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THE wise men of Olympia adopted a design for a seal—the face of the father of his country, for whom the new state is named, and the figures 1889, to mark the year the state was admitted. The design is a fairly good one. As Edward Spickler would say, "there is no boged nonsense about it."

FROM observations on the color of the eyes and hair in 100 persons in France many interesting results have been detected. One of the most curious is that a race formed from a mixture of blond and brunettes shows the blond element in the eye and the brunete in the hair, this tendency accounting for the prevalence of a combination of light hair and dark eyes. The assertion that the Alacran—a pre-eminently malarial race—became a dark-skinned and blue-eyed nation is in accordance with this law.

POPULAR scientific traditions describe the early evolutions of man by three great ages—the Stone Age, the Age of Bronze, the Age of Iron. Possibly the Iron Age may have preceded the Age of Bronze, for the extraction of iron from its ores is simplicity itself compared with the operations of smelting and casting copper and tin, and the simpler process would naturally come first. In time, but this is matter of little moment to the men now on earth. For them it is chiefly important to remember that the original Iron Age is a very early back number, and that the present age is the Age of Steel.

ONE of the greatest needs of this age is men and women who prize honor more than wealth and an approving conscience more than the plaudits of the crowd. There are plenty of merchant princes and of coal barons, but there are other trades that never will be overdone. In one sense the artisan stands a better chance than the man of letters or the trader—that is, if he is an artisan who thinks as well as works with his hands. This age is essentially an age of invention, and the field of invention is apparently limitless. Each new labor-saving apparatus, each new machine invented, calls for yet more new machinery to produce or run it. For the great discoveries of the past fifty years we are indebted to but a few men. With more workers in the fields the next half century ought to be far more fruitful of results.

THE Chinese are so superstitious as to believe that the gods need very much the same things which we do, and are pleased with the things which give us pleasure; and so, in their folly, they try to send them money, clothing, furniture and houses. The wealthy send, in addition, summer-houses, ocean chairs, pleasure boats, etc. They do this by making paper or wooden representations of such things, and burning them in front of the idol or temple, they believing that are several changed into the real articles in the world of spirits for the use of the gods. Nearly all heaven people accompany their prayers to these gods with burning of so-called "sounding instruments." They seem to have the same idea concerning their gods as Elijah had of the people of Baal with holding, namely, that they might be asleep and needed to be awakened by noise, or that they might be on a journey and needed to be stopped in the same way.

DR. JOY says the Americans—and he is one of the people of the United States—believe they will slip one God who is not in their pockets and which is elevated in old English legends the mournful national and political joke, "In God We Trust." The men of the country are noted for not believing what is best, for them and for believing all they hear from those who delight in making evil and others' miseries. Some of the men have very long teeth, and remove to other countries with gold and silver bulbs, so that, that a shadow is soon out of their eyes, and they are able to wear spectacles as long as those worn by honest men. The law, however, reaches clear

into the unlit and unventilated chamber of a tenement house, for a poor man, woman, or child, who steals a loaf of bread, with which to stop a bearer with a pauper coin, but seems to touch millionaires who steal railroads, and splice them together as playthings for their children."

CONSUMPTION OF TIMBER.

To make shoe pegs enough for American use consumes annually 100,000 cords of timber, and to make lucifer matches, 300,000 cubic feet of the best pine are required every year. Logs and boom-trees take 500,000 cords of birch, bass and maple, and the handles of tools 500,000 more. The making of bricks consumes 2,000,000 cords of wood, or what would cover with forest about 50,000 acres of land. Telegraph poles already up equal 800,000 trees, and their annual replacement consumes 3,000,000 more. The iron railroads consume annually 100,000 cords of wood, and to fence all the railroads in the United States would cost \$5,000,000 with a yearly expenditure of \$15,000,000 for repairs. The care of the ways which American forests are given. There are 100,000,000 feet of lumber in the United States worth \$2,000,000,000, while the lumber used each year in making wagons and agricultural implements is valued at more than \$50,000,000.

My Little Maid.

My little maid who goes to call the cows, As the twilight shadows darken, And the moon seems to nodding daises For her footstep, and that bird that haunts her for her noise.

The Newest Game.

The newest game takes the form of an information party, and is begun by passing to each gentleman a card and to the ladies a small piece of paper, which should be numbered. Those who discover the same number on their card and paper are partners for the game. Each couple must think of a question, sensible or ridiculous, historical or in regard to the weather, to be written on the cards, after which the cards are to be gathered together and the leader reads each in turn, giving a few moments for the partners to consider the subject and write the answer, which should be read aloud in turn. This is where the fun of the game begins, and many of the answers are exceedingly queer.

FEMINE ARITHMETIC.

Arlo Bates Tells a Good Story About a Girl and a Publisher. A publisher, writes Arlo Bates in the Book Buyer, told me the other day a bit of business experience which is mildly diverting. A young woman brought him a manuscript which, after due consideration, he expressed himself willing to publish in a paper, fifty cents a copy, paying the usual ten per cent. royalty. The young woman expressed herself willing to accept this offer, although she frankly said that she had hoped for better terms.

AN UGLY DISCOVERY.

A recent analysis in Philadelphia by a celebrated chemist of ten popular brands of Sarsaparilla discloses the astonishing fact that these ten samples of blood purifiers contained in the aggregate 100 different minerals, eleven of which were active poisons. Iodine of Potash was discovered in every sample, mercury was found in all but two, while arsenic existed in six of the ten brands. Not one brand was the pure article.

A Report that Should Be Read.

A traveler in South Africa reports seeing a caterpillar crawling at a rapid pace, followed by hundreds of ants. Being quick in their movements, the ants would catch up with the caterpillar, and one would mount his back and bite him. The caterpillar would turn his head and bite the ant and kill his tormentor. After slaughtering a dozen or more of his persecutors the caterpillar showed signs of fatigue. Retaking himself to a stalk of grass the caterpillar climbed up tall first, followed by the ants. As one approached he seized it in his jaws and threw it off the stalk. The ants seeing that the caterpillar had too strong a position for them, resorted to strategy. They began sawing through the grass stalk. In a few moments the stalk fell, and hundreds of ants pounced upon the caterpillar. He was killed at once.

CROSSING THE EQUATOR.

How the Merry Tars Celebrate the Event—Neptune and His Train.

As good an account as any of the modern ceremonies practiced in crossing the equator is given by Marryat. Indeed, the Jacks of his day were so obstinate in the conservation of this practice that if the ship's course did not carry her across the line the crew performed the ceremony in the tropics. So says Marryat in "Frank Midway," and he shows us the picture by introducing Neptune riding on a car made of a gun carriage, drawn by six semi-nude seamen painted black and spotted with yellow paint. Neptune has a long beard and ringlets of oakum. On his head is an iron crown and in his hand a trident with a small dolphin between its prongs. His attendants are a secretary, armed with a bundle of sea-fowl quills, a surgeon with a lancet, pill-box and so forth, and a barber with a large wooden razor, the blade of which is formed of an iron hoop. This barber has a mate who makes his appearance with a small tub for shaving-box. With Neptune comes Amphitrite, habited in a woman's night-cap, with seaweed for ribbons. She carries a boy on her lap as a baby, whose teeth she helps to cut with a marine spike. Three rough sailors dressed as nymphs form her retinue. These ladies are furnished with combs, mirrors and pots of red paint. Here we have the principal actors of the play. The people who have not crossed the equator provide the fun.

A sheepen is made water-tight and glued. The victim is blindfolded and seated upon a platform placed upon the tank. He is then shaved. If he is wise he does not remonstrate, for a man stands by with a tar brush which he will pop into his mouth if he parts his lips. Half the skin of the face having been removed amidst roars of laughter from the assembled sailors, the sufferer is plunged backward into the water. Here, in his "Table Book," describes the ceremony as performed on board whaling vessels early in the present century, either on the 1st day of May or on crossing the arctic circle. The fellows who were to be dealt with were kept below. A barber's shop was fitted up with a sign, "Neptune's Easy Shaving Shop, kept by John Johnson." Ten fiddlers dressed in rags and mats formed a procession. They were followed by Neptune riding on a gun-carriage. The ceremony was a striking course for the quarter-deck, where Neptune questioned the captain as to the ship, her destination, himself and the like. Then three quartets of rum were produced, and the shavers drank the captain's health. These ceremonies over, the novices were brought up and the skylarking began.

MADE A MISTAKE.

A Man May Be a Countryman and Yet Know How to Spar.

He had a mouth like a carpet-bag, says the Boston Journal. His hair looked as if it had been cut by a cross-eyed barber afflicted with the shakes, and moreover, he appeared to be a redoubtable baysed. All day long he had hung about the place, occasionally "asking the boys," and between times "doing the lone act."

A WOMAN'S DISCOVERY.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking the first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Get a free trial bottle at Daniel Fry's drug store.

OLD LADY.

Old Lady: I believe the Cape May boat leaves this pier, does it not? Pierman: Yes, marm, it leaves it every trip. Never knew it to take it over with it yet, and I've been here getting on for forty year come this June.

MARIT WINS.

We desire to say to our citizens that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never had better remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. Sold by Daniel J. Fry, druggist.

NINE MILLION WITCHES BURNED.

Springer computes that during the Christian era no fewer than nine million witches were immolated. In England, the last execution for witchcraft took place in 1716, but in Illinois as late as 1780 to 1790, several unfortunate were put to death. This terrible reduction on the heathen cult is a sad commentary on the progress of civilization. Many a cold raw morning, when we find a few old women sitting on the benches, we think of the millions of witches who were immolated during the Christian era. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery would have restored health and happiness.

NEW LIVERY STABLE.

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Fenderson has a very slippery memory. He met a lady friend the other day. He bowed; he shook hands; but there he stopped. Finally he said:

"By Jove, but it's awkward. I wanted to ask you something, and for the life of me I can't think what it was. Oh, yes, I've got it now: How are you?"

The lady managed to say that she was quite well.

"Glad to hear it," said Fenderson. "There is something else I wanted to say to you—oh, yes, isn't this a beautiful day?"

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The notice so often seen in railway cars, "Passengers must not get off the cars while in motion," probably means that passengers must remain motionless while the conductor carries them out.

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