

FERRYBOATS.

The boats between the cities of New York and Brooklyn may be cited as early attempts to solve the problem of transport by water.

The second plan was of a conical skeleton frame set on a machine of about one in two, so that the horses had to travel on this inclined surface, causing it to rotate with their weight and traction.

The third plan—a smaller design—the paddle wheels were brought into a well between the two half-hulls of the boat, catamaran fashion, as in the first arrangement, and the frame was mounted above the wheels, and its rotating motion was transmitted by intermediate shafts to the water wheel shaft.

SHELBY AND THE PRESIDENT

One of General Shelby's saving traits was his ability to say exactly the right thing to the right man in the right place.

Mr. Pickett, the widow of General Pickett, who of the desperate rebel charge at Gettysburg, relates an anecdote of an old manny whom she discovered at Fredericksburg.

"She was an old woman in a linen woollen petticoat and a bright turban, and she found her in one of her jumps around the city and took a kodak picture of her.

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"Young man," said Senator Sorghum to the people who had been promised an appointment, "I shall not congratulate you, but there is one thing I desire to say."

MISS PARLOA ON SOUPS.

"Money is the watchword of the French people," said Miss Parloa in her talk upon the characteristics of French cooking.

The following simple soup is said to be savory and delicious: Put 3 table-spoonsful of butter or meat fat in a soup tureen.

A French vegetable soup is made thus: Cut a large onion into thin slices and put them in a pan with 3 table-spoonsful of butter.

A quart for thickening sauce is kept at hand for constant use. Here is one way to make soup that will keep a long time.

HE TURNED ON THE GAS.

Another incident of the youth of George Washington.

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The name which conveyed Mohammed from earth to the seventh heaven was named Borek.

EXACTING DISCIPLINE.

Phillip Gilbert Hamerton was, during his childhood, the victim of a severe and cruel discipline.

His method of teaching the lad to ride was to accompany him on a vicious black horse, and when little Phillip cried in any of the observances of good riding to punish him with his heavy, hunting whip.

What he hated most was a lie or the shadow of a lie, and so bitter was this aversion that the child was sometimes punished unjustly.

She was a quiet, sensible woman, and she had just returned from a visit to Milwaukee, and something had happened to displease her.

THE MOST ICY SPOT.

Worked, Siberia, is the coldest region of the globe.

Vegetation is scanty. There are no trees, only meadows. The people busy for hunting animals, fish and raise cattle and swine.

Winter is a dull season in the tent business in this latitude and devoted chiefly to making up stock for summer.

Some tents are exported, though not a great number. They are sent to Mexico, Central America and the West Indies.

Germany consumes annually 120,000 tons of polished rice and about 40,000 tons of broken rice.

WHEN THE COOK LEFT

Mrs. Noollwedde had a hearty-breaking experience.

"N-no! Oh, it is something perfectly awful!"

"H'm! I suppose, then, your husband has been treating you badly. Well, as long as he has you might as well get used to it."

She was in tears, and her dearest friend sought to comfort her.

CLEAN PARIS KITCHENS.

What becomes of the silver and glass in Paris was a question raised last night at a meeting of the League for Political Education.

The Paris which Mr. Cook talked about was that of some 35 years ago, when the difference in domestic life in that city and this were much greater than at present.

In the way of food everything came to the apartment fully prepared for cooking. In a mutton chop there was nothing but meat and bone, and when the meat had been eaten the bone was deposited on the charcoal fire.

No one in Paris ever bought enough of anything to be left over, and no one was ashamed to ask the dealer for a single mutton chop or a small portion of any article of food.

ATTAR OF ROSES.

The word "attar" is from the Arab "atir," and means perfume.

It is simply perfume of roses. It is brought from Turkey and the East Indies in small vials and is very costly.

Its high price causes it to be often adulterated with some essential or fixed oil or with spermaceti.

The water that "comes over" is put into perfectly clean vessels and is then carefully covered with damp muslin cloths to keep out dust and insects.

THE LARGEST POULTRY FARM.

Farm Poultry says that Isaac Wilbur of Little Compton, R. I., has the largest poultry farm in the world.

Mr. Wilbur says that he has 100,000 chickens, 100,000 ducks of every year.

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