# CHARLES H. DUELL

The United States patent office has again favored w of known ability and probity. There hardly a public man in the official life Washington who is charged with e responsibility than the commiser, on whom rests the conservation great interests. It is requisite that e incumbent of this office shall have npetent knowledge of practice bere the patent office and be a lawyer as II. Mr. Charles H. Duell, of Syrae, N. Y., who has been appointed by president, admirably fulfills both these qualifications. He has long nked high as a practitioner in patent before the courts, says the Scien-



CHARLES H. DUELL. oner of Patents. States Comm

American, and he probably has few als in this specialty. His practice been extensive and has covered a at number of cases. He has attained arge degree of success, having had ny cases where the interests ined were of large import. These he handled with skill and prudence. The appointment will probably mean onsiderable financial sacrifice, as it l interrupt a lucrative practice, and position of honor to which he has n appointed is inadequately paid. Duell's appointment will be rered with general public favor, and considered one of the most fortue of President McKinley's nomina-The new commissioner was a didate at the beginning of Presiat McKinley's administration, but latter wished to appoint his old peral friend, Congressman Butter-th. The death of Mr. Butterworth e the president the opportunity of ognizing Mr. Duell's candidacy by ninating him.

of wood.

Ir. Duell was born at Cortland, N. Y. 1850; his father, R. Holland Duell, four times sent to congress, and in 5 he was appointed commissioner of ents, which office he held for two rs. Mr. C. H. Duell received a preinary education in the Cortland mal school; he then entered Hamilcollege, from which he graduated 1871. He was an honor man in his and took several prizes. He has some political offices honorably acceptably to his constituents.

## VICTIM OF HIS GREED.

"s Head Caught in Pitcher from bears the name of Rose & Son, makers, Which He Was Stealing Milk.

#### VAGARIES OF OVSTERS. the Stvalves Have Strange

Mysterieus Ways. According to popular belief, the oyster is a staid and sedentary bivalve, who rests upon the ocean bed, with myriads of his fellows, and there peacefully awaits the advent of the man who shallcome along and scoop him up for market. Such a thing as a roving, prowling oyster, seeking only tempor-ary roosting-places and changing his abode whenever rent day comes around, would probably be thought impossible by the average citizen who calls for a dozen on the half-shell, squeezes a bit of lemon on them and lets them slide down his neck in calm serenity.

As a matter of fact, however, the oyster ranges around as gayly as any

## Description of the Battleship Destroyed in Havana Harbor.

THE ILL-FATED MAINE.

Regarded by Experts as One of the Most Effective Warships in the Navy-Her Cost Estimated

at \$2,500,000. The Maine was regarded as one of the nost effective vessels in the American

navy. In speaking of her just after she was put in commission a naval officer that she "is not a cruiser, but a said fighting ship, a floating fort. She is

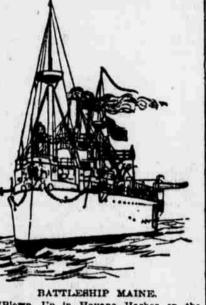
meant strictly for business." The keel of the Maine was laid in the Brooklyn navy yard, in October, 1888. The dimensions of the hull were: Length over all, 324 feet 41/2 inches; at water line, 310 feet; breadth of beam, 57 fcet; mean draught, 21% feet; displacement, 6,648 tons. A sail area was allowed of 7,135 square feet, to be used barque-rig.

Work progressed slowly, for a plant had to be built up. The vessel, without armor and fittings, was launched November 19, 1890, in the presence of a great crowd and with much ceremony, her sponsor being Miss Alice Tracy Wilmerding, granddaughter of Secretary Tracy, then at the head of the navy department. Her official trial took place in October, 1894.

The Maine was a twin-screw, armored turret vessel of the belted cruiser type, that is, having an armor belt to protect the vitals of the ship, even though the other parts of the construction should be riddled with shot.

The Maine had for protection against an opponent's projectiles an armor belt 12 inches thick, tapering to seven inches below the water line. The ends were unprotected by side armor, but at both ends there were transverse armor bulkheads of sufficient thickness to deflect any projectiles that might reach so far. a curving steel deck protected the en-

A State street fish dealer, says the gines and boilers. The barbette armor Chicago News, has in his window a boot was 12 inches in thickness and the tur--an old and weary boot, such as some



Although a Century Old This Watch Does its Daty Well. The only watch in existence known to have actually run for 100 years with (Blown Up in Havana Harbor on the Evening of Feb. 15.) ret armor plates were eight inches occasional intervals of rest, is in the

thick. possession of Paul H. Kraniss, of 44 As a fighter the Maine was a formid-East Washington street, Indianapolis, able ship. Her main battery consisted Ind. It still keeps good time. Its case of four 10-inch breech-loading rifles in the two turrets and six 6-ine

### IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS.

A French law gives any person who is offensively mentioned in a periodical publication the right to reply in the aext issue of the publication, provided that he does not use more than twice

the space of the original article. A strange Parisian fad, in the way of emale ornamentation, is a tiny living turtle, in gold and silver harness. It is ttached to the bosom of a lady's dress by a slender golden chain, and is pernitted to wander over her neck and houlders.

A hustling kid dwells in Iola, Kan. At the age of four years, Room Coffee, the son of parents in comfortable cirsumstances, began to sell popcorn, and now, at the age of 13, he owns 40 acres of good land, and is about to start a procery.

Thirty-six years ago, Samuel Lord, of Northfield, N. H., deposited \$2,000 in the Sumersworth bank. The bank recently advertised for his heirs, and Mrs. Lucy S. Towle, his granddaughter, will receive the money, which now amounts to \$8,667.87.

A messenger boy in Wall street, New York city, received a valuable package to convey to a broker's office. He dropped it on the street, and another boy picked it up and carried it to the address on the package. The honest boy received ten dollars for this service, and the other boy reprimanded. When both boys met they divided the reward. They were well acquainted, and had planned the trick.

#### AROUND THE GLOBE.

Beards are taxed ten yen a year in a Japanese village in Awa county, Chiba hen.

A little hot sealing wax dropped on his hand has just killed the earl of Clonmell, blood poisoning having set in. Dublin amateur actors are in disress, as the proprietors of the three city theaters threaten to enforce the monopoly of all theatrical performances granted to them by an act of King George III. passed in 1780.

Coomassie is to be connected with the coast of Tacorady bay by a railroad. Engineers and material have been sent out already from Liverpool. The line will run first to the Tarquah gold mines, a distance of 40 miles, and then as soon as possible to the Ashanti capi-

Col. Ibbetson, who died recently in England, was the hero of the last sensational elopement to Gretna-Green. He ran off 44 years ago with Lady Adela Villiers, daughter of the earl of Jorsey; she died six years after they were married.

Whether "Hoch!" or "Hurrah!" is he proper ejaculation after a toast is proposed is a question that is disturbng Germany. Prince Ludwig of Bavaria at the Munich banquet in honor of the kaiser's birthday avoided the point by shouting "Hoch, hurrah!"





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Never wear a shoe that pinches the heel. Never wear a shoe or boot so large in the heel that the foot is not kept in place.

Never wear a shoe or boot that has depressions in any part of the sole to drop any joint or bearing below the level plane.

Never wear a shoe with a sole turning ip very much at the toes, as this causes the cords on the upper part of the foot to contract.

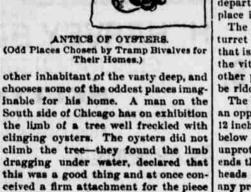
Never wear one pair of shoes all the time unless obliged to do so. Two pairs of boots worn a day at a time alternately give more service and are much more healthful,

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marsh grass. Old bottles have been

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the Georgia coast a man who loves

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water reaches his neck and stand there

few hours. He can then walk ashore

completely clothed in oysters, pick them off and feast as he may desire.

All of which goes to show that the oyster is a queer bird and has strange,

KEEPS SPLENDID TIME.

it almost immediately.

mysterious ways.

lost missionaries belonging to the at English missionary societies, s the Strand, are now provided with eras, and they are thus enabled to d to headquarters many delightfulquaint little photographs, of which one here reproduced is a delightful mple. It was taken by the late Rev. P. Nickisson, of the Church Missionsociety, and was kindly forwarded



TOO GREEDY BY FAR. Love for Milk Leads to Comical Results.)

by his brother, Rev. Ernest Nickof Margate. The missionary's ne day came upon a big enameled jug full of milk, and into this it tiously thrust its head with great It drank steadily for some time, then, wishing to breathe more y and look around generally, it to withdraw, but found it impla-The noise the dog made attracte notice of Mr. J. P. Nickisson, who ographed the comical incident bereleasing the dog.

argest Stone Ever Quarried. is claimed that the largest single te ever quarried is the Wisconsin solith, which is 115 feet long, ten square at the base and four feet re at the top. This stone was taken n the red sandstone quarries of F. ntice, at Houghton Point, Wis., and ras originally proposed to send it to Chicago exposition as a Wisconsin ibit. But engineering and financial ons prevented, and it has been left he quarry until the present time. A ement is now on foot to ship it by er to Milwaukee and set it up as a orial of the fiftieth anniversary of admission of Wisconsin as a state. and estimates have been made, it is estimated that \$40,000 to \$50, will do the work. The claim is made the stone is ten feet longer than recorded single stone quarried in rorld.

Y. H. C. A.'s Wealth. Young Men's Christian as has more than \$50,000 members i rice and its total net property i ad at over \$15,000,008.

ondon, 1793. The first watch n the famous old town of Nuremberg had exactly the same kind of escapement. The watch was brought from England to America by Mr. Kraniss' grandfather in 1830, and has been in the possession of its present owner for about 20 years. The accompanying illustration is from a photograph taken that the readers of this article might see



A CENTURY OLD. (This Watch Has Kept Good Time for Hundred Years.)

exactly how the quaint old watch and its equally odd fob chain appear.

This chain is made of two rows of gold rings, 17 on each side, hooked at one end with a split gold ring. At the lower end hangs the key with which the watch is wound, and this key is of such form as to make a very pretty locket. Jewelers to whom this heirloom has been shown say it is the best existing example known of watchmaking as it existed in the latter part of the eighteenth century, when watches were rare, and made entirely by hand.

#### In an Electric Station.

A visitor in an electric station should touch nothing. Fatal accidents in generating stations are generally ow-ing to two parts of the body touching conducting materials, which differ in pressure by 1,000 volts or more, or even less, when the contact with the flesh is very good. Damp ground is sufficient for one contact or metallic or damp wood flooring. When standing upon any one of these, great care should be taken not to touch any object which may be charged with a high pressure current. But, if standing upon a dry, rubber mat, an excellent non-conduc-tor, any number of highly charged civil war and wa bodies may be touched with impunity. In Libby prison.

loading rifles. The secondary battery consisted of four 57-millimeter and four 47-millimeter rapid-fire guns, four 47millimeter revolving cannon and four Gatlings. There were also three torpedo tubes below water and four on the berth deck. Two torpedo boats 61 feet long, drawing 21/2 feet, of 14 2-3 tons displacement, were part of the equipment.

The turrets containing the 10-inch guns were arranged en echelon, so that all four could be trained directly ahead or astern, with a range are of 240 degrees. This arrangement of guns was most effectual in the case of the Japanese fleet at the battle of the Yalu river. The 6-inch rifles were planned to be worked by hand, and were protected by steel shields two inches thick.

The weight of a broadside of the Maine would have been 2,700 pounds, exclusive of the secondary battery.

The Maine had eight steel horizontal poilers, vertical inverted cylinder direct acting triple expansion twin screw enrines of 9,000 indicated horse power. she carried 822 tons of coal, with which she could steam 2,770 knots at 14.8 knots an hour, or 7,000 knots at 10 knots an hour. She has a double bottom and numerous water-tight compartments. The full complement of men carried

by the Maine when she was put in commission was 306, besides the officers and 40 marines.

The Maine, though of a type of construction vastly improved upon, was one of the best vessels of America's new navy. She cost, all told, \$2,500,000.

Sugar Cane Is Nutritions. It has been remarked that the ne groes in sugar-cane regions depend to considerable extent upon the juice of the cane for nourishment. By the use of Mosso's ergograph, Dr. Harley found that sugar promoted muscular power wonderfully. On a fasting day it in-creased his ability to work 61 to 76 per cent. Taking ordinary meals, he found that eight and three-fourths ounces per day increased his work capacity 22 to 36 per cent. In these days, when athletes are so much inclined to use special stimulants for immediate preparation for their contests, it might be interesting to try sugar as a substitute for the possibly injurious preparations some-

#### Was a Union Officer.

times in vogue.

Col. Emil Frey, formerly president of the Swiss republic, and for five years Swiss minister to Washington, is at present director in chief of the international telegraph system of Europe. He fought in the union army during the civil war and was for a time a prisoner

It is true wisdom for everybody to take a thorough course of Swift's Specific just at this season of the year. The blood is sluggish and impoverished, and the system

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nakes them compact and attractive. Never wear a short stocking, or one which, after being washed, is not at least one-half inch longer than the foot. Bear in mind that stockings shrink. Be sure that they will allow your toes to spread out at the extreme ends, as this ceeps the joints in place and makes a strong and attractive foot. As to shape of stockings, the single digital or "onetoe" stocking is the best.

#### liard on the Doctor.

"Poor old Dr. Slim. He is so thin 1 lon't believe he'll fill his coffin when e comes to die."

"Well, he oughtn't to object. He's filled a good many others without trou-ble."-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

#### Boarding House Talk.

"The influence of some women is very ar-reaching," said the new woman at he boarding house table.

"Will you please try yours on that butter?" asked the quiet man sitting next to her .-- Yonkers Statesman.

#### Better Lost.

Rejected One-Yes; she refused me; ave me the regular cold shoulder. His Friend-That's nothing, old man Why, if she'd accepted you, she might have given you-er-homemade bread! -Alig Sloper.

#### THE CYCLING WORLD.

Bouillon, the French professional, von \$10,000 on the tracks last year.

It is said that the bicycle has invaded the seclusion of the Japanese court, and pecial cycle paths have been built in the Imperial gardens for the private use of the ladies of the court.

In Chicago, Louisville and several smaller cities letter carriers have given up the bicycle and returned to street cars and walking. The fun of cycling wore away, and it became hard work, to say nothing of the expensive repairs. they gave it up.

A western firm is trying to make a wheel wholly of aluminium. The feature is a gear-cased frame, cast in one tontinuous piece and free from joints. The case, being part of the frame, is said to add fully 50 per cent. to its strength and stiffness, while the weight s kept down to 25 pounds.

The largest woman bicycle rider in the world, Miss Margaret Claire, of Cinsinnaff, is ill, probably beyond recovery, in Fort Scott, and her physician attributes the cause of her affliction to the riding of a wheel. Miss Claire weighs 412 pounds, and for 12 scasons has traveled with the largest circuses in the country, giving exhibitions of inter dding. trick riding.



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