Washington Star: It is with difficulty that people generally can be made to realize to-day that the long business depression is ended. Yet that is the welcome and demonstrable fact. For some weeks now the news dispatches have contained each day a lengthening list of manufacturing establishments that had resumed operations.

The use of carrier-pigeons has increased to such a degree that the French Government has decided to impose severe penalties upon all persons found keeping them without a license, and to prohibit the importation of foreign born pigeons, even when merely destined for pie purposes, the object being to prevent any possible carrying of news with regard to French military matters, should there be necessity.

The United States Government owns a great many miles of longshore telegraph lines, connecting lighthouses, live-saving stations and other Government property on the coast. It is usually easy to recognize these Government lines by their low poles of rather small iron piping. These poles are planted deep in the sandy beach, and being of small diameter, they present little hold to the sea winds, and thus are seldom blown down.

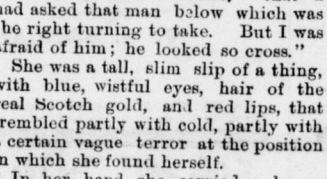
The United States Government is seeking by precept and example to induce towns with names ending in the forms burgh, borough, boro, and burg, to adopt this last form. Burg is the usual pronunciation in the United States of the form burgh, and most Americans refuse to sound the final "h." even of Edinburgh. These several suffixes, and, as well, bury, brough, and barrow, are related to the Anglo-Saxon verb berogan and the German bergen, to hide or to shelter. The several suffixes are also related to several Anglo-Saxon forms meaning an earthwork, and from this came the application of such suffixes to indicate a fortified town.

One element of difficulty in bringing Spanish-American offenders against the laws to justice in our Territories derived from Mexico is the ties of race and kinship. An atrocious criminal of Mexican blood may be protected through years of a lawless career by relatives and family friends who themselves are eminently respectable and, except where the safety of friends or kindred are concerned, law abiding. This protection is continued after the criminal has been brought into the courts, in the way of the bribing and packing of juries and in the providing of avenues of escape from prison. Thus for years the murderer and outlaw Porfirio Trujillo has gone at large, or, when apprehended, has found it easy to escape the penalty of his crimes. His present headquarters are in the Manzano Mountains, east of Albuquerque, in Eastern Bernalillo and Valencia Counties, where, with a price on his head, he perpetrates his depredations and outrages with a high and defiant hand. One form of plundering with Trujillo and his gang is to go into a flock of sheep and drive off hundreds at a time, or to run off cattle from the plains ranges, kill them, and sell the meat to inhabitants of the mountain towns. They do not hesitate at murder, either for booty or revenge.

PATIENCE. Be patient! Easy words to speak... Houston, so the Post announces, is now the largest city in Texas, its new directory giving it a population of 61,530.

LILLIAN'S LOVER.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES. H, I am afraid," said Jessie, looking up to herself, "that I have missed my way."



scaped a red glow of sunset yet lingered; while the black pines and cedars quivered in the wind. "I wish," added Jessie, "that I had asked that man below which was he right turning to take. But I was afraid of him; he looked so cross."

Take care, child," cried a loud, clear voice. "Do you want to be run over?" "Take care, child," cried a loud, clear voice. "Do you want to be run over?"

"You'd like a place?" "I must have one." "Then," said Mrs. Parkhurst, "we'll think of it. Fourteen professors and one hundred and ten boys—that's a family to take care of, isn't it? For the colonel's wife is an invalid, and don't trouble herself about the house-keeping. I and my widowed daughter run the whole establishment, and there are nine of us sit down to dinner in the housekeeper's room. There!"

"Oh, how perfectly shameful!" And a cluster of glaring red berries, aided by a not unskillful hand, hustled through the air, and hit the housekeeper exactly on her nose. But, instead of evincing offense, Mrs. Parkhurst only laughed.

"Married, Lilly! Really married! And to that handsome young professor of mathematics!" cried Adela Maurice, Lillian's ex-schoolmate. "Well, I never expected to see you caged! And he's quite a self-made man, they tell me."

"Well, why shouldn't they?" said Jessie, laughing, as she looked at the rebellious lump in her throat. "I suppose he happened to meet her, and—"

"False to you, Lillian? But I am not that. Sweet, whether you marry me or not, I shall go on loving you loyally to my life's end!" "How many girls do you love at once?" bitterly asked Lillian.

"How many girls do you love at once?" bitterly asked Lillian. "Because I saw you this very afternoon in the pine walk with another woman. I saw your arm around her waist. I saw you stoop to kiss her!"

"And so the brave young girl, who had subordinated her whole life to her brother's success, was promoted to her proper place on life's ladder. "I could have been happy anywhere had I known that Will's future was assured," said she.

Recently the lifeboat society at Cronstadt received news that toward the south shore of the Gulf of Finland, about thirty miles from Cronstadt, some 200 fishermen and peasants, and their horses and sleighs, had been suddenly carried out to sea on a large ice floe, which had been detached apparently by a recent storm.

AN ARTIFICIAL ICE RINK.

SAN FRANCISCO'S NOVEL INDOOR AMUSEMENT.

Real Ice Artificially Produced, on Which People Skate in Summer Clothing—How the Ice is Made. SKATING on real ice in summer attire is rapidly becoming one of the most popular indoor amusements in San Francisco.

"This idea of a big skating rink with natural ice," said W. W. Donaldson, "is not exactly a new one in this country. Right here in this city it has been tried three times, but each attempt failed because the organizers did not master the intricate mechanical appliances."

How is this natural ice produced? There is no secret about it. The ice is produced by a machine of the ordinary type employed in cold-storage work. The difference here is in the manner of freezing. In cold storage it is done in tanks and insulated rooms. Here the ice is frozen three times a day and the refrigerator used is an ammonia machine.

One of the most remarkable stars in the sky, whose antics have puzzled the astronomers ever since it has been carefully observed, is Argus, sometimes the brightest star in the constellation Argonavis, one of the most brilliant constellations in the southern heavens.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Silk is woven by electricity. Aluminum does not rust or tarnish. The steam engines of the world to-day give 50,000,000 horse-power.

There is a prospect of steam turbines being applied to torpedo boats. Zoologists say that all known species of wild animals are gradually diminishing in size.

Every well-developed adult of the human species has lung surface equal to 1400 square feet. The heart's power is sufficient to lift itself 13,000 feet each hour.

Smokeless powder has been followed by a chemical combination called a "fog creator." A German named Reihm is the inventor. It is a shell, which, when it explodes, enshrouds in darkness the troops at whom it is aimed.

According to Homer, the lotus eaters were a people who lived on the northern coast of Africa, visited by Ulysses in his wanderings, and who endeavored to detain his companions by giving them the lotus to eat—whenever one of this fruit wished never to depart.

SONG OF THE RED BIRD.

When the first faint glow of light On my window, pale and white, Wakes the thought that night is o'er— When I find would slumber more, And strange visions fade and glow As my dreams flit to and fro, Suddenly without I hear Piping clear, but soft and near:

Lying there in vain regret That the day owes night a debt: That the dark is soothing still, Though the light will lead and thrill; Musing o'er a fading dream, Conning o'er some worldly scheme, Suddenly again I hear Sweet and mellow, strong and clear:

Are the members of a college Pi Eta society particularly partial to pastry?—Lowell Courier. Generally a man can get into fashionable society with a golden wedge.—New York Journal.

Woman's sleeves must be hot-tendered, as they are nearly always ruffled up.—Florida Times. "Jones—'What does he do?' Brown—'Do?' Why, he does everybody."—Florida Times-Union.

A genuine sign in a Market street restaurant, Philadelphia: "Six o'clock dinner here from 5.30 to 7.30."—Life. The fellow who tells all he knows wouldn't be half so innumerable if he knew all he tells.—Philadelphia Record.

Edison is now at work with a plan to grease the sides of ships so that they will slip through the water more readily. He says the friction of salt water and its constituents is much more than is generally believed, and if he can only do what he is trying to do the Campana can make the voyage between New York and Liverpool in four days.

Stuyvesant—"Half the world never knows how the other half lives." Madison—"That's what comes of living in flats without an air shaft."—Browning, King & Co.'s Monthly.

My wife is very sick, Doctor—"Is she suffering much?" "Suffering! Well, I should say so. Why, she had such a bad cold she can't talk."—Spare Moments. "How is it that Lipton takes so much interest in all that Nuppon's baby tries to say?" "Oh, he's writing a dialect story and depends on the baby for ideas."—Inter-Ocean.