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The countries of the world where women already have some suffrage have an area of over 18,000,000 square miles.

As the result of statistics showing a large increase in the number of youthful criminals, the German Ministry of the Interior is discussing a reorganization of the system of compulsory education.

The New Zealand farmers are the most prosperous in the world. Within the past ten years the agricultural resources have been developed until the dairy and frozen-meat industries have attained enormous proportions.

Australia has not yet recovered from her financial troubles. Rigid economy has been practiced in all departments of the various Governments for months past.

The strong facial resemblance which married couples often acquire after living together a long period of years, harmonious in thought and feeling, and subject to the same conditions in life, has often been commented upon.

The Atlanta Constitution is convinced that no money-making scheme is too rascally for some men, as witness the gang lately arrested in New York, which for years has been plundering insurance companies and cruelly killing horses in order to secure insurance money.

A writer in the Lady's Journal, in commenting on the story of the doctor's page introducing a patient as "Jones" instead of "Mr. Jones," upon the ground that he did not know he was married, contends that the boy was not to blame so much as our own lingual deficiency in the matter.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

CAREER OF ENGLAND'S GREATEST GENERAL.

The Victories Won by Him Conferred a Crown of Glory Upon His Country—Honors Without Measure Were Showered Upon Him.

Napoleon's Conqueror. The time may perhaps come when, war being a thing of the distant past, the successful general, through whose efforts a country is victorious over its enemies, will not receive the applause and praise of men.

Arthur Wellesley was born May 1, 1769, in Ireland. From early life he was destined for the career of a soldier and was given a military education in France at the College of Angers.

It was here that the young soldier won his first victory. It was during the Maharatta war, and with only a handful of men he came across a large force of the enemy.

The next scene of this great soldier's triumphs was Spain and Portugal, whither he went to assist in the expulsion of the French. The battles of Vimiera and Talavera freed Portugal from the French dominion.

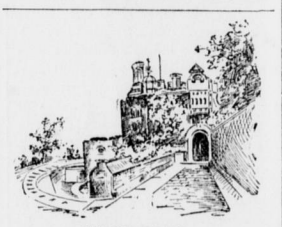
The kingdom of Uganda is perhaps the most advanced of all the native African States. The country is very fertile and lies to the west and north of Lake Victoria Nyanza.

As gunsmiths, carpenters, boat builders and blacksmiths the people—the Wa-Ganda—excel, and they have a passionate desire for all useful knowledge.

Another and easier way is to float a piece of thick sheet cotton on water. The grain to be tested is placed on the cotton and is covered with a similar sheet.

Every spring a large number of peach orchards are planted in different parts of the country, and nearly all are arranged in the old way of setting them in squares or in rows both ways for horse culture.

his liberalism, would not give his consent to reform Parliament, and this caused a strong feeling against him and he was forced to resign.



WARRIOR CASTLE. A country house of the Duke of Wellington, where his death occurred.

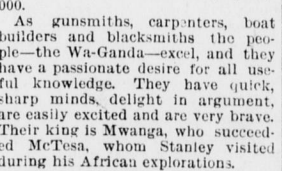
imposing pageant. His body was carried through the London streets to St. Paul's Cathedral and it was interred by the side of Lord Nelson, England's great admiral.

JOHN BULL'S LATEST GRAB

Uganda a Large and Fertile Country Inhabited by Industrious People. The resolution of the Government of Great Britain to declare Uganda a British protectorate adds another considerable slice of valuable territory to the imperial dominions.



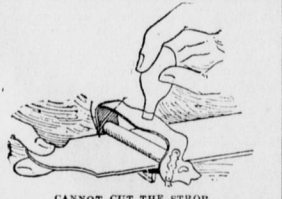
THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.



MWANGA, KING OF UGANDA.

RAZOR-STROPPING DEVICE.

The Blade is Always in the Right Position. A cutter has recently brought out a razor-stropping device to be used in connection with safety razors, as hero shown.



CANNOT CUT THE STROP.

SOBBING WIFE—Three years ago you swore eternal love, and— Brutal husband—How long do you expect eternal love to last, anyway?—Hallo.



FARM AND GARDEN

PLANT BEETS AS COW FEED. Sugar beets are worth more to feed to cows for milk and butter than the prices which the sugar-beet factories offer for them for making sugar.

THE PELLS OF THE BUTTER GLOBULE. The claim made in a communication from Dr. Hopkins, of Vermont, that he was opposed to the alleged existence of any pellicle on the butter globules as long ago as 1839, is cheerfully recognized.

FATTENING PIGS ON WHEAT. Where maize can be grown to perfection it will probably continue to be one of the chief food materials for fattening swine, but in colder climates other foods must be grown for this purpose.

A MODEL FARM. Elmdale farm, owned by George W. Sweet & Son, is one of the best farms in Hampden County, Me. In the large cow barn they have a silo (built on a level with the floor), 8x18 feet base measure and seventeen feet high.

SEED GRAIN. Seed grain, whether barley, oats, wheat or flax, should be selected with great care. The Idaho Station advocates testing the grain before sowing.

A good germinator or seed tester can be made out of a coal-oil can, a block of wood and two pieces of cloth. Cut one of the sides out of the can.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Patience is needed in teaching the calf to drink. A good blooded colt may be made no better than a scrub by being half starved.

In raising strawberries keep the ground moist and mellow by frequent cultivation. The food of pigs must, to produce good results, be largely nitrogenous or muscled forming.

Excitable chickens can generally be quieted by smoothing the head and rubbing down over the eyes. Much of the distemper which prevails in spring months might be prevented by a little judicious care.

ODD FREAKS OF THE SEA.

COMESTRANGE SIGHTS AND QUEER EXPERIENCES.

Effects of Gigantic Waves—Sub-Marine Eruptions and Storms—Showers of Fish Bones.

SAILORS have more than their fill of strange sights and strange experiences. Big waves range among these strange experiences.

The steamer San Francisco was once struck by a tidal wave of this sort in the Gulf Stream, and 179 persons were lost to the sea and drowned.

The Cunarders, Erraria and Umbria, have both encountered the phenomenon, and the former had one man killed and several others injured.

Again, the American schooner Doris J. Ward, while on a voyage to Seattle, Wash., from Cooper Island, was sailing quietly along, when suddenly she was lifted as if a whale had struck her bottom.

A singular occurrence was reported recently by the English ship Cucipara. She was about midway between the Cape and Australia when she encountered a hurricane.

Another singular occurrence was that of the bark Peter Priddle, which was off Valparaiso when a whirlwind passed over her stern, taking away everything movable, sails and all.

Yet another of the curiosities of the sea is the occasional shower of fish bones or the like, falling on deck when many miles from land.

Every farmer should remember that pigs cannot digest properly sour milk or sour feed of any kind. Excitable chickens can generally be quieted by smoothing the head and rubbing down over the eyes.

NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

Pointed toes are seen on many of the ultra-fashionable shoes.

The centre of the throat is no longer an important point in dress.

Three hundred is the average number of gifts received by rich in de sicle brides.

Babies are cared for in a special room in the new Congregational Church at Middleboro, Mass., while their parents attend the service.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris met Mrs. Cleveland the other day, for the first time, and enjoyed a chat and a lunch with the mistress of the White House.

Turned down white linen collars are very fashionable for young ladies, particularly if they have clear enough complexions to admit of the severe plainness.

Girls in Norway sell their long hair to itinerant dealers, who pay them in gaudy dress stuffs and paste jewelry.

All sorts of ornaments are worn on chateaux, unique and antique ones being the most chic. Old-fashioned scent bottles as well as old-fashioned seals are hung on the bit of gold cord called a chain.

Women's suffrage is a success in Kansas. At Spring Hill and Mortonville they swept the town, and filled every municipal office with women.

"Marriage dramas" are novel and picturesque entertainments invented by a Boston woman. In a series of tableaux the various ways of performing the marriage services in different ages and countries are illustrated.

"Ouida" is fifty years old and dresses in the most outlandish manner. No color is too pronounced for her, and whether or not the color suits her complexion matters little to her.

An elegant draped overdress is made with several circular box pleats. It may be made of the same material of the dress, or of some other fabric in harmony with it.

A ladies' drum and fife band is a fact in London society. A party of charming girls meet at each other's houses and play and practice together under the guidance of a Drum Major from the Guards' regiment.

Blue and violet are the latest mixtures of colors for bridesmaids' costumes. The dresses are of sky-blue silk, and cream straw hats are trimmed with a profusion of violets and a cream-white bow.

Mrs. Humphry Ward says that before she finished her first novel she was seized with writers' cramp and that every word of the novel had to be dictated to a shorthand writer.

The wedding dress of the unfortunate Queen Marie Antoinette has lately been discovered in the ancient church of Kenweg, near Vienna.

Miss Helen Gonid, eldest daughter of the late Jay Gould, is not only amiable and charitable, she is also exceedingly pretty. Her eyes are large and gray-blue, her mouth has a charming expression, and her complexion is good.

Fourteen women, known as "The Gray Ladies of London," have dedicated their lives to working among the poor of Blackheath.

Miss Matt Crim, the young Georgia girl, whose short stories and character sketches have attracted much attention in the leading magazines, is a thin, pale slip of a girl, with gray eyes and blonde hair, and not at all to be suspected of evolving such powerful and passionate characters even in her imagination.

On the day of her recent marriage to Truxton Beale, late Minister to Persia, Miss Harriet Blaine sent to the State Department at Washington two magnificent bouquets, with the request that one should be placed upon the desk once used by her father, the other on the desk used by her brother, Walker Blaine.

If a snail's head be cut off and the animal placed in a cool, moist spot a new head will be grown.