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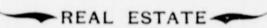
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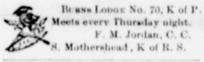
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BULKY POST CARDS.

Ping-Pong Balls and Other Articles in the Mails.

Banknotes Employed as Writing Paper by Extravagant or Footish Persons-The Measure of a

Dying Soldier. The use of ping-pong balls as post cards is the latest freak of seekers

for novelty. It started in Liverpool quite recentprincipal result is much unhappiness

such unhandy missives. The balls were stamped, an address Andrews, rolled one of these stones written under the stamp, and the mes- into a rabbit scrape. sage scrawled on the rest of the surcards were posted in Liverpool by the him to the attempt. But a man can-thousands and gave the post office au- not long persevere slone in any ardu-

Among those idle people who from witness the endeavor. That is easy, time to time have wasted their super-said the friend, and, trying, failed, fluous energies in testing the forhear- They now searched the grass for the ance of the postal officials, is a manin stamp. But as he wrote the address themselves to practice putting on the face of the stamps, the authorto deliver them. It was probably the amusement, protested that it was a same person who afterward posted a fairer test of skill to play for the hole neatly addressed on the back, but with this arranged, the game was found to

Another very peculiar letter found, the shepherds had to go after them, in a London pillar-box last autumn the simple, but expressive message:

'Sour-like you.' ten directions as to the disposal of his almost in its original form. until recently a wealthy bachelor of whom it was said that he once wrote a proposal of marriage to a lady on the back of a \$50 note, and because it was sent back without a word of comment by the recipient, refused ever

among soldiers on active service. Many visiting and the next stopping place very curious substitutes came from the British soldiers in South Africa. "Weel I canna' tell ye jist whit time the British soldiers in South Africa. 'twill be; but if ye'll leave five minmealie leaves. "Mealie" is the South African name for maize. Round the maize cob grow a number of strong enveloping sheaths, which, when dry, turn to a pale yellow color and can

then be written upon. there was found grasped in the stiffened hands of a dead setts lastitute of Technology. fellow's family in England.

From the Philippines, too, some curious letters have been received by eago Chronicle. the friends of American soldiers fighting in those islands. One of the most ingenious was a piece of native bamdress had been carved with penknife. The letter was inside this hollow tube, and held there by wooden pins at each end. The writer explained that he had found it impossible

this expedient. The ceiling of a room is, as a rule, so far out of ordinary reach that the idea of using it for writing on seems strange. But in a case tried last year in England it transpired that a landlady had been in the habit of using her eeiling in lieu of a rent-book. Upon it were inscribed the various amounts received from her lodgers. As it was, of course, impossible to bring this Oregon strange rent book into court, a certified copy had to be made for the use of the judge.

THE SPORTSMAN.

A sturgeon weighing more than 600 pounds was caught near The Dalles, Oregon, recently. Its head weighed 125 pounds

now; an order for 50,000 old English, together. dark-necked live pheasants has been sent to Hungary.

Sir Augustus Hemming, the new governor of British Guiana, though 54 years old, is an active cricketer, playing with the Incogniti club on its annual tours. When younger he used to play in the "Gentlemen versus Players" " matches.

Five fat 'possums were caught by a farmer in Auburn, Ga., in an odd way recently. He cut down a tree, which fell across a hollow log. The log broke open and five fat 'possums were evicted. The farmer and his dog succeeded in bagging them all.

THE ORIGIN OF GOLF.

Game Was First Played by a Scotch Shepherd with His Crook and a l'ebble.

The man or woman who has become interested in golf must needs know something of its origin over in Scotland. In his book, "The Art of Golf," Sir W. G. Simpson tells the following pretty story as to how the game had

its beginning: "A shepherd leading his sheep would often chance upon a round pebble, and, having his crook in his hand, would strike it away; for it is as inevitable that a man with a stick in his ly, and despite its obvious disadvan- hand should aim a blow at any loose tages, is spreading in England. The object lying in his path as that he should breathe. Over pastures green to the postman and a recent new reg- this led to nothing; but once upon a ulation in some places forbidding all time a certain shepherd, feeding his sheep on a links, perhaps that of St.

These clumsy and bulky post that if I tried,' a thought which nerved thurities an immense amount of extra our undertaking. so Mr. Shepherd work, says Hearst's Chicago American. hailed another, who was hard by, to roundest stones, and having deepened Southampton, England, whose favor- the rabbit scrape, so that the stones ite form of missive used to be a postage | might not jump out of it. they set

"The stronger but less skillful shepities decided that they were not bound herd, finding himself worsted at the complete pack of playing eards, each from a considerable distance. With no message whatever on the colored be much more varied and interesting. The sheep having meanwhile strayed,

"This proving an exceedingly irkwas a green apple on one side of which some interruption, they hit upon the was cut an address, and on the other ingenious device of nailing a circular course of holes, which enabled them to play and herd at the same time Bank notes have been employed as These holes being now many and far a writing paper more than once by apart, it became necessary to mark extravagant or foolish persons. Among their whereabouts, which was easily the effects of an English miser who done by means of a tag of wool from a died about 15 years ago was found a £5 sheep attached to a stick, a primitive note on which the deceased had writ- kind of flag still used on many greens. property. At Hampstend there lived these early days the essentials of the game have altered but little."

Maj. James B. Pond, of world-wide repute as a pilot of celebrities of the concert stage and the "lyceum," tells afterward to have anything to do with of a waiter, a Scotsman, of whom he once inquired the exact time to leave Whiting paper, or, indeed, paper of to eatch the morning boat plying beis usually at a premium tween the river town where he was

roon the p'int, ve'll jist be in time to cotch it, sir."-Philadelphia Times.

Had the Most Science

In responding to the toast "Science" at a banquet in New York recently President Pritchett, of the Massachusoldier a piece of leather with a dying this story: "In a Boston school the message scrawled upon it with a stump other day a teacher said to a small of pencil. It was a layer of the sole boy: 'Who won the battle of New Orof the dead man's boot, which had leans?" 'Why Jim Corbett, of course, probably been loosened with much was the answer. How did that hapmarching, and which he had contrived pen?" asked the teacher, thinking to to rip off. It safely reached the poor set the boy right. 'He won,' was the prompt reply, 'because he had more science than the other guy." -- Chi-

Substitutes for Panama Hats. Panama straw hats are highly o, about a foot long, on which an ad- fashionable in Japan, though on account of the price, which is much higher than that of the ordinary straw hats, they are bought only by the rich or the fashionable. This obstacle may be removed if, as reported in an Osaka paper, the subto get an envelope or to find any gum ported in an Osaka paper, the sub-to make one, so had had recourse to stitutes for the Panama straw found in middle Formosa are really adapted for the purpose. The substitutes are said to be the fibers of the leaves of a certain tropical tree of very rapid growth. Six fibers can be obtained from each leaf, which is about four inches wide and four feet long, and it is said that the cost of 10,000 fibers is about six yen. A certain foreign firm of Yokohama is said to have already given a large order for the fibers, and the Panama hats made with this new material may therefore appear on the mar-If the new fibers ket this summer. mosa may be said to have hit upon a new resource.-Japan Weekly Times.

Chances for a Divorce.

He-I understand young Simkins England has to import her pheasants and his wife are not living happily

She-What seems to be the trouble? "Incompatibility of temper." "Which is at fault?"

"Both. He furnishes the incompatibility and she supplies the temper."-Chicago Daily News.

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THECATTLECOUNTRY

Interesting Phases of the Struggle for New Territory.

Lured by Stories of Sudden Riches, Men Have Flocked in from All Parts of the World-Odd Incidents.

For ten years, more or less, say from 1874 to 1884, and later than this in the northern range, there was universal prosperity and plenty of money; to be cowman meant being a small, but powerful king with a princely, king-dom, the boundaries of which were set by precedent and by the honor of custom-as far as a man on horseback could see, and by water—as firmly as if corner-marked and title-deeded. There was no rent, and virtually no taxes to pay. A man might own a hundred thousand cattle, and not an acre of land, though he claimed "range rights" to 50,000 acres, and enforced those rights with blood and iron, writes Ray

Stannard Baker, in Century. Apparently this was a new sort of free life in which man had risen above the old slow rules of thrift. It was a simple business; turn the cattle to grass, and when money was needed, round them up and sell them.

But the lucky dog sometimes had difficulty in enjoying his bone in peace. Lured by the stories of sudden riches in the cattle country, other men, as bold and hardy as the first, flocked in from all parts of the world, and began raising big and little herds. The building of the railroads across the continent stimulated immigration; the great Texas boom followed the com-pletion of the Texas Pacific railroad in 1883. At first the early comers welcomed the new rangers, sold them can tle at exorbitant prices, chuckled at their innocence, allowed them to come n on the ranges, and grew richer and richer. There were times when Texas steers, big and little, brought \$25 each the range. But the tide swelled, and the cattle continued to increase enormously. Presently the first real settlers, the "nesters" of Texas, who wished to fence the land for farms, appeared in numbers, and the early comers, the original cowboys, began to chafe. "Who's elbowing me?" they inquired, and there was prompt and effective shooting, and the wholesale cutting of the new fences.

Many good men lay down in the hot sand, never to rise again. But that, bad as it was, did not tell the whole story of destruction. If cattle had been killed instead of men, the trouble might have been averted, but the herds went on multiplying until they covered brought a pencil with me," said the all the range, giving it no rest winter ner. Each cowman scramble for all he could get; he argued that if he did not take the grass his neighbor would. And who cared a rap for the future? Life was short and money tangible. At first there had been enough grass to support one steer to every two acres of land; in hall a dozen years a steer did well to make his living on five acres. After that the ratio steadily widened. So great was the struggle for new territory that whole herds of cattle sometimes went 20 miles or more to water and then back again, galloping every step, and working hard between times to get enough from the failing ranges to keep life within their lean carcasses. And today there are many parts of the range that will not support ten cattle to the square mile, one steer to every 64 acres, and it is a good range indeed that will feed a steer to every 20 acres. There are whole ranges in Texas. New Mexica and Arizona, once rich beyond belief, that are completely deserted and given over to the desert.

An Acrobatic Planist. A Milan correspondent tells of a pianist named Bancia, who at Venice recently set himself to break the record of piano playing, so far as time is concerned. Apparently what the musician had to surpass was a 40 hours' sitting at the instrument. This he undertook to do by hammering the keys for 50 consecutive hours, that appalling period being only broken by three short rests of ten minutes each. This feat was duly accomplished in the presence of a committee of docors and musicians. When the two days, two nights and two hours had are really suited for headgear For- expired, Bancia played the Italian national anthem with a jubilant flourish, and left the piano amid the enthusiastic cheers of an enormous audience. The whole of the receipts were given to the fund in aid of the survivors of the recent volcanic disasters in the West Indies .- London News.

Placing the Blame.

Miss Oldtimer-It is not for lack of opportunities that I remained unmar-

Her Niece-I presume not; but the men do not always take advantage of the opportunities that are offered them .- Woman's Home Companion.

As Usual.

At school one always steed the first.
The other boy had mught to say;
Yet he is worth a million cool, The smart boy clerks for two a day.
—Philad liphia Ledger

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind. discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order

or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be porn afflicted with weak kid-neys. If the child urin-

ates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to centrol the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people surpasse.

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The Blacksmith and the King.

Some time ago, while holding court in the royal palace, overlooking the Danube, Francis Joseph received a Hungarian blacksmith, who desired to thank the king for the decoration conferred on him in recognition of his having invented an agricultural machine. During the audience the blacksmith drew from his pocket two photographs representing the king and queen, and said, handing them to his majesty; "May I ask your majesty, and also the queen, for your signatures?" "And why?" demanded the king, smilingly. "Well, when I die the cross of merit which your majesty has given un will have to be returned and my children will at least have your majesties' portraits and signatures in remembrance of this audience." "The queen is absent from Hungary," said the king, "and I cannot give you my signature at the present moment, for I have neither pen nor pencil within reach." "I have king thereupon attached his signature smith with a smile. The smith did not retire, however, but stood his ground. "Is there anything else I can do for you?" asked Francis Joseph. "Yes. your majesty. I am waiting for my pen eil." The king had mechanically pocketed it, and he returned it with a hearty laugh.-San Francisco Argonaut.

Babu Tricks the Ginours.

Peas are proverbially alike, but not more so than "nigger" law students. And when each wears astrachan hair, gold spectacles and a Stewart tartan necktie. Dze Manik Lal is as like Dadabhoy Jamshedji as any two men in iron masks. This fact is not lost on a wily Hindoo law student. This bright young mind has, it is said, taken several scholarships at Lincoln's Inn under his own name. He, now, for a considerathe series of consonants which form the name of any gentleman with a similar color scheme, and in his improper person goes up for and successfully passes the examinations of the council of the bar .- Phoenix.

His Identity.

Bunco Steerer (swavely)-Pardon me, but aren't you my old friend Farmer Mossbacker, of Goshkenong? Farmer Broadhead (mysteriously) No; I am old Nick Sleuth, the fa-

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