NEW AND CURIOUS.

It is said that in the sandy deserts of Arabia whirling winds sometimes excavate pits 200 feet in depth, extending down to the harder stratum on which the great bed of sand rests.

The astronomers have figured out a sort of continuous performance this year in the way of eclips-Two eclipses have already occurred, one of the moon on January 7th, and one of the sun on the 22d. Two more eclipses of the sun are sceduled, for July 18th and "The flag salute is neither local nor December 13th; also two more of accidental. The boulder incident the moon, for July 3d and December 29th.

into dough at one operation without milling. The grain is soaked, and entering one end of the machine is crushed and disintegrated, ing machine at the other end of the aparatus, where it is aerated and kneaded into dough which can be preserved indefinitely without injury. The nutritive qualities of the grain, bran included, are kept.

The custom of christening a new vessel by breaking a bottle of wine over its prow is of old Saxon origin, and it certainly bears the impress of its heathen birth. The Japanese have a much more beautiful and subjects of the Mikado launch a new ship, they liberate a bird or several birds from a cage swung near the bowsprit. The cage is so constructed that pulling a string, just as the vessel slides down the ways, causes it to fall to pieces, and the birds flutter merrily about the sthandin' here alone." new ship, which, liberated from her land cradle, is to skim the waves like one of them.

A German inventor has made an improvement in incandescent gas burners which may prove of much importance. The invention depends upon the fact that when the pressure of the gas upon the incandescent body from which the light is derived is sufficiently increased the light becomes very intense, although agreeable to the eye. Gas than that of the electric arc light.

Those who have accepted the inconsistent name of Welsh rabbit for toasted cheese on the assumption that it is a corruption of Welsh "rarebit", will have to revise their view. According to a writer in McMillan's Magazine, "Welsh rabbit is a genuine slang term, belong- machines were first introduced into

ing to a large group which describe Fort Worth, Tex., a hardshell Bapshrimps."

The Flag Salute.

Some time ago we copied ar article from the American Sentinel regarding a salute required of the pupils in the Boulder, Colo., publie schools. Refering to that article the Sentinel says in its last issue: is but the outcropping of an influence that is at work all through the land. Since noticing that, the A French inventor converts grain news comes that the same salute is being practiced in the Iowa State Normal School, where the young people are trained in the art of teaching, the design being that the graduates as they go out to teach the paste passing on to the knead- introduce the salute in their schools. In Pennsylvania the same inflence is at work, and experiences similar to those in Boulder have occurred. Thus the forces are gathering for an attack upon the principle of religious freedom in the public schools."

Just for Fun.

An Englishman and an Irishman, according to Short Stories, were walking in the suburbs of Dublin one day, and halted for a few minutes to view the surroundappropriate ceremony. When the ing country. It so happened there had been an execution in the vicinity that day, and the gibbet was still standing.

"Pat," said the Englishman, pointing to it, "where would you be now, if that gibbet had its dues?"

"Begorra," replied Pat, "I'd be

Maud: "Mamma, please answer me this one question. What is a spirit?"

Mamma: "Why. Maud, I can't explain it to you; you would not understand if I did."

Maud: "Oh, yes, I should."

Mamma: "Well, then, a spirit is something you perceive but don't see. Now you don.t know any better than you did before."

Maud: "Yes, I do. Its a skunk,"

A small schoolgirl in one of the is supplied to the burner under a rural districts of Georgia was told pressure of three-and-a-half atmos- to write a composition on "Temperpheres, and it is said that a single ance." She turned out the followincandescent jet of the ordinary ing: "Temperance is more better size can be made to emit a light than whisky. Whisky is ten cents equal to that of more than 1000 a drink and lots of it. My pa candles. The inventor claims that drinks whisky. He has been full the cost of this light is much less 113 times. One night he came home late and ma went out and cut some hickories and walloped him good. Then she ducked his head in a tub of soapsuds and locked him up in the barn. And the next morning my pa said he reckoned he'd swear off."

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in the same humorous way the spe- tist from the woods of Kaufman cial dish or product of a peculiar county visited the city, and upon district. An Essex lion is a calf; his return reported that they were head; Glasgow magistrates or Nor- Worth. It was during July, and folk capons are red herrings; Irish the pilgrim was at once brought beapricots or Munster plums are po- fore his church on charge of lying. tatoes; Gravesend sweetmeats are At the request of the accused, a committee from the church was appointed to go with him to Fort Kidnapped, by Robert L. Stevenson. Worth and verify his story. The committe returned and reported that they were indeed making ice every day in Fort worth, using a big steam engine for that purpose. Thereupon a church meeting was People's Reference Book promptly called; and both the original offender and the whole Ships that Pass in the Night, Harraden. committee were ignominiously expelled from the church for lying.



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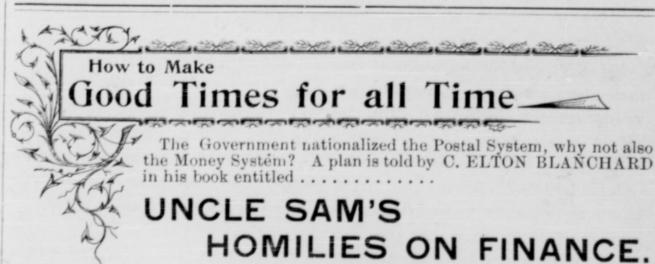
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