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PEOPLE OF MANY LANDS.

THE Duke of Sutherland is credited with owning 1,358,545 acres in the United Kingdom, and to possess a rent roll of more than \$700,000 a year.

A LEGAL separation has been pronounced between Maurice Bernhardt and his wife, Princess Jablonowski. In her demand for this separation Mme. Maurice Bernhardt declared that her personal fortune was endangered by the prodigality of her husband.

M. CLEMENCEAU is one of the few men who cannot be interviewed. When a reporter goes to see him and asks: "What do you think of such and such a thing?" M. Clemenceau always answers: "Let me hear what you think first." And the conversation usually stops there.

GLADSTONE was born in the same year as Abraham Lincoln. The name of Lincoln now seems almost enshrined in ancient history. Yet Gladstone is still engaged in the difficult task of contemporary statesmanship. The gulf stream of youth sometimes flows into the icy seas of old age.

A BRIDEGROOM in chains was recently married in St. Petersburg. Alexander Petrovitch had been tried for murder, and sentenced to death; but the sentence was afterward commuted to ten years' banishment in Siberia. He was married in convict garb, and his chains clattered over the church floor. His bride and he ate a wedding breakfast, and she will accompany him to Siberia.

PEOPLE NEAR HOME.

AMONG its hotel arrivals the Denison (Tex.) Herald has this: "Capt. Bill Simms is in the city. Bill is an old-time ranchman. He whacked up bulls in west Texas when Indians were as thick as prairie dogs."

JOHN ATRIAM, of Wilmington, O., voted three times for Gen. Jackson, three times for Cleveland for president, and eighteen times for presidents. He is ninety-two years old and is yet one of the best horsemen in his region.

AMERICUS SYMMES, who is to head an Arctic expedition in June, goes on a strong conviction that Verhoef is in what became known as Symmes' Hole, owing to his father's theory that the earth is hollow and open at the poles.

WILLIAM T. STANSBURY, who entered the service of the Baltimore Sun over fifty-five years ago, has been at the case in that office ever since and spent the evening of his seventy-sixth birthday there, setting the smallest face type without the aid of glasses.

JAMES HAND and his son George parted twenty-eight years ago and did not again see or hear of each other until a few weeks ago, when they discovered each other in Seattle, and learned at the same time that they had been living within a few miles of each other, on Puget sound, for many years past.

SOME GREAT MEN.

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil company, is about to build a costly residence at Watkins, N. Y., and make that place his permanent home.

SENATOR BRICE'S heart is in the right place. He has commissioned a friend in Lima to purchase and distribute one hundred tons of coal and one hundred barrels of flour to the suffering poor in that city.

CONGRESSMAN TOM JOHNSON, of Ohio, is always ready for a fight when anyone calls him "Thomas." Tom is the

proper name given him by his sponsors, and he doesn't want it lengthened by any over-polite friend.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES had a desk and bookcase arranged in one of his bathrooms, so that he might take refuge from visitors in that apartment when hard pressed. Usually though, he was safe when he withdrew to his large bedroom.

SPAIN TO SPEND \$175,000.

Interest Throughout the Kingdom in Matters Pertaining to the Exposition.

The Spanish minister at Washington, E. Dupuy de Lome, writes Chief Fearn, of the foreign affairs department, of the increasing interest throughout Spain in all matters pertaining to the exposition. The enthusiasm upon the subject is most surprising in view of the fact that but few months have elapsed since a significant agitation in Spain about the world's fair in Chicago had a really popular place. The Madrid exposition and the official courtesies extended by the United States government and the exposition authorities generally to the government of Spain have resulted in an enthusiastic and universal desire upon the part of the people of that country to be adequately represented at Chicago. Minister Lome, in the course of his letter to Chief Walker Fearn, says:

"It has been decided to ask an appropriation of 750,000 pesetas for the exposition. Will send soon plans for pavilion. There is much enthusiasm."

The cortes will convene in Madrid December 5, and at the beginning the appropriation of \$150,000 will be asked and granted, which, together with the \$25,000 which was appropriated for the preliminary expenses, will make for Spain the sum of \$175,000, without counting Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, who will contribute liberally on their own account.

Reports have been circulated in all directions that Spain was going to expend \$14,000 for the exposition, because this sum was appropriated from the general funds for offices, correspondence and advertisements, congress not being in session. To-day it will be right to say that, after Germany, France and Great Britain, Spain is preparing to spend the most of all the other European nations at Chicago in acknowledgment and in return for the honor shown her at the festivities.

Moslem Ladies Interested.

Zenab Fonos, a Mohammedan lady of Cairo, Egypt, has written to Mrs. Potter Palmer, president of the board of lady managers, assuring her that she will do her utmost to arouse the interest of the "women of the faith" in women's work at the fair. She is engaged in collecting specimens of Arabic writings descriptive of Oriental women. When the collection is complete it will be sent on for exhibition. The lady regrets that the Mohammedan religion prevents woman from making journeys in foreign lands, or she would present the work in person.

NEWSPAPER PICKINGS.

ONE of the oldest papers of the United States is the Salem Gazette, a daily evening newspaper, which began its existence as a weekly journal in 1768.

GEORGE W. CHILDS has a cabinet of after-dinner coffee cups in his editorial sanctum and it is his graceful custom to offer every lady visitor to the office her choice of this very elegant china.

GERMAN socialists claim to have control of seventy newspapers, twenty-two of which are political dailies. Their leading organ, the Vorwarts, has a circulation of 37,000 copies and is making money.

FOR three years past, Miss Annie Shepard Spooner, now eighteen years of age, has published at her home in Hinsdale, N. H., a monthly paper for young people, called "Around the Lamp." She sets her own type, solicits her own advertisements and is said to have 4,000 subscribers.

IN 1759 the legislature of Massachusetts passed a stamp act in which newspapers were included. The printers remonstrated and asked for a repeal of the clause which applied to newspapers, pleading that they were vehicles of knowledge and necessary information. It was done.

HENRI ROCHFORD evinces his undying hatred of the Germans in various ways. The most pronounced and pub-

lic is the keeping of a standing notice in the business office of his newspaper which is in substance: "No advertisements accepted from Germans under any circumstances."

STUB ENDS OF THOUGHT.

A WIFE is wisdom.

BROKEN hearts have been repaired.

A NEWSPAPER never tells half it knows.

THERE is no corkscrew without a coffin nail.

A WISE man will think what a fool will say.

HARMONY is the brain, melody the heart, of music.

HIGH tempered people are not necessarily ill tempered people.

THE world is not greatly indebted to good natured people for its progress.

THERE are as many million kinds of hereafter as there are many million kinds of people.

IT is the man who thinks wrong and does right, rather than the man who thinks right and does wrong, who is the favorite in the pools.

SOME MONEY MATTERS.

A GOLD double eagle of 1849 is worth \$100.

THERE are \$1,400,000,000 in gold in circulation throughout the world.

THE largest greenback extant is a \$10,000 bill, and only one such note has been printed by the government. Of the \$5,000 bills, the next largest, there are seven.

A FLORIDA silver half dollar of 1760 is worth \$10, while the Virginia silver half dollar of 1773 is valued at \$2. The pewter continental dollar of 1776 is worth \$3.

THE copper threepence of Connecticut, issued in 1727, is appraised at \$30. One variety has the inscription: "I am a good copper," and another has the device of an ax, with the words: "I cut my way through."

A LITTLE MIRTH.

ST. PETER—"Wont you walk in?" Boston Spinster—"Is Browning here?"—Kate Field's Washington.

"PAPA," asked the small boy, "what is dignity?" "Dignity, my son," replied the father, "consists principally of a tall hat and a frock coat."—Buffalo Express.

"MR. SCROOGES was very affable when I called on him." "You must have struck a tender chord." "No; I paid a bill." "That's what I meant; a legal tender chord."—Washington Star.

MRS. JACKSON-PARKE—"My, it's after one o'clock. I believe I'll retire." Mr. Parke—"I guess I'll wait. The burglars ought to be along inside of an hour, and I do hate to be aroused after I have once gone to sleep."—Indianapolis Journal.

"WHO held the pass of the Thermopylae against the Persian host?" demanded the teacher. And the editor's boy at the foot of the class spoke up and said: "Father, I reckon. He holds an annual on every road in the country that runs a passenger train."

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS.

THE imperial cholera commission in Germany announces its discovery that wine—claret or hock—will kill the bacilli of cholera in a few minutes. Tea will kill them in an hour.

PROF. A. D. HOPKINS, of the West Virginia experiment station, has arrived from Europe with a bug which he thinks will destroy the pine-tree beetle that has so seriously damaged the West Virginia pine forests.

EXPERIMENT has shown that, contrary to the general belief, water is not purified by freezing. The average amount of impurities retained after conversion into ice is 34.3 per cent. of organic matter and 21.2 per cent. of inorganic.

FROM experiments made by English scientists it appears that camphor and oxygenated water are the most energetic excitants of growth, not only as regards the acceleration of germination, but as affecting the vigor of plants.

THE GOULDS.

GEORGE J. GOULD and C. P. Huntington are recent contributors to the building fund of the New York Press club in sums of \$1,000 each.

EDWIN GOULD has ordered from a press-clipping bureau "all the comments and accounts about" his father which have appeared, or will appear, in "all the newspapers of the world."

JAY GOULD's original intention was to be a country editor, but he finally selected another road by which to reach the immense fortune which he had in view from the beginning of his career.

ONCE when a man in Gould's presence was expressing sympathy for Cyrus W. Field, after his loss of the Manhattan Elevated stock, the great financier exclaimed: "O, we have left Cyrus his real estate."

HAPPENINGS ABROAD.

THE socialistic congress at Tours passed, among others, a resolution forbidding married women to work outside of their own houses.

THE Danish government has issued a decree forbidding the importation of dogs from any foreign country except Sweden and Norway.

THE New Zealand legislative council has not only adopted woman suffrage but provided that a woman's vote may be registered without her personal attendance at the polls.

VOLCANIC ashes often travel a long distance. A remarkable shower of volcanic ashes has occurred recently in several parts of Finland. The ground in some places has been covered to the depth of nearly an inch. The phenomenon is attributed to volcanic eruptions in Iceland, hundreds of miles away.

CHURCH GLEANINGS.

SEVEN Lutheran missionaries, using five different languages, are at work in Utah.

MRS. DR. J. H. BAYLISS, of Evanston, has subscribed \$200 for the new Methodist church in Rome, Italy.

DURING the past year between eight and nine thousand churches have been built in this country.

A NIECE of the late King Theebaw, a girl seventeen years old, has joined one of the English mission churches in Burmah.

IT is proposed in China to have a representative of the missionaries as minister of religion at Peking to deal with the government.

"SAINTS of the most high God," a new religious sect, who indulge in feet washing as a part of their ceremonies, are in session near Union City, Mich.

THERE are one hundred and forty distinct Christian denominations in the United States. Of these there are fifteen varieties of Methodists, fourteen of Baptists and twelve of Presbyterians.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

FIVE volumes of air contain one volume of oxygen.

THE moon is apparently brought within fifty miles of the earth by the largest telescope.

THE total work performed by the human body during five hours of mountain climbing is equal to 1,326,000 foot pounds, not counting other forces exerted, which Dr. Bucheister says will run the grand total up to 1,380,000 foot pounds.

PROF. PICKERING expects to reveal forty-five more stars than have yet been made known to astronomers by the aid of the new photographing telescope that has been set up at Harvard observatory, the gift of Miss Caroline Bruce, of New York.

CARBONIC acid gas, which is ejected into the air of London is purest at about thirty or forty feet from the ground, lower than that the dust is encountered and higher than that the smoke from the chimneys reaches.

A SUMING that iron is a systematic combination of little magnets, of making possible assumptions as to size and strength of these magnets, is found by Prof. Fitzgerald that the natural rate of vibration may be one hundred millions per second.

A SPOONFUL of stewed tomatoes in the gravy of either roasted or fried meats is an improvement.

BROIL steak without salting. It draws the juices in cooking, and is desirable to keep these in if possible.

TO CLEAN oil cloths use milk and water and wipe with a flannel cloth. Brush and soap will ruin them.