

OUR PARIS EXPOSITION LETTER

Wonderful Exhibition of Glass Creations—Glass Cloth, Glass Eyes, Glass Dough

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

Paris, Sept. 24, 1900. The glass and crystal exhibit of the Paris fair attracts all who like glitters and sparkles. The interior of the hall looks like a perpetual exhibition of fireworks, flashes radiating from all the corners of the glass, reproduced in a thousand reflections, and appearing in fugitive rainbows on every side. There is strong emulation between the glass workers of every country, and the artistic genius of the various races is shown in the diverse forms and the details of ornamentation of all this crystal work, in which color itself often appears. Especially charming are the goblets, carafes, and bottles of all sorts. Some of the objects are blown to dimensions truly colossal, and one wonders from what human lungs could have issued the breath that inflated them. As a matter of fact, the pieces are now blown mechanically, by means of compressed air. One sphere is nearly five feet in diameter; from this enormous bubble, three thousand watch glasses could be cut.

Here we see the glass thread, as fine as silk, from which dresses are made. These are not for every day wear, it is true, but quantities of the glass thread are used by ladies for different purposes, notable for making airtight for the hair or for hats. There are also specimens of glass cotton and wool, which is used for purposes of insulation, or to prevent the passage of heat.

A novel employment of glass thread in Germany is the fabrication of indestructible burners for lamps; the inventors claim that they are incomparable for allowing the regular passage of the liquid where petroleum or alcohol is used. These burners have not yet come into general use, however.

Glass is also utilized by the manufacturers of artificial flowers. Crushed in a special manner, it takes the form of a very fine powder, resembling diamond dust. It is supposed to give increasing the naturalness of their appearance.

In one corner you fancy you have stumbled into mythology, and have encountered Argus himself. All around are eyes that stare at you fixedly; eyes that have a disturbing air of vitality, eyes of all colors, eyes to suit all tastes, eyes more beautiful than any man in nature. You wonder involuntarily how so many false eyes can be "consumed," to use the word in the commercial sense. Certainly, it is not yet the fashion to have false eyes fitted in, as one would false teeth. The man in charge courteously explained that there are many more people with only one eye than the world in general imagines. Artificial eyes are so well made that the infirmity passes almost unnoticed. But the greatest demand comes from doll makers and from naturalists who stuff animals. Doll eyes, especially, must not be very carefully prepared, and must not be the least crossed; the youthful purchasers of this line of goods are very particular on this point.

One of the curious things in this curious exhibit is what specialists call "glass dough." Imagine glass, and glass that one can knead and mold, and into which one can drive nails as into lead, without chipping or cracking it. In this way of preparing glass, it seems, was known to the ancients. They modeled it like clay and made all sorts of objects that could be thrown on the ground or even at somebody's head, without breaking them. It is recounted that an artisan who discovered an especially excellent formula for making glass dough had the unfortunate idea of showing samples, with an explanation of their merits, to the Emperor Theodosius. The Emperor examined them and listened with condescending interest, and immediately had the inventor's head cut off. Historians assign as the reason for this imperial decision, that Theodosius saw something unnatural in the discovery and in order to avoid the trouble of investigating the unpatented invention, he suppressed it in the person of its author.

Among the other interesting objects in this section are the beads, the paste, the pearls, and above all the stained glass, which in design and execution very nearly approaches the famous productions of the middle ages. An exposition where all the productions of the globe are collected, with the documents necessary to show the progress of civilization and the social movement in the different countries, the development of their agriculture and their industries, permits the most interesting comparisons. Oriental agriculture is represented on the Champ de Mars, by the exhibits of Russia, Japan, Hungary, Roumania, Serbia and Bosnia Herzegovina, and although these nations differ widely in geographical location, in climate nature of soil, etc., they have certain characteristics in common. In all, the right of holding land belonged, until a relatively recent date, to the sovereigns and the nobility; and in all, at about the same time, there was a remarkable development in the applica-

tion of modern science to agriculture. The exhibit of Hungary is of special interest. Agriculture is the principle occupation of the inhabitants, and thirty years of peace have given them an opportunity to take rank among the foremost nations in the scientific development of agricultural industry. Less than five per cent of the surface of the country is left uncultivated, and every year, this space diminishes with the extension of systems of irrigation and drainage.

Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost white, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No. 50c., guaranteed, at Dr. Kremer's drug store.

Shooting Cannon at Clouds in France.

An effort is being made in some sections of France to dissipate hail storms by firing cannon at the clouds. Fifty-two cannon, manned by 104 cannoniers and their chiefs, have been distributed over an area of 2,500 acres of rich vine land. For the expense of the experiment, the Government appropriated 2,000 francs (\$386), the departmental council 1,500 francs (\$280), the National Agricultural Society and a number of wealthy wine growers added 12,000 francs (\$2,216) and furnished fourteen more cannon. The Minister of War supplied powder for 2½ cents per pound. A high point in the vine land to be covered by the experiments was selected as the central post of observation and a signal code adopted. When a shot is heard from the central post all the other cannon are fired, at first twice per minute, more slowly after the first ten shots. I translated the report of the first firing at the storm clouds this season: "The farmers of Denise were aroused at 1:30 o'clock on the night of June 6-6. The storm was very severe. The artillerymen were 40 to 50 strong, fired their guns and stopped the thunder and lightning. In the neighboring communities, the people saw columns of flames rise 300 feet above the cannon when the shots were fired. At several places, women recharged the cartridges." The wine growers are organizing to attack the hail storms in many of the great wine-growing regions of France. The two experiments thus far reported are pronounced successful. A writer in one of the wine-growers' organs says: "The results obtained from these experiments are such that organizations will be established at once in all the places that have heretofore been ravaged by hail."

I am told that the practice of shooting at the clouds was known in France over a hundred years ago, and that it originated in Italy. It is to be more extensively carried on this year than ever before. J. H. C. COVENS, Comal.

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The Far West Lost to Bryan. John P. Irish, the noted sound money Democratic orator from California, addressed a good audience across the line in Kansas City, Kan., urging his hearers to vote for McKinley as the surest means of retiring Bryan and to 10 for 1 for all time.

Four years ago Mr. Irish stumped the country for Palmer and Beckner, and he is making speeches this year especially to the men who voted for Palmer and Beckner four years ago. Mr. Irish has been in the campaign three weeks, and he had this to say of the political outlook: "Bryan will be beaten in California, Oregon and Washington, and I believe that he will also lose Utah and Idaho. I have been stumping three weeks to the gold democracy of the East, and I am confirmed in the opinion that 80 per cent of the Democrats of the country will vote against Bryan, Indiana will beat Bryan by more than the average majority."

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Washington Letter.
(From Our Regular Correspondent).
WASHINGTON, Oct. 8, 1900.

There is just so much apparent friendship between the powers in China that it arouses suspicion. An American gentleman put it, "they remind me of a gang of rascals in the small hours, who sing 'Auld Lang Syne' vociferously and hug each other shortly before engaging in a free fight." The anxiety of the powers to agree with each other may be real, but if so, the change has been extraordinary and has come about without apparent cause. Of course everybody hopes to see the whole business settled peacefully, but that doesn't make it necessary to be blind. There is some sort of a double game going on underneath all this Auld Lang Syne business, and if it doesn't mean the prelude to a free fight, it probably means a diplomatic gold brick for somebody when the game is played out. The president will return to Washington this week, and it will be his business to see that the gold brick isn't left with Uncle Sam.

Heretofore this government has contented itself with politely requesting the Sultan of Turkey to pay those American missionary claims, but according to a current story in Washington, it is about to change its tactics. In fact, it is said that United States Minister Straus, who was withdrawn from Constantinople some months ago to emphasize the tardiness of this government at the tardiness of the sultan in keeping his promise to pay those claims, may return and present an ultimatum, demanding that the claims be immediately paid or force will be used. In official circles it is believed that the sultan has only delayed payment because he thought this government was too busy in China and the Philippines to bother about him, and that he will soon come down with any show of force.

The business of the postoffice department has increased one third in the last four years or \$183,000,000, and the difference between expenses and receipts is slowly but surely decreasing, having been \$1,500,000 less for the last fiscal year than for the year previous, but the balance on the wrong side of the ledger is still considerable, the exact figures the amount of some-of class mail, which are entirely too numerous, but which congress has refused to legislate out of existence after two hard and bitter fights, are allowed to increase, the business of the post office will be in a few years self-sustaining. It is hardly likely that it will ever be allowed to become profitable to any considerable extent, as the movement for one-cent letter postage, which has not been actively pushed for several years can be depended on to become popular as soon as the deficit in the postal service is overtaken by the receipts.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, in his annual report to the war department, comes out flat-footed in favor of the army canteen and declares that it tends to the moral improvement of the men, and cites the condition of one particular command, which had no canteen before they came under him to prove the declaration. The administration takes good care to publish every good word it receives for the army canteen.

Advice received from Senators Chandler and Gallinger, indicate that the latter is in a fair way to close the former's career as a senator. Mr. Chandler admits that his chances for reelection are not more than one in six, while Mr. Gallinger contends that he has no chance at all. While Mr. Chandler claims that it is combined railroad men toward the private life exit, it is well known in Washington that a long line of personal affronts to those who dared to oppose his will in party affairs made winning will against him. Although during the most of his long career in office, dating away back to Lincoln days, Senator Chandler has been, as a rule, the most radical of partisans, he has posed as a free lance during the last three years and made several speeches in the senate criticising the policy of his party to an extent that threw the sympathy, if not the actual support of the national party leaders to his opponents. Chandler is a born fighter, and as he is also a rich man, he can indulge in the luxury of fighting just to worry the other fellows and he will do it. The country may confidently expect to hear from Chandler and some of his remarks may be vitriolic.

The Union Veterans' Union, at its annual encampment, held in Washington, last week, unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of building the proposed memorial bridge across the Potomac from Washington to the National Cemetery at Arlington, and directed the commander-in-chief to direct congress in this favor.

There was some smiling in Washington over Mr. Bryan's charge that the election of Mr. McKinley would mean the establishment of a lot more every town. From the experience of the war department with delegations of business men from cities anxious to have army posts established in their vicinity, it would make more votes for him to be lost, if he had the authority to announce that he would establish a fort near every town.

TRAMP HAD SPECIAL ENGINE.
Not Knowing How to Run It, He Killed a Week, But Escaped Serious Injury.

In an attempt to get a free ride the other night, William St. Clair, a tramp, wrecked a locomotive and tore up 40 rods of track. The engine was standing in the yards at Oray, Cal., and St. Clair entered the cab and pulled on the throttle. After getting out on the main line the engine was soon beyond his control. There was not steam enough to hold it on the heavy down grade between Oray and Kilday. When about five miles out of town the engine was seen by an agent of the railway company. It jumped him at a terrific speed, and immediately afterwards, on rounding a sharp curve, jumped the track. Rails and ties were torn, twisted and broken. The tender was split from end to end, and the engine, after bumping along on the ties for 40 rods, rolled over a wreck. St. Clair, who was hanging from the cab waiting for an opportunity to jump, was thrown nearly 50 feet into the brush,

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Terrill Knows More Now, Having Paid Two Fingers for His Knowledge.

In the course of a visit to the zoological gardens in Bronx park, New York city, the other day John Terrill acquired some wisdom concerning the disadvantages of associating too intimately with bears. For his experience he traded two fingers. There was a crowd around the bear pits watching the huge animals, who were chained to the bars, begging for dainties, when Terrill came up with a bag of peanuts. Formerly he was employed as an assistant in the park, and he knew the animals, or thought he knew them. He immediately pushed through the crowd in front of the pit where the polar bears are kept, and climbed the rail there. Just as Terrill was explaining that he knew all about the animals the first bear to arrive took into his mouth the offered peanuts and the hand that held them. There was a shout of pain and a cry from Terrill, and a grovel from the other bear, which was also trying to get a grip. The first bear made no remark, just lunged on like grim death to the hand until Keeper Fry came up with a heavy bar and bantered him over the nose and head. Then he backed off, growling ominously. They took Terrill over to the recreation house and sent for an ambulance that took him to the Plover hospital.

The surgeon said that there wasn't enough left of the middle finger of his right hand to be of any use, and that the third finger would very likely be lost, too. But for the interference of the recreation house, Terrill would doubtless have bitten the bear's whole arm in through the bars, in which case the other bear would have secured a hold, and there wouldn't have been any arm left.

URNS HIS HAIR GRAY.

Thrilling Experience of a Painter in Midair, 125 Feet from the Ground.

Joseph Henry Speer, a boss painter, was engaged by the town of Bloomfield, N. J., to climb the flagstaff in the park to replace a rope broken during a recent storm. To prevent being watched by a gaping crowd, Speer selected four o'clock in the morning to do the work. He took off his coat and vest, and, adjusting his spurs, began the ascent. Standing on the rope, he stepped on the ground, at daylight and, to his accident, fell one end of the rope around his left arm. He was just in the act of putting the new rope through the pulley below the eagle when he felt a tug on the rope. He slipped and hung head downward, expecting every second to be dashed to death.

The rope held firm, however, and then Speer managed to release himself and slide down to the ground, half way down, where he remained for half an hour before picking up courage to continue the descent. When he finally reached the ground, Speer found that Policeman Lawrence H. Shorter had picked up his coat and vest, and who was the one who tugged at the rope. Speer's thrilling experience has completely unnerved him and turned his hair gray.

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THE DESERTED HENS.

Name and Organization of a Woman's Club in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Platohs, whose beautiful homes constitute a beginning trail to the outskirts of Brooklyn, has a woman's club that has become known to the federation. She has no rules, no by-laws, no parliamentary formalities, no initiation fee, no dues—nothing in fact, that characterizes other clubs to which women belong, says Harper's Bazaar. Her aim is to do something that is unbusinesslike title used to designate the organization. The club in its inception was simply an expedient, to meet the exigencies of loneliness, when on Saturday nights the male heads of half a dozen families deserted the federations to have an evening together with cards at the club, remaining at the wee, small hours.

"We women sat at home alone Saturday evenings half the winter," one of the Deserted Hens explained, "when a happy thought came to me of us. We would meet, have cards and support ourselves. The first meeting was held at my home. The ladies ordered a carriage to come for them at a quarter of eight, but they were not to be informed of our plans, but I mentioned to my husband incidentally that I expected a few ladies for cards that evening. He said he would be home at eight, and sure enough, he came home just as we were having supper. He grasped the situation at once, and thought he had a rare joke on the men he had left behind him at the club. Every Saturday evening since then those men have come trailing in at 8 o'clock.

The Deserted Hens, as they say to call themselves before they took matters into their own hands, are no longer so deserted as they were. But the odious name still clings.

BAD HEARTED SOLDIERS.

Answers say: "Very few soldiers who have seen much service escape what is called battle fever. The ordinary state of the heart in healthy people is one of irritability, but in the soldier of six or six years' service the irritability is so great that it constantly afflicts him." "The British soldier," we are further told, observes the Army and Navy Journal, "wears such tight clothing that his heart has not room to beat freely, and the perpetual struggle to do its work under such conditions injures it. The soldier's trousers are tight at the waist. His coat is made as tightly as possible, and very often the buttons are sewed on with a belt. Then when on the march his chest is compressed by the weight of his knapsack, canteen, great coat and heavy cartridge belt.

If you watch a company of soldiers when they are doing a long march you will observe that many of them have flushed faces, red ears, red noses, and often nerves—showing that the heart is greatly overtaxed. Some, as the other hand, are pale, which proves that their hearts are not equal to the work thrown on them. When, after a very long march, the men have to deploy into fighting order, they are obliged to pull a long breath and to take a hill, a very large number break down altogether. Their overstrained hearts never again."

BENEFITS OF GOLF.

An Engaging Outdoor Sport That Tends to Stimulate the Nervous System.

One of the prominent women golf players of the city says that the game has proved very beneficial in producing steadiness of nerve among women. The nature of the game and the exhilarating outdoor atmosphere invigorates and straightens the nerves and lifts women for greater cheerfulness and better self-control, says the New York World.

One of the most expiating features, however, in connection with the game, from a feminine point of view, is the injunction of silence. Yet it is this very point that tends to refreshment, for the player soon learns that silence is golden when her attention is engaged with the ball and she is not to serve well she must think and act rather than chatter.

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THE CHINESE PLINK!

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Trains Leave Grants Pass for Portland and Way Stations at 4:30 a. m. and 6:15 p. m.

Grants Pass	3:30 a. m.	7:30 p. m.
Ar. Klamath Falls	3:45 a. m.	7:45 p. m.
Ar. Medford	4:15 a. m.	8:15 p. m.
Ar. Ashland	4:30 a. m.	8:30 p. m.
Ar. Klamath Falls	4:45 a. m.	8:45 p. m.
Ar. Grants Pass	5:15 a. m.	9:15 p. m.

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