

CLOSED DOORS.

Little Korea Affords No Field for American Enterprise.

In pursuance of the policy now pursued by the Consular Service of ascertaining the state of foreign fields as opportunities for American labor, capital and enterprise. Horace W. Allen, Consul General to Seoul, Korea, writes for the consular reports that Korea now employs no foreign military officers as advisers or instructors in its army, and is not likely to do so, owing to an agreement made with Russia when a large staff of Russian officers were allowed to leave. By this agreement Korea announced her ability and intention to dispense with further assistance of that kind.

The many requests from young men who have recently left the service of the United States asking for positions in connection with the Korean army are futile. There is no demand for their services in Korea. There is no demand for foreign advisers to the Korean Government. Although two Americans who held such positions have recently died, their places have been filled, and there is no further demand for assistance of that kind. The newspaper report that one of these advisers had been receiving a salary of \$100,000 gold per annum is entirely misleading; such positions pay from \$150 to \$250 per month. There is no demand for employees on the railroads in Korea. Japanese control and operate the steam railroad, and Koreans and Americans are employed on the electric railroads. I believe the positions are all filled. Employment with the mines would have to be secured before coming to Korea. The agent of the mines in America is H. A. Noble, representative of the Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, San Francisco. Prospectors cannot operate in Korea, and there is no employment with the mines other than on wages. I am told the mining company has no lack of applicants.

INGENIOUS MESSAGE BOX.

Invention of a Canadian Is a Sort of an Automatic Office Boy.

A letter-box might be styled a message box, but the latter in reality is something very different and does duty for the small boy who is supposed to preside over the office during the absence of his employer. It consists, as shown, of a small writing desk attached to the outside of the office door. In it is a roll of paper. The strip of paper is exposed in an opening in the top of the desk, in a position convenient to write upon. Means are provided to permit of the paper being unrolled in a forward direction, but a ratchet and pawl



AUTOMATIC OFFICE BOY.

prevents it from being turned in the opposite direction. After the paper is moved forward it passes through a slit in the door, into the office.

The convenience of this arrangement, devised by George E. Toms of Vancouver, Canada, is evident. Suppose you call at an office and find it closed. With the paper and desk before you you would jot down the nature of your business and give the roll a few turns forward with your fingers, when your message would be passed into the office. The next man coming along would do the same thing, but as he could not turn the paper backward he would be unable to discover what your message was, even if he wanted to pry into your affairs.

Half Pennies.

A movement is on foot to put a one-half cent coin in general use in the United States. Several suggestions have been made to the government, and recently a document was presented, signed by the heads of the big department stores of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, showing the need for this money in making change where articles are sold at 3½, 7½, 12½, and at similar prices. The half cent coin has been in use in Chicago for the last two years. So far the United States government has nothing to do with issuing this new money. It is put out by individual firms and is only recognized at the store from which it is issued.

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ANOTHER FAST TRAIN.

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Troubles of Jamaica.

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The injury to soil by flooding by a high tide is variously estimated to last from five to 20 years. A late investigation in Essex, England, showed that the soil was left with two per cent salt, mostly to the complete destruction of earthworms.

Andrew Carnegie on Trusts.

A director of the Standard Oil Company has recently published in the Independent an article declaring trusts to be good for the workingman. To the May Century, Andrew Carnegie of the Carnegie Company, which rivals the Standard Oil for first place among the world's great corporations, will contribute an essay taking the same ground. In this article, which bears the title "Popular Illusions About Trusts," the great steel manufacturer argues that the evils of trusts are generally self-corrective; that no trust can live long unless it secures a virtual monopoly of the commodity it deals in; and that "the only people who have reason to fear trusts are those who trust them." In the same magazine "The Real Danger of Trusts"—their menace to the independence of the individual and the state—will be pointed out in a vigorous editorial.

An Inappropriate Gift.

She—I've bought a Noah's ark as a birthday gift for the Jones little boy. He—Good gracious! Don't you know the Joneses are vegetarians? "Well, what of that?" "Why, the Jones baby will be sure to put the animals in his mouth, and probably swallow them."—Philadelphia Press.

Proposed Alliance With England.

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Compliment With a Sting.

Talk about delightfully put compliments. I heard a girl at a supper deliver herself of a perfect jewel the other night. She leaned across the table—the table next to me—to say it, and she meant well. "Oh, Miss Dumdum," she said, cordially, "I've got a trade-last for you." "A swap?" asked Miss Dumdum, beaming with anticipatory delight. "Uhhuh," answered the other. "Lieut. Bulbul said it." "Oh, do tell it!" pleaded Miss Dumdum, eagerly.

"It was an awfully nice one," said the first girl, "and Lieut. Bulbul meant it too. He said you waltzed divinely. He said he was awfully surprised, too, to find it out, so I know he meant it. He said he wouldn't have thought from seeing you walk that you could dance at all."—Washington Post.

Suppressed Emotion.

Sniff—Skoopley's wife is the bravest and coolest person I ever saw. Shawe—Ah! She looks like a very ordinary woman. Sniff—I know it; but I visited there while her baby was cutting his first tooth. You may not believe it, but at the time nothing in that woman's conduct would lead anyone to suspect that anything unusual was going on!—Puck.

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Fancy and Fact.

Jane—When I was a girl I used to want to run away from home and be a stern and haughty governess to a lot of wild children who had a handsome brother.

Matha—Is that so? "Yes; and now I can't even make my two-year-old infant mind a word I say."—Indianapolis Journal.

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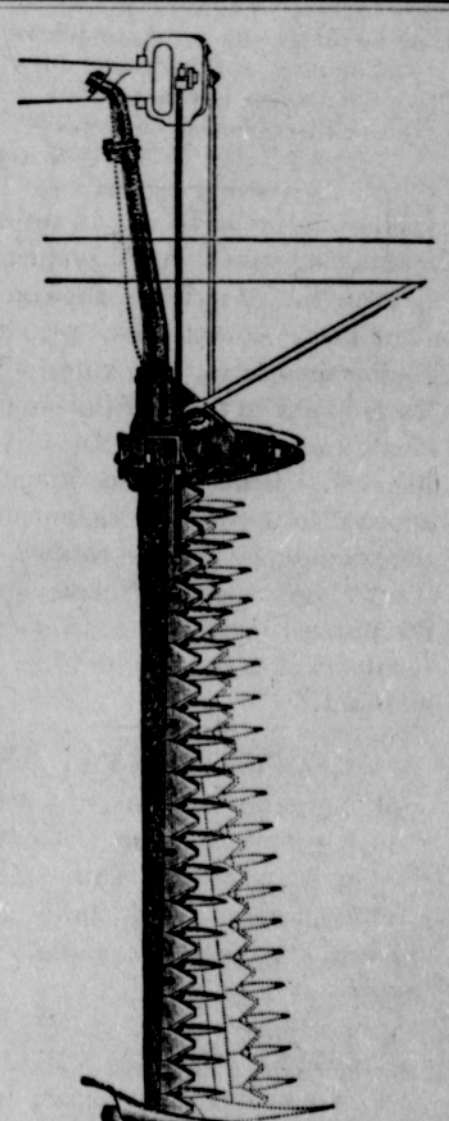
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