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In Paris it is gravely told that boxes provided with slits are attached to tombstones. Into them are dropped the cards of remembering friends who make the pilgrimage to the graves of the dead.

Chicago's Motley Crowds.

Sixteen races, with features built on all the lines of facial architecture, rode side by side in a World's fair smoker last evening. The collection was so speckled and mottled in disposition and color that a census was taken. There were two gibbering Zulus, who had come with African diamond dust; three sad Turks, with fezzes and semitars; a group of Chinese actors; a pensive Spaniard, with sombrero; a begoggled Englishman, who divided a strap with an Arab; a brace of Frenchmen, all angles and points; a high browed and long whiskered Russian, a bronzed Greek, a Kansas farmer; just-over-Germans, who crowded a mild mannered man from Ceylon; a handsome Viennese; two Egyptians, with bare legs; four Venetian gondoliers in citizen's clothes, and a Norwegian commissioner.—Chicago Herald.

The Biggest Fresh Water Cargo.

The new steamer Selwyn Eddy, the largest freight carrier in the world floating on fresh water, was loaded recently for her initial trip. She carries the largest cargo of wheat ever shipped on the lakes. A close estimate places her exact capacity at 150,000 bushels or about 35,000 bushels more than the largest cargo ever carried on the lakes.

An ordinary freight car carries about 500 bushels of wheat, and the Selwyn Eddy's cargo is equal to 300 carloads. A train containing 300 cars would be about two miles long. Twelve engines would be required to draw such a train. The cargo of the Eddy, if ground into flour and made into bread, would feed 80,000 people for one year.

There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know all my duty or shall fail to do it.—Mary Lyon.

The Egyptians counted "13" as their most propitious number, and so did most of the ancient nations.

The Women Know Best.

Much comment has been made by the official reports of the United States and Canadian governments, in which are presented the evidences of the superior strength, purity and wholesomeness of the Royal Baking Powder. It is true that the good housewife looks upon commendations of the Royal Baking Powder from scientists and official sources such as these very much like "the gilding of refined gold." Her practical experience long since taught her in the most convincing way the great usefulness and superiority of the Royal article. A higher proof than this she does not want and cannot have. Yet it is pleasant for her to realize that the facts established by these great competitive tests, these scientific examinations made under direction of the government, exactly parallel those she had before worked out in her own common-sense, practical way.

It does not appear that any baking powder, when presented in competition with the Royal, either at the government tests or before World's Fair juries, has ever received favor or award over the Royal or made an equal showing in purity, strength or wholesomeness.

Ruskin Hates Chrysanthemums.

Mr. Ruskin was once asked if he did not admire chrysanthemums in the quadrangle, and he regarded the production of chrysanthemums as an unhallowed attempt to grow flowers at a season when nature meant that there should be no flowers, and so the startling answer came, "I hate chrysanthemums."

A HERALD OF THE INFANT YEAR.

Clip the last thirty years or more from the century, and the segment will represent the terms of the unbounded popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The opening of the year 1898 will be signalized by the appearance of a fresh Almanac of the Bitters, in which the uses, derivation and action of this world-famous medicine will be lucidly set forth. Everybody should read it. The calendar and astronomical calculations to be found in the brochure are always astonishingly accurate, and the statistics, illustrations, humor and other reading matter rich in interest and full of profit. The Hostetter Company of Pittsburg, Pa., publish it themselves. They employ more than sixty hands in the mechanical work, and more than eleven months in the year are consumed in its preparation. It can be obtained without cost, of all druggists and country dealers, and is printed in English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish.

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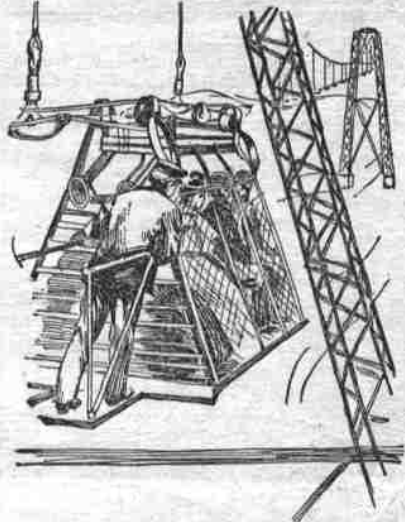
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THE DEVIL'S DIKE.

A Picturesque Spot in England and the Legend Connected With It.

One of the most interesting places within a ten mile radius of the English watering place of Brighton is the Devil's dike. It is still attractive, in spite of the railway which now runs there, in spite of the roundabouts and cocoanut shies, in spite of the new vulgarities which kill all the legends which formerly invested the place with so strange a charm.

The best received of those legends affirmed that the devil once determined to drown the world of Sussex by digging a



CROSSING THE DEVIL'S DIKE.

huge ditch through which the sea should flow. It was a foolish project, unworthy of the characteristic cunning of the prince of darkness, and taking advantage of the stupid mood in which the devil found himself a crafty saint exacted from him a promise to spare the world unless he could accomplish his work by sunrise. Upon the devil agreeing, the saint prevailed upon one Sister Ursula to exhibit in her cottage a lighted consecrated taper, and at the proper moment, when a few more strokes from the devil's pick would have let in the sea, he looked up, saw the light, imagined it to be sunrise and went off with his hat between his legs, leaving the two great hills and the strange valley between them which are now known as the Devil's dike. In that valley are two strange mounds of earth, side by side, known as the graves of the devil and his wife. Tradition has it that curious wild flowers, unknown to any other part of the county, grow on these "graves," and it used to be a delightful thing to clamber down the sides of the hills into the valley.

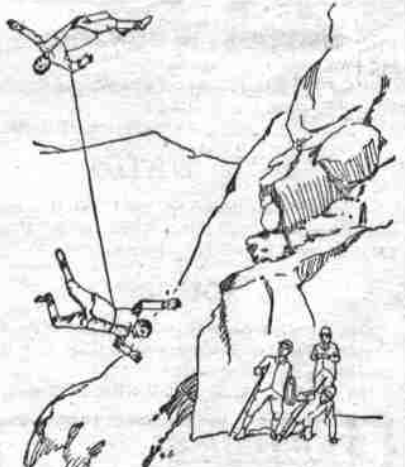
That was the chief thing for which folk went to the dike. Now, in order to dissuade people from descending into the valley, the Tophet Cable and Cliff Railway syndicate have constructed a cableway from one hill to the other, a distance of about 1,100 feet. It is an endless cable, worked by an oil engine. There are two cars, carrying eight people at a time and performing the trip from hill to hill in two minutes. The valley beneath is a distance of 330 feet, and—through to some people—the transit is an unnerving experience. The mayors of Brighton has declared the feeling to be "heavenly." That there should be anything celestial about a Devil's dike seems to the Pall Mall Budget to be somewhat against the nature of things, but there are doubtless many who consider this rope and its cars a distinct acquisition.

AN ACCIDENT IN THE ALPS.

Death Comes in Awful Form to a Pair of Venturesome Climbers.

The latest victims of ambition to climb the Matterhorn were Andreus Seller, a tourist, and Johann Blener, a guide. They belonged to a party of five, and being a little more venturesome had gone ahead. One of the surviving three tells of the accident as follows:

The others were only five minutes ahead, and we had reached a difficult spot and were standing in steps cut at the top of a small patch of ice at an angle of 50 degrees and close to rock when Mooser called out, "Beware of stones." We pressed up close to the rock and listened, when the two, Seller and Blener, shot past us. We were all three close together, and Mooser could have touched them with his ax. They were tied together. Seller passed



"SELLER AND BLENER SHOT PAST US."

close to us, his back downward, his head well bent up, as if he were preparing for a sudden shock. Blener flew far out against the blue sky, and the rope was stretched tightly between them. They fell on to the Glacier du Lion, and when the bodies were recovered they were still tied together. With both the crown of the head was cut away as though it had been done by a sharp instrument. Seller's watch was crushed, and his left boot was missing, although the foot was uninjured. How the accident happened will never be known, as no one saw them slip. I am inclined to think that Seller was climbing at the same time as Blener, instead of waiting until he had a firm hold, and that the former slipped, jerking Blener off his feet. I am strengthened in this belief by the position of the two as I saw them fly past.

To Post the Drunkards.

To repress drunkenness the governor of St. Petersburg has ordered that the names and addresses of all persons found intoxicated in the streets, regardless of rank or sex, shall be posted in certain public places in the city and also printed in The Official Gazette. Fifty years ago they were compelled to sweep the streets for a number of hours under the eye of the police.

A Tip to American Politicians.

As recently as 1861 the Japanese minister of foreign affairs solemnly disembodied himself in the presence of his retainers because the government refused to adopt his policy with regard to foreign residents.

QUAINT BUT FULL OF MEANING.

"A crick"—"a stitch"—"a twist"—"a jam"—"a halt"—"a raw spot"—"a blue spot"—"dead aches," etc., are queer names well-known among the hills of flesh, bone, muscle, nerves and joints, and are better understood as being so easily and surely cured by St. Jacob's Oil. The names are pointers to what it has done and always will do readily. None too readily either, for many of the infirmities indicated by these queer nomenclatures, if neglected, often lead to very serious results, which the great remedy for pain stands ready to resist and prevent. None the less useful it is to have on hand always ready, for the sudden pain is very often the fatal one.

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