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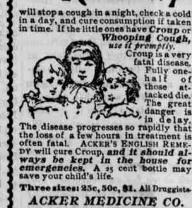
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A BANKRUPT COLONY.

An Iowa Colony That Has Been Dissolved.

Established by French Socialists a Century Ago-The Property to Be Divided Among the Members-Mode of Living.

The members of the Icarian communty, three miles east of Corning, Ia., have mutually agreed that a division of their property and a dissolution of their society is to the best interests of cirs of deceased members and other legal intricacies have rendered it advisable to appoint a receiver and put the matter into the hands of the court, though no animosities whatever exist

mong the members of the community. This community, says a recent dispatch, is socialistic in the extreme. Its founder was E. Cabet, and its inception dates back to a period just previous to the French revolution when about sixty-nine socialists embarked from Havre. France, for Texas and located near the Red river in Fanin county. Internal dissensions and outward privations discouraged the band and they removed to New Orleans. As soon as Cabet, who was still in France, learned of this change of base he sailed for New Orleans and immediately assumed personal supervision of the colony. Under his leadership they migrated to Nauvoo, Ill., which place had just been descried by the Mormons, after the killing of Joseph Smith. Here the learians engaged in various pursuits and were accessful in their enterprises for a time. Additions to the society made the total membership about two hundred and eighty persons. However, internal dissensions created division and in 1856 Cabet and about one hundred and seventy of his adherents left the remainder and went to St. Louis, where the founder of Icaria died of apoplexy in the same year. Meantime, the other faction had settled in Adams county, Ia., and were incorporated under the laws of the state as "Icaria."

They have resided there ever since. In 1876 the liabilities of the comm nity were about four thousand dollars, while the assets were computed at about sixty thousand dollars, However, another rupture between contending factions occurred in 1879, when the property was equally divided and a considerable portion of one faction departed for California. The remaincommunistic manner of living. During will move. most of the time from 1879 until the present date Jean Bettainier has served as president of the community, and the and empress of Japan, according to

ciently conducted.

This community is perhaps the only one in the United States, if not in the world, which is conducted upon such altra-socialistic principles. A German

official organ called La Revue Icarien, and numerous other industries were

engaged in besides farming. The objects and tenets of the community are well set forth in a few paragraphs from the constitution, as witness the following: "It is established in the interest of entire humanity, in devotion to its well being, in order to present to it a system of society capable of rendering it happy, and to prove by experience that communism based upon complete solidarity is realizable

and possible." A common fund supplied the wants of all and a common treasury received the earnings and savings of all. A general assembly of all Icarians over twenty-one years of age, irrespective of sex, constituted the legislative authority, while executive power was vested in three trustees. Withdrawals were permitted by the person desiring to sever his connection with the society giving one month's notice of same. whereupon the general assembly took into consideration his circumstances and the value of his services to the community while a member, and paid him reasonable compensation for same, in addition to two-thirds of the amount of his original investment. Members were free to follow their inclinations in regard to religious dogmas and exercised the greatest liberties in all matters which did not interfere with any of the ocialistic tenets. About ten thousand dollars in realty

and one thousand acres of land will be divided among the members.

ORIGIN OF POINT LACE. The Process Was Invented by Barbars A little known example of inventive genius in woman is that afforded by Barbara Uttman, of Saxony, and her point lace so long in fashionable use all over the world. She invented the process and apparatus for manufacturing this beautiful handiwork, which has since given employment to millions of operators, and which, in its line, had never been excelled. The apparatus looks like a long pineushion bristling with pins arranged to outline the pat-tern or design. The operator manages from ten to fifty peculiar spools, allowing the thread to feed over the pins alternately, until the design is completed. The spools, or bobbins, are purposely of different colors, so as to be easily distinguishable. The process is slow and difficult to learn. Miss Uttman founded schools where thousands carned it. Since her time, when inventive ability was rare, even among men, her ideas have been incorporated which the lace is produced at wonderally lower rates, and yet Barbara Uttman's lace still surpasses all.
HUNTING THE JACKRABBIT.

Story of a Famous Day's Sport in a Col-orado Town. When the special train bringing the visiting hunters reached Lamar there was a brass band at the station, and the brass band was there when they left. The merchants closed their stores and the people threw open their houses for the entertainment of their guests. After the hunt began the irregular discharge of the rifles in the sand hills around Lamar reminded one of picket firing. When a large party of gunners found a stretch of prairie where the rabbits were thick the reall concerned, and steps are now being port of the guns sounded like a general taken to that end. The interests of engagement. Though the rabbit hunt is a fixed annual event in Lamar, and rabbits are killed by thousands, there seems to be no decrease in the number. They multiply so rapidly during the summer months that it becomes necessary to make some such organized attack on them, for they are becoming as great a nuisance as they are in Australia. The rabbits breed on the grassy plains above the canals, where they stay until their forage falls them. Then they gather in the alfalfa fields, which accounts for their being so numerous at

this season of the year, says Harper's At the beginning of the hunt the wagons began coming in at four o'clock, and continued until nine at night, with heaping loads of the slain furry enemies of the farmer. The cleaners began their work with the first wagon load, and worked bravely, but the odds were against them, and they were soon half buried in the mass of rabbits awaiting preparation for shipment. At the first day's hunt fully two thousand were killed. No wagon brought in fewer than one hundred rabbits, and one went as high as four hundred and fifty, about three thousand pounds. A great number of rabbits were slain which were not brought in. All records were broken at this hunt, and not a single accident occurred to mar the pleasure of the participants.

When the spring comes and the fresh green grass comes up the jack-rabbits appear in large numbers and begin to nibble on the bark of the young fruit trees and the vines. Whole orchards are destroyed by them. If you were to walk through walk through a large vineyard you might not see one rabbit, although' hundreds might be around you. They secrete themselves very cleverly in the grass, and, being so nearly the color of the ground, are hard to detect. They lie close, with their large cars flat upon their backs, until disturbed, and one ing members continued in the original can almost walk over them before they

An Imperial Silver Wedding. The silver wedding of the emperor

duties of his office have been very offi- foreign papers, was colebrated with great pomp a few weeks ago. There was a review of the soldiers in the afternoon, and in the evening there was a gala dinner, to which all the prominent officials and their wives and foreigners community at Amana, la., is similar to were invited. Afterward there was a reception and dance in the throne-room. are far more conservative in many respects. In Icaria departmental heads "bannairaku," a dance which was
have always been chosen, and the encomposed by the Emperor Yomei tire business of the community con- 1,300 years ago; the "taiheiraku," dueted as though it were one vast fam- which was the fashion 1,607 years ily. A common table furnished food ago, and the "bairo," a dance brought for all, one person purchased all supplies for wearing apparel, another performed a like office in apparintmenting resents the subjection of all enemies of agricultural operations, and so on. At the state. All the guests received i one time the retirement sublished an silver mements of the celebration.

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FOUL AIR AS A GERM GARDEN.

Good Sanitation a Prime Necessity as Defense Against Disease Germs. The development of the germs so fatal to humanity when taken into the system is an effort of nature to destroy and really eat up effete matter. The grub and maggot, disgusting as they are, are true scavengers, and if sufficient time be allowed them they will reduce to innocuous dust the most poisonous of animal and vegetable matter. We regard the creatures with abhorrence because of their occupation; but they are laboring, albeit unconscious ly, in the interest of higher forms of life. When disease-generating matter has passed through the digestive canal of the pupa it is no longer infectious. In the undrained and filthy portions of a city the foul matter is constantly accumulating far beyond the corrective powers of unaided nature. Deadly gases are cast off from festering heaps, vapors charged with microscopic germs

which hatch fearful ailments in that weak mechanism, man's body. But surface. even where the system is not directly affected by germ diseases, the influence of the foul gases-why, we do not fully understand as yet-tends to lower vi tality to such a degree that the subject is always in good condition to take a fever of the typhoid class, scaraltina, diphtheria, etc., Prof. Alessi's experiments, says an exchange, show that a person who has lived in foul air for a considerable time will get any one of the fatal germ diseases much more readily than one who has breathed pure air and only absorbs the germs by accident. Prof. Alessi has proved that the same is true with animals. He placed a number of dogs, pigs, etc., in such a situation that they were compelled to live, for some weeks, in an atmosphere saturated with the noxious vapors from garbage heaps. These he inoculated with the typhoid bacillus, at the same time inoculating a similar number of animals which had been brought direct from the pure air of the in the construction of machinery by rural district. The first lot died, some of them in thirty-six hours, with unmistakable typhoid symptoms, while not one of the second lot was affected. It was observed, however, that when the rural animals began to breathe the nfected air they began at once to show igns of weakness and lassitude. They ost their liveliness and grew glassyeyed, and though they continued to

eat, they became poor in flesh. There is a grim significance in these facts which should teach us a lesson that All ancient music was in the minor key, without harmony or counterpoint, and entirely vocal and rhythmical, like good sanitation is a prime necessity, not only as a defense against direct assaults of germ disease, but also against the lowering of the physical powers which opens the system not only to the bacillus but to all the other foes which lie in wait to destroy life.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

MANY a man's tongue shakes out his master's undoing.—Shakespeare.

THOUGHT is the property only of those who can entertain it.—Emerson. THERE is an idiom in truth which falsehood can never imitate.-Napier. HE hath a poor spirit who is not planted above petty wrongs.-Feltham. Well-arranged time is the surest mark of a well-arranged mind.-Rous-

THE generous heart should scorn a pleasure which gives others pain .-

DRINKING water neither makes a man ck, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow. -John Neal. STRENGTH is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts; not amidst joy.

-Mrs. Hemans. Some temptations come to the indusrious, but all temptations attack the idle.-Spurgeon. It is marvelous how long a rotten post will stand, provided it be not

shaken. - Carlyle. TRAGEDY has the great moral defect of giving too much importance to life and death.-Chamfort.

LOVELY concord and most sacrepeace doth nourish virtue, and fast friendship breed.-Spenser. THERE is a wide difference between speaking to deceive and being allent to be impenetrable.-Voltaire.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

"Coor, as a cucumber" is scientifically regetable has a temperature one degree below that of the surrounding atmos-JOSEPH TARITE, the railroad mag- | defenses about Pensacola

nate of Vienna, who died the other day, left \$1,000,000 to a society of that city to be used in prosecuting astronomica observations.

OVER one thousand yards of linen cloth have been unrolled from one mummy. The cloth in texture resembles the cheese cloth of the present somewhat. It is finer in quality. THE periophthalmus, a native of the

Malayan mangrove swamps, is the only fish which breathes with its tail. If the tail be painted over with oil or varnish the fish dies of suffocation. M. Andre, an aeronaut of Stockholm, has a plan to go in a balloon to the

north pole. He thinks the trip from Spitzbergen would require several months and would cost 175,000 francs. ONE of the latest scientific vagaries is the proposition that the central heat of the earth may be drawn upon and utilized by sinking wells or pits deep enough to tap superheated steam or gases having sufficient pressure to drive machinery and diffuse comfort on the

GOSSIP OF AUTHORS.

RUSKIN is reported to be in excellent health at Brantwood Coniston in the lake country.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES left an estate amounting to \$72,117. This is quite a property for a poet, but it must be remembered that Dr. Holmes was an expert in medicine as well as in

MR. HENRY HARRISSE is about to publish another book on Americus Vespucius, showing the part taken by the merchant princes of Augsburg and Nuremburg in Almeida's expedition to

ULYSSES S. GRANT, the young son of Col. Fred Grant, is developing a taste for writing. He is editor, and publisher, also, of the Junior Monthly, which is published by the youths'

school which he attends. DR. EDWARD WILMOT BLYDEN, a fullblooded negro, and formerly minister of Liberia to England, is said to be the and is a much-sought-after contributor to the English magazines.

A MUSICAL MELANGE.

LONDON has been listening to a new infant prodigy, a nine-year-old planist named Basil Gauntlet.

our recitative. SEVENTY-NINE new operas and operettas were produced in Italy last year,

according to the Gazetta Musicale of

Milan, twenty-five of them operas in three acts and four even longer. The Gazetta is charitable enough to say that sixty of them were good. "LA MONTAGUE NOIRE," a grand opera, composed, book and music, by an Irishwoman naturalized in France, Miss Augusta Holmes, is about to be brought out at the Paris grand opera, Miss Holmes is known as the composer of a cantata, "Les Argonautes," per-formed at the Pasdeloup concerta in

1880, and of two symphonical poems, "Ireland" and "Poland." SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

In France there are far more female

than male bicyclists. THERE were 609 persons injured by cycle accidents in the streets of London last year.

In Australia the law compels &

cyclist to carry a light in the rear as well as in front of his machine. JAMES P. JUMP is the champion eggeater of Owen county, Ky., and proved his right to the title the other day by devouring twenty-two eggs. He wants

to eat eggs against any man in the state

A Crimson Water-Way. One curiosity of coastwise naviga-tion in the Gulf of Mexico used to be Grant's passage on the inside route from Mobile to Pensacola. The inside voyage is made by crooked way of waterways separated from the open gulf by narrow banks of sand. A man. named Grant straightened a part of the passage by digging a canal to give deep water at a point where a wide detour used to be necessary. He set up a little lighthouse to aid navigators, and correct. Investigation shows that this then charged toll upon all vessels passing threag a. The passage was of some importance during the period when north and south were fighting over the

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