



A novel system for heating cars is in vogue in Christiania and Stockholm. Under each seat is a perforated metal box, and in this are little red-hot bricks of compressed coal, so prepared that no smoke or odor results while they are burning.

The worn or soiled Bank of England note is seldom seen. This is because no note of this bank is ever refused by the establishment. When cashed it is kept until put aside for destruction. The average duration of a note remains in circulation is about a month.

A curious tombstone has been discovered in an English graveyard. The inscription reads as follows: "In memory of William Griffiths, died October 25, 1835, aged 127 years. Also William, father of the above, who died October 2, 1845, aged seventy-two years." According to the dates given the son was sixty-five years older than the father.

Holographic two square leaning towers, the Corisenda and the Jachell, which are more startling than the tower at Pisa, are safe. A rumor was started that they showed signs of weakening, but a commission of engineers pronounced them as solid as ever. The Jachell tower is 315 feet high, and was built in 1100. The Corisenda was built a year later and was originally taller, but is now only 153 feet high. Its inclination, however, is greater than that of the other tower.

Mrs. Habertine Aucler, a French woman, who favors equal rights for women, has hit upon a novel way of preaching the gospel. The new French postage stamps represent a young woman resting her hand on a tablet which bears the words, "The rights of man." Mrs. Aucler has caused to be made a quantity of blue stamps which show a young man resting his hand on a tablet with the words, "The rights of women." She recommends persons who believe in equal rights to affix one of these stamps to each letter, side by side with the official stamp of the Government.

A Chinese manuscript in the Paris library proves that anaesthetics for surgical purposes were used in China 1700 years ago. It states that when a surgeon conducted a serious operation he gave a decoction to the patient, who after a few moments became as insensible as if he were dead. Then, as the case required, the surgeon performed the operation—incision or amputation—and removed the cause of the malady; then he brought together and secured the tissues, and applied liniments. After a certain number of days the patient recovered, without having experienced the slightest pain during the operation.

In a southern department of France, not very long ago, a well-to-do young lady married a youth of penurious tendencies. Anxious to win him away from his undesirable companions, the girl hit upon the notion of employing her husband as secretary in connection with some charitable work in which she was from time to time engaged. For his services with the pen she paid him a fixed salary of \$20 weekly, and as the gentleman in question possessed no means of his own, he was compelled to accept the queerly conferred berth. It is related that from time to time he "struck" for higher wages, but the wife was adamant, and refused to increase the weekly payments by a single cent.

Key-Winding Watches Seldom Seen.
"Speaking of things that are disappearing in the upheavals and transformations which mark the age in which we live," said a New Orleans journalist, "how long has it been since you saw a watch that you had to wind in the old-fashioned way with a key? You may still find them, and occasionally you may find one for sale. The chances are, however, that when you do run across a watch which is to be wound in this way you will find that it is now regarded as a family relic, a sort of heirloom, which is kept simply because of its sentimental value. The fact is that a majority of the watches of this rank, in cases where they are worth it, have been sent back to the factories, made over and put on the market again with stem-winding works. The disappearance of key-winding watches was natural. It was too much trouble. It consumed too much time, and there was always the perplexing problem of a lost watch key. The stem-winding watch was a business necessity, and that is why it is in such universal use at this time. It is a time saver and consequently a money saver. In my judgment the time will come when only open-faced watches will be found on the market, for the same reason. It takes time, you know, to open a watch. That's why railroad conductors, the men whose business is run on seconds, use open-face watches. The old key system of winding is gone, and the next change will be the disappearance of the double-case watch."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Value of a Rich Mind.
A rich mind will cast over the dumbest home a radiance of beauty and wholesomeness which an upholsterer or a decorator can never equal. Emerson says, "There is no beauty of complexion, form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy, and not pain, around us."—Success.

KNOWLEDGE LIMITED.

The young wife was weeping when her mother cried.
"It's all because of John," she wailed.
"He's a brute, and he doesn't love me any more. I asked him if I wasn't the dearest little wife in the world."
"I know, I know," interrupted the older woman. "And he said his check-book indicated that you were."
"No, he didn't."
"He didn't?"
"Well, husbands must have changed since I was a bride. What did he say?"
"He said, very cautiously, 'Well, you know, my dear, I haven't seen them all.'"
—Chicago Post.

HE WAS NEVER TROUBLED AGAIN.

A story is told of a captain, now dead, who, some years ago, while in command of the Island of Ascension, had to decide a very difficult point of etiquette.
Some of the ladies complained to him that the best seats in church—the front seats—were taken by the wives of the junior officers. The captain looked very thoughtful for a few minutes, and then he gave his decision, which was:
"In future the older ladies are to have the front seats."
He was never again troubled on the subject.—Tit-Bits.

SIZED UP.

"A man is known by his works," declared the irrepressible talker, who was addressing a large and enthusiastic audience.
"You must be a gas works," shouted a rude, uneducated person who occupied a back seat.—Baltimore American.

A HAPPY IDEA.

Suspecter—You know that grand old patriotic sentence which begins this way: "Eternal vigilance."
Dauber—Why, sure, every school boy does.
Suspecter—Well, I have been engaged to paint an allegorical picture of that sentence. Now, can you suggest a happy idea for "Eternal Vigilance?"
Dauber—Sun. Make a picture of a man keeping an eye on his umbrella.
—Express Gazette.

THE MODERN LITERARY MARKET.

"Yes," said the fair girl, "Adolphus is perfectly devoted to literature."
"Is that the young man who proposed to you?" asked Miss Cayenne.
"Yes. He knows ever so much, and he has a command of English that is absolutely correct and classic."
"That's very nice, my dear. But before you trust your future to his keeping, you try him on up to date slang."
—Washington Star.

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE AT HOME.

"Why is it, Mr. Binkensham," the jolly little matchmaker asked, "that you have never married?"
"Well, I'll tell you," he answered. "In all my life I have never really loved more than three girls and although they returned my love—of course you understand that I didn't love them all at the same time—it is a singular fact that in each case their parents objected to me."
"Pooh!" she exclaimed. "I don't think much of a man who will let parental objection stand in the way when he really and truly is in love."
"Perhaps not," he went on regretfully; "but you see my father and mother eloped."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Kansas Champion.

Atchison has a man who can give more good advice, and get the food more times in a day, than any other man in America.—Atchison Globe.

There are 4,000 muscles in the body of a moth.



JOKERS' BUDGET.

NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND.

There was a maid in our town
As wise as she was fair,
She went to a peacock's shop
And bleached her raven hair.
But when she saw her hair was like
A peacock's charger's mane,
She walked into another shop
And dyed it black again.
—New York Commercial Advertiser.

MENTAL INSOLENCE.

"Do you believe in natural selection and the survival of the fittest?"
"I do," answered the candid man.
"I have it. I don't know enough about those subjects to give any reasons to my scientific friends why I shouldn't believe in them."—Washington Star.

PREFERABLE.

"Doesn't it make you nervous to hear your husband constantly complaining about the way political affairs are managed?"
"No," answered the tired-looking woman. "It's a relief to have him complain about politics. It takes his mind off the meals."—Washington Star.

SECURING HIMSELF.

"That man says he wants all the advice he can get on the way he is to conduct the office to which he has just been elected."
"That is very absurd of him. In that way he is pretty sure to get just the kind of advice he desires. Then he can lay the responsibility on some one else for doing precisely as he pleases."—

THE LAWYER'S ADVICE.

Young Lady—A friend of mine is engaged to a man, and now he refuses to marry her. What would you advise her to do?
Old Lawyer—Is the man wealthy?
Young Lady—No. He hasn't a dollar.
Old Lawyer—Then I'd advise her to write him a nice letter of thanks.—Chicago News.

WHY HE IS GLAD.

"Here's a queer announcement on the bottom of the bill of fare: 'The proprietor will be glad to receive complaints against the waiters.'"
"What's queer about that?"
"Why, should the proprietor be glad to receive complaints?"
"Because then he knows the customers are not getting more than their money's worth."—Catholic Standard and Times.

A PRISONER.

"I thought you guaranteed that suit of underwear you sold me not to shrink," said the customer, who entered the store and stood in a somewhat cramped attitude.
"I did," replied the merchant; "if it shrinks bring it back."
"I have brought it back," said the customer in evident embarrassment, "but I got caught out in the rain and can't get it off."—Ohio State Journal.

THE MISSION OF DIALECT LITERATURE.

"There are numerous dialects in the Chinese language, and the inhabitants of one locality may have difficulty in understanding those of another," remarked the professor.
"Well," said the theorist, "that's what China gets for not printing publications that make a specialty of dialect stories. This country takes no chances on not letting the different sections keep acquainted."—Washington Star.

During the last year 363 immigrants were returned to their respective countries because of having become public charges within a year after landing.

There are 250 clocks in Buckingham Palace, and it is a work of no small importance to keep them all going. Some of them are as old as the time of Louis XVI., and the works are still in good order. The King does not like a useless clock, and when the works of an antique timepiece are worn out he has them replaced with new ones.

Prostrate With Rheumatic Fever Six Times Within Twenty Years.

This was the case of Mr. Eli Wiltshire, of Landowne Terrace, Calne, Wilt., who, during this time, suffered the most intense agony. He writes:
"I heartily endorse the testimonials which you publish of St. Jacobs Oil as a pain killer. For I have been a sufferer from rheumatism and neuralgic complaints at different times during the last twenty years. I have been laid prostrate with rheumatic fever six times during that period, therefore I consider I know something about rheumatism. During all of these twenty years I have tried various advertised rheumatic remedies, oils, ointments and embrocations. None of them gave me much relief, but when I tried St. Jacobs Oil I found quite different results. In about ten days I was almost completely free from what all other remedies put together never began to do."
"I could give you several cases that have been cured, which have come under my notice, and through my recommendation; also one of toothache, one of faceache and one of sore throat."
"I have recommended St. Jacobs Oil and shall continue to do so by every means in my power, as I consider you deserving of every support."

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Happiness that comes with good health is given to all who use Nature's gift, Gardol Tea. This Herd's Cure cleanses the system, purifies the blood and removes the cause of disease.
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This very tale would not have been told if the system had been required and the digestion perfected by the use of Herd's Cure. Gardol Tea. This wonderful Herd's medicine cures all forms of stomach, liver and bowel derangements, cleanses the system, purifies the blood, and lays the foundation for long life and continued good health.

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When a man is dropped for non-payment of dues he is generally broke.

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Cleanse the system, purify the blood and regulate the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels with the Herb medicine, Gardol Tea, insuring health and happiness for the New Year.
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A Union Soldiers' Home.

A remarkable soldiers' home will be that now building at Johnson City, Tenn., where both Union and Confederate soldiers in the Civil war and volunteers in the war with Spain are to be harbored. This home will comprise 35 buildings, among them a memorial hall, a mess hall, a chapel and a canteen. They will occupy a site a mile and three-quarters long and three-quarters of a mile wide in the heart of the mountains. The grounds will be laid out by a landscape gardener.

Spain exists not only in the cane, beet-root and maple, but in the sap of 187 other plants and trees.

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"I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my house for a great many years. It is the best medicine in the world for coughs and colds."
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The Beet Sugar Industry.

A most important article giving Messrs. Oxnard's and Cutting's views on the beet sugar industry in this country appeared on the editorial page of the New York Evening Post of December 12 last, and as every household in the land is interested in sugar, the article will be of universal interest.
THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.
The Evening Post bids the heartiest welcome to every American industry that can stand on its own bottom and make its way without leaning on the poor rates. Among these self-supporting industries we are glad to know is the production of beet sugar. At all events, it was such two years ago. We publish elsewhere a letter written in 1896, and signed by Mr. Oxnard and Mr. Cutting, the chiefs of this industry on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains, showing that this was the happy condition of the trade at that time. If parties masquerading as beet sugar producers are lobbying the President and Congress at this moment, and pretending that they will be ruined if Cuban sugar is admitted for six months at half the present rates of duty their false pretences ought to be exposed.

The letter of Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting was probably written for the purpose of inducing the farmers of the Mississippi Valley to go more largely into the cultivation of beets for the sugar factories. This was a laudable motive for telling the truth and showing the large profits which awaited both the beet grower and the manufacturer if the industry were perseveringly and intelligently prosecuted. To this end it was pointed out that farmers could clear \$35 per acre by cultivating beets, and might even make \$100. But in order to assure the cultivator that he would not be exposed to reverses by possible changes in the tariff, they proceeded to show that the industry stood in no need of protection.

The beet sugar industry, these gentlemen say, "stands on its feet as a business in the country." They point out the fact—a very important one—that their product comes out as a finished article, refined and granulated. It is not like cane sugar grown in the West India Islands, a black and offensive paste, which must be carried in wagons to the seaboard and thence by ships to the United States, where, after another handling, it is put through a costly refinery, and then shipped by rail to the consumer, who may possibly be in Nebraska, alongside a beet sugar factory, which turns out the refined and granulated article at one-fifth swoop. Indeed, the advantages of the producer of beet sugar for supplying the domestic consumption are very great. We have no doubt that Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting are within bounds when they say that "sugar can be produced here cheaper than it can be in Europe." The reasons for this are that—

"The sugar industry is, after all, merely an agricultural one. We can undersell Europe in all other crops, and sugar is no exception."
It follows as naturally as the making of flour from wheat. If we can produce wheat cheaper than Europe, then naturally we can produce flour cheaper, as we do.

But the writers of the letter do not depend upon a priori reasoning to prove that they can make sugar at a profit without tariff protection. They point to the fact that under the McKinley tariff of 1890, when sugar was free of duty, the price of the article was four cents per pound. Yet a net profit of \$3 per ton was made by the beet sugar factories under those conditions, not counting any bounty on the home production of sugar. They boast that they made this profit while working under absolute free trade, and they have a right to be proud of this result of their skill and industry. Many beet sugar factories had been started in bygone years, back in the sixties and seventies of the nineteenth century, and had failed, because the producers did not understand the business. Since then great progress has been made, both here and abroad, in the cultivation and manipulation of the beet. What was impossible thirty years ago is now entirely feasible. The industry is already on a solid and enduring basis. There are factories in the United States, these gentlemen tell us in their letter, capable of using 300,000 tons of beets per annum at a profit of \$3 per ton, and this would make a profit of \$1,650,000 as the income to be earned under absolute free trade.

It must be plain to readers of this letter, signed by the captains of the beet sugar industry, that the people in Washington who are detaching against the temporary measure which the President of the United States urges for the relief of the Cuban people, are either grossly ignorant of the subject, or are practicing gross deception. The honorable ground for them is to say: "Other people are having protection that they do not need, and therefore we ought to have more than we need." This would be consistent with the letter of Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting, but nothing else is so.

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