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Warehouse Fired by a Meteor.
An extraordinary accident is reported from Austria. Some extensive warehouses were destroyed by fire lately at Flumme, the result, as was believed, of a stroke of lightning. It is now reported that in clearing the debris a great meteoric stone, weighing four tons, was discovered imbedded in a deep pit among the ruins, and the experts have decided that the premises were set on fire by the glowing stone.

Careful measurements prove that the average curvature of the earth is 6.99 inches to the statute mile.

OUR AMERICAN POLICY.
The policy of this country regarding foreign complications seems likely to remain conservative. The Monroe doctrine, according to the declaration of our leading politicians, will be sustained, but practical and prudent in official quarters will restrain the exuberance of public opinion. The wisest and most prudent course for the rheumatic and the malaria is to use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures kidney complaint and dyspepsia.

It is estimated that 400,000 larks are sold yearly for food at the Leadenhall market, London.

JOHN POOLE IS CONSTANTLY RECEIVING large invoices of the celebrated Stoughton wagons. These are superior to any ever put upon this market. Before buying a wagon call and examine, or write for catalogue. Address foot of Morrison street, Portland, Oregon.

The time required for Niagara to cut its gorge has been variously estimated at 7,000 to 35,000 years.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills. C. L. Baker, 4228 Regent St., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

The elephant does not smell with his trunk. His olfactory nerves are contained in a single nostril, which is in the roof of the mouth, near the front.

The barking of a dog on the earth can be distinctly heard by a balloonist at an elevation of four miles.

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The prefix "O" before so many of the names of Irish families is an abbreviation of the word "Ogha," meaning grandchild.

THE VOLUNTEER

BENEATH his country's starry flag,
Where thousands stood before,
Prepared to fight till life shall flag
And darkness gathers o'er,
Garbed in his uniform of blue,
Ready to answer "Here!"
A man and soldier through and through,
He stands, the volunteer.

'Tis not the joy of clashing arms
That calls him to the fray,
'Tis not the love of war's alarms
That bids him haste away;
For him there's pain and grief and woe,
A wife—a mother's tear,
But lo! his duty calls, and lo!
He comes, the volunteer.

O, mighty nation, proud and great,
Of strength he is a tower!
Behold him, warlike and elate,
In this, your darkest hour.
For you he lives, for you he'll die,
And sell his life blood dear,
And glory's gates will open on high
To greet the volunteer.

"SHOOT ON DOWNWARD ROLL."

This is Uncle Sam's Standing Order to the Navy of the United States. "Shoot on the downward roll." That is the standing order in the navy of the United States. The American practice, both in the army and navy, has always been to shoot low, and always to save ammunition until it was possible to use it effectively. In the navy the tradition to shoot low has crystallized into a standing rule, unwritten indeed, but none the less religiously observed, and its wisdom has been proved on more than one occasion of great importance. The precise form of this unwritten naval rule is to "wait for the downward roll." This is the converse of the maxim obtaining in the British navy that it is best to take advantage of the

enemy, where they would do most damage. On the other hand, it was observed that shots fired when the vessel was heeling toward the enemy on the downward roll, though frequently striking lower than was intended by the marksman, almost invariably took effect.

A Monkey's Accomplishment.
No creature but man has ever made use of fire. An African traveler, indeed, has told a story of apes making a thieving raid on a camp of natives and carrying torches to light their way, but this story lacks proof and is not accepted as true by zoologists. There is, however, in the Philadelphia zoological garden a monkey who has learned to scratch matches perfectly well. This accomplishment he

is willing to exhibit on any occasion. He has learned to hold the match by its middle part, so that his fingers are not burned by being too near the flame, and so that the match will not break by being held too near the other end. This fact involves another—that he is aware which end has the sulphur and does not attempt to scratch the unsulphured end. He has furthermore learned that a rough surface is better to scratch the match on than a smooth one, and his care in looking for a rough place is very diverting. But with all this intelligence the monkey has no notion of kindling another fire with the one that he has caused by the friction of the match. He simply lets the match burn out, and if he lights another does it for the pleasure of seeing it burn. This monkey's keepers and the men of science who are experimenting with his intelligence hope to communicate to him eventually an idea of fire making and using, but from the moment they succeed in doing so—if they ever do succeed—it will be necessary to keep matches out of his reach.

Mrs. Barton—What a cold creature that Mrs. Clamshell is! Mrs. Heming—Yes, but it's hereditary. Her father made his fortune in the refrigerator business.—Cleveland Leader.

THE MERITS OF SHOOTING ON "UPWARD" AND "DOWNWARD ROLL."

"upward roll" which has been observed almost from the beginning of naval fighting by the gunners on English ships, and to which much of the power of England's "wooden walls" to defend the island was attributed in the days when England, and not the United States, was at war with Spain. Necessarily the deck of a vessel at sea offers a much less satisfactory platform from which to shoot than the solid foundation provided in a land fort, since, even when the ocean is calmest, the vessel must constantly roll from side to side. Theoretically, the best time to fire would be at the moment between rolls, when the deck of the ship is perfectly level, and in a general way it may be said that an attempt is made to do the shooting at that instant. It is practically impossible, however, to fire invariably when the decks are horizontal. No matter how careful the gunner, the piece is almost always exploded just before or just after the proper instant. It was noted by the sea fighters in the revolution that projectiles from guns fired when the ship was heeling from the enemy in the upward roll were hurled higher in the air than was intended, and that well-aimed shots were thus often sent harmlessly overhead, or, at best, took effect only in the rigging instead of the hull of the

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"REMEMBER THE MAINE!"

Signal Under Which American Ships Went Into Action at Manila.
A naval message that is destined to go ringing through the ages with that of Nelson's "England expects that every man this day will do his duty." is "Remember the Maine." It was this admonition that floated in flags from the mast-head of the Olympia in Manila Bay on that fateful morning of May 2, 1898. To the landsman the string of bunting conveys but little meaning. To the naval man the small signal flags as shown in the picture read from top to bottom, as all naval signals are read, represent the following combination of letters: R, N, Q; Q, K, H; B, G, J. With the aid of the code book the combination of letters spells out the nation's slogan: "Remember the Maine."

There is always a battle cry of some sort displayed at the mast of the flagship of the commander of the fleet when a squadron goes into action. It has been the custom ever since the adoption of marine flag signals for suddenly communicating intelligence to distant objects at sea. And signals have been employed for many years, their origin being indeed lost in remote antiquity. During the day flags are used for signals. The first code used in the United States navy was almost precisely similar to the code in use about the same time by the British. There were twenty-six flags, one for each letter, and a number of pennants for special and defining systems. There was no fixed code dictionary, and beyond a few general signals each commander made up his own combinations. About 1810 a code dictionary was issued. A new code was adopted in 1848 known as the Rogers code. In this nine square flags and five pennants were used, with a dictionary with 13,402 combinations. Rogers' code was modified in 1891 to a system having twelve square flags and nine pennants, there being ten numbered flags, three repeating pennants and two square and six pennants as defining signals. The dictionary was reduced to contain 9,992 signals. In 1896 this system was still further elaborated by the addition of eight defining flags and pennants. At the same time the signal book was remodeled. Tactical signals were separated from the general signal book, and the latter divided into alphabetical, compass, word, geographical and general classifications. Aside from the flag signals there are two other codes, one for use during fogs and the other at night. During the fog the signals are made by means of the steam whistles, the code consisting of long and short blasts, arranged somewhat after the fashion of the dots and dashes in the Morse telegraphic alphabet.

ADIOS!
Land of garlic and tortillas,
Land of sebex and mantillas,
Land of mules and smuggled bitters,
Land of raisins and of fritters,
Land of Pedro and Sancho,
Land of Weyler and Blanco,
Land of bull fights and pesetas,
Land of dusky señoritas,
Land of manners stiff and haughty,
Land of Isabella naughty,
Land of Boabdil and Hamil,
Don't you hear your Uncle Sam?!"
"Git!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

As far as calculations can decide the temperature of comets is believed to be 2,000 times fiercer than that of red-hot iron.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.
We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "FITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "FITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "FITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought, and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.
March 5, 1897. SAMUEL FITCHER, M.D.

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FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 26th day of December, A. D. 1896.
A. W. GLEASON,
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