

NEW AND CURIOUS.

A Spanish inventor produces from grasshoppers a fatty substance, which is declared to make the finest soap yet manufactured.

One-fourth of the people of the world die before the age of six, one-half before 16, and only one in each 100 born reaches the age of 65.

The course of the blood-vessels in dead animals or birds is now examined by the X-rays. In order to make the arteries, etc., give a photograph, or "radiograph", they are first injected with mercury. Very beautiful results have been thus attained.

The Free Will Baptists are about to build a floating church. It will be used on the Mississippi River, tying up at convenient points between St. Paul and New Orleans. With the big river for a tank, there ought to be no difficulty in dipping a string of coverts two thousand miles long.

Some cast-iron cannon-balls were recently recovered from the sea near Brest. They had been under water for over a hundred years. They could be cut with a knife, a great part of the iron having disappeared. Exposed to the air, the interior became quite hot, of course losing the heat in a short time, after the oxygen of the air ceased to act upon it.

An adaptation of the Bollee horseless carriage, driven by a gasoline engine, of winter use, is described in the Scientific American. Doctor Casgrain of Quebec is the contriver of the new form of vehicle. In place of the pneumatic tires wheels of the ordinary Bollee carriage he substitutes steel runners for the forepart of the carriage, and a driving wheel, whose rim is studded with steel points, for the rear part. The steering apparatus acts upon the forward runners. The gasoline reservoir, containing seven quarts, suffices for a run of fifty miles.

The Town of Nogood.

My friend, have you heard of the town of Nogood, on the banks of the river slow, where blooms the Waitawhile flower fair, where the Sometime-rother scents the air, and the soft Goeasys grow?

It lies in the valley of Whatstheuse, in the province of Leterslide. That tired feeling is native there. It's the home of the reckless Idontcare, where the Giveitups abide.

The town is as old as the human race, and it grows with the flight of years. It is wrapped in the fog of idlers' dreams. Its streets are pav-

ed with discarded schemes, and sprinkled with useless tears.—[New Haven Register.

Three Birds with One Stone.

One morning as an American gentleman was going to his place of business, he saw a young woman sitting on the curbstone with her child in her arms, crying bitterly. The American gentleman asked what was the matter, to which she replied:

"I came to town in order to have my baby baptized, but I have heard that it will cost me three dollars, and I have not got the money."

"That is a mere trifle," said the warm-hearted American. "I have no three dollars, but here is a ten-dollar bill. Get your child baptized and bring me back the change."

The woman dried her tears, and in a short time she returned and gave her benefactor seven dollars. He patted the baptized infant on the head, and went off with a very happy expression on his face. All day long he seemed to be unusually happy, for his face was wreathed in smiles.

"What makes you so happy?" asked a friend.

"I am happier than usual today," replied the philanthropist, "because on my way to the office I killed three birds with one stone."

"How was that?"
 "In the first place I did a charitable act. Secondly, I have helped a little child into heaven; and thirdly, I have got seven dollars in good money for a bad ten-dollar bill."

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