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BREVITIES

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mrs. William W. Astor has a unique collection of photographs of beautiful women.

Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt's bonnet board the yacht Compressor is finished in rose pink satin and mahogany.

Bostwick John C. Thompson, recently retired from the United States navy, is a veteran of the Mexican war and has seen 35 years of actual service.

Mrs. Dr. Haviland, Dr. Eva Harding and Mrs. Dr. Howe are said to be the only family whose women members are all doctors in the United States.

Isaac Pittman, the celebrated shorthand teacher and inventor, celebrated his eightieth birthday at London recently. He is the brother of Ben Pittman of Cincinnati.

The widow of Tom Chaffner, the famous English jockey, manages a horse training establishment at Newmarket and has a fine string of racers under her control.

Miss Florence Bascom of Williams-town, Mass., who will take the title of Ph. D. next June from Johns Hopkins university, will be the first woman to receive such an honor from that institution.

W. H. Rowe of Troy, N. Y., is the youngest World's fair commissioner, being only 23 years of age. He is also president of a large business corporation, director of two banks, vice president of one and secretary and treasurer of another.

Mrs. Edward Loyd, who died in London recently at the age of 90, when a girl helped to entertain Blucher on his arrival in England after Waterloo and was present in Westminster abbey at the coronation of George IV, William IV and Queen Victoria.

Jay Gould left a small and costly collection of pictures. It was made for him chiefly by Henry T. Chapman, Jr., and was comprised of purchases made at the great public sales of private acquisitions. In a decorative sense this collection forms a gathering of fine works by famous artists.

FADS OF FASHION.

A revived Parisian fashion for skirts of lace and silk is to cover the gored silk skirt with three scantily gathered flounces of lace.

Paris made jackets of pale heliotrope cloth, lined with mauve and gold tulle and elegantly braided in black and gold, are cut in extra long princess style.

Some of the stylish Henri Deux capes have strapped shoulder puffs and lengthwise rows of cut jet gimps on the revers collar, the latter edged narrowly with ostrich feather trimming.

For a dress in slight mourning, to be worn during the spring, is a clinging skirt of black india silk, covered with three flounces of unfurled black silk net, trimmed with rows of narrow black watered ribbon.

The richest of the new coats are of brocade or lustrous corded silk, not infrequently made up in colors. One of the choice models is the Olga, significant of its Russian origin, and is of heavily repped silk in dark hunter's green.

The use of lace will constantly increase from this time on throughout the spring and summer, forming tabliers, jabots on both skirt and bodice and plaited in fans and coquille ruffles to increase the flaring effect on the bottom of the dress.—New York Evening Post.

TURF TOPICS.

Lexington, Ky., will have a half mile straight away covered training track.

"Early speed means early profits and early decay" is the way one writer puts it.

Matt Byrnes says Montana and Tammany will be prepared for the Suburban handicap.

Etham Queen, entered for the American Derby, is said to be the best looking animal sent over by Colonel North.

An Oregon paper is authority for the statement that a horse died in Gilliam county Feb. 1 that was foaled Oct. 14, 1892.

Howard Neal of Richmond, Ky., has a 6-months-old filly by Bermuda, dam by Vatican, that recently trotted a quarter of a mile in the remarkable time of 47 seconds.

There are 54 stallions in the list of 2:15 trotters, of which 23 never equalled or beat that figure in a race, while of the remaining 31 got their best records against the watch.

The 2, 3, 4 and 6-year-old records of the world have been held by horses that are now owned by J. Malcolm Forbes. Arion won the first two, Trinket once secured the third, and Nancy Hanks holds the fourth.

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

The Burlington has put on a new line of chair cars between St. Louis and Burlington.

The Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis has announced that it will no longer pro rate with the Little Rock and Memphis.

The Denver and Westminster is the name of a newly incorporated railroad in Colorado, the purpose of which will be to build a short road to connect Westminster university with Denver.

One year ago the Northern Pacific placed on sale 3,000-mile tickets, good on any portion of its system, at 24 cents per mile, and it has proved so much of a success that the sale of such tickets will continue.

Washington took the lead in 1892 in the number of miles of railroad built. Its total was 432.4 miles. Pennsylvania came second, with 307 miles, and New York third, with 264.8 miles. Kansas was last, with one mile only.

THE KRUPP OF COGNAC.

Something About a Town Built Up by a Kind Heavily Capitalized.

The last number of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science gives an admirable summary of the work done at the Krupp foundries for the men employed there and their families. The writer, says the Philadelphia Ledger, Mr. S. M. Lindsay, furnishes an object lesson that may well be commended to employers of labor in this country. The Krupp works employ 10,000 men, and with their families numbering over 50,000, constituting the bulk of the population of the town of Essen, while over 3,000 are located at various branch works, and the total number benefited by their numerous charitable and philanthropic enterprises is estimated at 85,000 workmen, and with their families 57,000 persons.

The Krupp works were started in a very humble way in 1810, and it was not until the fifties that steel, their special product, attained such universal use and the works began their rapid growth and steady increase. The Krupp themselves say that their numerous institutions for their workmen and their families are based first on their own business interests. Would there were more such employers whose selfishness took the same direction!

Their successful efforts to raise the condition of their workmen have been made in various ways—the building of dwellings rented at fair rates and sold on easy terms; co-operative stores; accommodations for boarding and lodging unmarried workmen; their treatment in sickness and the prevention of disease; insurance against accident and sickness and pension funds, in anticipation and largely in excess of the severe requirements of recent German legislation on the subject; savings banks, common and industrial schools, the education of apprentices, the training of young girls in housekeeping, humanitarian rules in factory work, liberal help for religious teaching and charity.

The Krupps have built over 4,000 houses—from frame dwellings of two rooms, renting at fifteen dollars a year, up to six room houses, renting at eighty dollars a year. They have expended over \$3,000,000 on them, earning about 2 percent on the investment, but this, with much more, has been spent in benefiting the working classes in other ways.

The co-operative stores managed by the Krupps at their own risk include fifteen retail grocery stores, nine branch stores, with one main store for general merchandise, a shoe factory with three stores, a hardware store, a mill and bakery with six bread stores, a slaughter house with seven retail meat stores, two clothing establishments, seven restaurants, a wine store, an ice company, a coffee house, a brush factory, a laundry, a weekly market for fresh vegetables, a coffee roasting establishment—in them nearly 500 persons were employed, widows, or daughters of workmen.

There is a boarding house for the unmarried workmen, where lodging and food are supplied at twenty cents a day. In 1870 Alfred Krupp built a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers, and since the Franco-German war it has been used for their workmen and their families—they are cared for at the price of thirty-eight cents a day for men, thirty cents a day for women and twenty-five cents for children. There is a large bathing establishment, where 6,000 free baths were given last year, and bath tickets are sold for 24 cents apiece. The insurance funds against accident and death and for pensions have been largely supplemented by the Krupps in addition to the strict requirements of the German laws. Primary and advanced technical schools are maintained, and the churches of all denominations are largely supported by the Krupps.

A bold attempt at robbery was frustrated by the bravery of Mrs. A. H. Chapman, wife of the agent of the United States and Pacific Express companies in Pueblo, Colo. Shortly after dark, but before her husband had returned from his office, Mrs. Chapman had occasion to go into the kitchen, when she was startled to see a man standing in the middle of the floor, and upon asking what he wanted he replied, "Those earrings," pointing to a pair of very valuable solitaire diamonds which the lady wore. She fled to another room and armed herself with a revolver, but the fellow not following her she again ventured into the kitchen.

He pounced upon her from the pantry, where he had hidden, and a hand to hand struggle ensued, in which she repeatedly struck him over the head with the revolver, it unfortunately not being loaded. A well directed blow from his fist laid her upon the floor senseless, but when she recovered she was alone and her valuables undisturbed, the marauder having evidently been frightened away by her screams.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Dressmaking For Pet Dogs.

A new industry has lately been developed in Paris—that of dog's dress-making. A clever woman has started an establishment whose handsome waiting room is provided with soft rugs for the 4-footed patrons, as well as divans for their mistresses, and here she takes orders for the coats and blankets which Dot and Tiny and Joy must have to protect their tender frames from the blasts of winter.

The venture has already proved successful and may lead in time to the starting of a dog fashion publication, although it cannot be said that the want of this has been keenly felt.—New York Times.

Regularly Appointed.

Miss Marguerite Hume is deputy recorder of West Bay City, Mich. At a recent meeting of the common council, when the recorder was out of the city, she acted in his place. Some of the aldermen feared that this would invalidate the proceedings, and there was a little breeze, but on the discovery that Miss Hume was a regularly appointed officer and had taken the oath all objections were withdrawn.—Woman's Journal.

Where Silence Reigns.

"There is a place down south where one can hear the heart of a man six feet away but distinctly and clearly. Each cyclops and diamond is as unmistakable as the tick of a big mantel clock."

Taspenker was a Chicago traveling man, and he was addressing a half dozen loungers. His whistling of ineffectuality from so many throats.

"It's a fact. I'll swear to it. Thousands who have been there are witnesses to it," he asserted.

Due by one they sorrowfully departed until the last one, who said mournfully: "John, a lot of advice. Let your lies be probable."

"Well, if that don't beat all," declared the traveling man. "I might have told you I caught a 10-pound bass and they'd have believed it, or affected to do so. But because I tell 'em something true they never heard of before they make me out a Munchausen or worse. It is down in Mammoth cave, Kentucky. Our guide stopped our party by the shore of the Echo river and had us put out our lanterns that we might be in darkness which might be felt. Dark, was it? The darkest place in all the universe. Well, that idiot had lost his matches, and there wasn't one to be had among us all. Scared wasn't the word. Three miles underground. The guide reassured us by declaring that relief must be had in a few hours at most. That didn't reconcile us much."

"We staid there ten mortal hours before a search party sent out from the hotel reached us. Then it was as we sat in the darkness we observed the heartbeats—not only our own, but those of our companions. We thought it was due to the thumping that came of our scare. But, bless you, no; it wasn't. For after we were found and on our way out we tried it and learned that it was possible anywhere in the cave, so great is the awful silence."—Chicago Mail.

The Old Man.

West toward Williamstown, on the New England road, there went the other day a strange party which typified the wrong relations of young and old America. They were four—father and mother, daughter and son.

The parents were feeble and old, unmistakably Irish. The father was one of those small, red whiskered, stoop shouldered men, bleary eyed and slow of movement, whose appearance tells of long years of privation, toil, thrift. At a glance you would back the man to be honest to the backbone, self sacrificing, possessed of all the virtues, but illiterate and a bit slow. The mother was effaced under a veil. The daughter and son were flashily dressed and quite knowing of aspect. They didn't care to associate too obviously with the old folks and had seats on the opposite side of the car, from whence the hard featured daughter cast the sweeping glances of a stern disciplinarian at the older couple.

The old man's linen was clean, his black coat spotless. By and by he spat aimlessly upon the floor. It's a thing not defensible, but in him excusable. Not so thought the daughter. She darted across the car with heightened color in her cheeks and grasped the old man roughly by the arm. "Here," she said, stoop spitting on the floor. Don't you do it again. You hear me?"

The old man must indeed have heard, but there was no sign of it in his demeanor. He took his lesson meekly, as became an American citizen by adoption whose daughter holds the reins, and thereafter peace brooded over the ill assorted four.—Providence News.

Leeches and Crayfish.

While walking on the beach at Lake Chautauqua one day I observed a crayfish lying just at the edge of the water.

On picking it up I found that it had molted but a short time previously, and that its new shell was still quite soft. As I lifted the animal I was surprised to see five large leeches, the smallest of which in its semicontracted position extended nearly three inches, hanging from the body, and upon a closer investigation observed that all five were attached to a single portion—the left chest. The part which had been attacked by the leeches was the area of attachment of the adductor muscle, and if the work had not been interrupted by my examination it would have resulted in the complete crippling of the pinching apparatus of that side. Other and seemingly less protected portions of the body were uninjured.

It would be interesting to ascertain whether the point of attack in this case was accidental or determined by intelligence, but the appearance was that the leeches, appreciating that their prey was just at this time incapable of protecting itself, had deliberately attacked the animal in such a way as to prevent it from protecting itself in case its shell should sufficiently harden before they had succeeded in killing it.—Cor.

A Peculiar Find.

Mrs. J. W. Hood had a peculiar experience a few days ago. She was searching for a mislaid article and was rummaging about on the closet shelves, when she laid her hand on a lady's gold watch. It did not belong to her, and she was at a loss to understand how it came there. The incident worried her so that she finally went to the office where Mr. Hood is employed to tell him about it.

Mr. Hood was as much surprised as his wife, and advised her to make a further investigation. Upon her return home she again went to the closet shelf and there found her silver spoons, which she had packed away in a trunk in another room a few days before.

The only satisfactory explanation they could find was that burglars had been in the house and had the gold watch with them. They probably found the silver spoons, and were looking in the closet for other valuables when they became frightened and hurried away, leaving the watch and spoons lying on the shelf. Mrs. Hood has advertised the watch, but so far has failed to find an owner.—Chicago Journal.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

Germany's building at the World's fair was dedicated with appropriate exercises on Jan. 27, the anniversary of Emperor William's birth.

In the fine arts exhibit at the World's fair will appear three pictures from Windsor castle, loaned by Queen Victoria, and several from the Prince of Wales' collection.

The winning exhibitors at the World's fair will each receive a bronze medal and a handsome diploma, setting forth the specific purpose for which the medal was awarded. Provision will be made, it is expected, for 75,000 medals and diplomas.

The Paterson and Newark mills of New Jersey will make a splendid silk exhibit at the World's fair. The silk in all its stages of manufacture will be displayed, together with the silkworms and cocoons from which the silken threads will be spun.

Some Monster Stones.

The best examples of cyclopean buildings are at Baalbec. There are stones in the Baalbec wall 30 feet above the level, several of which are 60 feet long, 24 thick and 16 broad, each stone weighing over 2,500 tons, all cut, dressed and brought from distant quarries.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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