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ST. VALENTINE.

As Santa Claus stands the patron saint of the children, so stands St. Valentine for the youngsters of larger growth, yet in the bloom and blush of youth; and festival that engages these heirs of ours in an open expression of their joy, that brings them distinctive pleasure, is to be cherished and made the most of.

A happy youth fortifies against the sterner things that follow and makes for kindlier and gentler views, and reviews; the cheer and light and wholesome joy of our younger days have their play and influence at remoter seasons when they are needed and most welcome.

MORE HOMES NEEDED.

Astoria is peculiarly a city of homes and homes that are occupied by their owners. The tenant-element here has to make the most of the old and worn out homes (that have been abandoned for newer ones), and of the flats and suites and second-story utilities from which all "homey" elements are excluded.

THE TRUTH SINKING IN.

Day by day the people of America are being told a series of home-truths about the conditions of the country, that are sinking into the inner consciousness of the masses and awakening a sense of interest and solicitude that means much for redemption later on.

It is time the nation was awakened; it has been perilously blind and indifferent to the ravages and ruin that are impending; it would not be-

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lieve until conviction became imperative for salvation; it went its happy, prosperous, busy way, until the signs and warnings became so thick and pertinent, it had to halt and note the trend of danger it was following.

THE CHATAUQUA.

We shall be infinitely glad to see the Chatauqua grounds located in this neighborhood, and everybody is hoping no impediment may be raised to deter nor baffle the acquisition.

The moral influence of the association is of the highest type and reflects to the credit of any community engaging it; and it is always a source of interest and entertainment.

A 12,000-MILE CUT-OFF.

A little 700-ton steamer out of Detroit, and bound for San Francisco, via Cape Horn, is now at New York, fitting out for the long-leg of the voyage.

If the Panama canal were finished and in working order, she would save 12,000 miles of that huge traverse. This is another object lesson in which the potentialities of that magnificent project are emphasized and which indicate the enormous savings of distances, jeopardy and cost that will accrue with its completion.

MID-AIR RACE.

Rival Gangs of Workmen on Bridge Building Working for Prize Money

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A mid-air race for a cash prize of \$3000 is now in progress in New York. The contestants are rival gangs of men at work on what is known as Blackwells Island bridge which is to connect New York with Long Island City.

WESTERN PACIFIC ASKS BID.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—The Western Pacific Railroad officials have received 12 bids for the construction of one large modern ferry floats. Several more bids are expected.

ARTILLERY CURIOSITIES.

Old Time Cannon That Were Made of Leather, Wood and Rock.

Among the curiosities of artillery odd inventions have a great place. Cannon have been made of the most unlikely materials. Leather was used as early as Henry VIII's day at the siege of Boulogne.

Two small pieces brought to France by the Siamese ambassadors as presents from their king to Louis XIV. were the only artillery procurable for the attack on the Bastille—of eccentric model no doubt, adorned with dragons and golden inscriptions, but efficient workmanship.

For the defense of Malta in the old days the knights "invented a kind of ordinance of their own, unknown to all the world beside," says Brydone, an eyewitness. They followed out the natural rock here and there in such fashion that the cavity was like a mortar.

But there are eccentricities still more curious on record. In a tomb on the island of Chinai, near Usumacinta, Mexico, was found a cannon four feet eleven inches long of terra cotta, with terra cotta bullets.

DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You Will Make no Mistake if You Follow This Astoria Citizen's Advice.

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