

#### Aluminum Used for Paper

It is stated that experiments with aluminum as a substitute for book paper are being made in France. The metal will not oxidize and is practically fire and water proof. If it is a success it will completely revolutionize book printing the same as the introduction of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters completely revolutionized the old methods of trying to cure stomach, liver and kidney diseases. Today, no one questions the fact that it is the best medicine in the world to cure indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, nervousness, insomnia, general debility or malaria, fever and ague. Be sure to try it. It is highly endorsed by prominent physicians throughout the country. The genuine is for sale by all druggists, to whom apply for a copy of Hostetter's Illustrated Almanac for 1904. It is free.

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A duck hunter in Great South Bay, L. I., accidentally discharged both barrels of his shotgun through the bottom of his skiff. The boat foundered from shipping water through the hole, and the hunter narrowly escaped with his life.

#### A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c Slocum Drug Co's.

Frank Ferguson, of Perth Amboy, N. J., has gone insane from worrying over selling his vote in the recent city election. He was not suspected and made voluntary confession. So much for having an accusing conscience.

#### A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at Slocum Drug Co's.

Mrs. Emma Fredericks of Egg Harbor, L. I., religiously insane, saturated her clothes with gasoline then drank a pint of the stuff and touched a lighted match to her clothes. She is dead.

Eugene Crofut, a Huntington, Conn., miser, died of starvation and cold a few days ago. He left \$50,000 all in money.

#### A TERRIBLE PENALTY.

##### Prisoners Sentenced to Solitary Confinement in France Not Allowed to Speak, Read or Work.

The Law Times makes the following comment on the sentences passed on the Humberts, the notorious French swindlers: "Some of the comments in the press on the sentence passed on Mine. Humbert and her husband (the other pair of culprits came off more lightly) betray a very imperfect appreciation of its nature. Five years' reclusion, or solitary confinement as it is understood in France, is not only a rigorous but a terrible penalty. Our own code offers no parallel to it and it is probable that a life sentence of penal servitude in this country would be far more easily endured. The solitude of the prisoner in reclusion is all but absolute. The strictest silence is enforced. Presumably the consolations of religion—whatever that may amount to in so dreadful a situation—are not entirely withheld; otherwise the prisoner is forbidden to speak, even to his guardian. Books are denied (and which must be almost the worst infliction of all) the most complete idleness is enforced; no employment of any description may mitigate the appalling vacancy of days, weeks and years. Half an hour's exercise is allowed daily, in a hood which covers everything except the eyes. This horrible life in death may end in the tomb, but it is more likely to end in the padded cell of the maniac."

#### WHAT IS A FLAT?

##### Tired Woman Defines It and Also Tells How It Is Distinguished from an Apartment

"Won't some one please enlighten me as to the difference between a flat and an apartment?" plaintively inquired a woman who had just moved to the city at an afternoon tea. Everybody was willing to enlighten her, says the Chicago Tribune.

"Why, of course," said one, with an experienced air; "the flat has a set of speaking tubes and whistles and bells and things. When you want to get in you ring the bell and the door clacks, and you go in before the clacking stops. At an apartment house there is a hallway to let you in, and usually an elevator and telephone besides—"

"No, you're wrong," came from a tired-looking little woman in a corner. "Those are only mere surface differences. A flat and an apartment may both have none or all of those things. The only real, heartrending difference is this: In a flat, it is not considered a heinous crime to have children; in an apartment it is. That's all. I've been hunting vines and fig trees lately myself, and I know. None of the fig trees I looked at would tolerate my olive branches; guess they don't grow in the same gardens any more outside of the Bible."

#### CANCER AND LEPROSY.

##### Forms of Disease That Still Baffle Skill of the Ablest Doctors in the World.

The king of England has shown special interest in the promotion of researches as to the causes and the treatment of cancer, and generous subscriptions have been made for thorough investigations and experiments, says the New York Tribune. Every step forward for the relief or mitigation of human sufferings from this mysterious disease will be welcomed eagerly. Cancer, advanced tuberculosis, leprosy and rheumatism in its worst forms still baffle the skill of the ablest doctors in the world. It is of interest to note, however, that Prof. Hutchinson, of England, who has given many years of exhaustive study to the origin and development of leprosy, is now even more positive than ever before in his conviction that the eating of fish which has become putrid, or in least in part spoiled, is a prolific agency in the increase of the number of lepers. He sets forth arguments in support of his contention which are so plausible, at least, that health officials all over the globe ought to be persuaded to adopt the most rigorous measures to prevent the sale and consumption of sea food which is in the least degree tainted.

#### WOMEN LAWYERS IN FRANCE.

##### Admission of Ladies to Bar Has Had Good Results on Manners of Opposing Advocates.

Since the Paris bar has been open to women, not a few members of the fair sex have taken advantage of the new privilege accorded to them to plead at the Palais de Justice, says an exchange.

The pioneer in this direction was Mile. Chauvin, whose debut as "advocate" excited a great deal of attention, and whose presence in the cap and gown made a great sensation at the Palais. Her debut, moreover, had the effect of setting the fashion among Parisianesses of wearing the white cravat of the French lawyers. Since Mile. Chauvin's debut in 1899 curiosity has died out to a great extent, and no bad effects of the law have been noticed. It is even possible that, if the good results could have been anticipated, the law would have passed the chamber by a unanimous vote, instead of by 219 to

174. As a rule, women lawyers have had men as their opponents at the bar, and one could imagine himself in a sort of judicial salon, if compliments and gallant speeches were the criterion.

But the other day two women lawyers found themselves antagonists in a case. It was funny to see the embarrassment of the judges, for each lawyer did her best to captivate the bench. Unhappily the bench could not get out of the scrape by awarding the victory to both sides, so the chivalrous judges took refuge under a well-known formula and reserved their decision for a fortnight.

#### SCOTLAND'S GREAT CANAL.

##### Undertaking Will Save Hundreds of Miles and Cost \$50,000,000—Big Engineering Feat.

As was recently stated in a cable dispatch, the plans for the construction of a ship canal between the Firth of Forth, on the east of Scotland, across to the River Clyde, on the west, have been definitely arranged. The canal will cost \$50,000,000, but powerful support is expected from the British government. One of the great engineering features of the scheme will be the carrying of the canal near the Loch Lomond end. Frequent passing places will be made.

An indication of the saving in distance that would be effected by the canal, says an exchange, will be gained from the following figures: From the Clyde to ports on the east coast of Scotland, northeast of England, and northwest of Europe the distance saved would be from 529 miles to 228 miles. From the Firth of Forth to ports on the west coast of Scotland, northwest of England, Ireland, America and the Mediterranean the distance saved would be from 487 to 141 miles. From Tyne ports to the St. Lawrence river the distance saved would be 159 miles. From the west of Britain and northeast of Ireland to middle western ports of the continent the distance saved would be from 377 to 98 miles.

#### RECORD-BREAKING RUN.

##### Engineer Was Offered Fifty Dollars a Minute for Every Minute Gained Over the Schedule.

There is a little story connected with the record-breaking run of the Lowe special over the Santa Fe, Chicago to Los Angeles, in less than 53 hours, which is not generally known.

It is related that Mr. Lowe offered the engineer who hauled the train from San Bernardino to Los Angeles—on the home-stretch of 69 miles—the sum of \$50 a minute for every minute gained over the schedule. Engineer Warboy turned the wheels at a 50-second clip for each mile to Pasadena, but had to slow down in the suburbs of Los Angeles. He pulled into La Grande station, Los Angeles, just 62 minutes after leaving San Bernardino, gaining nine minutes on the whirlwind schedule and thereby earning \$450 extra pin money.

The Santa Fe passenger department will soon publish a pamphlet giving full details of the swift flight of the Lowe special, which in several instances exceeded 90 miles an hour. An average of nearly 43 miles an hour was maintained. In the face of having to cross four high ranges of the Rockies, and with little previous selection of engines or crews.

#### MENACE OF THE FOREST.

##### Continent Will Dry Up if Present Destructive Processes Continue—Experience of Old World.

The climatic history of the old world will repeat itself in America, says the National Magazine. If forest destruction, at its present rate of recklessness, should continue much longer, our continent will have to dry up. So will an orator who should venture to urge that fact upon a boodle legislature, in this era of lumber trusts. But the fact remains, and its significance may be inferred from the experience of the Mediterranean coast lands, where thousands of god gardens have been turned into Gehennas of wretchedness and desolation. By tree destruction alone a territory of 4,500,000 square miles has been withdrawn from the habitable area of our planet. The physical history of the eastern hemisphere is the history of a desert that originated somewhere near the cradle of the Caucasian race—in Bactria, perhaps, and, spreading westward and southward, has blighted the Edens of three continents like a devouring fire and is now scorching the west coast of Africa and sending its warning sand clouds far out to seaward.

#### Sugar in France.

The price of sugar in France has recently been reduced by less than half, and the consumption has been nearly doubled. Formerly sugar was a luxury which rarely reached the homes of many workmen, but now its use is much more common.

#### A Scientific Theory.

It has been suggested, in view of recent developments in ionic investigations, that all matter may be composed of a single mother substance—protyle. This protyle is supposed to be manufactured by destructive processes from concrete matter in the Crookes tube.

#### Huge Apple Tree.

F. Waldron, of North Vassalboro, Me., has an apple tree, the spread of its limbs being 47 feet one way and 41 feet across.

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