

MEASURING ROVES.

THE BERTILLON SYSTEM OF IDENTIFYING CRIMINALS

A French Idea Put into Effect in the New York Police Department - How Measurements Are Taken

It is estimated that there are about 1,500,000 people on the face of the earth at present...

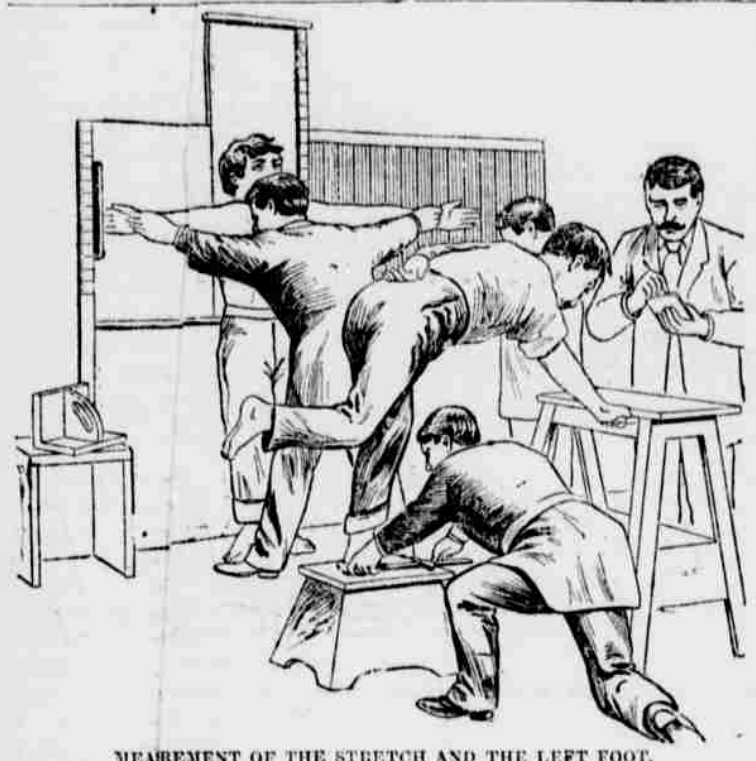
Although it is true that the Bertillon System of Anthropometric Identification, as it is called...

ters in this city. It varies in no essential particulars from that of the countries and States above mentioned...



HEAD LENGTH MEASUREMENT.

suggested by local conditions having been made in minor details. The system is made up of three distinct parts...



MEASUREMENT OF THE STRETCH AND THE LEFT FOOT.

would be simplifiable. Further instances of a possible usefulness would have been the prevention of frauds on the United States Pension Bureau...

and the description and localization of scars upon the body, add their accumulated testimony to the unchanging record of the measuring apparatus.



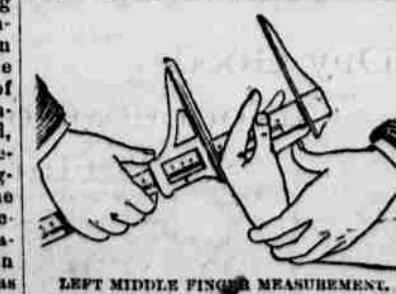
RIGHT EAR AS TRUNK MEASUREMENT.

to distinguish one criminal from another, and by the present methods of identification it is almost impossible for the Government officials to detect a fraud of the kind.

The measurements of the head are taken while the subject is still seated, and are read off on a pair of calipers provided with a graduated arc.

In measuring the left middle and little fingers, the back of the caliper rule is used, two small projections being provided on the fixed and sliding arms.

The Bertillon system for measuring criminals has received its most extensive trial in France, where it has been carried out for over ten years with the thoroughness which the police of that country is famous.



LEFT MIDDLE FINGER MEASUREMENT.

hand, and the measurement is taken from the tip of the finger to the knuckle, as shown.

stead, an elaborate and exhaustive description is given.

The third step in registering a criminal is to make an exact record of all scars, marks or deformities.

In addition to the data recorded on the face of the identification card, there is provision on the reverse side for recording the particulars of the name, aliases, crime, date of sentence, peculiarities of habit, criminal history, etc.

Our sketches were made at the Identification Bureau of the New York Police Department through the courtesy of Commissioner Andrews, Scientific American.

MODERN BEDROOMS.

The Best Architectural Ideas May Be Ruined by the Furnishings.

In the great majority of cases the furnishing of bedrooms is left to chance. That is, the different articles of chamber furniture are arranged in the separate rooms, as convenience dictates...

One fact should never be lost sight of in any scheme of furnishing—that in the bedroom one spends a third of his entire lifetime, and occupies it under peculiar conditions.

A KENTUCKY GIANT.

Boss Skaggs is Seven Feet Tall and Weighs 530 Pounds.



HOUSE HEATED BY HOT AIR.

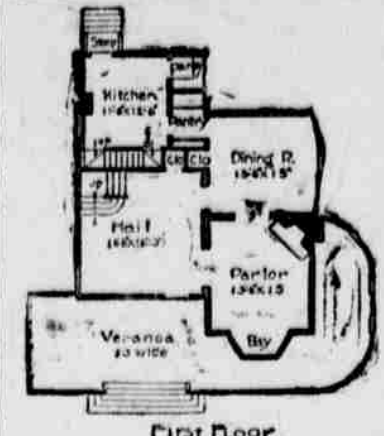
shaken, may be readily cleaned. Papered or smoothly painted walls are the best for all the main essentials.

Nothing more beautiful, convenient and comfortable in the way of a bedstead has ever been devised than those made of brass.

One of the most satisfactory woods for the bedroom, and it is very fashionable just at present, is the curled or bird's-eye maple.

The house designed in this article is heated by hot air, which, though condemned by this association of architects for the heating of city houses...

front veranda. Inside it is finished throughout in three-coat plaster—the

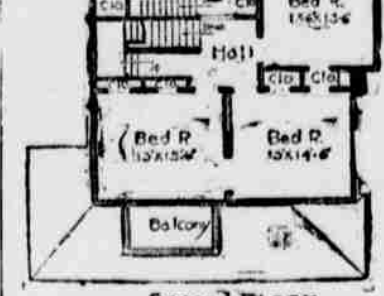


FIRST FLOOR.

flooring being of North Carolina pine—the trimming in white wood, with main staircase ash.

The laundry is in the cellar under the kitchen.

The cost to build this house in the vicinity of New York is about \$4200, though in many sections of the coun-



SECOND FLOOR.

try, where labor or material is cheaper, the cost should be much less.

Character in Children.

Parents sometimes congratulate themselves upon the fact that one child is never self-willed, never passionate or angry, always amiable, contented and calm, seeming to need no discipline and no restraint.

A KENTUCKY GIANT.

Lawrence County, Kentucky, has for a citizen one of the largest men in the world. The Louisville Courier Journal says his name is Boss Skaggs, and his normal weight is 530 pounds.



BOSS SKAGGS.

who weighs only 125 pounds. Boss owns 400 acres of mountain land, upon which he grows corn and does all kinds of farm labor, just as industriously as his neighbors.

American brooms are exported in large numbers to many countries.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

FOURTEEN BUILDINGS BURNED.

Fire at West Middlesex Did Damage Aggregating \$90,000.

West Middlesex, five miles south of Sharon was visited by one of the worst fires in its history. Fourteen frame buildings on the south side of the main street were burned, while a number of buildings on the opposite side of the street were badly damaged.

Fabulous prices are being offered for farms in Redinister township, Bucks county. In the vicinity of the Allen Storey property, where gold and to some \$40 an acre is reported to have been discovered.

Few officers have a similar experience to that which occurred with Constable Thomas of Wayneburg. Armed with a warrant upon the charge of stealing a buggy from Charles Ponzio, he had gone into Perry township to arrest Joseph Rush.

John Rankin, burgess, and J. C. Arb, constable, of Elderton borough, were arrested charged with the assault on John Z. Levy, a merchant of Apollo. Levy opened a clothing store at Elderton and proceeded to sell goods at auction.

Anton Shedrick, a Slav miner, and Ralph Smith, a colored coke worker, were caught through a small piece of timber land near Hannings station, were caught in a heavy rain storm.

A heavy storm did considerable damage at a number of points in the Ligonier valley. A number of buildings have been damaged and the mountain sections the damage to timber lands is great.

Fire which broke out in the big store of the M. C. Ebbelke Hardware Company at Allentown did damage to the amount of \$20,000 before it was extinguished.

George Lawrence, aged 45, a former employe of the construction of the new Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad, was shot and instantly killed at Chewick, by one of a party of three negroes.

Mrs. Laura A. Brundage, a noted Spiritualist and magnetic healer, died at Bradford. For forty-five days previous to her death Mrs. Brundage went without food.

H. C. Lonsner, postmaster at Saxonsburg, Butler county, has sent his resignation to the department to take effect after his successor is appointed.

The grand council of the Royal Arcanum of Pennsylvania will meet in Beaver Falls, May 12 and 13. There are 220 members of the grand council, all of whom have signified their intention of being present.

The stores of Philip Erhard and A. J. Smith, the former containing the post-office; the hotel of B. W. Catherin, the Methodist Episcopal church, tenement house of A. J. Smith, and residence of Mrs. Moxel were entirely destroyed.

Three fires have been raging about Williamsport. On Sunday the little mill owned by the Moxer brothers, on the Sawmill Run, with about 125,000 feet of sawed lumber, was consumed.

The safe in the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad station at Monaca was blown up by burglars, but contained only 49 cents in pennies.

Harvey Kule, of Sharon, swallowed four drachms of arsenic Thursday because of domestic trouble. He will probably recover.

The Good Templars of New Brighton celebrated their 30th anniversary with a public meeting Thursday night. The principal address was delivered by Rev. E. L. Hay, of the United Presbyterian church.

Prof. A. G. Bralson, for 14 years principal of the schools at Washington, Pa., has resigned to take effect after the close of the school in June. He will take up the practice of law.

Judge Walling has handed down his opinion declaring the Equitable Aid Union, in all its classes a corporation, insolvent, and extends the receivership of Chambers, F. Rogers to class B. of the order. The receivership extends to the order in Ohio and Michigan.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in French Creek, near Franklin. The man was well dressed in a suit of black, had light hair and had every appearance of being well-to-do.

The Methodist Episcopal congregation at Ligonier will erect a fine new church edifice to cost about \$20,000. A recent search of old files revealed that the church owned a portion of the land in the old cemetery, and the church will be erected there.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Abstract of the Important Measures of Both Houses.

April 29.—Senator Vest, of Missouri, introduced a resolution in the senate to-day directing the committee on commerce report at the beginning of the next session the causes of the Mississippi floods and means of preventing them.

April 28.—The Senate did a good deal of work to-night, but there was nothing much of interest in the session. Senator Kennedy called up his bill to parole convicts. This is about the same thing that Mr. Torrance has advocated.

April 29.—Insurance Commissioner James H. Lambert was this morning nominated by Governor Hastings for three years more to his present office, the term beginning May 1, 1897. The senate unanimously confirmed the nomination. These bills were read in place during the morning.

By Senator Kennedy—Making it the duty of constables to serve subpoenas in all criminal cases.

By Senator Taylor—Regulating the granting of teachers' certificates.

By Senator Thomas—Supplement to the savings bank act authorizing branch offices of such institutions.

By Senator Brown (Lawrence)—Repealing special liquor laws relating to Mercer county. In the House the order of business for the day was: Bills on second reading and a large number of measures passed this stage.

Queen Victoria has astonished the visitors at Nice by her hardihood in driving in the open air in all kinds of weather. In the face of driving rains, which kept almost every one indoors, the queen drives about in her unpretentious carriage, noticeable only for the outdoor and the seat on the box, apparently enjoying the severe temperature.

In a church at Grulich, Bohemia, the pastor and the other day united in marriage at the same hour four couples, of whom one of the bridegrooms and three of the brides were brother and sisters.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.

Table with market prices for grain, flour, and feed. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

Dairy Products.

Table with market prices for dairy products like butter, creamery, and cheese.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Table with market prices for various fruits and vegetables.

Poultry, Etc.

Table with market prices for poultry and other livestock.

CINCINNATI.

Table with market prices for Cincinnati commodities.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table with market prices for Philadelphia commodities.

NEW YORK.

Table with market prices for New York commodities.

LIVE STOCK.

Table with market prices for live stock.