### BANDON RECORDER.

## SOME FREAK STAMPS

ERRORS THAT CAUSE PHILATELISTS TO JUMP FOR JOY.

The Craze Among Collectors For the Possession of Samples of Blunders Made by Uncle Sam's Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

About the only freaks of great value manufactured by the government are misprinted postage stamps, the value of one of these sometimes running up into the thousands. There is nothing more dear to the collector than these nothing which causes a tornado of trouble quicker in the bureau of engraving and printing. An error is generally a costly thing in this department. It means that whoever is reimportant to permit of carelessness. An error produces a freak stamp, but It also produces a vacancy, often more, in the ranks of the employees of the department. But the collector, the phi-

there is always a heated race by the stamp fiends to secure one of these. Usually these errors, and they are not made often, are detected before many of the stamps are put in circulation, and \$20,000 was offered the head of the bureau a few years ago if he would have issued a half dozen sheets of two cent

1 cent to 90 cents. The 15, 24, 30 and 30 cents were printed in two colors bring from \$500 to \$800 each.

Buffalo, N. Y., in the year of the Rainbow City exposition, 1901, are now rated at \$55 each. Only a few of these got In circulation before it was discovered that the railroad train in the center of the stamp was upside down. It is likely that thousands would have been sold had not a gentleman who had purchased ten stamps discovered the error and forthwith wrote the bureau of engraving and printing notifying the officers. He doubtless thought he was doing a good service for the government, and doubtless he was, but the ed train of cars were sold before the error was detected, there are only six of these freaks/which can be accounted for, the other stamps having pervelopes destroyed. If any sheet of error stamps other than that sent to the Buffalo office was ever sent out, the fact has never been known at the bu-

word "Guam" printed across the face, foresight, of unpleasant escapades that slipped through with "Guam" upside down. These stamps were printed for the use of the island, and collectors have searched far and near for them. the stamp collectors.

of stamps for the several departments. an error was made by the bank note is worth twenty times its face value,

its right color should have been ultra- her, knowing that she cannot or will

There are a number of other valu the bureau of engraving and printing pecting victim. No word of advice can of the geologists that "the site of Sunhave been remarkably few, consider be given her, for she would misconstrue derland is nothing more or less than of the coat is generally good. Any weing the immense number of sheets of your motive entirely and take it in any the delta of a great landsile due to the man can make such a coat as this, and stamps turned out every year. Each thing but a kindly spirit. This unlice Age." Comparisons between the it will be a good fitting one too. sheet after being printed passes fortunate girl has few friends, and they level surveys of 1855 and 1895 show that through a dozen or more hands before don't hesitate to say that they are in forty years the site of Sunderland it is ready for the stock vault, and inspectors and counters are always on afraid of her. the lookout for errors in printing. Kansas City Star.

# Caring For Bronze.

It is, however, because of their previous want of care. Nothing should ever be applied to bronze in the way of

Mistook the Punctuation. indignant)-How dared you kiss me, sir! Penitent Young Man-Why, you said you'd like to see me do it. The as I do that I said it with an exclama.

How differently the people we mee in every day life go about their work or whatever they have to do. There are those so unfortunately constituted that everything they do is a heavy cross, and if they do not grumble and complain, their sighs of weariness and their doleful looks are enough to throw a damper over every one in the house. was in a home recently where the oldest daughter was just such a person. errors in printing, and, too, there is Every one in the house "danced" atsponsible for the mistake must get out from father and mother, and even and bunt another job. The work is too down to the children and the hired deigned to speak at all, it was relatelist, is happy, for he gets a prize of proaches and fault-finding and com-Any and every thing in the way of a jects had hurt her feelings. She is a finish the game. The limit of their stamp which varies a hair's breadth burden not only to herself but others, expressions of disproval was "Oh, from the earlier is a freek, and when she might have been a comfort fudge." Rather a hard blow to the and created sunshine in the home in refinement of our girls, and they felt it. place of shadows. On the other hand her sister, two years her junior, is her mother's advisor and assistant in all of when only a few get out the collectors | the affairs pertaining to the home. are ready to pay fancy prices for one Her ringing little laugh is contagious of the prizes. Some few collectors la- and makes sweet music to those who bor under the impression that "every love the little body who is disposed to their environment, professional begman has his price," and the sum of make the most of everything. The gars use nicknames. Thus a cent is an errors. Of course no consideration cuts and bruises and kisses away their "bull" and a policeman is a "bull in whatever was given to the proposition, tears. She lifted the burden from her harness." A thief is a "gun" and a and the get rich quick philatelist saw mother's shoulders, takes many a piece pickpocket is a "dip." A gold watch Some very valuable freak stamps sist that she go out for an outing, or to as "stickers." Money is "cush." A that there is black and black. A shiny, were issued in 1869, when a series of lie down and rest awhile. Every one horsecar is a "rattler." When a begstamps was issued in colors. The in the house loves the cheerful girl, and gar is arrested he is said to "fall." The and the rest (and a woolen goods moseries comprised denominations from feels that something is lacking in the workhouse is known as the "bandhouse life if she is out of it for a day. house." The penitentiary is known as On these the central picture was print. If she is ever unhappy or disappointed the "big house." A revolver is a and happiness of others. This lovable rhyme is known as a "throw out." series of stamps which turned up in friends, and because she is willing, is known as a "flopper." One who that is shiny and reflects the light, many things fall on her shoulders, but holds you up on the sidewalk is known the injustice.

tractive when she wants to be, and would be a genuine favorite if it was not for her sarcastic tongue which she never tries to control. No one is free from her wrath if things go contrary to stamp collectors denounce him as a her wishes. Not only is she cruelly chump of the rankest type. The gen-sarcastic, but she is unjust toward tieman gave away several of the those she should love and endeavor to stamps he had bought. While a large protect from criticism, etc., in every number of the stamps with the invert- way imaginable. The home life is not sacred to her, and she tells everything unpleasant from A to Z. The worst side of life and thing you would think haps served their purpose without be. she would throw the mantle of charity ing discovered as belonging to the val- and love over, faults that could and uable freak family. It is altogether should be condoned are freely discussed reasonable to suppose that the stamps before entire strangers. She hasn't a were affixed to letters and the en- bit of pride, for most girls under like circumstances would hesitate to air family affairs or let outsiders know of their poverty. Not so with this faultreau, and it is not likely that the mar- finding and unhappy girl. Every one ket will ever be glutted with this freak she meets knows sooner or later how unkind fate has been to them; how During the winter of 1890 a sheet of they are ekeing out a mere existence. the ordinary one cent stamps, with the She complains of her father's lack of should be forgotten and buried deep in the oblivion that time, if let alone, can sink into insignificance. One of the Only a few have been secured by the worst features of it all is-that she cancollectors, and they bring stiff prices. not tell the truth. Both relatives and The people of Guam know but little friends fear her, knowing her failing about the value set on such freaks by to air family affairs and her inability to Back in the seventies, when the gov- does you a favor, she never lets you The king of vikings was captured by ernment used its own distinctive set forget it and harps upon it until you the English while plundering a church company which then held the contract At the very time she is doing a favor for making the stamps. The regular for you, that has been her own suggescolor adopted by the navy department tion, she will be telling outsiders how was blue. A sheet of the two cent de-sadly she is imposed upon, and harps nomination was printed in green, and upon her own virtues and extreme the freak has now a market value of goodness until you wonder if there is smaller, thanks to the greed of curio about \$45 each. The genuine, in blue. anoth a just such perfect person in the hunters, until all that remained was One collector was fortunate enough world. Every little act of kindness about the size of a postage stamp, which to corner the market by getting pos- she does she soons spoils by the unkind was found under one of the hinges. session of a sheet of four cent stamps stories, no matter how trival the act, of the Columbian series which was by the amount of complaining she does printed by mistake in steel blue when on the outside. Everybody is afraid of

The care of bronze ornaments be scarching for the traits that are no places have had similar experiences. comes sometimes a little perplexing credit to them. The second is, if you cannot say something good of a person, preparations. Simple, careful dusting silence is golden. Another thing to who has a wonderful collection of cats' exaggerated. is all that is needed. To remove the remember is to guard family affairs tails, which he obtained in the followpurple tinge that sometimes comes a jealously. Everything pertaining to ing way: He surrounds the coops in little sweet oil may be gently rubbed your loved ones should be sacred, and which he keeps his pheasants with a upon the discolored portion; but, as a not to be aired to curious and morbid network of electric wires, and when rule, the dusting will be found to be people who can get hold of anything in the cats come after his birds they are can't do that. Markley-But you've The Young Woman (surprised and Every time you reach out a helping keeper goes around and picks up the hand to the unfortunate, every kind bodies of the marauders and cuts off act you do, every comforting and en- the tails, of which he has 255 speci-Young Woman-But you know as well couraging word you speak, helps to mens. He is not popular with his enrich and bring sweetness into your neighbors, who suspect that they have tion point at the end!-Chicago Trib. own life and make it well worth the contributed to his collection the tails of living. Don't get narrow, if you only their favorite cats.

read the daily newspaper headlines to WOMAN AND FASHION keep posted on the current affairs of the day, or a few pages in some good book, or a few lines of poetry. It all tends to broaden you, give you something to think and talk about beside yourself or the petty little gossip that is neither elevating or entertaining. If you have a chance to hear some good lecture, don't miss it, or to attend a concert or musicale then avail yourself of the opportunity. Take all the good, wholesome pleasure you can, and you will crowd out gloomy and disagreeable thoughts, and there will be a new song in your heart, for you will have found happiness and contentment.

A team of Indian girls from the Haskell Institute at Kansas were to play tendance to her, waited on her like she basket ball with a team of white girls was a child, and her slightest wish from Washburn, but Coach Herbert seemed to be granted. Yet, she never Fallis, of the Indian team, well known showed the least bit of appreciation for as a football star, called out the Indian all the little kind and thoughtful acts maidens in the last half of the game because the white girls were guilty of swearing-a thing that is prohibited help that they bestowed upon her. She and looked upon with horror and as took it all for granted and no words of very unrefined in the Indian college. thanks fell from her lips. If she The girls complained that their white sisters said "doggone it," "darn it," 'confound you" and "damn." They plaints that some one of her loyal sub- were simply shocked and refused to

### BRIEF REVIEW.

### Language of Beggars.

In describing their possessions and younger children fly to her when they "Indian." Other coins are known as are in trouble, and she ties up their "white money." A detective is a of work from her tired hands and in- is a "red kettle." Stamps are known no complaint is ever made that she feels as a "strong arm." So it runs on with so many expressions covering so many figures of speech that one not familiar The following is a type of a girl who with their argot might listen to their is shunned and heartily disliked by old talk for hours without catching the and young. She is capable, can be at- real meaning of the conversation.

### Difficult Penance.

Ten miles off the coast of Kerry, in the west of Ireland, lie the Skellig rocks, one of which has been for years the scene of a difficult penance. A zigzag path leads up some 700 feet to a lighthouse, but 700 test more must be climbed before the summit is reached, where stand the ruins of St. Finian's monastery and a cross of St. Michael. Here on the anniversary of St. Michael devotees risk their lives in performing their devotions. First they have to squeeze themselves through the Needle's | first. Eye, a tunnel in the rock thirteen feet long, the passing up which is like the ascent of a chimney. Then they creep on all fours up the Stone of Pain, on whose smooth surface one false step is back as best he can.

# Skin of a Pirate Sells for Song

At a recent auction in London was sold a square inch of skin which had 900 years ago formed part of the outer covering of a Danish pirate king. It was knocked down for the rather low confine herself to the truth. If she price of \$15, the amount of the first bid. wish she had never offered to be kind in Essex, and was skinned alive for this offense, and his skin was nailed to the church door as a warning to his countrymen, who were frequent, although uncalled, visitors here in those days. As time passed the skin grew It was this remnant which was sold at

# English Town Gradually Sinking.

Sunderland is gradually slipping marine blue. He got it at its face not confine herself to the truth. You into the sea through a general subsivalue, and when he wants to dispose want to shun her as though she was a dence. Surveys of the levels of the garment is practically finished. The serpent gliding stealthly through the town, covering a long period, reveal able freak stamps, but the errors of grass, ready to strike at its unsus- startling facts and confirm the theory one desires. The sleeve is finished with has subsided to the extent in some places of more than six feet, and the subsi-It is so easy to cultivate a sweet, lov- dence is still going on. The Ordnance designed for the opening season at able nature, and one of the first steps is Office, which has been investigating Nice and Cannes are so made and so to see the good in others in place of the matter, reports that several other worn, and they may with safety be

Collection of Cats' Tails. then keep quiet and remember that There is a gamekeeper at Winchester the shape of a scandal, or something killed by the shock of touching the got it to spare today. Borroughswhich can be a nine-day-wonder. wires. In the morning the game-

Simple and Stylish. This simple, stylish suit is of lightweight cloth, a soft gray and dark blue mixture, the threefold stitched seams corded with blue silk, the design done

In blue silk Persian cord. The smart cape is a new Parisian



### WOOLTEX SPRING SUIT.

with leg o' mutton sleeves, the long cuff buttoning to the elbow.

The cape has a plastron front, with revers and collar of blue silk, the deep fitted girdle being of the same, as also the smart little tie. Shiny shoes and gray stockings are correct with this suit.

### For Stout Women.

Most large women think it best to stick closely to black, and while this is wise judgment they must not forget lustrous black, such as satin, messaline hair), is just as enlarging in effect as

finish, wool crapes and materials of a ed inverted, and the error was detect- no one is the wiser. She is interested "rod." A beggar who gives out cards like nature are the only ones that reed. Today any of these freaks will in everything that tends for the good on which are printed appealing bits of duce the apparent size. In fact, these goods, even in light colors, will not The freak two cent pan-American girl is a burden bearer for relatives and One who sits crosslegged on the walk make one look any larger than a black The keynote of the materials used by stout women must be flatness, in weave as well as color. That is the real secret of dressing to appear small.

### Summer Shirt Walsts.

The summer shirt waist proper is to revert to its original form-that is, It will be made on severer lines than has been the custom in the last few years. For one thing, it will not have he pouch front. Other differences noted | twelve. are in the sleeve, which is slightly full, raised at the top and finished with a narrow starched cuff. The lines of the waist depend wholly on the figure it is to at. Some waisis have a small it in narrow side or box plaits. Others are gathered with moderate fullness nto the collar band. As for sfuffs, there is to be a return to the hair stripes or fine checks and perhaps dots, although stripes and tine checks come

# Smart Spring Cont.

a rock 1500 feet above the Atlantic and very plain, made with seams in front for himself. Each young snake is a U.S. A., in Scribner's. projecting some ten feet, each pilgrim and back, extending to the shoulder. full fledged rattler, ready to hunt and must "ride a cock horse to St. Michael's This is not only a newer cut, but it is a ready to defend himself with the sting cross," say a Paternoster and shuffle style easier fitted than the dart coats. of death. Each flat, triangular little

After the coat is fitted one has only to garment is practically finished. The collar may or may not be used, just as

### How to Wear Your Hat. "Small hats worn well forward" comes the whisper of spring styles wafted across the Atlantic. The hats

taken as foreshadows of spring fashions in millinery. Beside this modest style of hat the excessively broad lines, which were so much in vogue only a short time ago, begin to look greatly Cautious.

Markley-I say, suppose you pay me back that 10 shillings you owe now." Borroughs Really, old man, know, but there's no telling when may need it. London Telegraph.

# No Further Necessity. up trying to get Phip Sikes. Irene-

Tribune.

THE OLD PORTAGE ROAD.

failt by Pennsylvania With Material Brought From England. For some time prior to 1800 trave across Pennsylvania had been in ca

noes and in river barges propelled by

poles or along the shores of rivers by

horse and foot and by intervening portages on Indian trails, connecting points on the different rivers. The Philadelphia-Pittsburg national pike was built upon such a substantial basis | hardly necessary to observe, was dis that wherever undisturbed one still finds the gracefully modeled arches of solld masonry almost intact after more than a century has passed. The completion of the Old Portage railroad by the state of Pennsylvania in 1834 put an end to the time honored "coach and six," with the many picturesque and commodious inns and taverns along the line of this broad macadamized toll road, which with its substantial construction was in point of endurance

second only to the Roman military

roads of Great Britain. This Old Portage road was construct ed from material brought from England. The British government sent over experienced engineers to instruct the Americans in the running of the stationary steam engines used upon the inclined planes of the road in the Allegheny mountains. The railroad's highest point was about 2,700 feet above sea level, being only 200 feet lower than the neighboring hill, which is the highest point of the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania. The road consisted of ten planes, five of which were on either side of the mountain and intervening levels. In 1835 the canal boats were so constructed that they could be taken in sections and hauled over the mountain on flat cars without disturbing their cargoes. The rails were secured to stone sleepers, twenty inches square, which were sunk

in the ground. On the Old Portage road the best time for the forty miles between Hollidaysburg and Johnstown was twelve hours. Express trains on the Pennsyl vania railroad now run a closely parallel distance over the Allegheny moun tains in a trifle over one hour. The passenger traffic on the road in those days was usually limited to one car each way a day, with a capacity of thirty passengers.

the state of Pennsylvania.-Chicago night's rest, and we had not yet learn-News.

### BABY RATTLESNAKES.

#### From the Moment of Birth They Take Care of Themselves.

The fallacies surrounding the rattlesnake begin with the very coming of the reptile. Many suppose that, like the garter snake, the bull snake, the members of the "racer" family and our other nonpoisonous snakes, the rattlesnake is hatched in broods numbering from forty to eighty. Not so, Ratare all members of the viperoid fami-

middle of August the babies appear. Lively, self reliant, dangerous little fellows they are, fourteen inches long. with each shedding of the skin.

poison fangs containing the identical venom of the mother snake.-Pearson's Magazine.

# THREE GREAT AMERICANS.

Hawthorne.

her "Bits of Gossip" that Emerson as ere, Montibello, Ste. Marle de la Be. All pieces of shot or garments taken she met him in Concord in 1862 was a | ance, Vaudrell, Rouville and, most in | from wounded men are sent to Tokyo, typical Yankee in appearance; "The teresting of all, the Chateau de Rame. where they are being preserved, as are tall, gaunt man with the watchful, pa- zay at Montreal. The latter was built also all other "preparations" resulting tient face and slightly dazed eyes, his in 1765 by Gertrude de Ramezay, at from the surgical treatment of the hands clasped behind his back, that that time governor of the district of wounded. Loudon Globe. mer day was Uncle Sam himself in ill was descended the last French govern fitting brown clothes. I have often or of Quebec at the time of the capitu- paratus might be useful in the semiwondered that none of his biographers | lation in 1759. From that time to 1840 | arid plains east of the Rocky mounhave noticed the likeness."

Thoreau had not died before you came. dence of the French and English gov- tricity at the high voltage of 250,000 is He was an interesting study." She ernors until the capital was trans- sent lightning-like through the air. A asked why, and after a moment he re- ferred from Montreal to Quebec. It is succession of these discharges conplied; "Henry often reminded me of now owned by the Antiquarian socie- denses the moisture in the atmosphere, an animal in human form. He had the ty, which has made of it a museum with a clearing effect similar to that eye of a bird, the scent of a dog, the for historical relics of the old regime, produced by lightning. most acute, delicate intelligence, but and as such it possesses much interest Although the object of the apparatus no soul. No," he repeated, shaking for visitors to the one time capital of in England is to dissipate for, analo his head with decision, "Henry could not have had a human soul."

Mrs. Davis remarks on Hawthorne's shyness and on his love of seclusion, which indeed was a family trait: "Personally he was a rather short, powerfully built man, gentle and low voiced, Lowell. with a sly, elusive humor gleaming The portrait with which we are all familiar, a curled barber shop head, gives no idea of the singular, melancholy charm of his face. There was a mysterious power in it which I have never seen elsewhere in picture, statue or human being."

### Do Animals Thinkf The following facts, which I saw or money.-Richard de Bury. with my own eyes on repeated occa-

bred black and tan terrier, which slept | A book is good company. It is full of in a basket in my bedroom that opened conversation without loquacity. It is into the nursery. One of my children not offended at your absentmindedness was from ill health very fractious, and nor jealous if you turn to other pleaswhenever Tiny heard it cry she would ures .- Beecher. go into the nursery, hunt about until she found a squeaking rag doll, take it to the side of the cot and, sitting up. Maud-Well. I see Mabel Garling shake it to amuse the child. If in do what are you taking off that dolly's doses. It produces a waxy, ivorylike horn after all these years has given ing this she did not display powers of clothes for? Modern Child-I'm go appearance of the skin during a cer-What's the reason? Maud-Haven't ly fail to see to what her clever per-

HUGO AND HIS WIFE.

# Vehemence of the Author and His

Better Half's Placidity. M. Paul Stapfer in the Mercure de France quotes a fragment of Victor Hugo's after dinner monologues. The pose of the man accustomed to an expectation of big utterances, of meta physical suggestions, is well conveyed in the quotations. Victor Hugo, it tinctly a prophet in his own country as well as abroad. By 9 in the evening, says M. Stapfer, Victor Hugo had warmed to his work. He burst forth:

"How poor, how small, how absurd atheism is! God exists. I am more sure of his existence than I am of my own. If God lends me sufficient length of life I want to write a book showing how necessary to the soul prayer ishow necessary and how efficacious. Personally I never pass four hours future between New York and San without prayer. I pray regularly every morning and evening. If I wake in the night I pray. What do I pray for? Strength. I know what is right and what is wrong, but I realize my imperfections and that of myself I have not the strength to resist evil. God surrounds and upholds us. We are in him. From him we have life, the dates given above, seems to promise movement, being. All is created by him. But it is not true to say that he has created the world. He creates it unceasingly. He is the soul of the universe. He is the infinite I. He isyou are asleep, Adele!"

The abrupt accusation was hurled at Mrs. Hugo. Since dinner she had been sitting silently in an armchair, rather huddled and drawn up in attitude, her chin resting on her chest, her hands folded on her stomach and her eyelids closed. Her regular breathing had been pleasantly interrupted. Roused abruptly, injured innocence protested vigorously in her manner, "You dear great thing, how could you possibly imagine I should go to sleep while you were talking?"

### TRAVELING IN RUSSIA.

#### The Sleeping Cars and the Steamers on the Volga. The sofas of our staterooms on the

Volga river steamer, while pleasant enough to sit on, were devoid of the In 1854 the Pennsylvania Railroad other trappings which in these degencompany bought the Portage road from erate days are thought necessary to a ed the peculiarities of Muscovite travel. The old fashioned Russian travels

comfortable according to his own ideas, and they are by no means narrow. A place to sleep on is provided. The rest he brings. On the Russian sleeping cars those who have not their own bedclothes and who wish to undress and go to bed in the American fashion can have all that is requisite for 50 cents. The porter on demand brings a linen sack, whose seal he cuts in your prestleshakes are born into the world, as ence with considerable ceremony and from which he produces a pillow, ly, in litters numbering from seven to blankets and sheets of beautiful fine linen. This was the system on our Between the middle of July and the boat, and our minds were soon at rest. I afterward inspected the lower decks of the ship and saw the way the third class passengers were cared for. It no thicker than a lead pencil, marked was primitive, but clean and wholly yoke, with the material hanging from like the adult snakes and provided suited to the customs of the people. with a single button at the end of the Each person was provided with a spot-

tail, the first link in the series of rat- less board shelf to sleep on by night tles to be developed, ring by ring, and sit on by day, and he made himself as happy or as uncomfortable as he Motionless, eyes gleaming, the long chose. Most of the passengers seemed mother lies extended across the back to take traveling as a migration, to of a sand hummock beneath the fan- judge by the pots and kettles, furnilike leaf of a dwarf palmetto, glaring ture, blankets and clothing stowed coldly at her active, squirming ba- about them-"everything but the kitch-The new jackets for spring are being bies. For a brief half hour she tar- en stove," that important but danshown now, some of them being out of ries; then she drags herself away, for gerous article being replaced by the the beaten track and very smart. from the first moment a young rattler ship's galley, with its bountiful hot Among these the plaited styles seem to enters the world he is independent of water always ready for the eternal fatal; then, getting astride the Spindle, be the avorite. The jacket proper is his mother and eminently able to shift teamaking.—Captain T. Bentley Mott,

# CANADIAN CASTLES.

#### head is provided with the long, sharp | The Most Interesting Is Chateau de Ramezay at Montreal.

To Americans castles are associated interesting to be reminded by the St. from the modern infantry rifle are less A Glimpse of Emerson, Thoreau and number of ancient Canadian castles | mer days. Wounds received in the Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis says in Ours, Rimouski, St. Eustache, Lotbini came slowly down the shady village | Montreal and knight of the Royal and street toward the Wayside that sum- | Military Order of St. Louis. From him the castle remained in the possession tains and in all sections of the United Emerson said to Mrs. Davis: "I wish of the government and was the resi- States during times of drought. Elec-New France.

# BOOKS.

book which time has criticised for us.-

Books are men of higher stature and sometimes in his watchful gray eyes. the only men that speak aloud for future times to hear .- E. B. Browning. We should make the same use of a book that the bee does of a flower. She steals sweets from it, but does not injure it .- Colten.

Books are the masters who instruct us without rods and ferules, without hard words and anger, without clothes

My maxims are never to begin sions, fully convinced me that animals book without finishing it, never to conhave the powers of memory and sider it without knowing it, and to thought. I once had a three parts study with a whole mind.-Buxton.

# Sanitary Instinct.

memory, thought and reflection I utter- in' to zamine her to see if she's been tain stage of the poisoning, but its tervaccinated. I can't have 'er spreadin' rible after effects have become too well you heard? She's got him.-Chicago formance could be attributed.-London 'tagion among my other dollies.-Balti- known to make it of common use as a more American.

## CHOICE MISCELLANY

Advance of the Telephone. As far back as 1667 one Robert Hooke of London proclaimed the principle of the telephone. By means of a wire he transmitted sound over considerable distances. A century and a half later, in 1821, the word "telephone" was first used, being applied to Wheatstone's apparatus, by which sound was transmitted through wooden rods.

The first patents for the Bell tele phone were taken out in 1876. Long distance telephoning is twenty years

old this very year. At the beginning of 1904 there were 3,779,517 telephones under rental in the United States. The number of messages in a year passes beyond 3,000, 000,000. A current news item predicts telephonic communication in the near Francisco.

With a continent crossed by the speech carrying circuit, there remains the problem of transoceanic communication by telephone. It is not to be doubted that a solution will come. The rapidity of telephone development, after its first fair start, as indicated in that the crowning achievement in long distance communication by voice may not be far in the future.

### Old Age In Navy Officers.

The youngest rear admiral in the United States navy is older than Admiral Togo. The four Japanese vice admirals are all younger than the youngest of our captains. The Japanese rear admirals average age forty-nine. captains age forty-four and two-thirds and commanders forty and two-thirds. The average age of our captains (fiftyseven and a half) is thirteen years beyond that of the Japanese captains. nine years beyond that of the English and German captains and seven years beyond that of the Russian captains, The youngest English captain is aged thirty-three, is twenty years younger than our youngest, and Japan has deemed it wise to intrust her battle ships to men of age thirty-six. The average English and German captain & scarcely older than our junior grade captain (commanders), and our younrank was older than the average Japanese captain. If our youngest captain were in the Japanese navy he would with his own gear and makes himself have been retired for age some time ago.-Independent.

### Uncle Sam's Shop.

Uncle Sam sold during the year 1904. according to figures given out from Washington, goods worth \$1.451,355 645. He bought goods worth \$1,035, 909,197 and used the balance to pay off debts and the interest on his mort

It was the first year when Uncle Sam has ever made billion dollar pur chases. Ten years earlier he spent only \$676,000,000, last year \$995,000,000.

However, Uncle Sam doesn't feel poor. He broke another record by exporting for the first time over \$500,-000,000 worth of manufactured goods. In ten years the excess of exports over imports-sales over purchases has been over \$4,000,000,000. Sales have been upon an average more than 50 per cent greater than purchases. Last year and in 1902 the excess of

sales was only 40 per cent. But that isn't much to worry about. In the three years 1893, 1894 and 1895 the excess of sales was only 12 per cent, and we have done fairly well

#### The Antiamputation Japs. During the present war the Japanese

have followed the new rule generally of not amputating shattered limbs on the fields of battle, but of putting a plaster of paris dressing on them. So far out of 600 wounded Russians only one arm has been amputated, and in that case the arm had to be removed in consequence of trouble supervening. with the storled Rhine, picturesque In all cases the bones have healed well. England or France and Spain, but it is lit is clear that the gunshot wounds John (P. E. I.) News that there are a dangerous to life than they were in forstill existing, the chief ones being St lungs or stomach heal often without any surgical treatment or operation.

# Artificial Rain.

Sir Oliver Lodge's fog dispelling ap-

gous reasoning would point to its value as a rain producer. The fog is driven away by being turned into rain. The same electrical process should produce What a sense of security in an old rain wherever there is a fair amount of moisture in the atmosphere.

#### Bagpipes Again In Favor. That terrible instrument, the bag-

pipes, is winning favor in certain circles. It is even whispered that there is a fair royal piper, and that the laughters of Scottish nobles are rapidly becoming proficient in the art of skirling the pipes is the hapless experience of many visitors to the north. There are those who find the bagpipes trying at the best of times, but if they are to be placed in the hands of the amateur will life beyond the border be worth living?-London World. Effect of Arsenic on the Face.

The slow absorption of many poisons changes in some more or less modified form the complexion, but arsenic and ammonia show their effect about as quickly as any. The popular belief that arsenic clears the complexion has led many silly women to kill them-Modern Mother-Why, child alive selves with it in small, continued