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A LATE Japanese invention is said to be a process of making from seaweed a sort of paper almost as transparent as glass and as tough as parchment.

THE best conductors of electricity are silver, copper, gold, zinc, platinum, iron, tin. The poorest conductors are dry air, ebonite, paraffine, resin, sulphur, sealing wax, glass, silk, wool, dry paper, porcelain.

IF you are ever chased by bloodhounds it may be well to know that sheets of tissue paper placed on the ground under the feet and then removed carry with them every trace of the scent.

HERE'S another good argument for taking the tax off of tobacco. A Missouri wretch fired a pistol at a passenger train near Rich Hill, and the ball hit a passenger. It would have made a serious if not fatal wound but for the fact that he had a plug of chewing tobacco in his vest pocket. The bullet struck the plug, and was thus stopped in its course.

A CITIZEN of Orlando, Fla., has a dog that accompanies him everywhere even to church. One Sunday the owner concluded to break the canine of his church-going habits and ordered him home. The dog retreated until his master was out of sight, then promptly turned back, entered another church and remained until the service was over.

MR. GRAIG, of New York, undertook to drive a cat out of a cafe. The contract was a bigger one than he could fulfill without assistance. The cat jumped at him, bit him in the face, caught the lappel of his coat, scratched his chin, cheek and neck, and bit his left wrist though to the bone. The waiter had to pull the infuriated animal off.

DR. JULIUS POHLMAN thinks the reason why our teeth decay so fast is because we do not use them enough, and, like other organs that are not exercised, they tend to atrophy. Our teeth become week because unused to hard work. The author warns mothers and nurses not to give the children soft food, if they would have them have good teeth—in other words, make them eat their crusts.

TELEPHONIC communication can be carried on between ships at sea by means of a sound-producing apparatus attached to each vessel, to be worked under the surface of the water. Each vessel also has a sound-receiving apparatus to take signals. Intelligible signals could be produced by this apparatus which would be transmitted through the water in all directions with considerable velocity.

THE family of a Georgian were awakened the other night by a great noise under the house which shook violently. At first they were sure that an earthquake was in progress, but investigation with a lantern showed that a cow was under the house. How she got there was a mystery, as she could not stand upright. It was her horns and back that made the noise and shook the house. The householder had to get a pick and spade and dig a ditch, in which the cow walked out.

METALS may be platinized by a new and cheap process in which the metallic object is covered with a mixture of borate of lead, oxide of copper and spirits of turpentine, and submitted to a temperature of from 250 deg. to 330 deg. This deposit, upon melting, spreads in a uniform layer over the object. Then a second coat is laid on, consisting of borate of lead, oxide of copper and oil of lavender. Next, by means of a brush, the object is covered with a solution of chloride of platinum, which is finally evaporated of a temperature of not more than 200 deg. The platinum adheres firmly to the surface and exhibits a brilliant aspect. If the deposit be made upon the first coat the platinum will have a dead appearance. Platinizing in this way costs, it is said, about one-tenth the price of nickel-plating.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Andrew Biebel and Mary Henne were drowned while crossing Crow river in a boat at Delano, Mich.

The factory and warehouse of the Eau Claire Sash & Door Company, at Eau Claire, Wis., burned. Loss, $100,000; insurance, $60,000.

Rear-Admiral Charles Stewart Baggs died at New Brunswick, N. J., of paralysis and general debility. He leaves a widow.

James Cummings, manager of the commercial agency, committed suicide at Dayton, Ohio, by shooting. He had been dealing heavily at bucket-shops.

C. S. Wertmer, known as a crack pigeon shot, has absconded with $5000 belonging to the Waverly Building Association, of which he was the secretary.

Will English, colored, living in Bonham, Texas, stabbed his wife near the heart three times. He then stabbed himself in several places, inflicting fatal injuries. The cause was jealousy.

William Bullock, an employe of the West Shore railroad at Newark, Wayne county, New York, shot his wife four times with a revolver, killing her instantly. He then shot himself, inflicting a fatal wound.

A serious cutting affray took place in the suburbs of Fort Smith, Ark. Lizzie Posey, a lewd woman, stabbed Josie Martin in the breast fatally for appearing against her in the Police court. Mrs. Posey is in jail, and Josie Martin will die.

Phillip Held, a young farmer living fourteen miles west of Lemars, Iowa, shot and instantly killed his mother, and shortly afterward committed suicide. The trouble which existed for some time in the family culminated in a squabble over selling a horse.

Hardy Posy, colored, was lynched at Bessemer, Alabama, for an attempt to rape a girl 15 years of age. The town is surrounded by armed negroes, who threaten to burn the houses and kill the citizens to avenge the lynching of Posey.

Seven children in less than two years is the record of Mrs. Phoebe Lynch, of Seymour, Ind., who eighteen months ago gave birth to triplets, and who to-day is the mother of two boys and two girls. All seven, with their mother, are alive and well.

The abolition of slavery in Brazil is progressing with great rapidity. Hundreds of thousands who were slaves have been freed in the past few years, and it is proposed to set a fixed and early day when slavery shall cease.

Dexter, the famous trotter, died at the stable of Robert Bonner, in New York. He was thirty years old. He died of old age and exhaustion. Dexter was the greatest trotter of his day. He was the first horse to trot a mile in 2:17¼.

John Bogard, 16 years old, pleaded guilty at Kansas City, Mo., to murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to be hanged. Bogard held the hands of James Weir, at Independence, Mo., last January, while Charles E. Meyer struck him on the head, killing him. Meyer was tried last week, convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

Capt. Ramon Arguilles, of the Mexican army, and Adolfo Towesa, clerk in the Mexican national railway offices, quarreled in a restaurant at New Laredo, Mexico. At a meeting subsequently, Arguilles shot Towesa, wounding him in the groin. The latter returned the fire, killing his antagonist.

Policeman Clancy found a man named Chester Williams lying apparently dead on the back porch of a hovel in South Helena, Ark. His head was fearfully bruised either by a club or sand bag. He was taken to the station house, and was partially restored to sensibility. He says while he was walking along the levee a man ran up to him and knocked him in the head.

At a prayer meeting at a colored church in Berkeley county, S. C., two young men got into a row about a girl. They broke the meeting up. The preachers and church officers attempted to quiet the quarreling men, but they did not succeed. One of the men, named Brown, drew a pistol and blew the brain of his antagonist, Richardson, out right in the church building. The murderer has been arrested and jailed.

A duel between women occurred on the Island of Corsica. The two viragoes concerned were named Francesca Fortunati and Benoita Pasqualini. A long and bitter hatred existed between them, and during a quarrel they agreed that one must die. Stilettos were the weapons employed, and they were plied with mad energy and rapidity. After a short and sharp struggle Benoita Pasquilini fell, stricken through the heart with her adversary's stiletto.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE.

The house bill for the relief of the First National Bank of Portland, appropriating $8249 for money advanced to the contractor for building a revenue cutter in 1875-76, was taken for the calendar, amended by adding several items for ship carpenters, etc., in connection with the same contract, and passed.

The conference report on the house joint resolution accepting the invitation of the French republic to take part in the International exposition in Paris, was agreed to. It fixes the appropriation at $250,000.

The senate passed a number of public building bills, among which was a bill appropriating $50,000 for a public building at Boulder, Colorado.

The house bill forbidding the making (in Washington and Georgetown) of "books" or "pools" on the results of trotting or running races, or boat races, or baseball, was passed.

HOUSE.

The committee on elections submitted its report in the case of Frank vs. Glover, from the Ninth Congressional district of Missouri. It finds the contestee, Glover, entitled to the seat; placed on the calendar.

Bills were reported and placed upon the calendar for the erection of a public building at Cheyenne, Wyo., and increasing the appropriation for the purchase of a site for the public building at San Francisco.

A resolution providing for investigating the strike of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad was reported, and referred to the committee of the whole.

The senate bill granting a pension to the widow of Gen. James B. Ricketts, was amended to $75 per month, and was passed.

Under the call of States, Dunn introduced a resolution, directing the committee on merchant marine and fisheries to investigate the fur seal fisheries of Alaska, and all contracts by the government for the taking of fur seals. The committee is also directed to investigate and report upon the nature and extent of the rights and interests of the United States in fur seal and other fisheries in Behring sea, and whether any legislation is necessary for better protection and preservation of such rights and interests. Also a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information relative to fur seal fisheries in Alaska.

By Morrow—To execute certain treaty stipulations prohibiting Chinese immigration. Also authorizing the secretary of the navy to make surveys in the Pacific ocean to determine the extent and position of dangers in the track of commerce and navigation; and for the purpose of ascertaining proper locations for submarine telegraph cables.

The house passed the bill for relief of the Omaha tribe of Indians in Nebraska, and to extend the time of payment to purchasers of lands of said Indians.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

BUTTER—		
Fancy roll, ₱ lb		40
Oregon		
Inferior grade	15 @	25
Pickled	18 @	30
California roll		32½
do pickled	28 @	35
CHEESE—		
Eastern, full cream	16 @	20
Oregon, do	14 @	16
California		14½
EGGS—Fresh	@	20
DRIED FRUITS—		
Apples, qrs, sks and bxs	@	6
do California		6
Apricots, new crop	18 @	28
Peaches, unpeeled, new	12½@	14
Pears, machine dried		10
Pitted cherries		40
Pitted plums, Oregon		12½
Figs, Cal., in bgs and bxs	@	9
Cal. Prunes, French	8 @	10
Oregon prunes	10 @	12½
FLOUR—		
Portland Pat. Roller, ₱ bbl $		4 00
Salem do do		4 00
White Lily ₱ bbl		4 25
Country brand	3 50 @	3 75
Superfine	2 50 @	2 75
GRAIN—		
Wheat, Valley, ₱ 100 lbs	1 22½@	1 25
do Walla Walla	1 15 @	1 16
Barley, whole, ₱ ctl		1 12½
do ground, ₱ ton	20 00 @	25 00
Oats, choice milling ₱ bush	47 @	50
do feed, good to choice, old	46 @	47
Rye, ₱ 100 lbs	1 10 @	1 25
FEED—		
Bran, ₱ ton	16 00 @	17 00
Shorts, ₱ ton	18 00 @	19 00
Hay, ₱ ton, baled	@	18 00
Chop, ₱ ton	23 00 @	25 00
Oil cake meal ₱ ton	32 00 @	33 00
FRESH FRUITS—		
Apples, Oregon, ₱ box	1 25 @	1 50
Cherries, Oregon, ₱ drm		
Lemons, California, ₱ bx	4 00 @	4 50
Limes, ₱ 100		1 25
Riverside oranges, ₱ box		
Los Angeles, do do	@	
Peaches, ₱ box	@	
HIDES—		
Dry, over 16 lbs, ₱ lb	11 @	12
Wet salted, over 55 lbs	@	5
Murrain hides	7 @	9
Pelts	10 @	1 25
VEGETABLES—		
Cabbage, ₱ lb		2½
Carrots, ₱ sack	@	1 00
Cauliflower, ₱ doz		
Onions	@	1 10
Potatoes, new, ₱ 100 lbs		75
WOOL—		
East Oregon, Spring clip	14 @	16
Valley Oregon, do	16 @	18

—On a Governor street car yesterday. Young married man in forcible tones—"I tell you I am boss of my house, and what I say there goes." Passenger on next seat leans over and remarks: "Beg pardon; but is your wife at home?" Young married man, in less forcible tones: "No, she's in the country." Everybody in the car smiled out loud.—*Providence Journal.*

—James J. West, who recently purchased the controlling interest in the Chicago *Times*, is under thirty years of age, and is said to have amassed $600,000 within six years. Seven years ago he entered a publishing house in Chicago as a clerk at eight dollars a week; at the end of the third year he bought a fourth interest in the concern for $66,500. Mr. West's original intention after he left college was to study for the ministry, which he did for a short time, but concluded that he was better suited to mercantile pursuits.—*Harper's Bazar.*

AN ERA OF LETTERS.

One of the Most Notable Characteristics of the Current Decade.

The condescension to literature to the stage is one of the notable characteristics of this agreeable time. We have to admit that literature is in the fashion without the violent assumption that the author and writer have the same social position that is conferred by money, or by mysterious virtue there is in paint. A person does not lose caste by taking the pen, or even by taking the needed pay for using it.

To publish a book or to have an article accepted by a magazine give a sort of social distinction, as an exhibition of a certain unsuspected capacity or a social eccentricity. It is hardly too much to say that it has become the fashion to write. It used to be to dance the minuet or to use the broadsword, or to be a gentlemanly mill with a reputed bruiser. Of course, one ought to do this professionally exactly—not to prepare for doing it by long and severe discipline, by training it as for a trade, but simply to have it off easily, as one makes a call, or a compliment, or drives four-in-hand.

One does not need to have that interior impulse which drives a poor devil of an author to express himself that something to say which torments the poet into extreme irritability unless he can be rid of it, that the hunger for fame which comes from consciousness of the possession of thought and emotion. The beauty of this condescension to literature of which we speak is that it has that quality of spontaneity that does not propose either a capacity or a call.

There is no mystery about the art. One resolves to write a book, as one might to take a journey or to practice on the piano, and the thing is done. Every body can write, at least every body does write. It is a wonder of time for literature. The Queen of England writes for it, the Queen of Roumania writes for it, the Shah of Persia wrote for it, Lady Brassey, the young woman, wrote for it, Congressmen write for it, Peers write for it. The novel is the common recreation of ladies of rank, and where is the young woman in this country who has not tried her hand at a romance or made a cast at a popular magazine? The effect of all this upon literature is expansive and joyous. Superstition about mystery in the art has not disappeared. It is a common observation that if persons fail in every thing else, if they are fit for nothing else they can at least write. It is such an easy occupation and the remuneration is in such disproportion to the expenditure! Isn't it indeed the golden era of letters? If only the letters were good!—*Harper's Magazine.*

Artificial Rubies.

At the Paris Academy of Sciences meeting M. Fremy read a memoir on the researches which he has made with M. Verneuil to artificially produce ruby. An alumina crucible was used so as to avoid the presence of silica which has the effect of imparting a lamellar structure to the product. Under such conditions, with alumina separated from calcium fluoride in a perforated platinum septum, they have obtained perfect crystals of alumina which, being colored with traces of chromic acid, were an exact counterpart of the natural stone.—*Scientific American.*

—As long as we have reasonable wants we get on comfortable; but in the struggle after luxuries that fill society with distress, and populate prisons, and sends hundreds of people stark mad. Dissatisfied with a plain house, and ordinary apparel, and unspectable surroundings, they plunge their head into enterprise and speculations from which they have to come out in disgrace.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—Victoria has made arrangements to celebrate the jubilee of Congregationalism in October, 1888. It is expected that the churches of America and New Zealand will be represented and that delegates will be sent from the home churches.

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