

THE CALL OF THE DRUM.

And far away I hear the call of the drum. The drum is calling me, the drum is calling me. The drum is calling me, the drum is calling me.

Passing of the Laird.

TORIES are beginning to come from South Africa about that field of dread memory—Magersfontein. From dawn when the belching hills in front of the ranks of the High-landers.

There were groans and sobs from the night asunder. There were tears in all the dialects of the Tweed and in the dialects of the Anglo-Saxon.

It is a curious freak of nature. Along a frequently traveled trail leading to the fossil forest stands a great glacial boulder, twice as large as an ordinary street car, which has been split apart from top to bottom by a pine tree.

NOT WHOLLY FREE FROM GUILT.

A Traveler Corrects a False Impression as to the Central American Indians. "It is a common impression that the Central American Indian is singularly honest and free from guile," said a traveler who came up on the last banana boat.

For many years the editor of the American Agriculturist has invited correspondence on the subject of poultry raising. The best methods of raising fowls and the easiest ways of making them pay, have been discussed at length in the columns of the paper, and of course there have been conflicting opinions.

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GREAT POULTRY CONTEST.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE TRYING TO FIND WHETHER HENS PAY. A Contest From Which Much Valuable Information is Expected—City Men in It as Well as Farmers—Value of the Poultry of the United States.

Nearly ten thousand persons in this country have recently entered a contest the object of which is to answer three apparently very simple little questions. The questions are: Do hens pay? If so, why? and how? The man, woman or child who can answer these three questions and demonstrate the correctness of his answers in the briefest yet completest fashion will on April 1, 1901, be entitled to something like \$500 in gold and may also obtain prizes of about two thousand special prizes offered by various individuals and firms that have become interested in the contest.

The smallest coin now current in Europe, and the one having the least value, is the Greek lepton. The lepton is, according to the decimal monetary system, current in all countries belonging to the Latin union. This little copper piece is worth one-fifth of a cent in our money.

In a recent meeting of the Zoological Society in London a photograph was exhibited, showing a pair of remarkably large tusks which had belonged to an African elephant. Measured along the outer curve, each tusk was ten feet and four inches long, but they differed a little in weight, one weighing 225 and the other 235 pounds, or a total of 460 pounds, which the elephant had carried about without the least inconvenience.

GOOD ROADS NOTES.

Wide Tired Wheels. In the Farm, Field and Fireside, writes E. P. Gibbs, of Hardisty, Md., I notice an article by C. S. Binnetine, Oklahoma, headed, "Doubtful About Wide-Tired Wheels."

The practice of eating arsenic is very prevalent among the peasantry of the mountainous districts of Austria, Hungary and France. They declare that this poison enables them to ascend with ease heights which they could only otherwise climb with great distress to the chest.

The attention of hundreds of people who were on the streets of Los Angeles, Cal., was attracted by a large flock of wild geese which flew over the city a few days ago. The big birds were flying eastward, and when about over the center of the town formed an almost perfect triangle of enormous proportions.

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APPENDICITIS.

The Disease is More Frequent With Young Than Old. The vermiform appendix, inflammation of which constitutes appendicitis, is a curious little offshoot from the large intestine near the point where it is joined by the small intestine. It is a hollow tube about as thick as a lead-pencil, from an inch to several inches in length, which communicates with the cavity of the large intestine but is closed at its free extremity.

Physicians in South Africa now have another theory for explaining away the charges made by both Briton and Boer that the other is using explosive bullets. The extensive laceration often found in bullet wounds is now said to be due to the air which the bullet drives before it into the wound.

The most important work accomplished last year was the holding of many good roads conventions in various States, the introduction of highway improvement measures in many of the State Legislatures and the evolution of the movement to national proportions, as was evidenced by the bill introduced in Congress calling for an appropriation of \$2,000,000.

The most cheerful author—Samuel Smiles. The noisiest author—Hogwell. The tallest author—Longfellow. The most flowery author—Hawthorne. The holiest author—Pope. The most amusing author—Thomas Tickell. The happiest author—Gay. The most fiery author—Burns. The most talkative author—Chatterton. The most distressed author—Aken-side.

FRENCHMEN'S GUEST.

INDIANA GIRL WEARS CROSS OF LEGION OF HONOR. During the World's Fair of 1893 she saved a Train Load of People from Destruction—Invited to Paris as Guest of World's Fair Directors.

Jennie Creek, of Milgrove, a little village in Indiana, is an American girl who is certainly to be envied. She has been invited by the National Humane Society of France to be the guest of honor of the French government during the Paris Exposition.

Science in the Nursery. Davy—Cousin Kit, what is a thimble? Cousin Kit (reading a book and not wanting to be bothered)—Oh, it's a thing that gets into things, Davy—Well, then, baby's a thimble, for every time I go down stairs she gets into my things.—Indianapolis Journal.

MARKETS. BALTIMORE. GRAIN. FLOUR—Baito, Best Pat. 4.50. High Grade Extra. 4.60. WHEAT—No. 2 Red. 67. 71. CORN—No. 2 White. 45. 46. OATS—Southern & Penna. 28. 28 1/2. RYE—No. 2. 55. 54. HAY—Choice Timothy. 16.50. 17.00. Good to Prime. 14.50. 15.00. STRAW—Rye in car lots. 16.00. 16.50. Wheat Hocks. 10.00. 10.50. Oat Hocks. 11.00. 12.00.

MARKETS.

Table of market prices for various goods including flour, wheat, corn, oats, hay, and other commodities. Includes sub-sections for Baltimore, New York, and Philadelphia.



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