

Still An Unknown Land.
Large areas of the South American continent have never yet been trodden by the foot of civilized man. It will surprise many to learn that there are larger tracts unexplored in that region than in Darkest Africa, yet such is the fact. A large majority of the cities along the coasts of South America, known to every pupil in the public school, were settled in the Columbian era. Civilization is in fact much older there than in North America. Yet for nearly 200 years there has been not much organized attempt to explore the interior. The first expedition sent out by a South American government was in 1875. Many of these countries are without exact maps of their own territory. Most of the maps in use have been made by explorers from Europe or the United States. The greater part of the immense tract of land in the middle of the continent from Venezuela to Chile has not yet reached the roughest pioneer state of civilization. A considerable part of Colombia is still wholly unknown. The several Atlantic states, even as far north as Uruguay, have many blank sections on their maps. The Galapagos, except for a strip along the coast, are practically unknown. The condition of affairs in Brazil is scarcely better. The Brazilian government has no department corresponding to our geographical or coast and geodetic surveys. The only exploring done has been carried on by the states. There are large tracts in the northern part of Brazil which have never been crossed, as far as is known, by any white man. The original autograph of Thomas Moore's "Lalla Rookh" sold in London recently for \$390. Twenty-five per cent. of the shares in American railways are said to be owned in Great Britain.

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The title of "Defender of the Faith" is still so much prized that the British dorn of 1849 had to be recoinced because the letters F. D. were omitted from the legends. Paul III. in his bull of excommunication, canceled Henry VII's title of "Defender of the Faith" which, however, was confirmed to the king by an act of parliament. Los Angeles has 13 parks, big and little, the average park area being 3,740 acres. Of the 1,500 convicts in Tennessee 22 claim to be college graduates.

GOLD CHEAPER THAN PAINT.
Why the Dome of the Congressional Library is Covered with Gold.
It is only natural that the stranger in Washington should comment on the gilded dome of the library of congress, which is one of the three conspicuous landmarks of the city, the Washington monument and the dome of the capitol being the other two. Few of those who gaze upon this wonderful creation know that in giving such an attractive finish to this superb building the idea of economy was uppermost. This gilded dome will stand for years to come as an illustration of the care and thoroughness of the late General Casey of the engineers, under whose supervision the building was constructed. It was at first proposed to paint the dome, and although no color was named it was assumed that it would be either white or gray. General Casey decided that gilding would not only cost less but would also apparently lighten the top of the immense structure. In pursuance of this idea, he advertised for proposals for covering the dome and the pyramidal structure underneath the lantern with gold leaf. The lowest bidder offered to do the work for \$1.10 a square foot. It was required that the gold leaf should be 22 carats fine under assay. Discarding the extravagant bids which had been submitted, General Casey purchased the gold, found workmen who knew how to beat it and others to apply it, and succeeded in accomplishing the work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner at a cost of 33 1/4 cents a square foot. The entire cost of gilding the dome and its pyramidal base was only \$3500. At the time General Casey estimated that gilding would last at least 30 years. Although it was applied more than five years ago, it looks as bright as on the day when the last sheet was put on. The general figured that the cost of painting the dome would have equalled in five years the cost of gilding it, so that the gold leaf is the least expensive covering for the dome, and the effect is beautiful in the extreme.—Baltimore Herald.

Adj. Gen. Corbin's Potato Crop.
The first Irish potatoes grown in New Mexico were raised by Adjutant General Henry C. Corbin, major general U. S. A. There was over 20 years ago. Corbin was then a major serving on the frontier posts hundreds of miles from civilization. Part of his work—and no small part of it—was to get suitable provisions for his men. Fresh vegetables in New Mexico were almost impossible to be had, and were correspondingly craved by the soldiers. Having been brought up on a farm, Major Corbin took an interest in the problem of growing things for the use of the post, and particularly in the possibilities of irrigation. One day it occurred to him that by tapping a spring in the hillside and digging a ditch he might irrigate about an acre of ground, and that it would be a good scheme to plant the acre with potatoes. When he mentioned his plan he was scorned. He was told potatoes would not grow in New Mexico, and was reminded that there was no seed. There was not a potato short of "the States." But he determined to try; so he sent for two bushels. They were sent by the post, and when they arrived the bill for them was \$36. He cut them up carefully himself and assisted in putting the eyes into the ground. Then he superintended their cultivation and irrigation. When digging time finally arrived there was joy in the camp. "We sent them all around to the officers and men," the general relates, "and there never were potatoes like them. I have eaten fine dinners and sat through elaborate banquets in later years; but nothing has tasted or ever will taste as did those potatoes. The family of them went abroad, and the seed from my patch started the potato industry in the Southwest." Sweden wants a new and worthier national anthem than the existing one, which is antiquated, and does not at all appeal to the emotions of the modern Scandinavians. In consequence a special committee has been formed, which has issued invitations to a select number of song writers to send in their compositions by a certain date. The songs thus collected are to be sung at concerts to be held in all the principal towns on a fixed day, and the composition which receives the unqualified approbation of these assemblies will be recommended by the committee for the prize, and for adoption as the new national anthem.

Novel Honolulu Lighting.
Honolulu, the chief city of the new American possessions, is not far behind the modern metropolis in its electrical equipment. Electric lights are plentiful, both for street and interior lighting, while electric bells and fans, electrically driven automobiles, telephones, telegraphs and electric light-houses are all very much in evidence. A unique feature of the electric lighting of private dwellings to be found there is the provision made for lighting the interior as well as the exterior of houses, as, for instance, porches, grounds or even streets. Everybody naturally lights outdoors, and in order to throw lights on the porches, etc., the lamps are arranged in globes set in the masonry walls of the houses. When these lamps are lighted the reflection is available both for inside and outside lighting.

Plague of the Prickly Pear.
One of the most serious difficulties in the way of land settlement in some parts of Australia is said to be an obnoxious plant called the prickly pear. As a pest to the farmers it is probably classed with the rabbits. It has taken possession of whole tracts of country, and the settler has to fight a pitched battle for every acre he calls his own. A single fruit bears from 20, 30, 40 and even several hundred fold of good productive seed. All herbage may drop, die and disappear in the oven of an Australian drought, but the pear survives, flourishes and carries on its processes of expansion and reproduction with unconcern. In the three "struggle for life" when a drought is devastating the land, this pest is a living example of the survival of the "fittest." It was brought to Australia, like the rabbit, either for use or ornament, and it has become a plague and a pestilence. Its extermination in the colony of Queensland, at least, is a question of national importance.

Collecting British Coins.
As the British coins that bear Queen Victoria's portrait will soon cease to come from the mint, if they have not already done so, the collectors have begun to hoard them. They will have a good deal more value in future years than they now have as money, and the hoarding of them is simply a matter of investment. The new coins will, of course, bear the portrait of King Edward VII., but that change cannot be made immediately, for it will take some time to get the designs and the dies ready. Queen Victoria had been on the throne nearly a year before the dies were ready to issue the new coinage.

Iceland Produces Coal.
A Copenhagen correspondent writes that a firm in that city has exhibited the first samples of coal from the large Icelandic coal bed recently discovered at Nordfjord. The coal is considered equal in quality to Northumbrian. Samples are being sent to the Danish Royal Agricultural Society to be examined also to Stockholm and Christiania. It is expected that the new coal bed will be valuable, at any rate, for local purposes.

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Mealie Monday in Scotland.
A characteristic feature of the Scottish University is that it has always afforded an opportunity to poor students of obtaining aid and education. There has always existed in the universities a fine spirit which has regarded with honor the struggles of students who are endeavoring to support themselves. And those students have so prized an education as to lead lives of strenuous self-denial, with their eyes determinedly set upon the far-off goal. Many students from their Highland homes have appeared at the beginning of the academic year with a bag of oatmeal and a barrel of potatoes, representing the sole store of life and energy for months to come. So common was this practice that a holiday in the mid-year was appointed, known as "Mealie Monday," in order to give the students an opportunity of returning home to replenish their larder. This day is still observed as a holiday. In his reminiscences of Edinburgh Robert Chambers tells the story of his early experiences at the university—how a friend, his brother and himself had lived together, and each had brought to the common store a bag of oatmeal. The three bags hung from one of the rafters of their room, and the landlady would scrupulously take a handful of the meal from each bag, in order to mix the morning porridge, according to a strict equitable principle of distribution. It must be remembered also that, in many cases, untold sacrifices must be borne in the homes whence the sons set forth to secure an education, in order that they may live in a university town at all, even in the simplest possible manner. It is by no means an isolated case, that story of the father who had but three cows, and one of them he held in order to send his son to St. Andrew's.

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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.
Some watch screws are so small their threads are invisible to the naked eye, and it takes 144,000 screws to weigh a pound. A pound of them is as valuable as six pounds of gold. A sanitary Testament for use in the administration of oaths has been put on the market. It is bound with white celluloid instead of leather, and it can therefore be washed and disinfected from time to time. The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is baked in loaves two or three feet long, while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very long rolls, four or five feet in length and in many cases even six feet. One of the most frequent uses to which the telephone is put by French country subscribers is that of an alarm to wake them in the morning. Those who wish to be roused at a given hour have only to advise the telephone administration the night before of the hour at which they wish to be rung up. The enormous size of the Australasian colonies is very imperfectly understood, even by the colonists themselves. Queensland, which occupies the northeastern portion of Australia, has an area of 668,497 square miles. It is larger than any European country, with the exception of Russia, and is half as large again as the whole of Germany, Austria and Hungary united. yet it has a population of less than 500,000, including Polynesian and other aliens. In England the law looks upon everyone over the age of seven as a responsible being; and every child beyond that age can be prosecuted as a criminal. The same age is accepted in Russia and Portugal. In France and Belgium the age is eight, in Italy and Spain it is nine; Norway, Greece, Austria, Denmark and Holland decline to prosecute a child under 10; and this is the rule also in some of the Swiss cantons. In Germany the limit of responsibility is fixed at 12. A German invention has patented a device to take the place of the warning bell which now announces the entrance of a customer into many small shops. It is called "the musical door-keeper." As its name implies, it announces the coming of a visitor by sounding a tune as the door is opened. Another tune is sounded when the door is closed, so that one can always tell whether it has been opened or shut. One can also tell by the quick or slow succession of the sounds whether the door has been opened or shut rapidly or slowly. In addition, it is possible to change the device so that fresh tunes may be substituted when desired.

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