

THE WORLD'S METROPOLIS.

WILL NEW YORK CITY BECOME THE HEART AND BRAIN OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD?

New York Tribune, A few years ago some timid souls were crying out that Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore were taking away the trade of New York, and there were not wanting some to predict that this city was in danger of falling behind in the race.

These forebodings seem to have died out. New York has gone on with its silent, stately growth, heedless of all this discussion, and now a writer in the Century, William C. Conant, predicts that "long before another century passes, its population will surpass that of London, and that it will be the unrivalled centre of finance and commerce, of luxury and fashion, of art and literature—the heart and brain, in a word—of the civilized world."

Be Not Too Fast.

Mr. Matthew Arnold greatly offended the American portion of his Boston audience by speaking of "great, intelligent, sensual, avaricious America." The portion of unmerchanted eggs and the cabbages not already exhausted on the lecturer for saying that Emerson was not a great philosopher or a great poet, was brought into requisition.

ENOCH ARDEN'S TRUE STORY

When Enoch Arden came home after that memorable and disastrous voyage, which shipwrecked him and his hopes, he crept up the street to his old home, as Tennyson informs us, and looked in the window. There he saw Phillip Ray and Annie, his wife, and their child, all seated around the hearth cracking walnuts.

The whole bitter truth came upon him with terrible force. Annie, supposing Enoch to be dead, had married Phillip, so as to have a home for herself and child, and a man about the house in case of tramps. It was a sad coming back for Enoch, and he was mad about it. Not so much because Phillip had married his wife, for there were plenty more wives to be had; not because his child had learned to call another man "pa," though that was a bitter pill.

Neither of these things worried him half so much as to note that Phillip was wearing his (Enoch's) clothes. With a menacing gesture Enoch was just about to dash into the house and annihilate them, when suddenly the anger in his countenance was supplanted by a look of terror and he slunk away as silently as he had come. He had caught sight of Annie's mother, who during Enoch's absence had broken up house-keeping and come to live with her daughter, and had become a fixture there.

THE SUBSCRIPTION BOOK BUSINESS.

The average American reader is attracted or repelled by a book according as he finds in it something which interests him on account of the subject matter, and not because of its artistic treatment. This class of books are largely circulated by subscription. The book stores of the country are few and far between, and the most successful publications are sold on the agency plan. Publishers have found out that the American people are not aesthetes in literature, but utilitarians, and book-makers, whether authors or compilers, are obliged to keep that idea in view.

One subscription book published in Chicago has reached the enormous sale of 400,000 copies, without ever being mentioned in the notices of new books by any newspaper, or being placed on the shelves of the book trade. Such books are never advertised, and, as a rule, are utterly unknown by even their titles in library circles or to literary men. Six of the leading works of this kind published in Chicago aggregate a sale of probably 1,200,000 copies.

A COLONY BROKEN UP.

A colony of Russian Jews in Independence county, Arkansas, gave signs at first of flourishing in a high degree, but with the advent of summer violent intermittent and bilious fevers prostrated the major part of the colonists, and effectually broke up the settlement. Ten of the colonists have returned to St. Louis in an exhausted condition, and received temporary assistance from the Israelites of that city.

SOLIDIFIED BRAN.

A Minneapolis man has invented a way to compress wheat bran into solid bars like sticks of wood, and it is thought that in this form it may be largely exported. The stick can be prepared for use either by cutting up or soaking in water.

Vanderbilt's Vindication.

[New York Cor. Chicago News.] A majority of the New York papers seem to have united in the effort to make W. H. Vanderbilt a social martyr by their continued and senseless abuse. I think it high time that even Vanderbilt was given his rights, notwithstanding the fact that he stands charged with the enormous crime of accumulating \$200,000,000. Who wouldn't do the same thing if he could? Is there a human being on the earth averse to accumulating money, and as much of it as possible? Mr. Vanderbilt is compelled to endure the most persistent abuse in silence, and I suppose he has become used to it. I met a once confidential agent of Mr. Vanderbilt the other day, and the topic of great fortunes came up during an extended conversation.

THE LARGEST WALNUT LOG.

Brought from France and Cut into Sheets for Veneering.

[New York Letter.] From an enormous walnut log in a shed behind the veneer cutting mill at 156 Elizabeth street, recently, a huge knife, weighing a ton or more, sliced off sheets the thickness of heavy note paper, forty-five to the inch. The log, of which the part that was cut up was as large a piece as could be handled at one time, was the largest ever brought to this country from a foreign land. It was brought over in the steamship Katie, and dragged to Elizabeth street by five teams of horses. The top end which still lies in the street is twenty-seven feet around and nine feet through. When the trunk was whole it weighed 22,000 pounds, and it is estimated that it will yield nearly 70,000 feet of veneer. Half a dozen men dragged a cross-cut saw through it for a whole day in the effort to cut it in pieces small enough to handle, and on the second day were obliged to split it with wedges at the risk of injuring it. It was expected that a log of its size would have two hearts, but only one was found.

Oil on the Waters.

The Toronto Globe publishes the following communication: In your issue of the 8th inst. there is an article on "The Application of Oil to the Waters of a Stormy Sea," and the wish is expressed that some of your readers would try the experiment and send an account to your paper. I tried the experiment about two months ago on Lake Erie. I sent you the result. The day was stormy and a very heavy sea running, and although we were running with the sea, with our engine full open, it would break over the stern occasionally; and although there was no apparent danger to us from the boisterous sea, it occurred to me to try the effects of oil on the waters. I went into the engine room and got an oil can with a spout on, the same as is on the ordinary half-gallon can used for coal oil. I went to the stern and commenced to pour a small stream of oil on the water. The sea at once ceased to break, and for two or three hundred feet astern the effects of the oil could be plainly seen. The wave would rush madly on, capped by a huge breaker, but immediately the oil was reached the angry breaker would subside and the sea would come on as large as ever, but perfectly smooth and, as a matter of course, harmless. The oil used was a machine oil manufactured from petroleum. I think any sort of oil would answer, but of course the more oily matter the oil contained the better result would follow. I have no doubt at all as to the utility of oil for the purpose in question if it can be applied in the proper place, but as to how it could be applied to a head or beam sea I do not know; but to a sea running after a boat it is very easily applied by simply pouring it over the stern. First opportunity will try the experiment in head and beam sea, and write you result. W. M. ALDERSON, Master Tug Walter P. Tribbs.

Time and Trade.

[Charles Dudley Warner.] The world is practically divided into two classes—debtor and creditor. This classification is no more accurate than that of saints and sinners, but it holds true that some men are naturally debtors, and others naturally creditors. In the district school even, where the stock in trade is slate-pencils, fish-hooks, and chewing-gum, there are certain to be two or three boys who are capitalists, always making a corner in their trousers' pockets, while the rest of the boys are borrowers. Now the creditors like this system of months and years. They watch the manner of these artificial periods with interest, in order to send in their bills and extort their profits. They have nearly mined the glad new year—taken all the poetry out of it. They have filled it with mercantile and sordid suggestions. They often poison the most tender associations. The writer, who at family prayers, daily and for years, heard his grandfather say, "The bells of mortality are sounding in our ears," grew up with the impression that he was saying, "the bells of mortality are sounding in our ears." And it turned out that they are.

'Twould Be Cheaper.

[Arkansas Traveler.] A Scotchman who arrived in Little Rock while the ladies were going around with the petitions with a view to the enforcement of the temperance law, was approached by an enthusiastic woman who requested his signature. He did not understand, and she explained that an enforcement of the law prohibiting a saloon within three miles of a church. "I don't much about it, but I dinna ken but 'twould be cheaper to move the kirk than the whisky shops," and with this idea of public expenditure he refused to sign the petition.

Colored undertakers can give reliable statistics about the black-bury crop.

Not a costly medicine. 25 doses Piso's Cure for Consumption for 25 cents.

The capote of medium size is the bonnet for the near future.

Young or middle-aged men suffering from nervous debility, loss of memory, premature old age, as the result of bad habits, should send three stamps for Part VII of Dime Series pamphlets. Address: WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

De Brazza, the explorer, is not dead as reported.

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Everybody that has tried Ammen's Cough Syrup continues its use, besides they tell their neighbors of it. We were in a drug store the other day when a customer asked for a bottle of Ammen's Cough Syrup, saying: "I do not know anything about it myself, but my neighbor advised me to buy it for my cold, and tells me that the use of three bottles has entirely cured his cough of two years standing. In fact, he says 'It is the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds and lung complaints,' and that a one-dollar bottle did him more good than all the prescriptions he had from the doctors."

We call attention to the advertisement of the Chicago Magnetic Shield Company in another column.

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