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Although Mr. Edison is somewhat of a scientific recluse, he occasionally it is now possible to travel between usually worth listening to. He has the time formerly required, when it been looking into the future lately, and he sees, a few generations ahead, some wonderful inventions and discoveries that are going to make life and it promises to be deservedly pop nomic devices that are going to save much of the 80 per cent of fuel energy that is now wasted in coal consumption; the wide spread use of waterfalls and tides as power; generators, and even the harnessing of the worlds internal fires, as they issue through artesian wells, geysers and steaming volcanoes, to become agents in the world's work. Turning to food, he says there is nothing better in sight than good honest nourishing farm pro ducts. Chemical or artificial foods. working man's table in 2100 A. D. places. will be as varied and appetizing as the Astors and Vanderbuilts to-day. All of which is very comforting and encouraging. But the Meulo Park edgewise at this point when he warns pretty fair physical condition. society to stop whiskey drinking "which is like throwing sand in the as being worth more than a bushel of the deserving. scientific speculations dealing with conditions two hundred years ahead

There is an old story about Benjamin Franklin's discovery of the virtue of plaster as a fertilizer and his efforts to convince the farmer of this. But he failed, though he used every kind of argument with them. They would not believe that plaster enriched the soil. Isn't it strange how hard it is to convince men of the value of anything new? But he would not give up. Here is another aside: there is almost always some way to overcome difficulties and carry a good point. So Franklin studied his problem until he thought of something, which he went and did. Time passed. Weeks afterward he called the skeptical farmers to look upon his wheat field. The grain was just coming up. But along one line the wheat was growing much larger and greener than elsewhere. He bade his friends look closely at this. Suddenly one cried out: "It spells something: it is writing." "Yes." said Franklin. "read it." and they read, "This has been plastered." There was no appeal from this. The argument was won and the erstwhile skeptics went ofito buy plaster. For months the wheat field testified to all who came near it of the benefit of the fertilizer.-Exchange.

Senator Root has introduced a bill in the senate authorizing the payment of a pension to Mrs. Frances F.

Cleveland, widow of Grover Cleveland wives the credit. As the measure is in line with precedents, its favorable consideration by Congress is expected. In 1870, Mrs. Abraham Lincoln received a pension of \$3000 a year, the amount being raised to \$5000 in 1888. To Mrs. James A. Garfield, Mrs. James K. Polk and Mrs. John T; 'er were also granted pensions of \$5000 in 1888. A similar pension was granted to Mrc McKinley in 1902. Under legislation enacted last Febuary, Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison received the privilege of sending their per sonal correspondence through the mails free of charge.

All previous fishery records were broken by Washington last year. This industry alone produced in excess of \$13,000,000 according to the report of the State Fish Commissioner. In 1890 Washington fish products amounted to \$525,000, showing the rapid growth. Latest reports from the Atlantic coast are to the effect that the fishing industry is declining there, so that Washington now stands at the head of the list among the states, in fisheries as well as lumbering.

With the inauguration of a through service via the Oregon & Washington and the Southern Pacific Railways, emerges from his laboratory long Seattle and San Francisco in 34 enough to say something and it is hours. This is 14 hours shorter than was necessary to change cars at Portland. The traveling public gains considerable from the new service easier and happier. He forsees eco- ular. The fast train is known as the "Shasta Limited."

The woman suffrage forces of Washington are jubilant in having enlisted organized labor in their cause. The State Federation adopted strong resolutions commending votes for women. Those in charge of the campaign declare they are gaining in strength ever" day . Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt has enriched the exchequer with a \$500 contribution and extensive offices are being fitted up cannot compare with nature's foods. in Seattle., as headquarters. Each In a couple of centuries, automatic issue of the official organ contains a machinery and advanced farming will poster supplement, which recipients wag whispered to his neighbor: produce food so abundantly that the are requested to post in conspicious

The Maryland board of health says it is necessary to keep your mouth shut if you would be healthy. Still, philosopher drops in a wise word the American woman seems to be in

Praise is one of those things that bearings of a steam engine," which costs nothing and is worth millions. observation will strike most people Let us not be stingy in giving it to

Many men who claim to be se'f.

Fruitgrowers in the Northwest are necrested in the protest against the Lafean Bill now in Congress, which was adopted at the recent convention of the Washington State Horticultural Society. This measure was prepared by the eastern fruit interests for standardizing apple packing boxes in a manner unsulted to the superior fruits of the Northwest The box now in general use in this section is best adapted to Oregon and Washington apples, and the growers are relutant to give it up for a substitute that will not permit them to pression like that? make a satisfactory pack. A delegation will be sent to the national Capital to oppose the passage of the Lafean Bill.

The Baker City Democrat favors the Commission plan for municipal government. It is becoming popular in many cities of the United States.

It does not sound reasonable to say that matches are made in Heaven then spent it on a single spree. Her when all the sulphur is in the other

The making of our girls and boys what they should be, like chairity. begins at home.

Your ability to do things in the future depends upon what you are making of yourself now.

LOST HIS MONEY.

Made a Bet and Feelighly Picked the

There was an eminent Fuglish ser geant at law some years ago who take a cork leg that was a triumph of ac tistic deception. None but his mit. unites knew for certain which was to real and which was the shan limb. wild young was of the "outer bur. who knew the semigant pretty well. once thought to mitte this knowledge of the sergenni's secret to take in a green, newly fledged young barrister The sergeant was addressing a speclai jury at Westminster in his usual carnest and vehement style, and the

"You see how hot old Buzfuz is over his case. Now, I'll bet you a sovereign I'll run this pin into his leg up to the head and he'll never notice it, he's so absorbed in his speech. He's a most extraordinary man in that way."

This was more than the greenhorn could swallow, so he took the bet. The wag took a large pin from his waistcoat and, leaning forward, drove it up to the head in the sergeant's leg. A yell that froze the blood of all who heard it. that made the bair of the jury stand on end and the judge's wig almost fall off, rang through the court.

"By Jove, it's the wrong leg! I've lost my money!" exclaimed the dismayed and conscience stricken wag | made should give their mothers and as he fled throw the door while the

eg and now set in agouy.

A Haaven of a Time. Little fleten and developed the babli of holding ner thumb in her mouth even while enting. The mother had resorted to all sorts of methods to cor rest the child and linally in despera tion said:

"Heleu, the first thing you know you will swall w your thumb, and then what will you do?"

"Well, mother, I should have to swallow it, he have I d have a caven of

"Why, Helea!" said the Astonished mother "Where and beet hope his off

"Well-well," hesitated the little girl, 'I didn't bear it exactly like that, mother, but I thought it would sound better."-Lippincott's.

Shortly before Miss Onld's marriage she was at a dinner in Richmond with several lawyers, one of whom was a noted Munchausen. He was also a desperate drinker and held long sessions. He was bonsting of one case in which he had earned a \$30,000 fee and table neighbor asked Miss Ould if she credited the story. Her answer was prompt-"I might doubt the storied earn, but he's all right for that animated bust!"-De Leon's "Belles and

Couldn't Blame the Fish.

A broad minded dominie, whose parsh was near the headwaters of the Susquehanna, had among his parishloners a character who was more punctual at the fishing hole down by the river than he was at church on Sundays. Bright and early one Monday morning this Sablath fisherman called the preacher to the door and presented him with a very fine and tempting string of plekerel. The dominie was very profuse with his thanks for a gift that was indeed welcomed.

"But, look here, parson," said the man, still retaining the fish, "those fish were enught yisterday and maybe vorr conscience won't let ve eat 'em.' "Never mind that," and the dominie stratched out his hand for the string "there's one thing certain, the pickerel were not to blame."

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