

HE TAMED ERICSSON.

How Ole Bull Conquered the Iron Heart with the Charm of His Music.

A very interesting incident is told of Ole Bull and John Ericsson, each of whom have contributed by their lives to the fame of the Scandinavian countries in which they were born.

WELDING BY ELECTRICITY.

A Successful Exhibition of This Novel Process Given at Boston.

In response to invitations of Mr. H. A. Royce, general manager of the Thomson Electric Welding Company of this city, about fifty gentlemen assembled at the station of the Malden Electric Company, in Malden, to witness the novel process of welding metals by electric current.

MEDICAL SUPERSTITIONS.

Some Remarkably Queer French Vagaries of the Olden Times.

A French writer named Challamel has recently issued a book entitled "A Bird's-Eye View of France in the Middle Ages," in which he relates a number of medical superstitions current in France in the middle ages, most of which are said to prevail at the present time also.

THE ANDAMAN PIGMIES.

The Fiercest Little Savages in the World at Last Won by Kindness.

In the Bay of Bengal is a chain of islands known as the Andamans, whose inhabitants have long been famous for their extreme ferocity, their diminutive stature and the utter failure of missionaries who have labored among them for twenty years without making a single convert.

THE HERRING INDUSTRY.

How "Sardines" are Canned in the Factories of Eastport, Me.

American art was not the only thing which received an impetus at the Centennial Exhibition in 1876. It became evident that we had to learn a great deal about the food preparations derivable from France, Norway, Sweden, and even Spain.

TYPOGRAPHICAL BULLS.

Master Productions of the Intelligent Composer and Wise Proof-Reader.

The "machine printer" or "black-smith" is one of the chief obstacles with which writers have to contend. He it is who sets up whatever the copy looks like to him, regardless as to whether it makes sense or not.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GLASS.

The Numerous Advantages of the So-Called Wire-Wove Roofing.

The introduction of a material combining all the advantages of glass with none of the corresponding disadvantages arising from its brittleness will be hailed with interest by every class of the public, who suffer daily in one form or another from the fragile nature of the article it is now sought to supersede.

THE HOT-AIR CURE.

Something About the Simple Diet of the South American Cowboys.

When in the Republics of the Uruguay and the Argentine in 1868, where I met Captain Burton, I found that the men of Paraguay (mate) as a hot infusion used by Englishmen "in the camp" did, with mutton, all that is claimed by your correspondent.

RENOVATING STEEL RAILS.

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CARTOONIST KEPPLER.

The Early Struggles and Later Successes of the Famous Artist.

Joseph Keppler, the great cartoonist, who is inseparably associated with the growth of caricature in America, was born in Vienna about fifty years ago. His father was a fancy baker, and the boy fostered a love of art ornamenting wedding and birthday cakes with quaint and curious designs.

COLLEGE BOYS ON A FROLIC.

It is told in Boston that a party of Harvard students, anxious to get even with the Boston police for some undoubtably good reason, bought a barber's pole, got a receipt, and started through the streets bearing their property.

INTELLIGENCE OF BEAVERS.

"The intelligence of the beaver is proverbial," says a correspondent of the St. James Gazette, "but it may not be generally known that if a steel trap is left visible in one of his runs he will deliberately spring it with a stick; but if it is so artfully covered with snow or leaves that he steps on it unawares, he will twist round and round till the limb is severed. It is only under water that a steel trap will hold a beaver, and then because he drowns before he can twist himself free. I once caught a beaver's foot in this way, and some weeks afterward another trapper caught a three-footed animal in a dead-fall. This was evidently my beaver, so I bought his skin and eventually brought it to London, where it was sold, to be converted—so I was informed—into a seal-skin vest."

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A DELICATE CHICAGO FOOT.

Fashionable shoe store.

"What size do you wear, madame?"
"Number four."
"Take a seat. I think I can fit you."
"Madame, I find that you require a number eight, at least."
"Number eight? Well, that's a four, isn't it—four for each foot?"
"—young, one is rich in all the future that he dreams; old, one is poor in all the past he regrets."
"—If you are a diamond, be sure that you will be found out. Cheek, brass or gold never gets ahead of merit.—Burdette."
"—Not what the world says we may do, but what we know we ought to do, is the standard of duty for us in our daily conduct."
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Very satisfactory results have been obtained by dipping the pieces of steel to be welded into the silicate solution, or by pouring it upon them, then bunching together the pieces to be welded, heating them to an ordinary heat, and passing them through rolls. This is the process followed in the case of large articles, but those of smaller description can be welded under the hammer when treated previously with the solution. Not only is this method found applicable for reworking old steel rails and other heavy pieces, but it thus renders certain kinds of steel scrap highly serviceable which formerly were almost worthless; and the establishment of an important industry is regarded as practicable, namely, the treatment of masses of steel with the silicate solution, on a large scale, placing them in the heating furnace, and then passing them through the rolls, thus, it is claimed, turning old rails into new ones as good as the first product of the steel ingot.—N. Y. Sun.

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