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If the Atlantic ocean could have a layer of water 6,000 feet deep removed from its surface it would only reduce the width of that great body of water one-half.

It has been legally decided that a man is entitled to vote on the day preceding the 21st anniversary of his birth. In other words, if he was born on November 6, 1874, he can vote on November 5, 1895.

A chapel in honor of St. Paul gave a new name to the Minnesota city. It was originally called Pig's Eye, from a nickname given to a one-eyed Frenchman who kept a drinking saloon at the place.

Mr. Fred Snow, of Vinalhaven, Me., while making repairs to his house, discovered in the wall three bags containing silver coins to the value of \$1,000. The latest date on the coins was 1850, indicating that the money must have been put there over 40 years ago.

The executors of the estate of the late Samuel J. Tilden have determined to sell the plants at Greystone at public auction. One of the plants, a sago palm, is over 200 years old and is said to have been at one time owned by George Washington.

Halfstones as large as hen's eggs have given place to a remarkable natural product in Washington state to apples as big as footballs. Red apples 15 inches in circumference were produced in several districts, and pippins and greenings measuring from a foot to 14 inches around are almost plentiful.

THE AUTHORS. Mark Twain is making a big success on his lecturing tour of the world. Australia his reception has been usually enthusiastic.

F. Marion Crawford, who returned to America from New York, was "pure luck" that brought him the plot of his first popular novel, "Innocence," and that he will not be fated again by writing an Indian story.

Mr. Alphonse Daudet has been sorely troubled by his uncomplimentary remark about English women. He declared the other day that he had decided to say nothing about women in the future, because this "sex, usually called feeble, has too many defenders when attacked."

Tolstoy's "Master and Man" has just been translated into Turkish by Mne. Lebedeva, who had previously translated into that language the greater part of the works of Pushkin and Lermontoff. She is now engaged in turning Said Emir Ali's "Life and Teachings of Mohammed" into Russian, in order to encourage the Russian Tartars to read Russian.

FASHIONS IN FANCY WORK. Chenilles are still used in embroidery, but they are not so popular as when they were first introduced, as they have not proved durable.

Beautiful little doyleys, in white porous silk, are hemstitched and embroidered in Kensington stitch, to use for the finger bowl to rest upon.

Fine chamois skins are now utilized for a great variety of purposes for small table spreads, tidies, sachets, fancy bags, borders for scarfs, etc.

Borders worked in cross-stitch in gay, rich colors decorate table covers made of the best quality of burials very effectively; a row of tassels in the same colors finish the edge.

A novel pen wiper recently admired was composed of a spray of maple leaves in various shades of olive, old gold and red fells, each leaf showing veining and ribs embroidered in colored silk; under the upper decorated leaves were the pieces of plain felt for wiping the pen.

THIS AND THAT. The last turnpike road in Connecticut, the old Derby road, is soon to be made free.

Green lake, Colorado, is 10,250 feet above sea level, and is said to be the most elevated body of water in the world.

Just what has led up to it is not stated, but the town of Williams, A. T., has just passed an ordinance prohibiting women from appearing in the street in bloomers.

Fishermen in the vicinity of New London, Conn., report that recently several of them have seen a huge whale about 50 feet long in the waters there.

A seaweed of the South Pacific often grows to be 30 or 40 inches in diameter and 1,200 to 2,000 feet long. It has no root, in the proper sense, the nourishment being absorbed from the water.

Either living is remarkably cheap in Simpson county, Miss., or the paupers there get very poor board. It costs the county less than a dollar a head a week to house and feed its dependent poor.

Bar Harbor is consoling itself for a dull winter with the reflection that the people who summered there last season represented wealth to an amount greater by \$20,000,000 than those who summered at Newport.

Wooden water pipes with a six-inch bore are used in the streets of several towns in Washington and Oregon. They last as long as iron pipes, and are much cheaper. A pipe-line seven miles long, of pine logs, recently laid, cost only \$2,000.

Col Waring, of New York, in his campaign for clean streets, is making a great effort to impress upon all citizens that it is their duty to abstain from littering the streets. This is a reform that is worth imitating in American cities generally.

IN HAVANA. Hooking - Chairs Everywhere - No Matresses Used Because of the Heat. The houses are mainly brick and low, three-story buildings being rare and one-story structures quite common.

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