

A Marvelous Aerial Globe.

One of the attractions planned for the St. Louis World's Fair will be an aerial globe, 700 feet high. Some idea of its magnitude can be obtained after comparing it with the popular Ferris wheel, which is considered a crude affair beside it. This statement is also appropriate, after comparing the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters with the other stomach remedies. Its 50 years' record of cures puts it so far in the lead as a family medicine that the others are considered crude affairs and hardly worth a trial. Then don't delay longer, as delay is always dangerous, especially in cases of indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, insomnia, chills, colds or malaria, fever and ague. The Bitters positively cures these ailments as thousands have voluntarily testified. Try it and see for yourself.

Three spiritualists who have been holding "table rocking" sances in Corvallis, have been ordered out of the city by a committee of citizens who fear a repetition of the "Holy Roller" craze.

The large tannery which has been operating at Eugene, for several years, has been forced to seek another location on account of the scarcity of tan bark there, and also because of the exorbitant freight rates out of that point.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Slocum Drug Co. Price 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free.

An unknown man, without any means of identification upon him, committed suicide at Woodburn, Wednesday, by taking laudanum. He had failed to secure work and was despondent.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co.

The Washington Home Company, of Spokane, similar to the Fraternal Homebuyers, is also under the ban of the postoffice department and cannot send its advertisements through the mail.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Slocum Drug Co.

The Knights of Maccabees will build a two-story building at Roseburg this season to cost \$15,000.

Ethel Crusan, an 18-year-old girl, who eloped from her home at Eugene, last week with a worthless vagrant, has been found in Portland and returned to her home.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at Slocum's drug store.

The board of United States general appraisers has decided that duty cannot be charged on pulp wood from the province of New Brunswick.

ODD SECRET SOCIETY.

Indiana Women Have a Secret and Won't Tell It.

Men of the Town Have Been Trying for Twenty-Two Years to Learn the Meaning of S. T. J. M., But in Vain.

A peculiar society, which for 20 years has been a standing contradiction of the old belief that a woman cannot keep a secret, exists at Westfield, Hamilton county, and bids fair to prosper for another 20 years, despite the shafts of ridicule which from time to time have been hurled against it, reports the New York Sun.

Twenty-two years ago a number of the men of the village formed a literary society. Just for fun they decreed that no woman should ever become a member. A clubhouse was built, meetings were regularly held and the leading periodicals were read and discussed.

The organization limited its membership to the intelligent class and soon began to exercise a decided influence. After the first year some of the women in the community applied for membership, but none was ever admitted. It was always explained that it took a unanimous vote to elect a new member, and that there "was just one dissenting voice" when the name of the woman applicant was presented.

Two years later a company of ladies met and formed the S. T. J. M., and they decreed that the meaning of these letters should never become public. Each member was solemnly pledged not to reveal the secret, and for 20 years the S. T. J. M. has been in existence, and there is not a man in Westfield who has any idea what the four letters mean.

From time to time the membership has changed as the women married and moved away and other members have been added, but no one yet found, be she mother, wife, daughter or sweetheart, has revealed the meaning of the mystic symbols.

When Mrs. Sarah Jackson applied for a divorce, charging neglect, and the husband contested the suit, alleging among other things that she had concealed from him the meaning of the letters S. T. J. M., and had spent too much time at the meetings of the society, it was thought that the mystery would certainly be solved at the trial. But Mrs. Jackson refused to state what the letters stood for and the court ruled that the name of the society was not material to the testimony.

Mrs. Jackson got a divorce and alimony, and her ex-husband declared that the letters stood for the "Society of Tattling, Jabbering Matrons." But this definition was not accepted by any but the soreheads of the community.

Several years ago a young man named Crawford went to Westfield and was employed in one of the stores. He invested his earnings in a horse and buggy and was the envy of many of the other young men because they could not afford such a luxury and the newcomer could command the company of any young lady or a Sunday afternoon drive. But when Myrtle Taylor turned away from him and married John Winsate, a farmhand near the village, the other boys taunted him by asking him how he liked the Society of Thankless, Jilting Maidens.

For years this was the accepted name of the society among the younger class. Every initial in the name has been tortured into something derogatory to the society, according to individual taste. "J" has been made to stand for jealous, jaunty, jilting, jabbering, jaundiced; "T" for treacherous, tattling, teasing, troublesome, tiresome, and "M" for mothers, matrons, maidens, misanthropes, makeshifts, martyrs, match-makers and the like.

But the name is still a secret, and no amount of coaxing or threatening has sufficed to induce a member to reveal it.

MOSQUITO IN WINTER.

Just Sleeps Awhile and Comes Out Fresh for Business in Warm Weather.

A fresh contribution to mosquito literature is a pamphlet issued by the board of health of Belmont, Mass., for the instruction of the people of that town in dealing with the nuisance. It is written by William Lyman Underwood, lecturer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The pamphlet advises the use of kerosene on all water where the mosquitoes may breed and of pyrethrum powder in the house to kill or stupefy the adult mosquito. Prof. Underwood says:

"It is very generally believed that mosquitoes bite but once and then die. This is sometimes so; but unless they are killed in the act of biting they usually live to bite again. The female mosquito (for it is only the female that attacks human beings) bites many times. It is owing to this fact that they are able to convey the germs of malarial fever from person to person.

"The vast majority of mosquitoes never get human blood for food. In its absence they live upon the bloods of birds and other animals, and, when they are not to be found, upon the juices of young and tender plants.

"It is not known just how long mosquitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily sup-

posed. Thousands of them live through the winter hibernating or asleep in dark places in barns or house cellars. In sparsely settled localities, where they cannot find food, they live in trees, in caves and under the eaves of houses; and even in the temperature may fall far below freezing they are not winter killed, but on the approach of warm weather become active again. Mosquitoes are frequently seen flying about in the woods before the snow has wholly left the ground."

Brain Working in Delirium.

Medical records in the various hospitals show that though quite forgetful of recent happenings, aged persons recall long-past events in correct order, and even live again amid scenes passed utterly out of recollection before the disease of senility appeared. A woman of 70, delirious from pleuropneumonia, repeated poetry in Hindustani. It developed later on that up to the age of four she knew only that language, but afterward had forgotten even that she ever spoke it. Another peculiar case on record is that of an illiterate maid servant who, while in the delirium of fever, recited Greek and Hebrew for hours, although when in health she knew no word of either language, her ravings being due to the brain impressions left by the readings heard many years before of a learned rabbi whose servant she had been.

Convincing.

Thespians—When did the star stop complaining that the scenery and stage property were not realistic enough?

Foyer—When he accidentally fell through the trap-door.—Judge.

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.

WHO FIRED FIRST SHOT?

Gunpowder Has Been in Use for Centuries—Known to Hindoos Before Birth of Christ.

There is abundant evidence that the origin of gunpowder and artillery goes far back into the dim ages of the past.

The Hindoo code, compiled long before the Christian era, says Stray Stories, prohibited the making of war with cannon and guns or any kind of firearms. Quintus Curtius met with fire weapons in Asia, and Philostratus says that Alexander's conquests were arrested by the use of gunpowder.

It is also written that those wise men who lived in the cities of the Ganges "overthrew their enemies with tempests and thunderbolts shot from the walls." Julius Africanus mentions shooting-powder in the year 275. It was used in the siege of Constantinople in 668, by the Arabs in 690, at Thessalonica in 904, at the siege of Belgrade in 1073, by the Greeks in naval battle in 1008, by the Arabs against the Iberians in 1147, and at Toulouse in 1218.

It appears to have been generally known throughout civilized Europe in 1300, and soon thereafter it made its way into England, where it was manufactured during the reign of Elizabeth; and we learn that few arms were possessed by the English in 1310, and that they were used at the battle of Crecy in 1346.

MAY DESERT LONELY ISLAND.

Inhabitants of St. Kilda, of Hebrides Group, Said to Be Planning Migration to South Africa.

That lonely island, St. Kilda, one of the loneliest of the Hebrides, is likely to be left lonelier still in the near future. Its inhabitants, it is reported, propose deserting the island and emigrating to South Africa. This is not much to be wondered at, for St. Kilda is one of the most inaccessible islands in the world—only four times a year, once a month in June, July, August and September, does a steamer call from Glasgow. For the rest of the year the inhabitants are entirely cut off from the outer world. Their special mail is in a tin box, into which they put letters, toss it into the sea and trust to Providence and favorable winds to carry it to the shores of the outer Hebrides. The population of the island has gradually dwindled to 70. The last time there was a great exodus was when 36 islanders left in a search for gold in Australia.

Sugar and Coffee for Soldiers.

The British government has decided to be more liberal with its soldiers and sailors in giving them sugar and coffee. Among the experts in such matters the belief has been gaining ground for years that moderate allowances of sweet stuff and of the Arabian berry are beneficial to strong, healthy men who are called upon to perform heavy tasks and endure hardships, while the entire medical profession appears to be inclined to the theory that weak and feeble men, women and children should, as a rule, refuse such indulgences.

Bounty for White Labor.

In the interest of making Australia "a white man's country," a government bounty is paid for sugar grown by white labor. Of the last year's sugar crop of 100,000 tons seven-tenths was produced by Kanaka black labor.

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