

President Kruger of the Transvaal Has a Perfect Spy System. No one ever denied that Oom Paul, president of the South African Republic, was an astute old statesman. Time again he has beaten our British statesmen in diplomacy and has proved himself worth as a diplomatist. At the time of the Jameson raid it was Dr. Jameson and his associates who were known to the Boers almost as well as they were concealed. The British were met, fought and defeated by an ambushed body of men almost at the very beginning of their attack. It was believed at the time that the number had turned traitor and given the plans to the Boers, but the secret is known. The old warrior enlisted the services of the barmaids at Johannesburg in the secret service. Through them he learned that new men were being recruited in the Cape police and that the guns were being shipped, week after week, from England. Through the same source he was informed of the attempts that were being made by the British politicians to force the hands of the Government of the Orange Free State in case war should be declared against the British Government against his country. The Englishmen habbled all over their cups and the barmaids' smiling smiles and bright eyes never gave them the suspicion that they were the secret of vital importance. So sooner had the pretty barmaids learned from the sturdy colonists their important secrets than Oom Paul was able to parry blow with blow. To the Government of the British, no sooner had they increased their force of available fighters by means of secret enlistment than they were informed that Oom Paul had enlisted a still larger number of men. No sooner had their men arrived from England than they found out that the Boers also had obtained from a firm in Germany a large number of weapons of still better manufacture. By means of always being forewarned Kruger ward off his blows.—New York Herald.

LAW AS INTERPRETED.

The owner of an unfinished building held in Foley vs. Manufacturers' & F. Insurance Company (N. Y.), 43 E. A. 684, to have an insurable interest to the extent of its value, although under the building contract the owner, if there were no insurance, would be on the builder. The contract of a member of a mutual benefit association is held in Lehman vs. Clark (Ill.), 43 L. R. A. 648, to be a purely unilateral one which entitles him at any time to discontinue payments without subjecting him to any liability for unpaid assessments, but only to the forfeiture of his interest. A suit for the cancellation and surrender of a receipt renewing a lapsed life insurance policy on the ground that it was obtained by fraud, is held in John Hancock Mutual Loan Insurance Company vs. Dick (Mich.), 43 L. R. A. 606, to be maintainable in equity, although the fraud might be a defense to a pending action at law on the policy. State taxation of the average number of refrigerator cars used by railroads within the state, but owned by a foreign corporation which has no office in the place of business in the State, is held in American Refrigerator Transit Company vs. Hall, U. S. Advance Decree 639, although the cars are employed as vehicles of transportation in the interchange of interstate commerce. An insurance policy containing no stipulation as to suicide, taken out in good faith by the insured, is held in Miller vs. Economic Life Association (Iowa), 43 L. R. A. 537, distinguishing Miller vs. Mutual Loan Insurance Company, 169 U. S. 39, 42 L. ed. 693, to be avoided as against the beneficiary named therein by the fact that the assured deliberately committed suicide while sane. A statute changing the time for election of township trustees, whereby those holding over until the next election will hold for a period longer than the constitutional limit of tenure, is sustained in State, ex rel. Harrison vs. Lebaugh (Ind.), 43 L. R. A. 408, on the ground that the statute does not extend the term of office, but that the extension of the term is made by requiring officers to hold over until their successors qualify. Public Fountains Well Patronized. One of Boston's municipal officials, who is especially interested in the establishment of free ice water fountains in that city, hired a man to watch one of the drinking places the other day from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m., for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it was well patronized. Between the hours named exactly 9,335 persons drank at the city's expense. The fountain has four faucets. When a family can afford to hire a man of all work, half of his time is taken up in carrying things back to the dry goods stores. There is no problem equal an aching tooth.

The Remorse of a Guilty Stomach

Henry McEllen, of Hamilton, Ill., is a veteran of the 16th Illinois Infantry. He said:

"For more than 15 years I was a sufferer from gastritis in its worst form. I was much reduced in flesh and strength and unable to attend to business. Finally my wife persuaded me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and to my surprise I began to get better. Three boxes effected a cure that has been permanent. When I began to take the pills I weighed 136 pounds; now I weigh 153. These pills did me more good than all the other medicines I have ever taken."

"I, H. McELLEN," Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of December, 1897.

R. R. WALLACE, Notary Public - From the Pease, Hamilton, Ill. To any sufferer from stomach or bowel trouble Dr. Williams' diet book is free on request.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are never sold by the dozen or hundred, but always in packages. At all druggists, or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, 6 boxes \$2.50.

String Beans Stewed in Butter.

Prepare the beans as usual, parboil them, then put them on in just enough new boiling water to cover them, and add as much butter as you would use in dressing them to serve. Let them cook in the water and butter for two hours, adding water as it boils away. Pepper and add salt to taste, add a little milk if preferred, and you will have a dish, fit not only for a king, but for the independent American citizen who pays his way as he goes.—Housewife.

Ostriches, when frightened, get over the ground at the rate of 25 miles an hour. Their strides measure 11 1/2 feet.

An India elephant can carry from 800 to 1,000 pounds, march eight to 10 hours a day, and do with five or six hours' sleep. He needs 600 pounds of green feed daily, besides grain.

Charles Darwin's statue, the gift of Prof. Poulton, has been put up in the Oxford University museum next to the statue of Sir Isaac Newton.

Miss Annie Luker, an American girl, is a diver from Diversville. At the Royal Aquarium, London, she daily dives from a height of 90 feet into a tank of water.

A San Francisco man who died not long ago with pleurisy was found to have had three-quarters of an inch of a needle in his heart, which had been there long enough to rust.

A Fall Back Behind.

Edna—I love to ride in front on a tandem.

Jack—You do? Why?

"Because no matter what happens there is always some one to fall back on."—Chicago Evening News.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures swollen feet, blisters and callous spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for ingrowing nails, sweating, smarting, hot, aching feet. We have 30,000 testimonials. All druggists and shoe stores sell it. 25c. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

To Prevent Bagging.

Customer—Will these pants bag at the knees?

Dealer—Mein frient no pants will bag at de knees if you treat dem right. I tell you how before you go. It sees my own invention.

Customer (delighted)—Then I'll take them. Here is the money. What is your plan?

Dealer—Neffar sit down.—N. Y. Weekly.

In the British army in India there are about 1,500 cases of typhoid fever every year, 300 of them fatal.

It is a remarkable fact that few bald head men ever die of consumption.

Remember that you can buy Jesse Moore A. A. Whiskey for the same price that is paid for ordinary whiskey. For sale by all first-class dealers and druggists.

To lay the dust on its roadbed the Boston and Maine railroad runs a large oil sprinkler over its route.

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The first balloon ascension was made by the Montgolfier brothers in Lyons, France, June 5, 1783.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatise. D. C. KLINE, Ltd., 930 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Cliff-dwellers and How to Reach Them.

The Denver & Rio Grande railroad has recognized the great interest which has lately been aroused in these wonderful ruins, and will furnish on application to R. C. Nichol, General Agent, 251 Washington street, Portland, Or., a pamphlet describing the ruins, and the best way to reach them.

These historical ruins are located on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

Parties going East should avail themselves of the opportunity of purchasing tickets via this line, the scenic line of the world.

The ordinary folding fan was invented in the seventh century by a Japanese artist, who derived the idea from watching a bat closing its wings.

A sheep with five horns rambles around the farm of William Marston in Cedar Springs, Ky. Two horns grew on each side of the head and one in the center.

On each train of the new Siberian railroad there will be a stationary bicycle to afford exercise to the passengers and a barber who will shave the free of cost.

Largest Bust on Record.

The bust of Sir Joseph Paxton, the architect of the famous Crystal palace in London, is now being moved from its old position on the terrace to the parade. The work of moving it is much like that of moving a house, for the bust is one of the largest ever made. It was completed in 1853, and stands over nine feet in height. Sir Joseph Paxton was born in Bedfordshire in 1803, and was knighted for his services in designing the Crystal palace. He died in Sydenham in 1865. His plan for the Crystal palace was accepted after 233 other plans had been declined. He also won fame as a landscape gardener and architect, and was elected to parliament as a liberal.—Chicago Tribune.

Music for Nervousness.

Scientists claim that music has power to soothe the nerves. But the quickest way to cure nervousness is to strengthen the nervous system. We know of nothing which will accomplish this quicker than Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Do not take a substitute. See that a private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

Kintichi Bataoka, president of the diet at Japan, is a Presbyterian.

Pleasant, Palatable, Potent.

Easy to buy, easy to take, easy in action, easy in results—Candy's Cathartic, Ideal Liver regulator and intestinal tonic. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Scientific men generally believe that the bed of the Pacific Ocean was once above water and inhabited by men.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O Sold by Druggists, 75c Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Kingfisher, Kan., has an ordinance requiring the dogcatcher to produce the tail of every unlicensed dog killed by him.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Grasshoppers attain their greatest size in South America, where they grow to a length of five inches and spread out 10 inches.

In Asti, California, is an immense cistern lined with concrete two feet thick for the storage of wine. Its capacity is 500,000 gallons.

Fifteen prisoners in the Columbus (Ohio) penitentiary were in the habit of stealing cigars from the shop, and transferring them to outside confederates. One of the prisoners, an old soldier, had a wooden leg. This he used as a receptacle for some of the stolen cigars.

The first silkworms raised in the West have been produced by Mark Chiesa, an Italian, at Des Moines, Ia., from eggs imported from Italy. From 10 silk moths he got 8,000 eggs, and of these 4,000 hatched. It is his intention to produce silk on a large scale.



PE-RU-NA FOR WOMEN The debilitating drains and discharges which weaken so many women are caused by Catarrh of the distinctly feminine organs. The sufferer may call her trouble Leucorrhoea, or Weakness, or Female Disease or some other name, but the real trouble is catarrh of the female organs and nothing else. Pe-ru-na radically and permanently cures this and all other forms of Catarrh. It is a positive specific for female troubles caused by catarrh of the delicate lining of the organs peculiar to women. It always cures if used persistently. It is prompt and certain.

The microbes that cause chills and fever and malaria enter the system through mucous membranes made porous by catarrh. Pe-ru-na heals the mucous membranes and prevents the entrance of malarial germs, thus preventing and curing these affections.

Even radishes are adulterated now in Berlin, Germany. They are dipped into aniline dye to make them look fresh and pink.

The drummer in Servian regiments never carries the drum. It is placed on a two-wheeled cart, which is drawn by a big dog just in advance of the drummer.

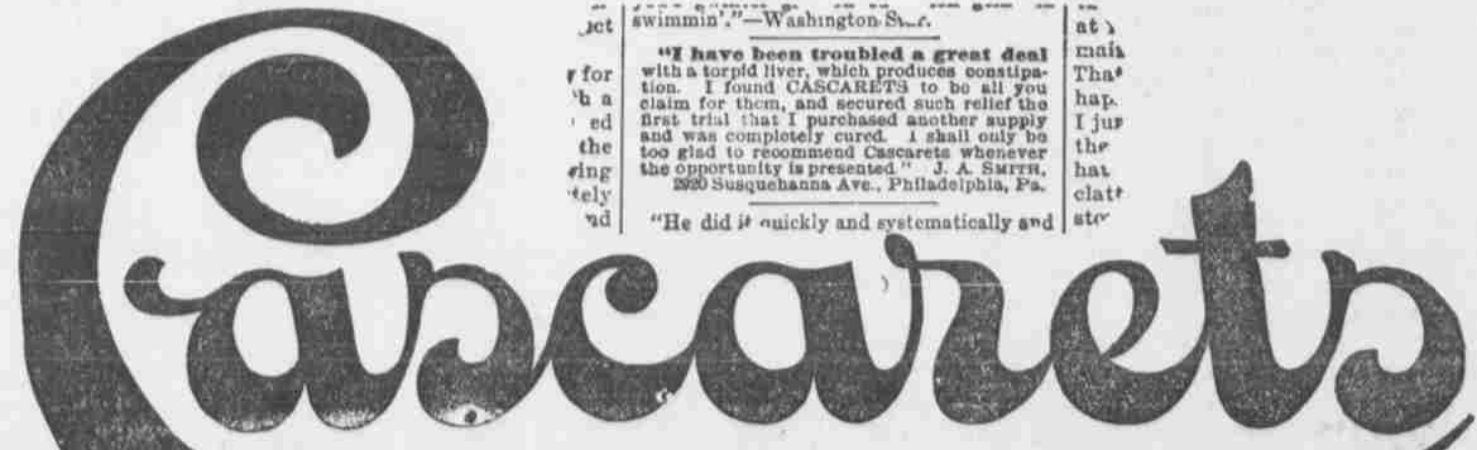
The Hawaiian Islands a century ago had a native population of some 400,000, which has diminished to less than 30,000 at the present time.

Four cannons have been placed on the four sides of the town of Hennessey, Oklahoma. When the clouds indicate an approaching cyclone, the cannon on the threatened side, loaded with salt, bombards the menacing clouds, which soon disperse—in fact, flee from the cannon's angry mouth.

Meat is never eaten by the Trappist monks of Gethsemane, Ky. Vegetables and wheat bread are their only food. They never speak to each other unless when extremely ill, and they know nothing of the current events of the outside world.

Lazy Liver

You know very well how you feel when your liver don't act. Bile collects in the blood, bowels become constipated and your whole system is poisoned. A lazy liver is an invitation for a thousand pains and aches to come and dwell with you. Your life becomes one long measure of irritability and despondency and bad feeling. CASCARETS act directly, and in a peculiarly happy manner on the liver and bowels, cleansing, purifying, revitalizing every portion of the liver, driving all the bile from the blood, as is soon shown by increased appetite for food, power to digest it, and strength to throw off the waste. Beware of imitations!



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