

With the exception of a few small concerns in Warsaw there is only one large shoe factory in Russia. This concern does an enormous business, and is one of the most prosperous stock companies in the empire.

The skin of the whale is from two aches to two feet thick, and the skin factors to two teet thick, and the skin of a large spectmen weighs thirty tons. The rhinoceros is the thickest skinned quadruped, with a hide so tough as to resist the claws of a lion or tiger, the sword, or the balls of an old-fash-ioned musket.

Women in China have the privilege of fighting in the wars. In the rebel-lion of 1850 women did as much fight-ing as men. At Nankin in 1853, 500.-000 women from various parts of the country were formed into brigades of 13,000 each, under female officers. Of these soldiers 10,000 were picked wom-en, drilled and garrisoned in the city.

A dwarf orange tree in a porcelain far of Oriental design is the latest nov-elty designed to replace the jardiniere of ferns which has so long done duty on the dining room table. The idea is Frenchy, and it bids fair to take well here. It is said that the fashion was introduced by Count Boni de Castel-lane, who brought on the table a dwarf cherry tree with a dozen ripe cherries depending from its branches. When the fruit course was in order each guest clipped his or her share with silver fruit scissors.

A queer annulment of marriage has ist been decided in Paris. A French-nan named Decourdemanche married just been decided in Faris. A French-man named Decourdemanche married a Turkish woman thirty-one years ago and settled a sum of money on her. She went mad and was put lu an asy-lum, where a male lunatic named Questel kept asserting that she was his wife. No one paid any attention to him. He died and recently the woman died. Her relatives demanded the money settled on her, whereupon the husband discovered that his wife's mother had written a book called "Thirty Years in a Harem." in which she spoke of her daughter's marriage to Questel. He hunted up the records in London and procured a certificate of marriage. The French courts have granted him a post-mortem annul-ment. ment.

A little Russian girl named Tyna Holman became a pupil in the Wells Grammar School, of Boston, hast au-tumn. She did not know a word of English, but she could speak a little French and Spanish and her own na-tive tongue fluently. She was placed in a very few weeks her teacher thought that she would probably gain more in the next higher grade. This was repeated until the principal ad-vanced her to the highest class in the school. When it came time for the vanced her to the highest class in the school. When it came time for the last examination and the diploma list was made out, the name of this little girl, who entered the Wells School in the fall in the lowest grade, was among the list of graduates, and with honors, too. Thus she made the four years' course in one.

Couldn't Lose IIIm. It was late, and getting later. However, that did not stop the sound f mulled volces in the parlor. Meantime the gas meter worked word!ly

The pater endured it as long as he could and then resolved on heroic

measures. "Phyllis," he called from the head of the stairs, "has the morning paper

come yet?" "No, sir," replied the funny man "No, sir," replied the funny man "No, sir, replace the tuning has did the Daily Bugle, "we are holding the form for an important decision." And the pater went back to bed wondering if they would keep house or live with him.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

In Ashantee. They do not kiss in Ashantee. There he suitor, in pledge of his love, in orata with his club. More hygicalic, this, but that is an-ther story. Where, in the silvery moonlight, the landain casts its deepest shadows, bows, fervent and fast raining, may e heard.

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be heard. "Oh, Mbwki, ain't you turrible?" a "sweet, maidenly voice faiters. "They're about the spoonlest couple ever?" exclaim the neighbors, in no very good humor, for the hour is late. --Detroit Journal.

A Parisie

A Friend to Horses. Parisienne has opened a small in Paris, from which she distributes straw hats for the horses of tributes straw hats for the norses of all drivers who apply. They are all of the most approved model, with a sponge for moisture in the crown. Last summer the philanthropist stood on the steps of the Madeleine and gave them to all who passed.

One of Life's Ironies.

There is something horrifying in the which the city takes its annual toll of victims from the public schools, dumps them down on a high stool and sucks their blood. Why is it that the flowers of school athletics are born to blush unseen and waste their sweet-ness on an office stool?-London Public School Magazine.

Some Relics of Calho

Some Retire of Catheon. A sideboard made out of the mahog-my which once formal a part of the properties of the second second second second catheout, the grandson of the grant tatesman of that name, and now resi-dent of the city of New York. This sideboard was presented to John C. Cathoun by Henry Clay, and like the may under which the great South or of the city of New York. This sideboard was presented to John C. Cathoun by Henry Clay, and like the my under which the great South or of the city of New York. This sideboard was presented to John C. Cathoun by Henry Clay, and like the my under which the start and the works upon the subject in existence-thy Gladstone to be one of the ablest works upon the subject in existence-nt. It is no more highly valued that mique dinner-set which the Em-peror of China presented to John C. Chinoun on the expiration of his term so which has upon it the American eagle, motto E Pluribus Unum. Cathoun det no. Goloned Andrew Pickens Cah-ona, was born in Alabama, where the prevent bearer of the historie mam-set for the fort Hill plant of China the Pickens district. A part of China the Pickens district. A part of China the Pickens district. A part of China the China prespective set bearer of the historie mam-set the fort Hill plant of China the Pickens district. A part of China the Pickens district. A part

The New Life-Saving Net.

The New Life-Saving Net. A new feature that attracts atten-tion on fire apparatus seen going through the streets is the new life-string net, which is carried on trucks. It does not take actually much room, but it is nevertheless necessarily con-splenous, and its novelty now attracts attention to it. The net itself has often been de-scribed.

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The net itself has often been de-scribed. One part of it has a circular canvas sheet held all around at the edge to a stout steel hoop, which is perhaps six-teen feet in diameter. For greater convenience in the net's transportation the hoop is made in two parts, the ends of one part thrusting into sock-ets in the ends of the other. The net, when not in use, is folded like a doubled-up disk, and it is car-ried in that manner on the side of the truck. Holes are made in the foot-board to receive two ends of one of the bows, and a little higher up the net is secured by straps to the under frame of the truck. Thus carried it has on the side of the truck the appearance of a big.

the truck the appearance of a big, white half-moon, a striking novely, than which could not fail to attract attention.—New York Sun.

A Tiny Maple Tree's Narrow Escape.

A Tiny Maple Tree's Narrow Escape. "The maple had one or two exciting diventures and narrow escapes during its babyhood," writes William Dav-enport Hulbert in "The Story of the Maple Tree," in the Ladles' Home Journal. "Close beside it stood a tiny beech tree. One afternoon a deer came by lifting his feet and putting them down again as lightly as if he were afraid of stepping on eggs. There wore no eggs there to be stepped on, but there were other things just as fragile and helpless. The two baby trees stood right in his path, and now his left forefoot came straight down toward them. One, at least, must surely perish. Which would it be? Or would it be both? They stood so close together that even They stood so close together that even that dainty little hoof could easily have covered both of them at once. In another second the deer had passed on, and the beech lay in the pointed hoof-print, its stem broken and its life " ushed out, while less than half an inch away the baby maple stood un-

harmed.

Everett the Foremost American Autho Edward Everett seems to me, on the whole, our best example of the orator, pure and simple. Webster was a great

whole, our best example of the orator, pure and simple. Webster was a great statesman, a great lawyer, a great advocate, a great public teacher. To all these his matchless oratory was but an instrument and incident. But Evereti is always the orator. He was a Greek professor a little while. He was a college president a little while. He was Minister to England a little while. He was Representative in Congress and Senator. He was Governor of the Commonwealth. In these places he did good service enough to make a high reputation for any other man. Little of these things is remembered now. He was above all things-1 am tempted to say, abovo all men-the foremost American ora-tor in one class-Senator Hoar, in Scribner's.

Era of Sport a Healthful Sign. This is the era of sport. Practically overy man and boy, every woman and girl, takes part, or wishes to take part, in some branch of it. And it is fortu-nate that the field is broad enough for all. And in all this variety of sport, in all this eager devotion to it, there is nothing harmful, nothing that points a warning. On the contrary *x* is for



How shall we save the immer now being worse than wasted? Man-ifestly it will require a great outlay, but the outlay will not be greater than now being worse than wasted? Man-ifestly it will require a great outlay, but the outlay will not be greater than we are now paying without receiving any benefits whatever. Take the amount we now pay by reason of had roads and apply it to the building of good ones, and we will have an invest-ment that will yield greater returns to the many than any other that can be made. This improvement of our roads ought to be done by the States, by the counties, by the districts, by individuals, by the General Govern-ment or by the united action of sev-eral or all of these agencies. If this work is to be done by appropria-tions must be made on a liberal scale. Mississippl appropriates nothing directly for this purpose, because pro-histed by the Constitution, but au-thorizes the counties to do so. Some counties levy a few cents on the \$100, about enough to pay the salaries of the officers intrusted with the man-fing from five to eight, and those upon whom this tax of labor is levied, usually have the least interest in the betterment of the roads, and work in a perfunctory manner so as to dis-charge as easily as possible the obli-gation. Districts may not levy a tax under the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, however much they may desire to do so. Under the operation of our road laws there is enough waste of time and money to build a section of good roads every year, if it was all levied in money and its ex-penditure properly dississippl'slaws unless these laws provide for a tax by the State, by the counties, by dis-tricts and one the individuals mostly benefited by the countreton of the roads.

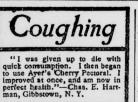
benefited by the construction of the road. " Where We Are Lacking. In almost every material thing the United States takes first rank except in the matter of roads. In this respect it is far behind the most emlightened nations. In all the States some good roads have been built, but would it not add immensely to the growth and prosperity of this country to have its highways improved so as to be in har-mony with all its other great improve-ments? It is the one thing in which we are still lingering in the unrelleved darkness of the Middle Ages; it is the one blot upon our escutcheon of mate-rial progress; it is the one thing that would benefit every man, woman and child in the United States, and yet we bestrate to do it. Dipiections are made by many that if it did it would place upon the Gen-eral Government the responsibility for the weifare of the people? The Constitution gives authority to build roads for postal service. Why not, then, build them? The improvement of the people. Why should not roads be built for their greater weifare? Both are highways, one by water, the other by and.

How New Jersey Does It.

The New Jersey law is well worth a trial in the Southern States. It pro-vides that the roads of a township be placed under the management of the township committee, and money be raised by township bonds for grading, macadamizing and improving the same; bonds to be authorized by vote

macadamizing and improving the same; bonds to be authorized by vote of the annual town meeting. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of any county may designate certain roads as county roads, and improve the same by the issue of county bonds. The State shall pay one-third of all cost of road improvement so authorized by the Chosen Freeholders, within certain limitations. Whenever the owners of two-thirds of the lands fronting on any public road will undertake to pay one-tenth of the cost of improving such road, it is the dirty of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to cause such improve-ments to be mada. All road taxes are paid in money. Under the operations of this law New Jersey has built more good roads in proportion to population than any other State in the Union.

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Steam a Hundred Years Age. On July 5 the London Times printed the following item from its issue of corresponding date in 1801: "An ex-periment took place on the River Thames last Wednesday for the pur-pose of working a barge or other heavy craft against the tide by means of a steam engine on a very simple construction. The moment the engine was set to work the barge was brought about, answering the helm miles an hour." This was six years before Fultor's construction of a prac-tical steam vessel which weni from New York to Albany in 24 hours. The crude experiments of a century ago gave but the faintest forecast of the marvelous mechanical developments of the present day; and the story from the London Times moves the New York Commercial Advertiser to sug-gest that "perhaps 160 years from now the accounts of the successful venture of M. Santos-Dumont's airship over strangely antiquated as this experi-ment with a steamboat which preceded the airship by a century and two weeks." This is not an improbable forecast, except In its intimation that 100 years may elapse before its vert-foation. It will be suprising, in this inventive age, if the Paris experiment does not seem antiquated within the life of the present young generation. Bilberlan Briggancas. Steam a Hundred Years Ago.

Gilbertian Brigandage.

Gilbertian organization, who has been in prison for a number of crimes, but succeeded in escaping, has writ-ten to the "Giornale di Sicilia" that he has just formed a hand of brigands who have elected him their chief, writes a Rome correspondent. Chief Bufalino informs the public that the new band of brigands proposes to be-gin business in the New Year, and to administer justice according to the Unit. In business in the New Year, and a daminister justice according to th teachings of Holy Writ. The lette concludes with an appeal to all those who are suffering from injustice, o want a wrong avenged, to apply to Signor Buffalinoo, who will conside each case on its merits and mete on the death punishment where he deem fit Enclosed in the letter were if francs to pay for the insertion of th letter in the "Giornale di Sicilia" an an advertisement should the editor no think fit to insert it in the correspon dence column.

Science Reveals the Past

Science Reveals the Past. To construct a whole animal from a thigh bone or toe joint has been the achievement of archaeologists in many cases. But to learn the habits and food of stone-age gentlemen from the tartar on their teeth is comparative-ly a new feat of science. An English journal gives an interesting account of the experiments of the ex-Presi-dent of the Royal Odontological Soci-ety of Great Britani in this direction. Upon the teeth of ancient skulls he noticed a thick coating of tartar, and dissolving this in acid, he discovered induce combusks pattleles, yegeta-ble substances, particles of starch, the point of a fish tooth, oval cells from fruit and portions of wool also miner-al fragments probably left by the cong stones used in grinding the corn. Thus the mode of life and sus-tenance of people living some 4,000 years ago were clearly laid bare to the investigator and archaeology could achieve what not all the printed rec-

In some branch of it. And it is fortunate that the field is broad enough for all. And in all this variety of sport, in all this variety of sport, is nothing harmful, nothing that points a warning. On the conturry, it is for individual and national good. It gives warning and competition in the dress stabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress tabilish good roads in the sure cortise and competition in the dress the colvees rounding country. He said that ninety competitions is good.—Philadelphia Satur day Evening Post.

Books Are Man's Best Friends. The very company of books is edu-cating. As one sits before the book umes it is as if each said a word or two or suggested a thought. Thus a boy's eye may fall upon his copy of "Tom Brown at Rugby," and in his mind rises the remembrance of the great hare and hounds run in which Tom and East and the Indpole strug-gled so pluckily, and at last held that delightful little interview with Dr. Arnold: or visions of Last's tricks on old Martin. There is no need to open the book-one breathers its shealthful air at the mere sight of its tille. So from each old favorite there company. A great orator said: "Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A home without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up children without surrounding them with books if he has the meins to buy books." The Fiction Sids of Golf. The Fiction Sids of Golf. Hidden Tilian Brought to Light. A few months ago the Venetian painter Brass bought four pictures for \$20 from a Dalmatian peasant named Braidotti, who had picked them up when a neighboring villa was dis-mantled. Recently Brass found that one of the pictures had been painted over another on the same canvas, and on cleaning off the top one he discov-ered a Saint Schnstian by Tilian, which had been stolen from Italy by one of Napoleon's Generals. Brass has sold the Tilian to the Count de Castellane for \$15,000.

Books Are Man's Best Friends

The Fiction Side of Golf. One of the Intest lost golf ball stories is that one afternoon a couple of players were on the Penarth links, when a mighty drive by one of them sent the ball away out of sight, and it could not be found. Next morning, whilk taking his ante-matutinal stroll, the golfer was attracted by the plte-ous cries of a small bird that kept fly-ing backward and forward in front of him. He followed the bird until he was led to a small bush, in which he found a nest. The biru flew into it and appeared to be trying to escratch something out, hopping in and out, repeating the action two or three times, in a state of acute excitement all the time. The golfer raised him-self to look into the nest and there was his lost golf ball!

Danger Signals for Alpine Climbers. All the Alpine clubs of Europe have just agreed to a uniform set of danger signals drafted by the French Alpine Club for use by monitain-climbers in peril, says a Paris correspondent. Sig-nals of distress are to be given by shouting, whistling, waving handker-chiefs or firing guns during the day, and by lantera or other lights at night. A signal repeated six times indicates extreme peril, and its return three times by the receiver signifies that its meaning has been understood. Lake Vessels Launched Broadsido On. Shipbuilders on the great lakes have devised the most ingenious scheme in use anywhere for shoving a great, ponderous steel vessel into the water when she is well-nigh completed. The shipyards of the great lakes are not located on the banks of the fresh wa-ter seas, but upon contributary rivers on artificial glips. None of these waterways are more than half as wide as a modern lake cargo carrier is long, and so, instead of sliding the vessel into the water endwise, as is the custom all over the world, these glant levinhans to boggan down a monster slide and take the water broadside on. Lake Vessels Launched Broadside On. Motive Power in Elg Demand. Locomotive building is sharing with all the other industries of the country in the great business boom. Last year there were turned out of the American shops 3,153 engines, the largest number ever built in the his-tory of the country. The production showed an increase of 680 locomotives or 27.5 per cent, over the production of 1890, when the building record was also broken. In that year 2,473 loco-motives were turned out. In 1898 the American shops produced 1,875; in 1897, 1,2,01; in 1896, 1,175.

Three Londons.

Three Londons. While building the London Ex-change the workmen came upon a gravel pit full of oyster shells, bones of cattle, old sandals and shattered pottery. Two pavements were dug up under the French church in Thread-needle street, and other pavements of the city. Authorities on the sub-ject say that all the soil seems to have risen over Boman London at the rate of nearly a foot in a century. Still farther must the searcher dig to find the third London, the earlier London of the Britons. It is supposed to be buried under the London of Roman days. days.

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Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken o as a congh cure.-J. W. O'Burky, 323 Thir Avenuo, N., Minneapoiis, Miun., Jan. 6, 1903 The number of emigrants who left Ger many in 1930 was 22,309.

leebergs Make Their Presence Known. ieabergs Make Their Presence Known. The captain of an ocean steemer is often warned of the proximity of ice-bergs by the men in the engine room. When a ship enters water considera-bly colder than that through which it has passed its propeller runs faster, and as such water surrounds the vicinity of icebergs for many miles the engineers know when the propel-er's action is greatly accelerated with-out any increase of the steam power icebergs may be expected. Of course, the thermometer is the most useful in-dicator of icebergs.

Joen Bull Can Still Exact Toll.

Jeen Bull Can Still Exact Ioil. It will take some years for us to capture the seas as well as we have the land-granting that we ever do it, for of the 25,200 ships of all nation-alities unfoat to-day-ships of over 200 tons-Great Britain possesses about 11,000. We have got a lot of John Bull's commerce, but it is certain that we must continue to pay him toll for a whole to help us deliver the goods.

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New Zealand crown lands are now disposed of for 999 years.

The United Kingdom has 350 blast furnaces; France 570.

Immigration for the 11 months end-ng with May increased 46.073.

A gallon of water weighs 10 pounds, a gallon of mercury 1,357 pounds.

From 1803 to 1812 many attempts were made to fasten metal points to

The early inhabitants of the Nile valley had excellent roads, paved somewhat in the macadam style of the present day.

Over 7,000 men deserted from the French army last year. Great Brit-ain's record for desertion is under 300 in one year.

Sheboygan, Wis., is a pea-raising district, and recently all the elergy-men gave written permissions to their flocks to gather a crop on a Sunday to save it.

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