Work Going on-Great Boring Should

Very great progress has been made with the tunnel under the Simplon, which should be open for traffic in 1904. The total cost when both tunnels are completed will be about \$300 a lineal yard of single-line tunnel. A correspondent says it will be 12½ miles long. The Mont Cenis tunnel has a length of nearly eight miles, and all trains have to attain an altitude of 4.248 feet above the sca level. The Arlberg is 6½ miles in length, with a height of 4,300 feet. The St. Gothard is 9 1-3 miles, with a maximum altitude of 3,783 feet. The Simplon will have the great advantage over the others that its traffic has not to be taken to a greater altitude than 2,314 feet above the sca level, of 1,474 feet less than in the case of the St. Gothard, so that no costly approaches nor helical tunnels are required to gain access to the tunnel at its north end nor will the hauage of trains be so heavy as in the case of the other tunnels. The worklil at first consist of one zingle line tunnel, lined with masonry throughout, and one parallel passage 10 feet wide by 8 feet high, preparatory to a second tunnel placed 56 feet apart, axis from axis. When the traffic necessitates a second tunnel it can be completed for about one-third of the cost of the first tunnel. The experience gained during the construction of the previous tunnels is being turned to very good account, and is resulting in a great saving of life, in much greatly abbreviating the period of construction. The men change shifts every light hours, and are brought out in trainloads. They are not allowed to enter the cold Aipine air when emerging from the tunnel in their wet clothes, but are landed in a covered building or station, in which there are cubicles for changing their clothes, which are at once nung up in heated rooms to dry, ready for the next day's work. Adjacent is a cities with hot and cold douch baths. They take off their mining clothes, which are at once nung up in heated rooms to dry, ready for the next day's work. Adjacent is a cutter when emerging from the tu

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N. L. Chew, of Indiana, assistant auditor of the treasury for the post-office department, obtained his position because of his name. The fact is that the assistant auditor of the treasury department for the postoffice department spends from 40 to 50 days every quarter signing his name to warrants. He signs at the rate of 5,000 or 6,000 a day. It can readily be seen that Mr. Chew can earn more money for the government by signing his name than could Edgar D. Grumpacker, the Indiana congressman. He got the job because he had a short name. He can save three or four days in the month over A. L. Lawshe, his predecessor, although Mr. Lawshe was a very rapid writer.

## Samoa's Official Chaperon.

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The chaperon is becoming extinct here, but she is an important person in Samoa. She is the constant companion of the toupou, or village guide, who is appointed to entertain strangers and show them the various sights. Each village in Samoa elects a girl for this office, and it is necessary that she should be the daughter of a chief. Her house is provided for her by the village and she is surrounded by a court of native girls. No man who lives in the village is allowed to enter the sacred precincts, and the taupou goes nowhere without an elderly woman. If the taupou resigns her office the chief can appoint another damsel of high degree.

# WHERE DOCTORS FAIL

To Cure Woman's Ills, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound Succeeds. Mrs. Pauline Judson Writes:

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—Soon after my marriage two years ago I found myself in constant pain. The doctor said my womb was turned, and this caused the pain with considerable inflammation. He prescribed for me for



### THE MULE IS NOT A FOOL

THAN ONE WAY HE THAN THE HORSE.

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Patience, calmness, attending to his own business, frugality and faithfulness, have earned for the mule the reputation of stupidity. He has become marked as the dunce and blockhead among animals. So long has the mule rested under this charge of mental dulness that his long ears have become a mark of lack of intelligence. Unjust comparison with his near relative has made "horse-sense" a term of compliment to men. And it seems that all the time the mule has been suffering under undeserved reproach, for the man who knows the beast of sharp angles and exaggerated curves values him above the horse in practical intelligence, and believes that patince, lack of nerves and the faculty of attending to business have been misunderstood for absence of sense.

Animal trainers take not to mules, and the horse shows know them not, for they are always beasts of burden and do their playing among themselves after working hours. They may not have the knack of doing parlor tricks, but they have their share of useful, everyday wisdom. Everyone knows that horses can hardly be forced out of a burning stable. Terror-stricken, they tremble with every nerve bred into them and wait for the fames. Seven or eight years ago Sparks Bros.' horse and mule barn burned near the stock yards. Robert Booth, of Sparks Bros., says some of the horses were dragged out, after much work, only to tear themselves loose and run back to burning barn. Wherever there was an avenue of escape for the mules they came out without help or urging. Two of the long-eared animals showed hotel experience, jumping through windows four feet above the ground.

"Which showed the horse sense?" Mr. Booth asked. "The mule can be relied on to keep his head under circumstances in which a horse of any grade would practically commit suicide from excitement."

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The mule shows his sense even when he grows wicked. Let a pair of horses run away, and there is a good bill for repairs or for a new wagon awaiting the owner. He is even thankful if not called on to pay for other vehicles wrecked in collisions with his own, and is happy to find that his horses have escaped with a few cuts. When mules run away, the mule men say, they keep the road and simply run till they get tired. The man in the wagon who knows will sit quietly and let them do the driving. They avoid telegraph poles and drug store windows like the pest and can turn corners in better curves and with more safety to what they're dragging than the man who's riding so fast. Cain minds are not usually quick, and by the time the pair are growing tired of their sprint, they decide that the runaway is over. Nobody hurt, no blacksmith's bills. They used "horse sense." A horse seldom forgets a runaway; the mule, apparently, never remembers it. A mule will wait six years to get a good, square kick at a man. That, the mule men say, is another foundationless tradition of the unlearned. They declare most solemnly that there is less danger of sudden death from a mule than from a horse. As for kicking in harness, a practice not uncommon among horses of even the best breeding, the mule does not know the feeling of hoof against the dashboard. True, even the friends of the longered do not waste much time in currying the hind legs, but that, they say, is because the mule needs comparatively little of the comb and brush. The mule shows his sense even when

rying the mind tegs, but that, they say, is because the mule needs comparatively little of the comb and brush. His coat is shorter, coarser, and not so full as that of the horse, and he is by nature cleaner. Mules like to wallow, but not in mud, as do the horses.

In the sale barns at the stock yards the mangers of the mules are filled with food, and the animals eat what they want and quit. The hay and grain

"Dear Miss. PINHIAM:—Soon after my marriage two years ago I found and my woon was turned, and this caused the pain with considerable inflammation. He prescribed for me for fammation. He prescribed for me for given no more than they are supposed to need, for they haven't the temperature a pitcher of regiven no more than they are supposed to need, for they haven't the temperature a pitcher of regiven no more than they are supposed to need, for they haven't the temperature a pitcher of waterwill, under these circumstances, regiven he for her hardworking brothers. With no limit to the food before them they might eat to the foundering not and then not cat again for two weeks. Many horses are injured for ever by foundering. A mule eats much less than a horse of equal strength and wastes nothing.

MISS. PATLINE JUDSON,
Socretary of Schermerhorn Golf Club, Brocklyn, New York.

four months, when my husband became impatient because I grew worse instead of better, and in speaking to the drug. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sannative Wests. How I wish I had taken that affirst it would have saved me weeks of suffering. It took three long months to restore me, but it is a happy relief, and we are both has brought joy to our home and health to me."—MRS. PATLINE JUDSON, 8 or how the mile is many to the mule is "Did you ever see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you ever see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a dead mule?" No one except the mule see "Did you over see a

using hundreds of wagons here and at its branch houses is gradually replacing the horse with the mule. In the Southern cotton fields the mule is used nearly exclusively, and not because the Southerner has less love for a horse, but because the mule alone can stand the work. 'they are bought in Kansas City by dealers from the cotton section, and sold to negro tenants. From then on the mule hustles largely for himself. The small negro farmer gives him no corn. little food and many beatings. The ten-bale cotton field is the one experience that makes the animal die young. Three to five years of clubbings and nearly absolute self-support end the life of hardship and injustice. A horse generally lasts a year in the same surroundings. The Boer war served to make the mule of higher market value than the everyday draft horse, but at the same time brought a new charge against his intelligence. Some English General laid the loss of a battery to the fact that the mules, when hit, ran straight to the Boer lines, carrying the guns with them. "Had the English troops not been surprised," said one of the men at the market, "those animals would never have carried the cannon away. As usual, the British were marching with their eyes shut, and when the mules were hit they ran straight ahead. With the battery in action the animals would have been unhooked and behind the guns. In that case the runaway would have been toward home. I'll admit horses, after having been wounded, would not have fallen and kicked one another to death. That English officer should have blamed himself and his scouts for the loss of his battery. Still, we can't expect mules to suplant horses in war—they don't look well in poetry."—Kansas City Star.

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Wherever one may go, in factory, office or store, there are always some employes who, no matter if they reach their places of employment ahead of time, in the morning or at noon, make it a point never to begin work until the clock strikes, the whistle blows or the

clock strikes, the whistle blows or the bell rings.
Shortly before 1 o'clock a few days ago a saleswoman in a large dry goods store 'n this city, having made a sale, had occasion to call for a cash boy. No one responded to her summons. Just then she espied a boy sitting a short distance from where she stood.
"Here, boy," said she to the little fellow, "take this to the counter and have it done up."
"I ain't here yet," replied the youngster, with the utmost coolness and unconcern.

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As the woman could not induce the boy to stir she was obliged to call for another.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

# Funny Things That Escape.

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W. J. Arkell complains that most really funny things happen outside of the comic papers and don't get rounded up and brought in. One morning he was at the telephone in his own trying to obe of his own trying to communicate with somebody.

"What? Speak up! Can't understand a word! Say, give me that all over again, please!" Then he turned to those about him and said:

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"I'll bet the wires are crossed again."

"I'll bet the wires are crossed again. This telephone service is getting worse and worse."

Another fruitless effort, and then sudden light broke in upon him:

"Well, that's the limit! Do you know what's the matter with the wire? The fellow at the other end that's trying to talk to me stutters."—New York Times.

## Water Collects Polsonous Gas

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Here is something every one should know. A peculiar property about ice cold water is that it attracts to itself a large quantity of the poisonous gases which are exhaled through our lungs and pores. The colder the water the greater its capacity for holding impurities, and water which has stood during the night in a close bedroom is highly injurious to drink.

At a normal temperature a pitcher of



ed in In Bamboo pens dia for over 100 years. They are made like the ordinary quill pen, and for a few hours writing are said to be very

Duluth, Minn., is a peculiar city. Its population is about 70,000, yet the length of the incorporated town along the lake front is twenty-eight miles. Its width ranges from one to two

A house built of buttons is the latest A house built of buttons is the latest thing in architecture, and a certain French musical celebrity is building it. The walls, the ceilings, the doors, the exterior and the interior are all ornamented with buttons of every description. Every country has been ransacked, and some very curious specimens are reported to have been brought to light.

The City of New York, through its charities department, engages quite extensively in agriculture. During the summer of 1901 the official harvest was 60 bushels of onions, 41 bushels of rhubarb, 96 bushels of benns, 25 bushels of paralley, 41 bushels of carrots, 2 bushels of radishes, 4743 heads of cabage, 2307 heads of lettuce, 17 bushels of spinach, 35 bushels of pens, 35 bushels of beets, 3 bushels of tomatoes, 17 bushels of leets, 4621 ears of corn, 343 squashes and 957 cucumbers.

On the Mangishlak peninsula, in th Caspian Sea, there are five small lakes. One of them is covered with salt crystals strong enough to allow a man and ss the lake on foot; anothe beast to cross the lake on look; anound as any circle and a lovely rose color. Its banks of salt crystal form a setting, white as the driven snow, to the water, which not only shows all the colors from violet to rosy red, but from which rises a perfume as of violets. Both the perfume and the color are the result of the presence of seaweeds, the violet and the pink.

The first application of steam, for the purpose of propelling boats, was accomplished by Robert Fulton, a native of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Fulton's inventive genius displayed itself at an early age. It seems that as early as the year 1793 he had conceived the idea of propelling vessels by steam, and he speaks in some of his writings with great confidence of its practicability. After a number of years' residence in Europe, and making a variety of experiments both in that country and this, his labors were finally crowned with success.

The Lake of Neuchatel is the largest The Lake of Neuchatel is the largest in Switzerland not bounded by any foreign country. It has a superficies of 134 square miles. Its greatest depth is 512 feet, and just opposite the little village of Auvernier, close to Neuchatel, there is a buried mountain, eighten feet below the surface. The little mountain rises in the middle of the lake, opposite the mouth of the Areuse, to a height of 380 feet from the bottom. A burge enterwise is it is rungored on to a neight of soo feet from the bottom.

A huge enterprise is, it is rumored, on foot to erect a hotel on the top of this mountain. According to an estimate prepared by a leading engineer the cost of filling in to the requisite level of the procedure of the pr and then erecting such an establish ment would be about \$150,000.

# Polyglot Newspaper

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Three curious polyglot periodicals are now being published.
One is the China Times, which is regularly printed in seven languages. It is published in the capital of China, and the languages in which it appears are the English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese and Chinese. Another polyglot paper is the Austrian semi-monthly, entitled Acta Comparationis Literarum Universarum. It has correspondents and subscribers all

has correspondents and subscribers all over the world, and the contributions over the world, and the contributions of the former are invariably printed in the language of the countries from which they are sent. As a result it frequently happens that in one number of the paper there are articles in twenty-five or thirty languages.

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The third polyglot paper is the Pantolodion Magazine, which is published
in St. Petersburg, and which contains
critical essays regarding the new books
published throughout the world. Each
of these essays is printed in the language of the country where the new
book of which the essay treats appeared. Thus a review of an American book is printed in English, a review of a French book is printed in
French, and so on. One number of
this periodical has contained articles in
fifteen different languages, namely,
German, French, English, Italian,
Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, Swedish,
Danish, Hungarian, Roumanian, Russian, Servian, Bohemian and Polish.

# An Epidemic Among the Murr. It is stated that during the pas

It is stated that during the past season an epidemic has prevailed among the murres of the Pribliof Islands, and that the birds, which are found there in vast numbers, have perished by thousands. The first intimation of disease was the presence of birds about the village of St. Paul, close in short, so weak that they were readily taken by the children. Later, dead birds washed ashore in such numbers that 212 were counted in 150 yards, while steamers from St. Michael's reported passing through large quantities of dead birds. This recalls the epidemic which has twice prevailed among the cormorants of the Commander Islands, greatly reducing their numbers.

The largest gold coin now in circulation is the gold ingot or "loof" of Annam, a French colony in Eastern Asia. It is a flat, rounded gold piece, and on it is written in Indian ink its value, which is about \$325. The next sized coin to this valuable but extremely awkward one is the "obang," of Japan, which is worth about \$50 and the next comes the "benda" of Ashantee, which represents a value of about \$45.

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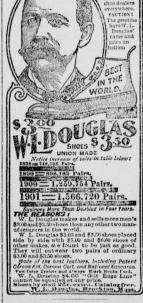
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Princeton University is to receive from Professor D. Wilson, a collection of Syriac manuscripts, said to be the largest and most valuable ever made by a private individual. Many of the documents date from the reign of the Emperor Constantine.

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