

The New Zealand Maoris own about 10,000,000 acres of land.

The spring and autumn maneuvers of European armies cost annually \$10,000,000.

In twelve months American railroad companies have paid \$239,616,284 as interest on bonds and \$95,337,681 as dividends on stocks.

The Egyptian Government pays interest on \$60,000,000 Nile Canal debt and \$30,000,000 Suez Canal bonds, squeezing the money out of the farmers.

The most unhealthy city in Europe, according to statistics recently issued, is Barcelona, Spain, one of the loveliest places in that part of the continent.

The statement that a child five and a half years of age would not have more than one hundred and fifty words in its vocabulary that it was able to use understandingly, led a careful mother to note for a month the number of words used by her child.

A young man of Lewiston, Me., who prides himself on his attractiveness for the gentler sex, got on a train the other day and saw a good-looking young lady, who seemed to have nobody with her.

An estimate of the charitable bequests in England during 1893 puts the total sum at about \$7,000,000. This is held to be about one-tenth of the estates upon which probate duty has been levied.

N. S. Nesteroff, an attaché of the Russian Department of Agriculture, is in Michigan inspecting methods employed there in cutting and marketing lumber.

The Chinese trade unions can trace their history back for more than 4000 years. The Chinaman does not discuss with his employer what he is to receive for the work he does.

It takes 3200 mail cars to distribute Uncle Sam's mail, and the New York division alone requires 819 railway post clerks to handle it.

TELLING STORIES.

I know of a boy that's sleepy, I can tell by the nodding head, And the eyes that cannot stay open While the good-night prayer is said.

Oh, the pigs that went to market-- That's the tale for me to tell! The great big pig, and the little pig, And the wee, wee pig as well!

OCTAVIA'S CHOICE.

T ain't right, accordin' to my ideas of what's right an' what's wrong, Octav' 'ere, said Grandma Moeckbe, severly.

The black-eyed beauty wheeled around and leveled a whole battery of angry glances at her startled hearers.

"Oh, Jerome, do stay to dinner!" greeted Margie, cordially. "We're going to have nice waffles and sponge pudding."

"I'm going away, Margie," he said gently. "This is the last time I shall see you for a long while--perhaps forever."

she commented, gravely, to herself, as she stowed the eggs away in a stone jar on the pantry shelf.

However, love is proverbially blind to all defects, and though Octavia was as heartless as one of the marble Bacchantes at Forest Park, she was really very attractive-looking.

And in spite of all opposition, Octavia determinedly took her fate into her own hands and made no secret of the fact that she was "off with the old love, and on with the new."

The prospective bridegroom had gone on a collecting tour which would detain him till the eve of the wedding day, and the morning before the auspicious event arrived.

"Dear me, what a fuss you are making over Miss Phipps!" cried Octavia, impatiently. "Can't you tell what the matter is, or have you lost the use of your tongue?"

"Three years since I went away a bachelor forlorn," laughed Jerome Meadoway, as he strode along toward the Moeckbee farm and turned his steps toward the old stile at the foot of the lane.

concerned," he assured her. "You said all was over between us that day, Octavia, and I accepted your decision."

New Building Material. A new building material called campboard is thus described by the Northwestern Lumberman:

The strength of the board as compared with its weight is marvelous. The ends of an eighteen foot can be brought together without breaking or warping it. No conditions can warp it.

Wall paper is put upon the board and the finish is as fine as upon any plastered wall. The strong points claimed for the board: It is not more expensive than first-class plastering.

Paper Manufacture in America. It is a curious and rather startling fact that next to the articles entering into food and clothing, paper is the most universally used commodity in the world.

These rounded rocks or boulders--these erratics, waits and aliens--are, as well-known to-day, the torn-off and transported fragments of rock masses which the great ice mantle brought down here during the cold weather.

Death From Fright. "During my forty odd years of practice I have never seen but one case where death was caused by fright," said a physician.

How He Saved the Baby. Elijah Davis, a motorman on car 121 on the Lake Breeze line of the Salt Lake City Railway, some days ago saved the life of a babe which had crawled upon the track between Ninth and Tenth West on Second South.

The Potomac to Light Washington. The War Department has been making an investigation into the feasibility of making the great falls of the Potomac furnish power for the lighting of Washington City.

THE GLACIAL MILESTONES.

ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THESE ERRATIC BOWLDERS. The Soil Has Been Slowly Forming Over Them Since the Great Ice Age--Story Tells.

THE following is an extract from "Some Records of the Ice Age About New York," by T. Mitchell Prudden, M. D., in Harper's Magazine: Many of the glacial traces about New York are buried up by the soil which has been slowly forming over them since the end of the great ice age.

One looks a little closely at these despised boulders he will find that many of them are of entirely different character from any of our native rocks. Sometimes they are rock called trap, like that which makes the Palisades; sometimes rock like that which is at home in regions many miles to the north and west of New York.

It is curious turning back in the books to the record of a time only a few decades ago, to read the speculations of the learned as to the origin and nature of these erratic boulders, which, from their noteworthy shape and their structure, often so different from that of the rocks over which they lie scattered, early attracted attention.

When electric motors were first applied to cars grave doubts were entertained as to the resistant effects of the extreme jarring on the poles of the field magnet, in the light of the knowledge that a permanent magnet loses its magnetism by jarring.

An arrangement for heating water by an incandescent electric lamp in the lighting circuit has been devised by M. Leon Pitot, of Paris, by which he utilizes eighty-five per cent. of the heat given out by the lamp.

Fear as a Cause of Disease. An eminent medical authority makes the statement that a great deal of the contagiousness of disease is due largely to nervous apprehension and fear.

Some Old Statues Found. Some interesting discoveries are reported in the ancient Roman city of Thamugadis, in Algeria, now known as Timagad.

Hummed Gold Fish. Mr. Edison, at one of his enjoyable scientific sessions, had a large globe of gold fish whose anatomy was distinctly outlined and every action of each organ was plainly seen.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A fish swims with its tail, not with its fins. India ship-worms ruin a vessel in five months. A new species of giraffe has been discovered in Africa.

Recent experiments indicate that the normal eye can discriminate fifteen separate tints in the spectrum. The latest German Government reports show that eight persons have died of leprosy (three of them since 1870) in the district of Kongsberg, and that ten persons are now suffering from that disease.

The apparatus for keeping the eye moist is complex and efficient. It comprises the lacrimal gland, which secretes the tears; the lacrimal caruncle, a small fleshy body at the inner angle of the eye; the puncta lacrimalia, two small openings at the nasal extremity of the eyelids; the lacrimal ducts, which convey the tears into the nose, and the lacrimal sac, a dilatation of the canal.

Linseed-oil increases in weight when exposed to the air in a vessel protected from the dust. So far as its physical qualities are concerned, it undergoes a gradual change, assumes a darker color, becomes more viscous and less inflammable.

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Mr. Cabman (at library)--"Say, is this here the novel you advised me to read?" Librarian--"Yes; that's the one." Cabman--"Well, you can take it back. There's nine people in the first four chapters who hired cabs, and each of 'em when he got out 'fung his purse to the driver." Now when I want that sort of literature, I'll go to Jules Verne and get it pure.--Chicago Record.

MY SWEETHEART.

'Twas a quaint rhyme scrawled in a spelling-book, And handed to me with a bashful look, By my blue-eyed sweetheart so fondly true, In the dear old school days long years ago--

Doing time--The lady who grows younger every year.--Puck. It is usually a great big man who insults you.--Acheson Globe.

The politician's favorite novel--"Put Yourself in His Place."--Puck. Many do a heap of hard climbing in search of easy grades.--Chicago Herald.

No man can worry about how he looks and keep his bank account growing.--Acheson Globe. Some people are of such happy dispositions that they never amount to much.--Acheson Globe.

One's own capacity is a poor standard of measurement; the stars shine, though my near-sighted neighbor deny it.--Puck.

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