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On the basis of results of previous exhibitions at Paris, it is assumed that 52,588,280 people will pass through the turnstiles, and it is possible that the total number may reach 60,000,000.

A Paris newspaper publishes some statistics which show that in a certain period only 1 death and 33 injuries were caused by automobiles, and during this time, 67 deaths and 745 injuries were caused by vehicles drawn by horses.

A French journal tells a story about a dog which belonged to an English dentist. The dog was scarcely able to support life owing to the loss of its teeth. The dentist made an artificial set, including four canine teeth and four molars mounted on a plate in the ordinary way. The dog now eats meat and even gnaws bones without difficulty, and he has gained considerably in weight.

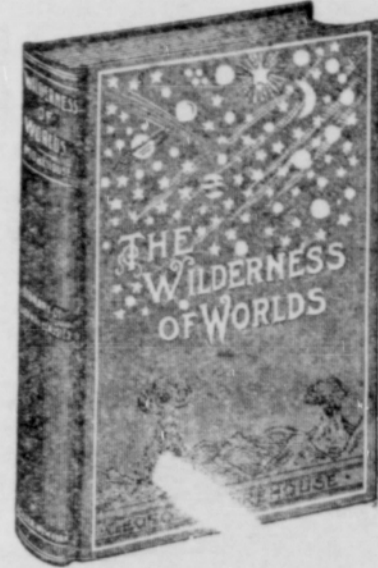
Great Salt Lake is receding on account of the excessive drain made upon it by irrigation enterprises. This lake is not fed by underground springs, but by the Jordan and other rivers; and when the waters of these streams are intercepted for irrigation purposes the water supply of the Salt Lake is, of course, diminished so that the evaporation which is constantly going on is not made up by a new supply. In time it looks as if the lake will be only a bed of dry salt.

A great German airship is being constructed in a dockyard. It is being built on a floating raft, and at present it resembles the skeleton of a huge vessel. It is built of such delicate material as to suggest an enormous bird-cage. It is made entirely of aluminum, and the outer skin will be stretched on this framework. Inside a number of large balloons will be placed. A gallery and cars all made of aluminum will be placed underneath; engines are provided to drive the airship.

Our new island of Porto Rico, according to Mr. Mark W. Harrington, is "the most densely populated rural community proper in America." It has about 220 inhabitants to the square mile. When the Spaniards first occupied it, it was as densely populated as it is now. Before Columbus discovered America two successive races had occupied the island; one seems to have been of northern origin and the other was of Carib stock. Every tillable part of the land has been cultivated again and again.

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