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THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF GOLD.

Some interesting statistics as to the Yellow Metal.

It has been reckoned that in the deposit of clay on which the city of Philadelphia now stands there is sufficient gold to gild the fronts of all the buildings in the place.

The most important increase that is to be looked for in vein mining arises, however, from the rapid improvement in the modes of applying power to such work.

Making no allowance for future improvements in mining, we may evidently expect a very great and rapid increase in the annual supply of this precious metal from the betterment already effected.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

King Oscar of Sweden possesses a medal for life saving.

Mayor Crane, of Denver, Col., has invented a rotary ore-working machine for use in the gold mines.

W. W. Astor has given \$100,000 to endow those professorships in the University College of London which are today without endowment.

Jacob A. Bilis has declined that he would decline the position of Governor of the Danish West Indies unless President Roosevelt strongly insists upon his acceptance.

Senator Hanna now possesses the pen with which T. B. Reed, when Speaker of the House of Representatives, attested the passage of the McKinley tariff act.

Gong Gee, a Chinaman, who is a practical electrician, graduated from the Portland (Ore.) Technical School. He is writing a book on electricity in the Chinese language.

Sir Henry Strong, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, has notified the Department of Justice that he wishes to retire in September.

Dr. Heyman, Mr. Kruger's physician, enters an emphatic denial that the former President of the Transvaal Republic is not in good health.

Colonel John Mosby, the leader of one of the most important Confederate cavalry commands during the Civil War, is in Government service in Colorado, charged with preventing the private inclosure of public lands.

Professor James Parker Hall, associate professor of law at Stanford University, has tendered his resignation to the trustees. He will go to Chicago University, where he will hold a full professorship in the new department of law that will be opened there next October.

Mrs. William Taylor, an aged woman who lives up Stone Coal creek, near Weston, found some strychnine which some one had placed in her well bucket with the apparent purpose of poisoning her.

Two local capitalists at Sistersville, Henry W. McCoy and E. A. Durham, are soon to commence the construction of a three story brick I. O. O. F. temple on the ground on Wells street recently purchased by them.

A new bank, with a capital of \$25,000, is to be established in Martinsburg.

LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT.

How often in our busy life We speak a bitter word; We care not who the listeners are, We care not where 'tis heard.

We often wound the trusting heart By being insincere. We do not think that which we do May cause a lonely tear.

We often wrong within ourself The ones who love us true, Because they tell us of a fault; We're all impatient, too.

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ENLIGHTENED HOKE COUNTY

Everybody 'round Pimly set up a laugh when Peter Jethson and his wife moved over on old man Grant's west eighty and set up for farming.

The objections to him were good-natured but numerous. He was always dressed up, he had no more knowledge of horses, cattle and pigs than a Kansas City dude.

Peter grinned quietly, saying, "Guess we won't starve," and went away to tell Sophie.



DOWN INTO THE TIMBER, WHERE ED COUNTED THE WALNUT TREES.

didn't. Pete leased the west eighty from his father-in-law and built a cottage, declaring that he meant to make his fortune right there.

Whereupon everybody laughed and repeated Mayor Jenkins' joke. Then the wags out Grant's way began to "put up jobs" on Jethson.

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an' the baby when that comes. Jest own up, what is your idea o' making leases when you ain't so much as farmin' truck?"

"Gas, dad," said Peter, quietly. "Just keep it as secret as you can, but there's gas under every foot of this ground."

It was not a very satisfactory explanation to Grant. He didn't see what particular good gas might do, and the next time he saw Dr. Jewett in Pimly he let slip the secret about Peter's idea.

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"Dig for it," he would say, laughing. "An' if you git it, what then?"

"Then it's up to you," grinned Jethson, as he walked away.

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The latest development in surgery is the molding of noses in paraffin, which is now being practiced in Austria.

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First Step in Village Improvement. First in order in activities of this kind come cleanliness. Clean streets and public places, clean private premises—with these secured, the first great transformation in the community takes place.

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Besides this they all seem to him to be narrow and limited. There is a boundless wisdom in journalism which gives the country newspaper man the impression that he would not like to be tied down to the groove in which he sees even the biggest furniture dealer or the most active grocer engaged.



A banker and municipal treasurer in an Italian town disappeared, leaving a deficit of \$100,000. The authorities proceeded to open his strong-box, which was found to contain a piece of paper inclosing thirty-six cents and stating that the money was for the locksmith who should be feigned to break open the safe.

An extremely funny situation has arisen in Marienberg, a small town in Prussia. Three friends of a Russian living at the town gave him 100 marks to shave off his beard.

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HOW PERKINS SAW THE KING.

The California Senator Tells of His Meeting With Oscar of Sweden.

Senator Perkins, of California, who, to quote his own words, is a sailor by profession, a merchant by necessity, and a politician by accident, has had in his life more adventures than fall within the experience of an ordinary man.

"I was quite a boy then," said the Senator, telling the story yesterday. "I had sailed in the good ship Luna from New Orleans to Sweden with a cargo of cotton, and while the ship was in port I thought I would like to see the royal palace in Stockholm.

The aptitude shown by Chinese soldiers for drill and maneuvers in close rank is said to be remarkable. The drill is modeled on German methods; the gun is carried over the left shoulder, the parade step is the base of all the marches in close rank, but the Chinese still keep their large red standards; there is one for about every ten men.

Navajo Sand-Painting. Sand painting by the Navajo Indians is a great religious rite. Sand for the ground work is carried in blankets. The fire which has been burned through other ceremonies is first removed and all traces of it covered with sand.

Little Squirrels Kill Bigger Ones. A news item states that the people of Fall River, Mass., have succeeded so well in protecting the gray wild squirrels in the neighborhood that the animals wander into the streets of the city and accept food from friendly hands.

An Underground Health Resort. In a recent address on ventilation, to a lack of which he attributed most human ills, Dr. A. Wynter Blyth, an English physician, after discussing the excellent meteorological conditions which obtain in the new London "underground," said: "One could imagine a Jules Verne cavernous city, where the sky was the ever-white changeless chalk, where no rain fell, where no frost penetrated, where the light never failed, and where dry, warm, filtered pine-ozone air bathed the lungs and fanned the cheeks of its denizens in the constant white glare of a never dying summer day."

The court language of England is English; the royal family is said to speak it with a strong German accent.

The bill collector says he has no desire to dwell in the land of promise.