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MISSING LINKS.

The day's wages of a skilled mechanic in Astoria, Oregon, will buy a barrel of flour.

Santa Barbara, Cal., has an artesian well which yields over 1,000,000 gallons of water daily.

During the recent cyclone in Mississippi a negro boy was blown off his mule into a creek.

Colonel Cash, of South Carolina, had seven duels arranged for when he suddenly fell ill and died.

There died the other day at Chili, Ind., a pony of the mustang variety that was foaled in 1837.

Even the Chinese have caught the base ball fever, and they have organized a club at Marysville, Cal.

A St. Louis doctor says that cocaine not only destroys the will power, but will make a villain out of the honestest man in the world.

Roan Dog, the big medicine man of the Sioux, finding his mother dead and his reputation gone, sent a bullet through his heart last week.

The phylloxera is spreading in the vineyards of California. Another disease called root rot has also appeared to aid in the work of destruction.

Joseph Pinion, of Temple, Ala., found a rock about twenty miles from that place in 1868 that would cut iron, and he says there is a great deal of it.

A man in New Jersey, who was in very destitute circumstances, applied to the town for help. He asked for some money and a pair of patent leather slippers.

At Hamilton, Ont., a man who borrowed an umbrella and did not return it has just been sentenced to jail for one year. A timely warning to the wise is sufficient.

The most common stock expression in the language is probably "Well," used as an interjection. It may be given more meanings than any other meaningless word of a few letters.

Just before water was reached in the new artesian well at Montezuma, Ga., some strange articles came from it, consisting of lumps of coal, fish scales and bone, clear amber-colored resin and bits of soft wood.

There has been a long search for a sunken rock in the Red Sea upon which two British steamers foundered. It has at last been found. It is a very small coral patch with only fifteen feet of water over it.

The French are acknowledged to have the finest guns and projectiles in Europe. Their Ferminy shell has been shot through an armor plate twenty inches thick, and come out with its steel point uninjured.

In the old church of San Miguel, Santa Fe, N. M., is a bell that was cast in Spain in the year 1356. It was brought to Mexico by Cortez, and after the fall of Montezuma Indian slaves carried it to New Mexico.

Americans are becoming more and more popular in Paris. As in London, they are the fashion. The spread-eagle citizen is less conspicuous, and the present quiet, observing tourist is welcomed with admiration.

Ivy planting and tree planting make college commencements the true time of "arbor days." Some love for trees may be the result of the ceremonies, and arbor day orators may be produced from the graduating classes.

An early portrait of the poet Browning, soon to be published in a collection of his poems, is said to represent a youngish man, with dark hair, rather ill-shaped whiskers, and a decidedly Hebraic cast of countenance.

A well-known London firm of refreshment contractors recently advertised for 4,000 additional waiters, and 10,000 applications were received in response, the whole of the candidates claiming to have had experience.

The largest single check ever given was by John D. Taylor, treasurer of the Pennsylvania Company. It was drawn payable to order of Lee Livingston & Co. for \$14,256,196 on the National Bank of Commerce, of New York City.

The lumber from which the gallows was constructed on which John Brown was executed is owned by a resident of Harper's Ferry, who is waiting for some relic hunter to come and take it off his hands. The modest sum of \$1,500 is asked for it.

One of the finest collections of coins in the South is owned by Captain Bascom Myrick, of Americus, Ga. He started it a number of years ago from a bag of old Spanish and French coins that he received over the counter while cashier of a bank in Forsyth.

There is quite a colony of well-to-do colored men in Atlanta, Ga., numbers of whom have made small fortunes since the close of the war. The majority of them were slaves and started life poor, but pluck and persistence have given them a firm standing financially.

A moccasin was killed near Smithville, Ga., and out of curiosity the boys made a post-mortem examination of his body. To their amazement they discovered that he had swallowed a snake of length nearly equal to his own, less the head, which had been chewed off.

A cordial farmer, who is preparing to receive city visitors, says: "Our poor relations have written to say that they want to inhale the country air for about three months. Well, if they can live on it let them come. We can lodge the last one of them, as we have plenty of house room."

Something that pays better than a gold mine is a large ledge of mica located just west of Moscow, Idaho. It was discovered a few years ago by an

Italian, who sold it for a trifle to W. A. Moody. The ledge was next purchased by a Chicago firm, who paid \$125,000 for it, and have since taken a fortune out of it every year.

A new process for preparing beans for food has been devised. The beans are reduced to flour, which is boiled until it attains a certain consistency, and the name of "curd" is given to it. The article is simple, cheap and nutritious, and is much relished by the Chinese. It has a large percentage of caseine, and is a good substitute for milk.

The advent of summer in the South is described by an editor in appropriately glowing language: The mercury, like a cringing sycophant, quick to do homage to the coming queen, bounded up toward the nineties, and the glowing sunshine showered upon the woods and fields and sweltering mortals like waving sprays of molten gold.

An Albany family has a three-year-old boy whose bump of mischief is phenomenal. His mother took him in his carriage to market and bought some potatoes, which were put in the carriage at his feet. As she had walked along conversing with another the boy had dropped them all out unnoticed, and the fact was not discovered until they were home.

In a report to the trustees of Columbia College, President Barnard had the boldness to declare that there are too many colleges in the country and that for that reason he should like the undergraduate department of Columbia to be discontinued and the whole institution to be made a university for postgraduate students. There are too many colleges, but not too many like Columbia.

Senator Bate, of Tennessee, is said to carry a cigar in his mouth a great part of the time, but no one has ever seen him smoking. The story is told that during one of the battles of the late war Senator Bate and his brother, who was a colonel, were talking together, and just as the former struck a match to light his cigar a cannon-ball whizzed by, tearing his head completely from his body. The senator craves the taste of tobacco, but he has never lighted a cigar since that tragic event.

Toadstools as Food.

It is as supplying stores of nutritive matter and thus forming a most important, excellent, delicate food supply that toadstools are of most value. Almost everything contributes to the arts, but food supply is limited to digestible things. To the inhabitants of many nations toadstools—in their edible capacity—are most important. The Russians pay particular attention to their economy and cooking. The Italian peasants regard toadstools as among their greatest blessings. In England all of their edible varieties are eagerly sought after; tons daily find their way from wood and field to the markets of towns and cities and the great manufacturing of sauces and pickles. Everywhere in Europe they are dried for winter use. In France, especially, much attention is paid to the cultivation of the toadstool of commerce, and it constitutes an enormous industry. Ten thousand tons are annually produced by one cultivator. In October of 1885 the writer saw the outlying commons of Boston, New York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia covered with men, women, and children gathering the prolific and delicate agaricus comatus (coprinus) by huge baskets for the use of hotels, clubs, and private families. Until within a very few years this same coprinus was classed among poisonous toadstools. —Lippincott's Magazine.

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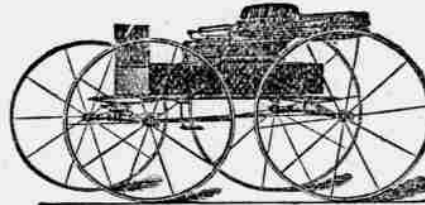
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