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WHAT WILL BECOME OF CHINA.

None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of dyspepsia, constipation, blood, liver and stomach diseases. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Naples is to be connected with Mount Vesuvius by a direct railroad line, which will connect with the cable line running to the top of the volcano.

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A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous, and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Ten thousand testimonials of cures. Try it *today*. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Sent by mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, New York.

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It is asserted that plate glass will make a more durable monument than the hardest granite.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 26, 1895.

It is announced that Italian experiments on vegetable life with Roentgen rays have shown that the effect is identical with that of sunlight.

For the Summer Girl.

A love in soft white straw is just made for the summer girl. It has an airy, fairy fold of white taffeta round it, and two quills curve back from the knot in front. White violets coquet with Miss S. G.'s tresses in the back. It is ideal summer hatgear, all white and inexpressibly dainty.

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Mucilage cannot dry up nor the brush become hard in a new bottle which has a rubber stopper, in the center of which the short brush handle is formed, the handle adjusted by a screw socket as the mucilage is exhausted.

He Would Try.

A Denver girl kissed a soldier goodbye at the depot with the remark: "God bless you; stand up for Colorado." Between his sobs he replied: "I'm from Nebraska, but I'll try and stand up for both states now." Thereupon she kissed him again for Nebraska.

In the town of Chile most shops are open till midnight, and during the hot afternoons, when everybody takes a siesta, they are locked up.

"Red rain dust" from a heavy fall at Melbourne in 1896 has proven identical in composition with ordinary soil from volcanic rocks.

New Jersey was the first state permitting the right of suffrage to women; this was done nearly 100 years ago.

It takes eight times the strength to go upstairs that it requires to accomplish the same distance on a level.

The average velocity of the Gulf stream is three miles.

REGAINED HEALTH.

Gratifying Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Happy Women.

"I Owe You My Life."

Mrs. E. Woolhiser,
Mills, Neb., writes:

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I owe my life to your Vegetable Compound. The doctors said I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. My menstruation had stopped and they said my blood was turning to water. I had several doctors. They all said I could not live. I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it helped me right away; menses returned and I have gained in weight. I have better health than I have had for years. It is wonderful what your Compound has done for me."

"I Feel Like a New Person."

Mrs. Geo. Leach,
1609 Belle St., Alton, Ill., writes:

"Before I began to take your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer from womb trouble. Menses would appear two and three times in a month, causing me to be so weak I could not stand. I could neither sleep nor eat, and looked so badly my friends hardly knew me.

"I took doctor's medicine but did not derive much benefit from it. My druggist gave me one of your little books, and after reading it I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I feel like a new person. I would not give your Compound for all the doctors' medicine in the world. I can not praise it enough."

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CONSUMPTION

MISCELLANY.

A SLUMBER SONG.

Baby, you stand by a gate that leads
Into a land of dreams;
There's a drowsy watchman here who heeds
Never the straggling gleams
Of light that stray from the far-off sun—
Always for him its twinkling begun—
And we stand by the gate
And watch and wait,
And watch—and wait!

Little one, hear what the stream sings of
Here in this quiet land;
It sings of the joy of mother love—
Sings to birds in the sand—
To the strange, tall birds, with dreamy eyes,
That look at you, dear, in mute surprise,
While we stand by the gate,
And watch and wait,
And watch—and wait!

If you open the gate no one will know;
The guard will never guess.
You must open it gently, slowly—so,
No one has heard, unless
Those dreamful birds, or the dreamland sheep,
Heard you stealing through their land of sleep
While I stood by the gate,
To watch and wait,
And watch—and wait!

Oh, strange are the birds and the sheep that dwell
Here in the land of dreams,
But you must not see, and you must not tell,
However strange it seems,
Or they'll never let you in again,
And it would not please you, baby, then,
Just to stand by the gate,
And watch and wait,
And watch—and wait!

—Utica Globe.

THE FORGER.

THEY were alone together, the old man and his son, the one who had toiled for so many years, and the one who had spoiled his few years of manhood.

"If you can't find £500 I will be arrested for forgery. Now you know the worst, father." And the young man endeavored to appear indifferent, and failed to do so.

"I've not £50 left," said John Cairngate Sr., "and you know that, John."

The young man laughed unmerrily.

"I understand," he said, "you mean that sooner than part with your money you would rather I went to prison. I don't blame you; perhaps I should do the same in your case. I thought I'd appeal to you before giving myself up, but of course you are not compelled to help me out of this scrape. I know that well enough."

"You've had all my money, my poor boy;" and the old man stood up and opened the office safe, and, taking from it his banker's passbook, he handed it to his son. The latter looked at it and threw it down impatiently.

"You wouldn't have shown this to me if your money was at the bank. Perhaps you do not quite understand my position. I have forged my friend's name to a bill. It becomes due to-morrow. I have seen the man who discounted it, and tried to get the bill renewed. He won't do it, smells a rat, I fear, and if I don't take it up to-day it will be presented to-morrow, and I am ruined."

"Will your friend help you if you confess the truth and I pay him back little by little?"

"I don't think so for a moment. I put a parallel case to him in order to feel the ground and he said that he would have no mercy on a forger, even if it were his own brother."

"My poor boy, my poor boy, how could you have done it?"

"It's no use discussing that, father; it's done now. Possibly no one would believe me if I said that it was done in a moment of great pressure; that at the time I believed that I should be absolutely certain to have the money to take up the bill long before it was presented. I suppose all forgers tell that tale, and I am going to bear my punishment without making excuses. Only I thought you would help me this once, for I have an offer to join Frank Paston in Port Elizabeth, and I would go there at once. It would be a new life for me, and I would try hard to make it a better one. Father"—and the face was softened now, and the voice pleading—"give me this chance. Remember me as I was to you when you first called me into the world. Indeed, I will strive to deserve your love."

The old man sat with his face hidden in his hands, rocking quietly to and fro in his chair.

"I will work to pay you back, father. I shall be out of the way of temptation in Africa, even if I was inclined to forget this lesson. Tell me that my life is not to be wasted."

Still the old man said nothing, but sat rocking to and fro, to and fro.

"I know that at your time of life, father, £500 may mean a great deal to you, but every penny shall be paid back."

"Do you mean this, John?" And the senior looked up, the lines on his face deepened and the gray of it more pallid.

"Indeed I do. I ought to have come to you long ago, and told you this, but I hoped until almost the last moment that I could spare you the shame of knowing that I had disgraced your name."

"If I managed this for you, how soon could you start, John?"

"In a week, father."

"It is not soon enough. It must be to-night."

"I will if I can."

Old John Cairngate opened the Times and looked at the shipping advertisements.

"The Union Line has a steamer leaving Southampton by to-morrow morning's tide. Go to their London office; if they haven't a berth left ask for this gentleman"—and he gave the young man a card, on which he penciled a name—"tell him as a favor I beg him to find you one, even if you have to mess with some of the crew."

"Yes, father."

"Now, I only want one promise from you in return. You and I part forever. You must not seek to communicate with me in any way. More than this, you must cut yourself off from England for a time, and refuse to see even an English newspaper, or to receive a letter from an English friend. You understand that you are exiled."

"Yes, sir," the voice was hard again.

"How much money have you?"

"Just enough for a second-class passage; no more."

Mr. Cairngate brought a small box from the safe and took £5 from it.

"Take this, and now go, and keep your promise."

"Good-by, father, and thank you. Think less hardly of me some day," and he offered his hand, but it was not seen, and the gray head was rocking between the withered old hands again, and so the young man went quietly out.

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It was twelve months later, and young John Cairngate was waiting to see the passengers in from the Cape steamer. The new life at Port Elizabeth was not altogether a pleasant one, but he was prospering. The worst of it was it was deadly dull, and, true to his promise, he would not look at an English newspaper. Then, as the few passengers landed, a voice hailed him by name. It was the first time he had heard it for many a day, for here he was John Dunkley.

"John Cairngate, old fellow——"

It was an old club friend, whom he had last seen in London shortly before he left.

"Who would have thought of seeing you here?" called out the newcomer, and then as he stepped ashore he shook hands with the exile.

"Of course I understand why you went and did not leave your address," added Barton; "but none of the fellows think worse of you for what happened. It wasn't your fault, old chap; one can't be responsible for one's relatives. You needn't have left as you did."

John Cairngate's eyes asked for information, and there was a fear in them that was evident to the other man.

"Good heavens! Cairngate, you don't mean to say you don't know, and that I——"

"Why do they say I went away?" asked Cairngate.

"Well, old chap, your father, of course——"

"What about him? Tell me at once."

"I thought you knew, of course."

"I know nothing. Tell me at once."

"How could they have kept it from you? He forged a bill for five hundred. Was convicted on his own confession. There, old chap; don't give way. I wish I had bitten my tongue out before I had told you."—Pick-Me-Up.

IF YOU WOULD LIVE LONG.

Follow These Nineteen Rules of an English Physician.

Sir James Sawyer, a well-known physician of Birmingham, has been confiding in an audience in that town the secret of longevity. Keep the following nineteen commandments and Sir James sees no reason why you should not live to be 100:

Eight hours' sleep.
Sleep on your right side.
Keep your bedroom window open all night.
Have a mat to your bedroom door.
Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
Exercise before breakfast.
Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
(For adults.) Drink no milk.
Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
Daily exercise in the open air.
Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
Live in the country if you can.
Watch the three Ds—drinking water, damp and drains.
Have change of occupation.
Take frequent and short holidays.
Limit your ambition; and
Keep your temper.

Sir James himself is just over 53, and assuming that he practices what he preaches, should be carefully inquired for some forty-seven years hence. In this same lecture a very interesting point in vital statistics was brought out. As every one knows, the death rate during the last 200 years has been enormously decreased. But it is not so generally known that all this decrease has been between the ages of birth and 35. He says:

"Those who have passed that age have not so good a chance of living as the people who lived 200 years ago. The meaning is that now the weaklings among the young are less easily killed off than they were 200 years ago. With regard to those of 35, those who lived in the olden days had the advantage that there were no "telephones, telegrams, daily share lists, or daily newspapers."

According to Sir James Sawyer, then, unless we conform to his rules, the advantages of improved sanitation and medical knowledge are more than counterbalanced by our scientific and mechanical inventions, our daily press and stock exchange.—London Letter to New York Daily Sun.

In Love with Celebrities.

Frivolous as the French are supposed to be, they take love, or what passes for it, very seriously on occasion. A French specialist in lunacy has been giving some information about the insane men and women who follow celebrities about and fall in love with them. The doctor has to send two or three women of this sort to asylums every month, and nothing is known of the cases by the public. Good looking priests, members of Parliament who make good speeches in the chamber, authors and handsome actors, are notaly marks for the attention of such women. The actors, like the priests, have often been threatened by their jealous admirers, who are not content to worship at a distance, like the American matinee girl. Actresses, too, have their dangerous admirers. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has sometimes to be watched over very carefully. Her worshipers secrete themselves in all sorts of places in order to see her enter or leave her theater or her residence. The special detectives have had to interfere on two noted occasions, in order to save the famous actress from the bullets or the daggers of maniacs who resolved to injure or kill her because she refused to respond to their declarations of love.

Coal from China.

It is rather startling to find that coal can be mined in China and sold in California at a profit, says Locomotive Engineering. Several cargoes of coal from China have been imported into California, and it is reported to be of very good quality.

Those who are familiar with the coal market say that within a very few years the Chinese coal mines will supply the whole market of the Pacific coast, except those portions where coal is found. The extremely cheap labor of China enables the coal to be brought to the surface at a very low price. The only obstacle to very active competition in this industry at present is the want of good transportation facilities in China. The extension of Chinese railways, which has begun very actively, is going to exert a very prejudicial effect on the coal mining interests of the United States and Great Britain.

Her View and His.

She—What an imposing figure Maj. Borrows has.

He—Oh, yes; naturally so.

She—And why naturally?

He—He's always imposing on some one.

The man who invests in green goods must want money bad.

TOPICS FOR FARMERS

A DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Cultivation of the Orchard Improves the Growth of the Trees—Farm Insurance—Cows Should Be Milked Regularly—General Farm Notes.

Cultivating in the Orchard.

When the character and lay of the land will permit, a better growth of the trees can be secured if thorough cultivation is given during the early part of the growing season for the first four or five years at least after setting out. One advantage of planting a hoed crop in the orchard is that it of necessity compels cultivation. The objection is that in many cases it uses up plant food in the soil that will be needed by the growing trees by the time they come into bearing. Of course if manure is applied this objection is overcome. But whether a crop is grown or not, so far as other conditions will admit, it will be found best to keep the soil in a good tilth and the weeds down during the early part of the growing season at least. During the early stages of growth, say the first two seasons at least, when it can be done it will be found best to cultivate well during the early stages of growth and then mulch well before hot, dry weather sets in. Newly set trees will suffer much less from the drouth if well mulched than if left unprotected, and until the trees get reasonably well established mulching in summer will be found quite an advantage.

One reason why so many trees die and others fail to prove satisfactory is because of neglect during the first two or three years after setting out. Get the trees well started to growing while young, and it will be a comparatively easy to maintain a thrifty growth, but a tree, like a plant, once stunted, will never recover from the effects. Outside of what furrows are necessary to provide good drainage it will be best in cultivating to keep the soil level. If from any cause cultivation can not be given to an advantage the next best plan is to seed to clover. Common red or mammoth clover is better than any kind of grass for the orchard.—Farmer's Voice.

Mutual Farm Insurance.

Recently two friends have been burned out of their homes; both were living in large farm house. One of them was insured in a mutual insurance company organized by the farmers of the county in which he lived and he will get the insurance without trouble. The other had his house insured in an old-line insurance company, and an adjuster has been around and tried to get him to acknowledge that his furniture was old and worn out and that his loss was about half the amount his policy calls for. He found on looking over the conditions printed in very fine type on his policy that his books, piano and sewing machine were not insured and will be a total loss. The company will pay him about three-fourths of the amount his policy calls for, which will be about one-half the actual loss by the time he builds a new house and buys furniture to replace that burned.

Farmers are more liable to loss by fire than any other class of people, risks considered, and they should keep their buildings and contents insured, but they should insure in a mutual company, where they will receive fair treatment and get prompt and generous settlement. It has been proved by every one of the thousands of mutual insurance companies in this country that this form of insurance is vastly cheaper and altogether more satisfactory than insurance in a stock company located in some other State or at best in a distant city.—Farmer's Voice.

Milk Regularly.

Regularity in time of milking is necessary. The dairy cow is a good timekeeper, and knows very well when milking time comes. If she is neglected and allowed to go far beyond the regular time she begins to worry and loss follows. There are some cows that certain milkers can never get clean. They milk out all that flows readily, strip around once or twice, and call her finished. With some cows this will do, but with others the milker must reach well up on the udder, and work it with a sort of kneading process. A little manipulation of this sort will cause the whole quantity to flow into the teats, whereas, without it, there will be from a gill to a pint of the richest milk left in the udder every time, which means a prematurely dry cow.—Indiana Farmer.

Underdraining Pays.

In periods of drought the danger of insufficient moisture is materially lessened as the power of the soil to absorb rain and dew is increased through better capillary movements, thus spreading through the soil what moisture may be available. If water is flowing through the drains from a better watered section it may be drawn out by capillary attraction where needed. This process of capillary attraction is well illustrated in the passage of oil through the wick of a lamp. We can see, too, that in periods of drought water may thus be drawn toward the surface from a considerable depth. A soil that is usually water-soaked, when it does dry out, will bake and crack open, and dry out much more thoroughly; while a well-underdrained soil can never bake, and under similar circumstances will always be found moist, because being porous, there is a continuous supply of moisture coming up from underneath to replace that which is being evaporated by the heat of the sun. It is very interesting and often surprising to notice the increased crop yield derived from a field after it is well underdrained. In many cases the yield will be doubled, and the expense of underdraining more than repaid by the increase of a crop in a single season.—Farming.

Remedies for Smut.

Experiments made demonstrate that the stinking smut of wheat and barley can be prevented by soaking the seed twelve hours in a solution of one pound of sulphate of copper (bluestone) and twenty-four gallons of water, then immersing the seed for five minutes in limewater. A solution of one pound of corrosive sublimate and fifty gallons of water will also be effective. The stinking smut of wheat and oats can also be prevented by treating the seed with water heated to 130 degrees, immersing the seed ten minutes. For the loose smut of oats soak three bushels of seed for twenty-four hours in a solution of one and one-half pounds of sulphide of potassium and twenty-five gallons of water. The formalin treatment has been found very effective in preventing the stinking smuts of wheat and oats. It consists in soaking one pound of formalin to fifty gallons of water. The strong formalin is poisonous, though pronounced by some to be safe; yet care should be used in handling it and corrosive sublimate. The seeds may be dried after any of the treatments by spreading on a clean floor or on canvas sheets spread in the sun (preferably on raised lattice work) and turned or agitated several times. Dry plaster may also be found useful in drying the seed. Every seedsman should treat seed before shipping; but the farmer should accept no risks, but treat the seed himself.—Philadelphia Record.

Poultry Wisdom.

Why do chicks die in the shells?
Hens too fat.
Eggs too old.
Inbred stock.
Eggs get chilled.
Too much moisture.
Impure air in room.
Improper ventilation.
Too low temperature.
Too high temperature.
Small air cells in eggs.
Diseased breeding stock.
Impure air in incubator.
Too large air cells in eggs.
Too much dampness in cellar.
Egg chamber too dry when hatching.

Why do chickens die after they are hatched?
Lice.
Sour food.
Filthy runs.
Inbred stock.
Hens too fat.
Want of grit.
Damp houses.
Too much meat.
Brooders too hot.
Brooders too cold.
Lack of green food.
Too dry air in brooder.
Overcrowding in brooders.
Neglect to sort out the sizes.
Weakness from delayed hatch.
Not enough bone forming food.
Improper ventilation of brooder.
Removed from incubator before thoroughly dried.—Farm Poultry.

Green Bone for Hens.

It should not be forgotten that though hens are now on farms running at large, the worms and insects they get do not supply the material for egg and shell in sufficient quantities to keep up the daily supply of eggs. Some green cut bone should still be given. But more care must be taken to give only what will be greedily eaten, for if any meat adheres to the bone it will soon become offensive. The grain fed in early spring is a richer and better feed than fowls that run at large usually receive. So for a few days the hens lay every day after they are turned at liberty so that they may pick up their living as best they can. Then the eggs gradually begin to decrease in number, the fowls become broody, and are good for nothing as layers until late in the summer, and if they do not receive extra feed they may not lay anything before next spring. Some time for rest between egg production is needed. But good food and good care should make this time as short as possible.

Replenishing Fertility.

A crop of twenty-five bushels of wheat per acre removes from the soil 16 pounds of nitrogen, 23 pounds of potash and 10 pounds of phosphoric acid in the straw. In the grain there is removed 27 pounds of nitrogen, 8 pounds of potash, and 12 pounds of phosphoric acid. This is equal to the ingredients of a fertilizer containing about 205 pounds nitrate of soda, 63 pounds muriate of potash and 125 pounds phosphate rock. Unless the soil is well supplied every year with the substances removed therefrom, it must eventually deteriorate. Rotation of crops, using clover in the list, will prevent loss of nitrogen, but if farmers sell produce they must necessarily bring something back on the farm to take the place of the mineral matter removed.

The Oldest Hen.

It is the belief of all that the White Leghorns are the longest lived of any breed of poultry. There is one hen that was hatched in July, 1879, and has continued ever since until recently. This hen had never been broody until a few eggs were put under her which were near the end of incubation, having been taken out from a nest that was covered by a Cochin hen. She finished the incubation, and raised the chicks all right, taking the best of care of them. This hen has averaged about 180 eggs each year, and is now past, or near at least, 19 years of age. Taking it all in all, 3,240 eggs from one hen is a great record.—Reliable Poultry.

The Advantages of Good Roads.

The movement for good roads is like many other things in this world, obstinately opposed by the very ones to whom its accomplishment as a fact would do the most good. In a genuine reform, such as this, the crusade is long and arduous, and disheartening to any but the most determined of advocates. The wheelmen have done good missionary work, but apparently they have not convinced the rural mind that the advantages they are contending for would be general and far-reaching.—Baltimore American.

Gooseberry Mildew.

As a result of testing various remedies for gooseberry mildew the following recommendation is made by the New York station: Potassium sulphide is the most effective remedy for controlling gooseberry mildew. It should be applied very early in the season, just as the buds are swelling, at the rate of an ounce in two or three gallons of water, and the treatment repeated every ten days or two weeks.

Peaches and Plums.

The peach will not thrive on low ground, but prefers an elevated situation always; plums prefer a stiff, damp soil to a light one. Therefore, plum stocks are often used for an orchard of peaches where the latter are to be planted in low ground.

A Glimpse of Real War.

As the blue-brown line of the Sixty-fifth came down the street a woman with a child in her arms stepped out from the curb and held up the baby to one of the soldier boys for a last good-by kiss. Almost immediately a hulking policeman, who could never have had a wife or child of his own, caught her roughly and pushed her back on the curb.

The line went on amid the cheers of the crowd, the waving of flags and the inspiring music of the bands. It was much like a parade, after all.

But in the tear-stained face of that poor woman and the great, wondering eyes of her little child, those who watched the incident saw a first real glimpse of war.—Buffalo Express.

Speed of Meteors.

Meteors rush through space at the rate of 26 miles a second. They are not usually larger than a pebble, and on striking the earth's atmosphere they dissolve instantly into gas.

Brier Pipes.

Little brier pipes with silver mountings and amber mouthpieces are exhibited alongside the silver trimmed meerschaums.

An Atchison woman is so neat that she dusts off the stove wood before she brings it into the house.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The highest waterfall in the world is Cholock cascade, at Yosemite, Cal., which is 2,635 feet high, or just half a mile.

Not within living memory has there been known so abnormally snowless a winter in European Russia as the past season.

A medical correspondent at Paris writes that Dr. Mosso has established the fact that the blood of eels is poisonous.

A curious fact has been noted by Arctic travelers—snow when at a very low temperature absorbs moisture and dries garments.

Gun cotton is cotton wool, washed then soaked in nitric acid and three parts of sulphuric acid, washed in water, pulped and dried.

It has been found in Switzerland that in building a railway, laborers could work one-third as long at a height of 10,000 feet as a mile lower.

The Rhind manuscript now in the British museum is the oldest intelligible mathematical work extant that has ever been deciphered.

The largest theater in the world is the Grand opera house of Paris. It covers more than three acres of ground, and cost 63,000,000 francs.

The creatures known as ocean hydras have no heart, no lungs, no liver, no brains, no nervous system, nor organs save mouth and skin.

Glaciers vary in length from year to year, and apparently in cycles of years also, those of the Alps having shown a general diminution since 1850.

The king of Siam has a bodyguard of female warriors—i. e., 400 girls chosen from among the strongest and most handsome of all the women in the land.

A recent landslide in China revealed a pile of money equaling in value 7,000,000 coppers. The coins were made about the middle of the eleventh century.

Porous glass is one of the latest novelties. The holes are so small that neither dust nor draught follows its use, and yet the ventilation is said to be excellent.

Great differences exist between the Arctic and Antarctic regions, and while there is a polar sea at the north, it is believed that a continent exists at the South Pole.

Seven Chinese war vessels are at present being built in Germany. Among them are four torpedo boat destroyers which will have a speed of 32 knots an hour.

The Peruvian Central railroad covering a distance of 10 miles is at an elevation only about 2,000 feet lower than the summit of the highest mountain in Switzerland.

Five is the sacred number of the Chinese, who have five planets, five cardinal points, five virtues, five tastes, five musical tones, five ranks of nobility and five colors.

In northern China one of the principal occupations is raising dogs for their fur, which is fine and dense and much used for clothing. They cost only 40 cents apiece.

Variegated plants of almost any species may be produced, in the belief of a German botanist, by grafting upon that species a nearly allied form having colored leaves.

The government of Wuertemberg has just authorized the erection of a hygienic laboratory in connection with the medical department of the University of Stuttgart.

By the use of malleable steel casting for buffers and frame work castings, the Erie has reduced the weight, added to the durability and improved the appearance of its freight equipment.

Captain Perry speaks of the great distance that sounds can be heard during intense cold. We often, he says, in the Arctic regions heard people converse in common voice at the distance of a mile.

Gained Forty-Eight Pounds.

"I had a strong appetite for liquor which was the beginning of the breaking down of my health. I was also a slave to tea and coffee drinking. I took the gold cure, but it did not help me."

This is a portion of an interview clipped from the Daily Herald, of Clinton, Iowa. It might well be taken for the subject of a temperance lecture but that is not our object in publishing it. It is to show how a system run down by drink and disease, may be restored. We cannot do better than quote further from the same:

I retired to city life.

"For years I was unable to do my work. I could not sleep nights or rest days on account of continuous pains in my stomach and back. I was unable to digest my food. Headaches and painful urination were frequent, and my heart's action became increased. I left my farm and retired to city life, for I was a confirmed invalid, and the doctor said I would never be well again.

"Soon after I happened to use four boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and since then I have been free from all pain, headache and dyspepsia. I eat heartily and have no appetite for strong drink or tea or coffee, and feel twenty years younger.

"My weight has increased 48 pounds. I cannot say too much for Dr. Williams' Pills and claim that they have cured me. JOHN B. COOK."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February, 1897.
A. P. Barker, Notary Public.

To people run down in health from whatever cause—drink or disease—the above interview will be of interest. The truth of it is undoubted, as the statement is sworn to, and we reproduce the oath here. For any further facts concerning this medicine write to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The name and address of the subject of above interview is John B. Cook, of 208 South 5th street, Lyon, Iowa.

An historic landmark of the town of Hadley, Mass., the old Hooker house, which stood for almost two centuries, was burned recently. It was in this house that General Joe Hooker was born in 1814.

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The Trans-Mississippi Stamps.

Of the Transmississippi Exhibition stamps, the 50-cent stamp, which is dark green in color, is from a drawing by Frederic Remington of a "Western Mining Prospector," showing a prospector in the mountains with his pack mules. The $1 stamp is in black and white, from J. MacWhirter's "Western Cattle in Storm." The $2 stamp is brown, showing an engraving of "The Mississippi River Bridge" at St. Louis.

A Third-Rail Accident.

A peculiar accident occurred on the Chicago South Side Elevated road recently, which operates a third-rail system. A workman dropped a tool which made electrical connection between the third rail and a large gas pipe carried on the elevated structure, which resulted in burning a hole in the pipe and igniting the gas. The fire department was called out to extinguish the fire, traffic being blocked for two hours. Several cars were set on fire.

Gunpowder Motor.

Explosive powder is used to operate a new motor, a small quantity of the powder being fed into the cylinder and ignited by an electric spark to drive the piston rod, the expanded gas escaping through a valve as the piston returns.

Celluloid Balloon.

In an improved balloon the basket is carried by four air cells adjustably mounted on a railing around the basket, making it possible for the remaining cells to support the aeronaut if one cell should collapse.

Wheel Nuts With Handles.

An improved nut for wagons and other machinery where the nut would soil the hands if touched has a projecting knob on one side which fits in a hole drilled in one jaw of the wrench to prevent the nut from slipping out.

Typewriters are being manufactured which will write on books, the machine being mounted on a frame with an open space in the centre, through which the type levelers are driven down on the page by the keys on the top of the machine.

Goldfish are of Chinese origin. They were originally found in a large lake near Mount Tsientsing and were first brought to Europe in the seventeenth century. The first in France came as a present to Mme. de Pompadour.

A plan for rendering paper as tough as wood or leather has been recently introduced on the European continent. It consists of mixing chloride of zinc with the pulp in the course of manufacture.

Padlocks are being manufactured with an auxiliary chamber, which carries an explosive to be fired by a hammer inside the lock and give an alarm when the lock is tampered with.

The president of the Berlin police has published a rescript of regulations for the purpose of dealing with unlawful competition in the medical profession.

A mixture of acetylene with oil gas in the proportion of one to three, has been adopted on the Prusian State railways for lighting cars.

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Short Pencils Spliced.

Short pencils can be spliced by means of a new device consisting of a short tube internally threaded and having bell shaped ends for the introduction of the pencils and interior transverse grooves to form cutting dies for the threads.

To Chalk the Cue.

Billiard players will appreciate a new chalk-holder, which consists of a metal plate to be screwed on the wall to support a piece of chalk, which is hollowed out in the center to receive the tip of the cue.

Glove Which Will Not Wear Out.

In a newly-designed glove, patented by a Michigan woman, the palm of the hand and inside of the thumb and fingers are provided with interwoven rings of leather or other material which prevent the glove from wearing out.

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