

RISE OF THE KRUPPS.

The Great German Gun Works Started in a Small Iron Foundry. The famous German armament firm of Krupp, which is the greatest industrial enterprise in the world in the hands of a private firm, had its beginning in a small iron foundry which Friedrich Krupp established in the early years of the last century.

A LAND OF EXTREMES.

Peru's Violent Contrasts in Climate, Altitude and Scenery. Were I to be exiled and confined for the rest of my life to one country I should choose Peru.

STEAM MOTIVE POWER.

It Had Been Used Long Before the Time of Watt and Fulton. The Marquis de Worcester while imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1680 invented and constructed a perfect steam engine and had it publicly exhibited the same year at Vauxhall in successful operation.

AN ABRUPT PROPOSAL.

Abernethy Was Too Busy For Romances and Courtships. The reported fashion of the famous Dr. Abernethy's courtship and marriage is very characteristic. It is told that while attending a lady for several weeks he observed through admirable qualifications in her daughter which he truly esteemed to render the married state happy.

ARMED AND THE WOMAN.

"Did anybody ever see a man armed woman?" asked a gray headed man who survived the afternoon parade. "I never did. Almost every day I meet one armed man, but I have yet to encounter a woman with that pitifully worn and torn hat and a pair of shoes that have seen better days.

THE LONG BAMBOO.

An Englishman was once rallying a native of India upon his facility in lying. The native at once replied: "Why, sahib, we are all more or less liars in my country, and if one tells a story another immediately catches it up and repeats it."

CHARACTER SHOWN BY THE NEWS.

"Here is an article in the paper that says a woman's character can be determined by her nose. 'Well, there's a surer way. No one can be so mistaken concerning a woman's character if he will look at the nose of other women who meet her. The extent to which they turn up at such times shows just what she is or isn't.'—Exchange.

SKIN OF THE FRUIT.

It is Wise Not to Eat Apples or Pears Without Peeling Them. Some people say that an apple does not taste right when the skin is removed. Some even go so far as to say there is danger in eating fruit that has come in contact with the steel of the paring knife, as the acid in the fruit is apt to produce some poison when it comes in contact with the steel. But whether these things are true or not there is still greater danger in eating apples without peeling them.

TREE A GIANTIC PUMP.

One Elm Found to Raise 250 Barrels of Water a Day. Professor Pierce tells of a Washington elm which possesses 7,000,000 leaves exposed, a foliage surface of five acres, which gives off to the air 200 barrels of water every summer's day, and that this tree is located near paved streets and cement sidewalks.

ANCIENT "WIRELESS."

An Old Roman Carrier Pigeon Station Still Stands in France. A few miles north of Marseilles and within easy walk of the train to Aix-en-Provence lies a typical Provencal village that tourists usually miss. It was founded by the Romans during their occupation of the south of France and is built in accordance with the customs of that time. The houses appear to be perched on top of each other, but on closer inspection are found to be built on ledges on a hillside.

BLOODTHIRSTY FERRETS.

They Kill Not For Food, but For the Mere Sake of Slaughtering. The ferret is one of the most peculiar members of the animal kingdom. It belongs to a family of the weasels. A branch of this family is called the polecat. The European representative of our skunks, and the ferret is a species of polecat, generally an albino, yellowish white in color, with pink eyes.

BYRON AT OSTEND.

At one time Ostend was a great fortress looking out over the North sea through the menacing loopholes upon the walls of Vlissingen. A century ago it was a town of some importance, but it is now a desolate ruin. Many women work in mills and factories, and they are liable to accidents in the streets and public conveniences as men. Frequent accidents occur in these accidents; but although men in the same situation would wear an arm, women never do.

THE PEASANT SAYS.

Opportunity had enjoyed the advantage of a modern course in business education. It would have been a good thing if one of these little terminant alarm clocks—Richmond Times Dispatch.

QUITE SAFE.

"What did that man want with you, Henry?" "He was after my scalp." "You're the best bit frightened fellow I ever saw."—Baltimore American.

RETRIBUTION.

Today the boy who is teasing mother will grow up and marry a woman who will not stand for any part talk.—New Orleans States.

OPPORTUNITY.

"Opportunity" was signified nothing more than "to be at the harbor." An opportunity is a ship which had come to port.

BAYONET CHARGES.

Hand to Hand Conflicts Are Rare Upon the Field of Battle. In a talk about military methods in warfare General Stephen M. Ward, in discussing stories of bayonet charges, said: "I do not know of a single case in our war where bayonets were actually crossed. I heard of one or two, but I never happened to see one."

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TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS.

They Have Many Important Parts to Play in Naval Warfare. Torpedo boat destroyers, as the name implies, were first built to engage the small torpedo boat, which had become a serious peril to the big battleships and large cruisers.

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