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A new deposit of manganese which promises to be an important source of supply, is being opened up in Mysore State, India. It is situated twenty miles northwest of Shimoga station, on the Southern Maharratta railway, 340 miles from Mormugoa.

To detect hidden cracks opening from the surface of metals, the surface is first moistened with kerosene, and is then dried off with a cloth. It is then coated with chalk. After a little while the oil works out of the little cracks and stains the chalk. A sort of diagram of the hidden fissures and defects is thus produced.

The majority of the highroads in Belgium are now planted with trees along the way, to the great pleasure of travelers and to the advantage of the country. In a total distance of about 4,775 miles there are no less than 800,000 of these roadside trees. Among them are included 300,000 elms, 170,000 oaks, 70,000 evergreens, 76,000 ash-trees and 41,300 maples.

A process of plating aluminum with copper by welding methods has been invented in Germany by Herr Wachnitz. This is regarded as important, because one of the obstacles to a wider use of aluminum has been its comparative lack of resistance to the action of many fluids and its failure to hold paint. These objections are removed when it is covered with a thin plating of copper, while its weight is not materially increased.

A London syndicate will have 100,000 tons of Egyptian papyrus plant ready to ship to its paper mills within the next six months. This revives an industry which has been extinct for over 1,000 years. A long search finally located a few plants in Palestine which were transplanted into Egypt and cultivated. The twentieth century seems to find frequent occasions to learn from the vast treasure house of knowledge of that remarkable people.

Contrary to a widespread belief that hardwoods give more heat in burning than soft varieties, the scientists at Washington are contending that the greatest heating power is possessed by the wood of the linden tree, which is very soft. Fir stands next to linden, and almost equal to it. Then comes pine, hardly inferior to fir and linden; while hard oak possesses 8 per cent less heating capacity than linden, and red beech 10 per cent less.

About the time of the San Francisco earthquake last April a new island was thrust up from the bottom of the sea nearly forty miles northwest of Unalaska. It rose hot and steaming out of deep water, and attained a height of several hundred feet. In the immediate neighborhood there are two other similar islands, both of which have risen from the sea within historic times, one of them no longer than 1883. The exact date of the first appearance of the new island of last April is not known, but it must have risen some time in the latter part of that month

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**DAUGHTER SOLD FOR BREAD.**

So severe is the pinch of famine in the Vologda district in Russia that peasants are selling their children in order to buy bread. These sales are of deplorable frequency and the starved peasants aver that anything is better than hunger. Some of the scenes at these sales are heartrending in their poignancy, but mothers say they prefer to see their children sold rather than see them starve, as they certainly would were they left in their present condition. Terrible stories of hunger and deprivation are told by some of the people of this district and there are no present indications that the distress is to be relieved. Failure of crops has been one of the contributing causes to the present situation, and the fact that the peasants are usually much reduced in circumstances has left them this year at the mercy of cold and hunger. Many parents assert that no matter what experiences may befall their children they will be no worse off than in the huts they now call home, where there are no fires to warm them and no food to keep life within their emaciated bodies.

**Science AND Invention**

or early in May. The San Francisco earthquake occurred on April 18th. The question has been discussed by President David Starr Jordan and others whether there was any causal connection between the two phenomena. The weight of opinion appears to be that there was not such a connection.

**These Roosevelt Names.**

Several months ago the Hon. Thomas Alexander Smith, recently defeated for re-election to Congress in the First District of Maryland by the Hon. W. H. Jackson, was standing in front of the White House talking to secret service men when a boy came dashing out of the executive mansion.

"Who's that?" queried the Congressman.

"That's Archibald Roosevelt," he was informed.

A moment later another youngster appeared through the same door, and Mr. Smith repeated his question.

"That's Kermit," said one of the guards.

Just then a third boy came swirling along on roller skates.

"I guess that's another one of the Roosevelt boys," suggested the Maryland statesman.

"Yes," was the answer, "that's Quentin."

"By gum," ruminated Mr. Smith, "they've all got names like sleeping cars. I feel just as if I were standing on the platform at home, watching the limited express shoot by."—New Orleans Picayune.

**STEAMSHIP PLAYS SEE-SAW.**

Her bow tilted high in the air, her stern afloat, the steamship Carrington has been playing see-saw with the rise and fall of the tide—and has escaped injury. She went aground on the treacherous rocks of Ushant, off the coast of Brittany, France, and assumed the position shown above. It was a marvel that the vessel did not break her back.

**A Juror's View.**

"The defendant in a murder trial goes through a terrible ordeal, doesn't he?"

"I suppose so," said the ex-juror wearily, "but he has one advantage over us. He's presumed to be innocent until proved guilty."—Philadelphia Ledger.

It's almost as difficult for a detective to catch a criminal as it is for a prosecuting attorney to hold him.

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