

Japan and Russia Compared.
Although the population of Russia is nearly three and a half times as great as the population of Japan, says the World's Work, and its area nearly six times as great, the Japanese have a million more pupils in their schools than the Russians. They publish more periodicals and books. Although Russia has nearly nine times as many miles of railroad, the Japanese roads carry more passengers, though less freight.

They send half as many again letters by post as the Russians send. With only about one-fourth as many miles of telegraph wires, they send nearly as many messages. Their trade per capita is greater than the Russians both in imports and in exports, although the total trade of the Russians, of course, is very much greater.

The apparent financial and military strength of the Russians is incomparably the greater. Yet so cheaply does the Japanese soldier live that Japan may do more with little money than Russia with more.

Trials of the Rich.

Fuzzy Fred—Say, Lew, don't youse wish you had all de silver dollars wot youse could carry?

Lazy Lew—Naw; not ef I had ter carry 'em very far.

Dusty—Willie, if some one left you a lot of money would yer take it?

Willie—Yes, if it was counted.

The box or cabinet in which a telephone is placed is called in England a "telephonium" or "phonium."

Admiral Dewey has been in the United States navy fifty years.

ABOLITION OF MIDDLE AGE.

Change Which Has Come Over the Spirit of the Times.

Half a century ago a man of 45 was regarded almost elderly, and a woman of the same age was expected to have long since cut herself adrift from all the binding her to her youth and to assume the appearance and deportment of a staid exemplary matron. All this has changed in a particularly interesting way, of which the prominent feature is a seeming contradiction. If the three-year-old child of today is as knowing as was the six-year-old of half a century ago, and the ten-year-old boy of to-day is in many respects quite as much a man as was his grandfather at 18, one might naturally expect that in due graduation the modern middle-aged man should be old beyond his years. But such is not the case.

Middle age, so far from hurrying on to senility, so far even from standing still, would seem actually to have stepped backward and marched alongside of youth. There is a jauntness, a buoyancy, an elasticity about the middle age of to-day at which our fathers would have shaken their heads as unseemly. The gulf which once separated the middle-aged parent from his children has been filled up. The curtain which shrouded the middle-aged man generally from the eyes of youth, and which caused him to be regarded with respect, if not with awe, has been lifted, and in obedience to the same influences which have made the schoolmaster the friend of the school boy and the regimental officer almost the comrade of his men, the middle-aged man of to-day is never so happy as when working or playing upon an equality with, and actually in competition with, youth.

As with men, so it is with women. Social statisticians tell us that the age at which women are considered most eligible for marriage has been very notably advanced of late years, and we know that the lament of many a match-making mamma is that the most dreaded rivals of her darling are not to be found so much among the girls of her own age as among women who not many years ago would have been relegated to the ranks of hopeless old maidhood. The fact that the middle-aged woman of to-day is much younger in manner and tastes is, of course, not the only reason for this, but it is among the most potent.—The Spectator.

LIFE IN GREENLAND.

The Ways of the People, Their Pleasures and Their Food.

Greenland's west coast is considered to have the grandest scenery of any coast in the world by Roger Pollock, who writes of a journey thither as follows: "The sunny arctic day, which lasts for months; a sky all flaming glory, the fretted spires of the Alps flanked with stupendous cliffs and based on the restful levels of the sea, cities of crowded bergs, compound of dazzling light and radiant color—such scenery as that blots out one's former memories. Our first port of call was Jakobshavn, at the head of Disco strait, biggest of the northern villages, a metropolis of nine white people and 400 natives. Beside a pocket harbor, perched on round shoulders of the naked granite, are the buildings, all tarred black, of the Royal Trade Company. For a background to the dismal scene rise higher rocks, littered with garbage and turf huts, the homes of the natives. At heart the place is gay, for the sailors went ashore every night to dance with the Eskimo girls, while the officers of ship and colony swapped dinner parties, breakfasts and luncheons all through a nine days' festival.

"Men and women alike," the writer continues, "were linguists, well read, accomplished, a little too polite for comfort, living a metropolitan life on one batch of letters a year in an arctic outpost. Expecting the pathos of banishment, I found the gaiety of perfect content. The Danes of all the settlements were alike in social charm, gentle and polished—arrant rascals, too—and the indoor life had little to remind one of the outdoor wilderness. The Innuit servant maids wore the furry breeches, boots to the hip and curious topknot of their national dress. One had to fall promiscuously in love with all of them.

"Even the Danish men wore native dress, but there was one important distinction—they washed. The food, apart from Danish groceries, was seal meat, fish, reindeer, venison, shellfish, ptarmigan, sea blabs and their eggs, which, as served in Greenland, are always pronounced in flavor."

The White of an Egg.

The white of an egg is made up of little cells filled with albumen. By beating the white these cells are ruptured, and oxygen from the air is inclosed, which gives the white and light appearance to beaten eggs. The white of a stale egg will not inclose as much oxygen, will not be as light and as easily digested as that of the fresh egg and, of course, less valuable. The importance of beating the egg in cold, pure air is readily seen.

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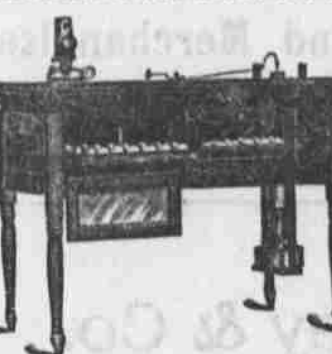
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