

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

An immense collection of wild animals from all parts of the world is promised for the world's fair.

A RECENT invention is a cradle which rocks by clockwork mechanism and at the same time plays baby tunes.

ICEMEN say that men can see to read a newspaper through the clear ten-inch ice in the Hudson river near Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

NEW-YORK state now has 122 chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Pennsylvania has 102; Virginia, 47; Ohio, 39; Illinois, 38; New Jersey, 37.

THE Seabury house at Woodbury, Conn., known as the birthplace of the American Episcopal church, was purchased by the Litchfield archdeaconry.

BURIAL at sea is to be abolished for those who have money to pay for the transportation of their remains in case of death on shipboard. Air-tight steel caskets for the transportation of bodies are now a part of the equipment of all the best steamers.

THE captains of ships which carry bricks have to be very careful. An ordinary brick is capable of absorbing a pint of water. So with a cargo of bricks in the hold serious leakage may quite well go on undetected, for the water that enters is sucked up as fast as it gets in. If this should be the case the consequences are bound to be most disastrous.

THE MILITARY.

It costs the government \$1,600 a day for firing morning and evening salutes. The battering ram was a beam suspended in the middle, drawn back and thrown forward.

Gov. CLEAVES, of Maine, made up his staff by selecting the handsomest men he could find in his own town.

In the Twelfth century a hook was attached to a footman's spear to enable him to drag a knight from the saddle.

GEN. TROCHU, the defender of Paris in the closing days of the Franco-Prussian war, is a descendant of Racine. He was invited to attend a recent histrionic ceremony in honor of the eminent dramatist, but was so busy with his memoirs that he could not spare the time to accept.

A POWERFUL lamp, which distinctly illuminates objects over half a mile distant, by means of a great reflector, is to be adopted in the French army. It is carried on a light wagon, behind the soldiers, and they will be in obscurity while the enemy and all objects in front will be made conspicuous.

RAIL RUMBLINGS.

CANADA has about 14,000 miles of railroads.

THE Royal Hungarian railway company has decided to employ women at all stations, giving preference to the widows and orphans of men who have died in their employ.

THE slowest railroad in the world is the Arizona & New Mexico. From Benson to Nogales is eighty-eight miles, and the schedule time is eight hours. The fare is \$8.50, or ten cents a mile.

THE last spike of the Great Northern railroad, giving a complete line from St. Paul to Seattle, was driven a few days ago. One thousand men were dismissed at once, and flocked to Spokane and Seattle.

THE Southern Pacific railway company, after many disappointments, extending over a number of years, has succeeded in striking water in the Colorado desert. The well yields 9,000 gallons an hour, and if several more of equal capacity can be drilled, not only will the railway be greatly profited, but the desert itself may be redeemed.

WISE AND WITTY.

Idolatry is a disease of the imagination; idealism the aspiration of the spirit.

A WOMAN must pity the man she loves, even if she has to hurt him in order to do so consistently.

WHEN we say that a person has good sense about most things we mean, of course, that about most things he has the good sense to agree with us.

THE fatal drawback to most reforms is that their execution would be likely to entail an injustice greater than the wrong of the original conditions.

ONE need never regret the time spent in dissecting the personal and private

affairs of his neighbors, for he may be assured that they are doing as much for him.

It is chiefly at the mile posts of the year, when the wayfarer pauses with the circle of his friends about him, that he notes the faces missing, the new ones grown familiar by their presence, and the changes that closed in around him while he journeyed.—Judge.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

A WINGED foot serves as a matchbox. Two TEN cent pieces joined together make a tie clasp.

THE preference in silver buttons is for the scroll edge.

BLACK silk fobs with gold bars and buckles are preferred.

TANDEM whips are of English holly and mounted in silver.

LEATHER umbrella straps with silver buckles have just been introduced.

THE old fashioned gold fob is modestly coming to the front in smaller sizes.

CHAMOIS penwipers with a silver knob disclose beneath the knob a stamp receptacle.

SILVER embossed cases are for twine, mucilage, letters and various desk furnishing articles.

SCRAPS OF INFORMATION.

THE best handles of small tools are made from the wood of the apple tree.

IN making champagne the grapes are squeezed six times, each pressure making wine of a different quality.

FRESH milk, applied every week with a soft cloth to boots and shoes, has a freshening and preservative effect upon the leather.

A DRESS of striped material is so cut that the wearer has the appearance of being diagonally bound up with narrow tape. It is scarcely pretty and not at all graceful.

THE turban is fairly fashionable. The most approved style fits rather closely to the head and recalls the old days when a saucer-shaped headgear without trimming was looked upon as quite the thing.

AN outgrown dress for a girl may be refitted by taking out the sleeves, lengthening the skirt with a band of velvet, adding a jacket of velvet or other suitable material, and a belt or half corselet either of leather or goods.

EUROPE'S NOBILITY.

WHEN Lady Somerset came into possession of her estate she canceled back rents aggregating \$500,000. She has 125,000 tenants, 100,000 of whom are in London.

THE speaker of the British house of commons receives a salary of \$25,000 a year, and when he retires is raised to the peerage, with an annual pension of \$20,000.

THE chairman of Mr. John Morley's evicted tenants' commission, Sir John Mathew, is a nephew of the celebrated Father Mathew, who was mighty in temperance work.

THE duke of Sutherland is the largest land owner in the United Kingdom. The duke possesses no less than 1,358,545 acres of land, all of which, save about 15,000 acres, are in Scotland, and his rent roll is more than \$700,000 a year.

LORD TENNYSON's wedded life was unusually bright, and he was indebted to his wife for those long years of freedom from personal care and annoyance which enabled him to devote his time to the service of mankind. His devotion to and tender care of his wife were beautiful to see.

FISH YARNS.

A SEA turtle weighing one hundred and fifty pounds has been captured near San Diego, Cal.

A DOG at Yardley, Pa., saw a bass in the river, and, leaping in, frightened the fish so that it fled to the shore, where it was grabbed by the dog's master.

MAINE fishermen envy John Griffin, of South Portland. While fishing for mackerel, outside Cape Elizabeth, he caught a baby whale three feet long.

WHILE attempting to haul in a five-pound bass, which he had just caught, at Schuylkill river bridge, Pottstown, Pa., John Keim, a lad of thirteen, was dragged over the railing and fell into the water, thirty-five feet below. He was rescued, and he still clung to the fish.

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