

The Prospects for Its Revival Far from Discouraging. It is perfectly true that the Western steamboat interest has been seriously impaired by competition with the railroads, and that the number of fast boats has greatly decreased.

This is the common and the darker view taken of the steamboat interest on our great rivers. To offset this is the fact that the larger rivers are now well lighted, and more lights are added every year.

In the opinion of those competent to speak on the matter, the prospects for the passenger traffic on the rivers is far from discouraging.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN. An Elderly Gentleman Tells How to Coax a Man to Propose. An elderly man was telling a group of giddy young girls the other day how he proposed to his wife when he was a young man.

Charles Howard, of Milwaukee, a widely known Masonic dignitary, but in moderate circumstances, has fallen heir to \$1,000,000, left him by an aunt in England, from whom he ran away when a boy.

It is Soft and More Pliable Than Cat-Skin or Kid. "Why don't you wear shoes of kangaroo skin?" asked the old shoemaker, as he knelt to take the measure of his customer's foot.

"But the customer was a newspaper man. Immediately he turned Swampward, and within half an hour stood in the presence of one of the city's largest kangaroo men.

"Now, about this time—say 1880—a new process of tanning was devised by which kangaroo hide was made into a shoe leather, superior in strength, durability, softness and fineness to any thing of like weight and nature ever before used for the purpose.

Pasture for Colts and Cattle. It is important that this be properly chosen, especially for growling colts. If this is on very rich land, or watery, the grass will be too rank for the growth of fine, strong bones, and firm, enduring muscles.

"The number of Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions" now exceeds 3,200, of whom it is said that 103 have already sailed for foreign lands, and others are soon to follow.

An Old Truth That Comes Out Clearly in the Study of Coral Reefs. Every cause which we observe in nature is the effect of some earlier operation, and every effect will in turn become the cause of some farther action.

Chemically the reef corals are almost pure carbonate of lime, the substance of ordinary limestone and marble. The reef grows as the shell of the oyster, or of any other shellfish, grows. It is itself the common and undivided shell of innumerable polypi, or minute insects, which are being reproduced and are dying in successive generations.

STANTIAL FLOORS. How to Make Them So That They Will Be Handsome as Well as Durable. Nothing attracts the attention of a person wishing to rent or purchase a store room, dwelling or office so quickly as a handsome, well-laid floor, and a few suggestions on the subject, though not new, may not be out of place.

Supposing, of course, the sleepers or joists are properly placed the right distance apart, and their upper edges precisely on a level and securely braced, the most important part of the job is to "lay" the flooring correctly.

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Curious Facts About the Disposition of Horses to Lie Down. To a hard-working horse repose is almost as great a necessity as good food, but tired as he may be he is often shy about lying down.

Unless a horse lies down regularly his rest can not be complete, and his joints and sinews stiffen; and, while it is true that horses that sleep in a standing position continue to work for many years, it is equally true that they would continue to work for many years longer, and perform their work much better, if they rested naturally.

It is a very rare thing for horses afflicted with a disease that superinduces fever to lie down. They will stand up until nature becomes completely exhausted, and their limbs refuse to sustain them.

ROBBED BY WEEDS. The Difference Between Two Pieces of Farm Land Described by a Traveler. I have in mind two pieces of corn growing contiguous, only the line fence between the fields indicating the ownership of the two pieces.

Tennyson never sniffs the same pipe twice. King Kanikans will become a coffee planter. Bismarck received 101 plover's eggs on his birthday.

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The Popular Marie Antoinette Scarf-Panics on Trimmings, Etc. A novelty for covering the head, shoulders and arms at lava parties is a lace scarf with capuchon, or hood, that can be worn with the low-throated corsage and short sleeves of full-dressed toilettes.

Parisians carry the use of black trimmings on colored dresses to the extreme of having black mutton-leg sleeves added to blue, green or pink gowns that are trimmed with black ribbon and lace.

FADS IN JEWELRY. Elaborate Bracelets With Watch Settings and Poetic Quotations. So long as the beauties of a woman's wrist endure, bracelets will be made and sold, bought and worn and admired.

Here are some of the tender, poetic, thoughtful and suggestive sentences calculated to challenge and captivate or puzzle and please a man: "On fancy's wild and roving wing I sail." "When that my mood is sad."

It is calculated that the pope's jubilee presents are worth \$20,000,000. The Duke of Buckingham is contemplating an early visit to the United States. Lester Wallace, the actor, owns 300 suits of clothes, and none of them used patching.

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An Apparatus Which Destroys the Insects By the Millions. Consul Mason, of Marsailles, writes that the injury to the crops of Algeria by the grasshoppers last summer was so serious that the Government has provided the means for their destruction which has been so successfully used by the English farmers in Cyprus.

"The apparatus consists of long pieces of cheap cotton cloth, a yard in width, edged on one side with a strip of oil-cloth six inches wide, and each provided with strings by which it can be fastened to wooden stakes.

FALLACIES ABOUT NIGHT AIR. An extraordinary fallacy is the dread of night air. What air can we breathe at night but night air? The choice is between pure night air from without and foul air from within.

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OLD AS THE HILLS. The Drops-Nickel-In-the-Groove Machine Not a Modern Invention. The Spiritist, published by Heron in the sixteenth century, contained an exposure of many of the frauds of the Egyptian hierarchy. In this work will be found a description of a device for the automatic dispensing of the purifying water by the worshippers on their entrance to the temple.

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