

Time was when the accomplishment of spelling was more studiously cultivated during the early years of a child-student's life, but the introduction of many modern educational fads has seemingly left but little time to devote to the acquirement of this old time art.

A medical journal has lately been investigating the claims of new and stale bread for popular acceptance. It is admitted that new bread is indigestible—that is, in the case of the ordinary stomach—though one medical writer alleges that "it need not be so."

It is said the system of telephony has reached such a high point that seeing by the telephone is now possible. Dr. Sylvester, the inventor, is a Parisian. He claims that it will be easy to see one's friends in distant cities while speaking with them.

The Kansas City Star, a reliable independent paper, says that Secretary Shaw, while never engaging in banking on a large scale, "has had considerable experience in finance, and has acquainted himself with the banking and currency systems of the country."

weight with President Roosevelt who has of course not forgotten his pledge to carry out the policy and wishes of the late President. While the Secretaries of the Treasury have usually been bankers of large experience, or lawyers with an expert knowledge of banking and currency, like Carlisle, yet it may be that Mr Shaw will make as competent a Secretary of the Treasury as some man more prominent as a banker or banker's lawyer.

There is one dark spot in the sky of rejoicing over the prospective release of Miss Stone. She will undoubtedly begin a lecture tour as soon as she lands on American soil. Heaven protect us as it did her. "How I Converted Eighteen Brigands" and "My Capture and Escape," will probably be great themes for crowd attracting purposes, but if the long suffering missionary is a real Christian, she will spare us.—Boise Capital News.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York and his bride, Miss May Palmer, are over particular. They were married at Nice, France, yesterday, by civil ceremony, but were not willing to depend altogether on the efficacy of the treatment so were doubly married again by Catholic and Protestant church ceremonies, administered to this pair of fools at different hours this afternoon.

Being through with all this tomfoolery they might improve the situation by coming west and taking a dose of Indian marriage ceremony. Nothing like being certain about the status of such a momentous matter.—Ex.

Currie Nation's paper, the "Smasher's Mail," started at the time she was zenith as a saloon smasher, has been smashed, in other words gone out of business for the all-sufficient reason that it did not pay.

We publish on our first page a letter from B. W. Rice to the Ontario Argus in regard to taxing of vacant or unimproved lands. It would be well to look into the matter in this country as well.

"This is an outrage!" exclaimed the Protected Monopolist, who was being held up. "It is," assented the highwayman, who knew his victim; "but don't worry. The money is going to stay in the country!"

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