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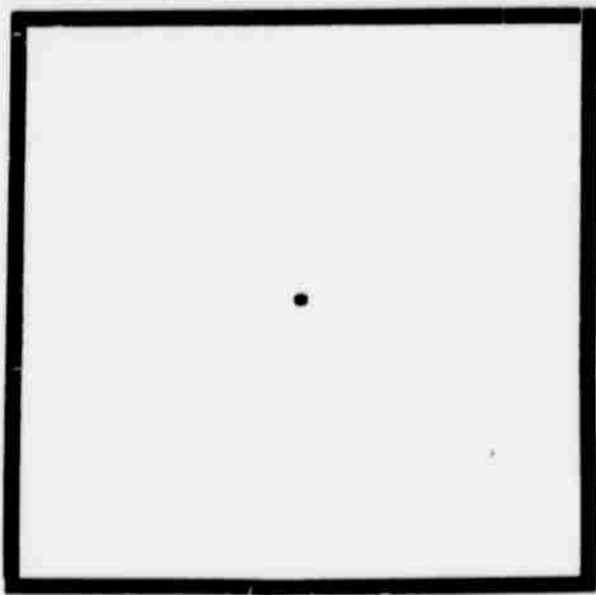
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Cash on hand and due from banks	72,389.65	Dividends unpaid	1,250.00
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THE EARTH'S CRUST.

Its Rigidity is About Equal to That of Granite.

Professor T. J. J. See of the United States navy has investigated the rigidity of the earth by mathematical processes depending on the theory of gravitation. He found that, even if fluid, the globe would have a rigidity greater than that of wrought iron, owing to the tremendous weight. The earth's matter under this great pressure acts as a solid and so vibrates in an earthquake, and the average rigidity of the whole mass is nearly equal to that of nickel steel. Nickel steel is one of the strongest and hardest metals known. The globe is thus proved to be capable of withstanding enormous strain. Dr. See proves that the rigidity of the earth's crust is about equal to that of granite, which is one-sixth that of steel, and that toward the center the rigidity rapidly increases. At the earth's center the imprisoned matter is at an enormously high temperature, yet under the great pressure there at work it is kept three times more rigid than the nickel steel used in the armor of a battleship.

This method has been applied also to the other planets. It turns out that the rigidity of Venus is greater than that of platinum and probably about identical with that of wrought iron. The rigidity of Mars is about equal to that of gold, while the rigidity of Mercury, the moon and other satellites is about equal to that of glass. The average rigidity of the great planets—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune—lies between eighteen and three times that of nickel steel. The great rigidity of these bodies is due to the great pressure acting throughout such large masses.

In the case of the sun the result is still more extreme. The average rigidity of all the sun's layers is over 2,000 times that of nickel steel. This result shows the effect of gravity in compressing and hardening a mass even when it is self luminous and at enormously high temperature.—Chicago News.

First Balloon Ascent.

The first public ascent by the Montgolfier balloon was made June 5, 1783. It was a spherical bag, consisting of pieces of linen buttoned together, suspended from cross poles. A fire was kindled under it, and the flames were fed with bundles of chopped straw. The loose bag filled out, assumed a graceful form and in a short time was completely distended. At a given signal the stays were slipped, and the balloon instantly ascended. Its velocity accelerated until it reached some height, then became uniform and carried it to an elevation of more than a mile. For ten minutes it remained suspended, then fell gently in a vineyard nearly two miles distant from the place of its ascension. The first adventurers to make an ascent in a balloon were M. Pilatre de Rozier and the Marquis L'Arlandes. In the basket of a balloon they on Nov. 21, 1783, rose to a height of about 3,000 feet.

The Domestic Problem.

"I once lost an Irish servant," remarked a German lady who was relating the trouble she had in keeping domestics, "because I could not convince her that 'mick' is a German name for a fly. One day my little baby daughter was seated in a chair near a window which opened on the piazza, where Bridget was at work. The window was closed, and a number of flies were busy bumping their heads against the panes in an endeavor to escape to the outside. They attracted baby's attention, who called out to me to look at them, at the same time saying, 'Mick, mick, mick.' Just then Bridget turned to speak to the baby and heard these words. And even today Bridget is firmly convinced that I instructed the baby to make fun of her."—New York Herald.

"Cannibalism."

The word "cannibalism" is identical with Carib, many of the Caribs, who formerly flourished in the West Indies, having been consumers of human flesh. The letters "l," "n" and "r" are interchangeable in certain aboriginal American languages, so that Columbus found one West Indian island saying "Canniba," where another said "Carib," while Shakespeare's Caliban is another variety of the same.

The Word "Impertinent."

Originally the word "impertinent" signified merely "not belonging to." When Wycliffe said that there were many men in this world who were "impertinent to earthly lords" he did not mean that they were "cheeky," but merely that they had no masters. Then, as used by Shakespeare, "impertinent" came to mean "irrelevant." Just 200 years ago it was defined as signifying "absurd, silly, idle."

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A record of the magnificent courage of the world's invalid heroes is Sophia P. Shaler's book, "The Masters of Fate." One of these heroes was Green, the English historian, who could sign himself, "Faithfully (feebly, weakly, dizzily, mopey, faintly, dreamily, dully), J. R. Green." Another was Robert Louis Stevenson, who wrote, "I am about knocked out of time now; a miserable, snuffling, shivering, fever-stricken, nightmare-ridden, knee tottering, hoast-hoast-hoasting shadow and remains of a man." "But," continues Stevenson, "the medicine bottles on my chimney and the blood on my handkerchief are accidents. They do not color my view of life." It was an octogenarian United States senator who, when asked for rules for longevity, replied, "Acquire a chronic ailment in youth, and nurse yourself through life—and work." Kant furnishes a lesson of this kind. Although the great metaphysician was never entirely well, he performed a prodigious amount of intellectual work and lived to be eighty years of age. "He obtained such control over his discomfiture," writes Mrs. Shaler, "that when suffering from a pain in his head he could concentrate his mind so perfectly on a chosen subject that the pain was treated as if it did not exist. By sheer force of will he would also overcome sleeplessness, caused by rheumatic attacks. 'That these,' he says, 'were not imaginary pains was proved by the glowing redness which was seen the next morning on the toes of my left foot.'"

That pitiful account which Johnson gives of Pope's physical condition rests upon the authority of an old servant of Lord Oxford, who knew him after middle age. "He was then so weak as to stand in perpetual need of attendance. He was extremely sensitive to cold, so that he wore a kind of fur doublet under a shirt of coarse, warm linen, with fine sleeves. When he arose he was invested in bolices made of stiff canvas, being scarcely able to hold himself erect till they were laced, and then he put on a flannel waistcoat. One side of his body was contracted. His legs were so slender that he enlarged their bulk with two pairs of stockings."

Great soldiers have borne afflictions they could neither overcome nor avoid. "Some of the world's foremost commanders—Julius Caesar, Napoleon, the Duke of Wellington and Archduke Charles of Austria—appear to have been epileptics. At the battle of Wagram the archduke, it is said, had a seizure which lasted about an hour. It was then that Napoleon gained the ascendancy. At the critical moment the fate of two great armies was in the hands of two epileptics. Cambray, the conqueror of Egypt; Alfred the Great and two of the greatest poets of Europe—Tasso and Byron—were subject to this disease, as was also the prophet Mohammed."

Many Languages of Buenos Ayres. There are few cities in the world having more newspapers of varied tongues than Buenos Ayres. Altogether the number of dailies, weeklies, monthlies and irregulars published in the republic fluctuates about 180. Besides, of course, the "national" language, with its wide divergences from Spanish, there are papers published in Castilian, in Catalan, in Italian, French, German and English, in Basque, in Norwegian and in Danish, in Arabic, Syrian, Hebrew, Serbian and in several dialects, while in the Chubut territory the Welsh organ has a considerable sale and influence.—Buenos Ayres Herald.

"Long Ed's" Outfit.

When it was noticed about Seymouth that "Long Ed" Angus was going to marry Cora Black one of the summer residents thought to have some fun with him.

"Are you going to get married, Ed?"

"That's what Cora says."

"Well, I suppose you've made all the preparations—got your trousseau ready?"

"Long Ed" did not balk at the unusual word, as was expected.

"Yep," he returned; "Aunt Lize she bound my Sunday coat and put a new collar on't, and I've had my shoes tapped."—Youth's Companion.

Quite a Difference.

"Mary," said a lady to her servant, "I strongly object to your copying Miss Lucy in your dress."

"In what way do I copy her?"

"Why, the hat you wore yesterday is, I notice, exactly like my daughter's new hat."

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