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GREATEST THINGS ON EARTH.

THE highest range of mountains is the Himalayas, the mean elevation being estimated at from 16,000 to 18,000 feet.

THE loftiest mountain is Mount Everest, or Gaurisanker, of the Himalaya range, having an elevation of 29,0.2 feet above the sea level.

THE largest theater is the new Opera House in Paris. It covers nearly three acres of ground. Its cubic mass is 4-[illegible] 7,000 feet. It cost about 100,000,000 francs.

THE largest suspension bridge will be the one now building between New York and Brooklyn. The length of the main span is 1,595 feet 6 inches; the entire length of the bridge, 5,989 feet.

THE loftiest active volcano is Popocatepetl—"smoking mountain"—thirty-five miles southwest of Puebla, Mexico. It is 17,784 feet above the sea level, and has a crater three miles in circumference and 1,000 feet deep.

THE largest island in the world, which is also regarded as a continent, is Australia. It is 2,500 miles in length from east to west, and measures 1,950 miles from north to south. Its area is 2,984,-237 square miles.

THE longest span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph in India, over the river Kistnah, between Bezorah and Seetoo ground. It is more than 6000 feet long, and is stretched between two hills, each of which is 1,200 feet high.

THE largest ship in the world is the Great Eastern. She is 680 feet long, 83 feet broad and 60 feet deep, being 22,927 tons burthen, 18,915 gross and 13,344 net register. She was built at Milwich, on the Thames, and was launched Jan. 31, 1857.

THE largest university is Oxford, in England, in the city of the same name, fifty-five miles from London. It consists of twenty-one colleges and five halls. Oxford was a seat of learning as early as the time of Edward the Confessor. University College claims to have been founded by Alfred.

THE largest body of fresh water on the globe is Lake Superior—430 miles long, 160 miles wide at its greatest breadth, and having an area of 32,000 square miles. Its mean depth is said to be 1000, and its greatest depth about 2,000 fathoms. Its surface is about 635 feet above the level of the sea.

THE most extensive park is Deer Park, in the environs of Copenhagen, Denmark. The inclosure contains about 6,200 acres, and is divided by a small river. The largest pleasure ground in this country, and one of the largest in the world, is Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, which contains 2,740 acres.

THE biggest cavern is the Mammoth cave, in Edmonson county, Ky. It is near Green River, six miles from Cave City, and about twenty-eight miles from Bowling Green. The cave consists of a succession of irregular chambers, some of which are large, situated on different levels. Some of these are traversed by navigable branches of the subterranean Echo River. Blind fish are found in its waters.

THE largest tunnel in the world is that of St. Gothard, on the line of railroad between Lucerne and Milan. The summit of the tunnel is 990 feet below the surface at Andermatt, and 6,660 feet beneath the peak of Kastelhorn, of the St. Gothard group. The tunnel is 26½ feet wide and 19 feet 10 inches from the floor to the crown of the arched roof. It is 9½ miles long—1½ miles longer than the Mt. Cenis tunnel.

THE biggest tree in the world are the mammoth trees of California. One of a grove in Tulare county, according to measurements made by members of the Geological Survey, was shown to be 276 feet high, 103 feet in circumference at the base, and 76 feet at a point 12 feet above the ground. Some of the trees are 376 feet high and 34 feet in diameter. Some of the largest trees have been felled indicate an age of from 2,000 to 2,500 years.

A Missourian's Reflection.

Mrs. Laura Dainty was reading, out in Missouri, and at one of the receptions which frequently follow her readings a gentleman was present who was free to talk horse very fluently, but couldn't talk anything else. Not being able to talk much horse, the little lady was puzzled how to entertain this gentleman, but her husband came to her relief. As I lived in a Michigan city,

"Oh, yes," she exclaimed, "I read there a few evenings ago and had a most charming time."

"They have a fine course there."

And she, delighted to find a woman who knew something, enthusiastically replied:

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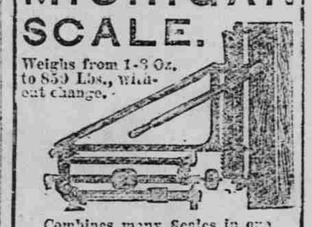

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[illegible] the South West one quarter [illegible] Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian [illegible] notice of that date, made by you the said Barnett Powell in favor of [illegible] for the sum of $242.50, and which said mortgage was given to secure with interest thereon at [illegible]

[illegible] is hereby given that the undersigned will be made before the Circuit Court [illegible] Columbia County, State of Oregon, on Monday, the [illegible] day of [illegible] 1886, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the court house in said county, the following described real property, to wit: [illegible] Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Columbia County, State of Oregon, [illegible] to satisfy said decree, and the costs and disbursements of said sale.

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V. A. MOODY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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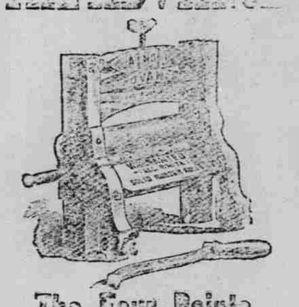

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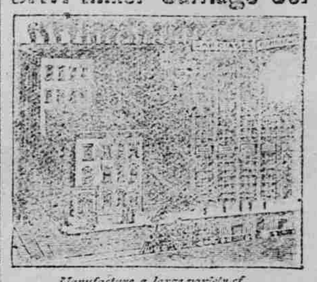

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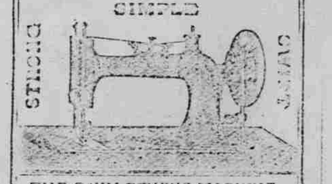

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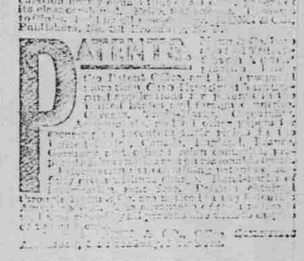

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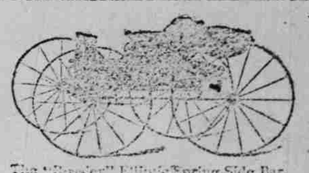

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