EUGENE CITY..... OREGON

There is a horrible suspicion that the new milk trust might water its stock.

Spain has vainly tried the air-bag method in an effort to raise a ship of

A city paper prints a long editorial on "The Fruits of Victory." Plums, probably.

The difference between Patti and Lillian Russell is that Patti's former husbands are all dead.

An editor solemnly assures a correspondent that there are no witches. Is that newspaper man unmarried?

A paper in the East advertises for sale a lot of "cast-off ladies' wraps." Why should there be any such ladies?

Walking Spanish would have been a graceful movement compared with those Parish commissioners having to

To be expelled from the French Legion of Honor is rapidly becoming a distinction of which any French gentleman has a right to be proud.

It is said that a well-known London banking house will "convert' 'the Veneguelan debt. A converted debt is not very apt to backslide subsequently. A New York shoplifter stole an alarm

clock and it went off in her pocket be-

fore she left the store. Naturally, this

did not strike her as a striking success. Airships seldom come to that point where they have wings, much less use them. This is due to the money invest-

ed in them generally taking wings first.

It is perfectly safe to wager that there is nothing in that 4,000-page manuscript left by Keely which will enable his successor to accomplish what he

A Vienna scientist has at last announced that "love itself is a microbe." As it always attacks the unditiest, what chance is there left for poor bachelors

As Dewey's salary is not much over \$5,000, and he could earn this sum in a day or two's time by writing a magazine article, it's another case where the pen's mightler than the sword.

Russia has offered a big bonus to the Krupps for establishing a shipyard in Russia to build warships for the Czar's navy. Evidently the Czar is counting on getting into a joint debate with the peace plan.

Public men do not enjoy being caricatured in the newspapers, but their wives usually extract considerable pleasure and advantage from it. Mrs. Roosevelt is fortified with a scrap book that will hold the Governor in check during his entire administration.

Anarchists are the sworn foes of soclety, and it is the duty of society, whenever they are caught criminally conspiring against established authority or compassing or committing murder to inflict upon them the extreme limit of all laws for such cases made

The thumb is said to reveal the strength or weakness of the whole character. Schoolboys, whose thumbing of books is proverbial, will be interested in this discovery. They are the strongest characters known when it comes to thumbs, except those highly favored and doubtless extremely strong people whose "fingers are all thumbs."

Siberia has boundless forests, but none of them are available to supply the timber for the construction of the Russian railroad through Manchuria, It comes from Oregon, and is shipped across the Pacific to Vladivostock, thence transported by rail to a tributary of the Amur, and by water routes to the line of the road.

The bleycle is less tricky and dangerous than it is popularly supposed to be. It appears from the report of an acci-Sent insurance company that it is third in the list of considerable causes of acrident. There were paid for losses on account of accident via the machine \$65,000. Horses did \$167,000 worth of mischief, and the gun was most danger sus, its cost to the company being \$236,

An interesting feature of recent rallroad financiering is the placing of mortgages and low-interest gold bonds for extraordinarily long periods. One cororation has given a mortgage for \$50,-\$00,000 to secure four per cent bonds running for 475 years, another has created a mortgage of \$172,000,000 for the term of 100 years, and several others have negotiated similar accommodations for sums ranging from \$40,000,000 to \$175,000,000, at rates of from three and a half to four per cent, all for 100year periods. It is estimated that the aggregate sum involved in these longtime bonds is upward of \$1,400,000,000. In general, these bonds are issued for the purpose of retiring others bearing a higher rate of interest.

The enterprising merchants of several towns in the Middle West have es tablished a fushion. They set up in the streets booths filled with their most attractive wares, displayed in a way to catch the attention and open the purse of the passer-by. Then they issue invitations to a "street fair." People come. and the fair prospers. It does not detract from the credit due the original promoters to point out that this new fashion is really a revival and localination of a very old fashion-one older than Christian civilization itself. The street fair originated in the religious festival as long ago, at least, as the days when strangers resorted to Babylon and Nineveh to take part in the feasts of the gods. Thence came also the sharp-eyed traders of the caravans, and by the side of their booths the city merchants set up their stalls, and business became almost a picture-poem, un-der the eastern sky. Essentially, to-day, ropean init are street fairs from than in the plotter.

the great gathering at Nijni Novgorod in Russia to the neighborhood assemblages of the Latin countries. But they displace no other institution; and we do not anticipate that the street fair in America will do away with the agricultural fair, which serves a special purpose and has proved its usefulness. The effect of the street fair-an interesting, easily accessible display in the very center of trade, where the exhibftor pays no extra rent, and the visitor no admission fee-should be to benefit buyer and seller alike. And it practically adds a new hollday to the overcrowded lives of a busy people.

John W. Keely, the man who gained a certain sort of fame from the invention of the Keely motor, has died, and left the problem of perpetual motion still unsolved. In fact, it can be said with truth that he made no contribution to the subject that is likely to prove of any scientific value. He believed in himself, and was thoroughly convinced that he had made a discovery which would revolutionize the mo tive powers in common use; but he has now passed away from earth, his expected and promised revolution has not occurred, and it certainly is not going to occur during the closing years of the nineteenth century. It was the policy of Keely to surround his alleged invention with an air of mystery so thick that the public could not penetrate it. For a long time this plan worked well, and many were led to believe that he had indeed made a wonderful discovery. But as years passed and nothing came of it, men who had invested in the stock grew suspicious, and demanded to know when they might expect at least some promise of return for their outlay. Keely even went to prison rather than give away his secret, but his machine was finally examined by scientific experts, who concluded that, ingenious though it was, it gave no promise of the performance of those remarkable things which its inventor claimed for it. The principle that Keely sought to apply was that of the vibration of the molecules of the air. For lack of a better name, he called this "apergy," and claimed that as these vibrations were perpetual, all he had to do would be to produce a machine that would respond to them, and then he would have perpetual motion. The theory was a pretty one-true, perhaps, to a certain extent; but It has not been yet applied in such a way as to be of any use to the world. It must be first shown that sufficient power can be derived from this principle to do the work that electricity and steam are now doing before any valuable results can follow and the problem of perpetual motion from one of hature's forces be completely solved. Keely's death may revive for a while, at least, interest in this subject, and it is possible that some good may come from the work that he tried to do. even though he failed at it. He cannot be classed among the world's greatest inventors; but, in view of the vonderful discoveries that are now be ing made in all fields of scientific research, who can say that the day will not yet come when this force, to which Keely planed his faith or some other akin to it, will be harnessed down by man and forced to obey his commands?

Effect of Flour on Tecth.

"It is said that the invention of the new processes for making flour has done more for the average dentist than all things else combined," explained a thickly carpeted staircase. dentist, "and there is a great deal of foundation for the statement, miller has found that he must make a flour that will please the eye rather than satisfy the stomach. To get his flour as white and fine as possible he has to discard the coverings of the grain of wheat, thus removing the phosphates. It is the phosphates that give strength to the teeth, and with them out of the flour it is not in any way wonderful that people's teeth wear out and decay. The miller knows this bet ter than the people who eat his flour, but he has found that they will not buy flour that is not white.

"The miller knows that he is throwing away the bone-producing and nourishing qualities of the wheat, but the miller, like nearly every one else in this world, is out for the dollar and his share of them. People can't buy flour the use of which will strengthen their teeth, for the reason that that kind of flour is not made any more. The family dentist is now as much of a factor in life as the purchase of shoes for the family, and frequently gets more of the earnings of a head of a family than is required to provide shoes for them, for good teeth are a rarity."-Washington

An Attentive Audience

Lecturers and other public entertainers appreciate greatly an attentive audience, but is there such a thing as being too attentive? The story is told that not long ago a well-known novelist delivered a lecture in a New Jersey town. After the lecture, when the people met, they talked about the affair, as was their wont.

"Were you at the lecture?" one would ask another, and in every case the auswer was:

"Oh, yes, I was there, but I couldn't hear a word. Did you hear it?"

"Well, no; I was there, but I couldn't hear, either."

No one could be found who had heard a word. About this time an acquaintance of the novelist heard from friends in the place this account of the matter, and meeting the lecturer, asked him what kind of an audience he had had there, and how he liked the place.

"It's a fine place," said the novelist, "and I had the most attentive audience I have ever spoken to. Why, no one made a sound, and I didn't have to raise my voice above a whisper!"-Saturday Evening Post.

Carefully Selected.

One of the most remarkable features of life in New South Wales is the transformation of criminals into hard-working citizens. Of the thirty thousand settlers there in 1821, twenty thousand were, or had been, convicts.

It is said that, on board an American liner, a boastful Australian asserted loudly, and over and over again, that "the men who settled Australia were a remarkably sensible lot."

"Yes," said an American, quietly, "I have always understood that they were sent out by the very best judges."

Put your faith in the plodder rather

THE AVERAGE MAN.

When it comes to a question of trusting Yourself to the risks of the road, When the thing is the sharing of burdens, The lifting the heft of a load, In the hour of peril or trial,

In the hour you meet as you can, You may safely depend on the wisdom And skill of the average man.

Tis the average man and no other Who does his plain duty each day. The small thing his wage is for doing. On the commonplace bit of the way. Tis the average man, may God bless him Who pilots us, still in the van, Over land, over sea, as we travel, Just the plain, hardy, average man.

So on through the days of existence, All mingling in shadow and shine, We may count on the everyday hero, Whom haply the gods may divine: But who wears the swarth grime of his

calling. And labors and earns as he can, And stands at the last with the noblest, The commosplace average man. -Harper's Weekly.

A VENTURE FOR LOVE

H, me! I am certainly no beauty. It was the gilding A which made Vermount swal-

ow such a nauseous pill." In a Venetian mirror were reflected an oval face, pale and sad looking. with dark, liquid eyes, a nose of a nondescript order, and a mouth rather large than otherwise. Clarisse, Lady Vermount, turned from the study of her features to take from a table loaded with photographs the portrait of a handsome man.

"I am unhappy; for being which I am an idiot," she said, addressing the smiling face which looked at her out of its frame of pierced silver, "and it is all your doing. When you asked me to marry you I did not care a snap of my fingers for you, and I know you did not for me. It was a convenient arrangement; you wanted my money, I your title. How you shuddered on our wedding day over the too evident rapture of my parents at having a titled son-in-law! I saw it as we stood in the vestry of the church. You put your hand on mine when we were alone in the carriage, but did you for one moment imagine that I thought love inspired the action? Not a bit of it, I remembered the shudder too well."

"And then-well, and then I told you, you had got what you wanted, the wealth of my Chicago papa, and I had achieved my ambition, I was 'my lady.' For the rest, in the eyes of the world, we were husband and wife, and-that was to be all. If you wished anything different, you didn't show it, and I imagined myself content. We have been good friends; we have not had much opportunity of being otherwise, it is true. People don't quarrel over a well-cooked dinner, and that is about the only time in the twenty-four hours we are together. Oh! why don't I feel as coldly indifferent to you now as I did when I married you three months 9407"

She threw the photograph impatiently from her. It was nearly time to dress for dinner, and she went slowly up the stairs. On the landing Lord Vermount's man stood aside to let her

"His lordship dines at home to night?" she asked. "Yes, my lady." The servant's footsteps padded decorously down the

She paused by the door of band's bedroom, then passed on and entered her own. A moment and she was back again and stood within his chamber. His clothes lay ready for him, and on the dressing table a black slik mask, while propped against the looking-glass were two cards of admission to masked balls. One for this very night, the other for one three days hence. She took them up, twisted them nervously round in her fingers. Strange thoughts coursed through her brain. She put the cards down and ran out, coming back a minute later with a needleful of thick blue silk in her hands. She ran the needle in and

out along the tall of his coat. There was a sound of quick footsteps on the stairs. With a whisk she was out of the room and in her own. She shut the door, then stole softly to the one which divided her chamber from her husband's. It was locked, as it always was, and the key was stiff in its socket. She pressed her lips against the woodwork. "It is a venture for love," she whispered, and her eyes shone like stars.

"What pretty bird is it that wears a

The words spoken in soft, cooling accents struck on Lord Vermount's ear as he stood against a pillar of the ballroom. He turned sharply, white-clad figure stood by him holding up his coat tall by a thread of blue silk, while, behind a white domino, dark eyes danced merrily.

"That would be telling," he anplumage," twisting to get hold of the thread.

"And I think I'll keep it, Sir Bird," drawing it out and winding it in and out of the links of a gold chain that held her long cloak together. "We will reverse the old order, the lady shall wear her knight's colors. Doth it please you, Sir Bird?" She dropped him a courtesy as she speke, and a faint, delicate scent of white violets came to him, along with the silvery chiming of bella.

"In truth, fair maiden, it does," he answered, "but it would please me still better if you would dance with me." The eyes behind the white domino had lost their merry look, but that which had replaced it made the blood beat quickly in his veins, as, without a word, she yielded herself into his arms. He felt her alight form tremble in his clasp as they glided round the room.

"Are you tired?" he whispered. "No, no, my knight." He bent again and wbispered some tender words in her ear; the scent of her violets, the chiming of her bells, had intoxicated him. They neared the

entrance. "I am tired now," she whispered, and before he realized her intention she had slipped from him and fled. Something white lay at his feet. He stooped to pick it up; it was a slip of paper, violet scented. "Three nights hence I shall be here again," was written on it. He put it away in his pocketbook and left the building.

whether I come here again or not," he said to himself, "I've tried to keep straight, but I'll be hanged if I can go on with this arrangement at home much longer. I was a fool to begin with it, but I felt I owed so much to her that I did not like to oppose her wishes. Who would have imagined such a strength of cold purpose lay behind those eyes of hers?" He bit off the end of his cigar viciously, hailed a hansom and was driven homeward. He tried to think of his wife, but the jingle of the borse's bells recalled too

was not calculated to loosen. Lord Vermount found himself on the night of the second masked ball dressing eagerly; he even ran up to his room at the last moment with a thread of blue siik, purioined from his wife's work bag, and with clumsy fingers inserted it in the tail of his coat. He would lose no chance of being recognized by his sorceress.

vividly the girl in the white clonk. She

had cast a spell over him which Lady

Vermount's coldness-more pointed

than ever during the next day or two-

It was hours before he saw her whitecloaked figure drawing near him through the crowd of dancers, which he had watched with all the weariness of hope deferred. She did not speak, but, slipping one white rounded arm from the shelter of her clonk, laid it on

"Are we to dance? he questioned. A slight movement of her hooded head and his hand slid round her waist beneath the cloak. For a space neither spoke. He felt her violet-scented breath coming in little quick gasps, and the music of her silver anklet bells seemed to his heated fancy to assistance of the then wealthy and beat out the words, "Love, love!" to the measure of her footsteps. He breathed some tender words in her ear, and felt her whole frame quiver. A moment and she had drawn herself from him, and, lifting her face, let her glowing eyes rest on his face. "My knight," she whispered, "dare I

say an revoir?"

"Do not go," implored Lord Vermount, stretching out his hand to catch, not her cloak, but a slip of paper. He stood looking at it sullenly, long after the chiming of bells which marked her flight had ceased. "Little witch, let her go," he muttered, but untwisted the paper all the same.

"What impertinence! Well, I'll be hanged! So this is some scheme of her ladyship's; thinks to entangle me with this young woman that she may be free to carry on some little game of her own. I wonder what she will say to this revealing of her plot. H'm," reading the note. "All Americans are not as cold as you deem your wife to be: go home and ask her who I am; she knows." He smoked no elgar on the homeward drive on this night; his temper was too ruffled. He meant to The Register office is about ten blocks have it out with his wife, despite the from his house, and so situated that lateness, or rather earliness, of the be can start from the office and make hour; such affairs as this were better a turn at every corner, going in a ziggone into at once. He went with no zag direction to his home, and this he light footstep up the stairs and paused at her door, which was on the latch.

"Vermount, is that you? Push open the door a bit. I want to tell you something. I have had a letter from papa; he has just made a big thing over some rallways; that means more dollars for you some day. Good night; shut the door now, and firmly, please."

Lady Vermount's voice was hard and cold; he shuddered at it. For the mo-system. Not one of his employes puts violets which doubtless still hung works about sixteen hours a day. He about his coat sleeve altered his pur pose. He took a step or two into the room.

A rose-colored satin curtain hanging down at right angles from the fire place shut out his wife from his sight, but beyond its edge protruded a little Moorish stand on which was set a coffee equipage, and cups for two. A quaint shaped liqueur carafe and to take stock in local enterprises, glasses were also on the tray. "Two cups! Two glasses! What did

this mean? Had his wife-A hand held the curtain slightly aside, a fresh whiff of violets assailed him, and a faint silvery chiming of bells. He made a hasty dash forward. Leaning back among the cushions of his wife's couch was the white-cloaked girl, her face still hidden by the

mask. "You here!" he cried, "Where is mywhere is Lady Vermount?"

"She is"-fumbling for one moment with the mask which the next lay on the floor-"she is here." She sprang to her feet as she spoke and stood facing him, the cloak, with its gold clasp threaded through with the strand of blue silk, hanging back from her white shoulders.

"Clarisse, why, what does it mean?"

he asked, gaspingly, "It means"—she put out her hands imploringly—"it means—Oh! don't you see? It was a venture on my part, a venture to gain your love."

He let her stand there a full minute, matology, flourish to-day in Boston visit her are 50 per ce the color coming and going in her and New York, in Paris and Chicago, to than if he were absent. cheeks, her dark eyes misty with unshed tears. He had never been a quick swered, "but I think I'll shed my gay thinker, and he was fighting now against the prim prejudices of genera-

"Have I falled?" There was a heartache in each work. He felt the pain of them.

"No," he cried; "come!" and with a little shiver of gladness she let herself be caught in his outstretched arms. Chleago Times Herald.

Picks from Portugal.

Next to Portugal, Japan sends the groatest supply of toothpicks to the United States. These are made by hand from fine reeds. They, too, are sold in close competition with the American product, owing to the cheaper labor in Japan. The cases in which the Japanese picks are inclosed are fine specimens of skill with the jackknife. They are of wood, cut into strips as thin and delicate as tissue paper, but very strong. The cases are ornamented with hand painted Japanese scenes and are of a size convenient to be carried in the vest pocket. The competition between the Japanese and Portuguese makers on the one side and American manufacturers on the other has become very keen. An importer of toothpicks said recently that the Japanese picks can be made and sold in the American market, cases and all, for less than the cost of the paper boxes that contain the domestic picks.-Philadelphia Times.

If a woman can't flud any other fault with a man, she bone his grammar.

IOWA'S REMARKABLE EDITOR.

"It will depend on Lady Vermount Richard Peters Clarkson, One of the Interesting Characters of the State, Richard Peters Clarkson, editor and principal owner of the Iowa State Register, is one of the most interesting, original and forceful characters in the State. He has grown up in the newspaper business. His father, Coker F.

Clarkson, lived in Brookville, Ind. where Richard was born in 1840, and there the elder Clarkson conducted a weekly paper called the Brookville American, and his sons, Richard P. and James S., learned their trade in that office. In 1855 the family moved to Grundy County, Iowa, and settled on a farm, where they lived for some fifteen years. In the spring of 1861 Richard entered the office of the Des Moines Register as a printer, but the following October he enlisted as a private in Company A. Twelfth Iowa Infantry. He suffered severely during Fie war, was captured at Shiloh April 5, 1862, and was confined seven months in a rebel prison. Afterward he returned to his regiment and served to the end of the war, when he returned to the Grundy County farm and remained until 1870. The father and bis two sons then bought the lowa State Register. Eighteen months later oc curred the famous Senatorial contest between James Harlan, then United States Senator, and William B. Allison, member of Congress and candidate for the Senatorship. The elder Clarkson favored Harlan, but the boys were for Allison. The matter was settled quite unexpectedly to the senior partner, for the boys secured from him an offer to sell his share, and they raised the money and paid him the cash with the



EDITOR CLARKSON AT WORK.

powerful B. F. Allen. The firm of Clarkson Brothers, then formed, has of the paper, John R. Clarkson, eldest son of Richard P. is business manager and Frank Clarkson, the other son, is associate editor.

The editor of the Register is extremely methodical in all that he does. always does, walking back and forth every day in the year. He takes a different route in the winter, choosing the sunny side of the street, Any member of his family wishing to intercept him on his way to or from the office knows exactly where to look for him, for be never varies his route, unless to transact business. His daily program is as fixed as the planetary spends the morning and until about 2:30 or 3 in the afternoon at his house where he does a large part of his editorial work. He then goes to his office and stays until about 6, returning at 8:30 and leaving again a little before

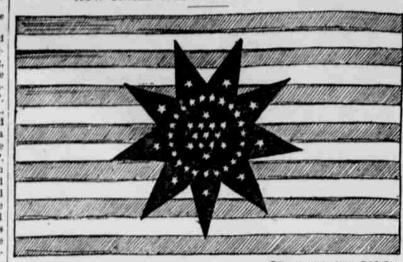
Mr. Clarkson has no interest outside his newspaper. He has always refused though he has been a liberal contributor toward securing them. He has preferred to retain his independence from all obligations outside his own

A CRAZE OF PSEUDO-SCIENCE.

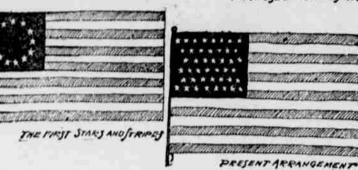
Mediceval Superstition. In the Century, Daniel G. Brinton has an article on "Popular Supersti-tions of Europe." Dr. Brinton closes

his article by saying: From some strange reason, there has been a wonderful revival within the last decade of nearly every medieval superstition, under various guises, in the most enlightened centers of the world The practitioners of this modern sorcery, instead of concealing, advertise their claims, and urge them on the community under pseudo-scientific names and jargons. Palmistry, astrology, sympathetic magic, the doctrine of signatures, hiero-therapentics, and all

HOW SHALL THE NEW FLAG BE MADE?



PROPOSED NEW DESIGN



Uncle Sam's new possessions will demand representation on Old Glory, as is ertainly their right, but the fact is that on the flag as at present designated there is scarcely room for them. The last addition of States has so filled the field that the stars are too small and so crowded together that they no longer stand out distinctly when the glorious banner is waving in the breeze. This difficulty could only be overcome in the present design by enlarging the field, but this would de-This difficulty could stroy the proper proportions of our standard. The accompanying design for a new flag has been suggested, and there are many points in its favor. The many-pointed star with blue field on a background of red and white stripes is not unlike the conventional sunburst. The inner cluster represents the thirteen States which created the Union. The surrounding circle contains twenty-three stars—the number equaling that of the States admitted to the Union up to the close of the civil war, this noble cluster typifying the welding together and perfect preservation of the Union. The outer circle contains the new States, and it will be readily seen that there is room for many more.

a degree surpassing anything known

three centuries ago,

There is a reason for this. Sorcery is science seen upside down. There is a confused groundwork of truth, a fallaclous method of viewing facts, at the basis of these pseudo-sciences. Yet the truth and the facts exist, and these explain the success of the deceptions. They dazzle and daze minds not trained in sound reasoning; and how few are! The societies for "psychical research" and theosophic speculation benever been discontinued at the head gin with an acknowledgment of the possible truth of ghost-seeing and of communion with the divine. This possible ground is seized by the charlatan as proved basis for his illusory edifice.

Superstitions are at core the same everywhere and at all times, because they are based on those desires and that ignorance which are and will ever be a part of man's nature. He is dimly aware of mighty, unmeasured forces in ceaseless activity around him, controlling his own destiny; the ominous and omnipresent portent of death meets him at every turn; dissatisfaction with his present condition, intense longing for a life and joy which it can never offer, goad him to seek a knowledge which weights and measures are impotent to accord him. Yet such restricted knowledge is all that science can supply. Therefore he turns in despair to the mystics and the adepts, the temples of folly.

A Witty Retort.

Though a witty retort is not an argument, it often serves as a spring-board from which one may vault over his assailants' heads. Col. T. W. Higginson. in the Atlantic Monthly, tells how, while a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, he was made a victim of this method of replying to an adver-

He was arguing against a bill for the prohibition of oleomargarine, and insisting that good oleomargarine was better than bad butter. He fortified his argument by a story of a gentleman who had introduced the substitute without explanation at a luncheon, The Present Remarkable Revival of and who, on asking his guests to compare it with the best butter, also on the table, found them all selecting the oleo-

margarine. Suddenly Mr. - arose, and with the

profoundest seriousness asked: "Will the gentleman kindly inform us at what precise stage of the luncheon party this test was applied?"

The retort brought down the house instantly, and the rout which followed drawn thither by the unusual spectawas overwhelming. It readily occurred that at a convivial luncheon party there might be a period when the judgment of the guests would lose some of

When a woman's husband is present the farrage of fifteenth century than her invitations to friends to come and matology, flourish to-day in Boston visit her are 50 per cent. less cordial

PICTURE OF THE PRISON OF CAPTAIN DREYFUS.

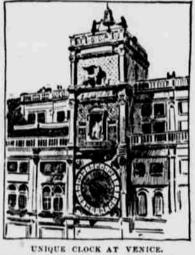


HIS HUT AND THE HOUSE OF HIS GUARD ON DEVIL'S ISLAND.

Off the coast of French Guiana lies a group of three little islands-Joseph Island. Royal Island and Devil's Island. The last of these, a mere flat-topped, rocky islet, with a little sparse tropical greenery upon it, was chosen in 1894 as the place of Dreyfus' confinement, and there he has been ever since. A little wooden but, the door of which gives on to a yard surrounded by a strong stockade, stands on Devil's Island. Higher on the island, but quite close to the but, is the guardom, where the sentries live, and above it rises a watch tower in which is nounted a Hotchkiss gun. The island is moated round by the deep sea, the prison hot is fenced in with a strong palisade, and over hut and yard and island is the Hotchkiss gun in its all-commanding tower. Small chance of escape, were escape dreamed of! And yet it is said that the unfortunate man thus abut out from the world was actually put in irons—chained down to his plank bed—soon after the commencement of his imprisonment.

CLOCK OF VENICE.

Great Timepiece that Is Quite as Unique as the Strasburg Wonder. The only reason the European traveler goes to Strasburg is to see the clock and incidentally the cathedral, but in Venice there is a clock that is quite as unique as that in the Alsatian capital. It is in a beautiful white tower at the east end of the old Procuratic, near St. Mark's. It was built in 1496 by the Veronese architect, An-



toplo Rizzo. The tower is some hunment he was disposed to go and let in as many hours of solid work as the Cagliostros and the Humes, who stand dred feet high, and surmounting it is matters drop; then some faint scent of head of the establishment, for he ready to beckon him into their illusory a big bell, on either side of which tands two bronze glants attitude is one of readiness to strike the hours upon the rim with the heavy sledges which they hold. Beneath, on the facade of the tower, is a gilded statue of the blessed virgin and the infant Jesus, and on either side of the group are square openings, where appear golden numerals which tell of the hours and the minutes. There is no dial. The numbers are shifted to the openings in some such manner as are the figures in a "cash register." Still lower is a beautiful azure and gold circle of the zodiac.

On Ascension day and for eight days thereafter the numerals do not appear at noontime, but instead issue forth from the right-hand opening a procession of the Magi. They march slowly and reverently before the madonna and child and as they come abreast of mother and babe they make profound obelsance and one of the wise men with deference jerkily removes his headgear. Ascension day and the week following are gala times in Venice and when the Magi come the plazza is thronged with the festal crowds.

A little below the arch of the tunnel which penetrates the base of the clock tower is a white stone in the pavement which, it is said, marks the spot where the standard bearer of Benjamonte Tiepolo was killed in the early part of the fourteenth century by a heavy stone thrown from a window. The stone was meant for Tiepolo himself, who was heading a conspiracy to assassinate Don Pietro Gradenigo and dissolve the grand council. A banner. hung from the window whence Giustina Rossi threw the stone, long celebrated her act and in 1841 her bust was placed in a neighboring portico.

Palace C r Dog Wagons.

Philadelphia has an ambulance for dogs and small animals, the only one of its kind in the world. The exterior of the car is decorated on each side with a vignette of a grand-looking St. Bernard and the inside is covered with removable antiseptic pads to guard against contagious diseases. In order to avoid belligerent encounters between the injured four-footed patients of this traveling hospital, it has been provided with movable slides so that the interior can be divided into various sized compartments. It contains also cages attached to the top and

sides for pet birds and poultry.

Happier in Glory. The Lowland Scottish peasant has an extremely matter-of-fact way of speaking about her relatives' and friends' deaths. The Cornhill Magazine tells of a good woman who lost her aunt remarking to a sympathizing visitor: "Eh, yes, mem, aunty's deld. But she was very auld and frail. She's far be? ter awa, and far hoopler in glory, and I got a hunner pounds o' a legacy."

Caller-Mrs. DeStytle is not in, you say? Why, I saw her through the window as I came up the steps. Servant (blandly)-Shure, mum, that was only her shadow you saw.-Truth.