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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

To settle once for all the frequent disputes with customers regarding the varying size of eggs, Stockholm merchants propose to effect all future sales on the basis of actual weight instead of by the score.

Japan's latest curiosity is a baby boy, who at the age of ten months weighs near four stone, and is over three feet in stature.

Honesty is a prevailing virtue among most Chinamen. Some of them in their native towns and cities often leave their places of business unguarded while they go off for half an hour or more.

Dutch fishermen make astonishing catches by means of a very simple expedient. They put a number of live worms and insects into a bottle partly filled with water, which is then securely corked.

At Beaverton, in northern Ontario, a peat machine is in operation consisting of a press, drier and spreader—a most ingenious machine—for it cuts, pulverizes and spreads the material at the same time.

Miniature watches for the corsage and wrist are common enough, but it has been left for a western genius, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, to produce a finger ring timepiece, and that of the alarm order.

"No, indeed, Mark, no! I love you, oh! heaps more than I did two years ago, and that's something, isn't it?"

GOLDBERGER'S OBSERVATIONS ON AMERICAN ECONOMIC LIFE.

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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED.

Numerous Serious Accidents—Free Bridges—Mysterious Shooting. Sails for Cuba.

TEST BEAMS FOR BUILDINGS. Methods Used in Institute of Technology Laboratories.

George Brown, a negro, was found in a coke oven at Davison, near Connelville, sick and starving.

Beattie, a daughter of Cyrus Morrow, who lives in Donegal township, near Claysville, fell from the second story of her father's house while walking in her sleep.

The town of Zelienople, 16 miles from Butler was visited with a disastrous fire. The fire originated in the rear of the meat market and residence owned by Mrs. A. Kline.

Clifford Cook, who was connected with the Sharon Sheet Steel Company, was found in his room at Sharon with a bullet wound in his left side.

Pushing a Farrow 14,000 Miles. Dan Gray, the Minneapolis wheelbarrow pusher, who is trying to make 14,000 miles in 700 days so as to pay off a \$2500 mortgage, passed through Chicago.

His 14,000-mile tramp will take him east to Portland, Me., south to Jacksonville, Fla., west to San Francisco, north to Tacoma, Wash., and east again to Minneapolis.

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