SHOPPING IN MIDOCEAN.

The wireless message pulsing over the sea has put the voyaging financier in daily communication with the bourses of New York. London and Paris. Even in midocean the capitalast may buy or sell, with a view to the protection or the profit of his purse. But it were vain for mere man to imagine that he could reserve this instrumentality to his exclusive use. If the wireless can be utilized to make or to conserve money, it follows as the night the day that it is available for spending money. The enterprising merchant could not fail to be alert to this opportunity to increase the debit side of a fair client's account, says Washington Post. Fathers, husbands, brothers have cherished the thought that when their dear ones were safely at sea in swift and luxursous palaces, the item of shopping was in a state of at least temporary desuctude. But not so; the ribbon counter and the showcases have been ex tended, figurately speaking, across the sea. The lady fair may now indulge her penchant for shopping even it midocean. Every department store in great cities near the Atlantic coast will be topped with its tall electric mast and maintain an operator at its foot. Bulletins of bargains may be published on shipboard. Moreover, if the lady is on her way home with a depleted purse, she can make an aerial draft to meet every tip of every steward on board and make sure that some of her men-folk meet her with more supplies promptly on arrival at the pier.

London's bad season, with dull gray skies and chill winds, is partly compensated for by the promise of good grouse shooting. Parliament has risen in time for the sport, and that part of society which is not already "on the continent" is bound northward for the moors. Summerless England is exchanged for Scotland, which, when the grouse are plentiful and in good condition, is a good place to be, even if the weather is wet. Bright skies over the moors transform the sportsman's part of Scotland into a semblance of paradise. To be sure, the serpent is there. The guns crack and the birds are slaughtered by the thousands. But they have fulfilled their destiny. Who can do more? And mighty good eating is a well cooked grouse from the Grampian

In East Haddam, about sixteen miles north from the mouth of the Connecticut river, hanging in the belfry of St. Stephen's church and in use today, is a bell that was cast in Spain over 1,000 years ago. The Spanish inscription stating that the bell was cast in Spain in 815 and the name of the priest who blessed it are all very distinct. Those who have interested themselves in this valuable old relic claim the church in Spain where it originally hung was destroyed by Napoleon, this bell and many others being sent to America, where there was a good market. It is 28 inches high and 34 inches in diameter at the base

Nearly one million new farms have been created in the United States during the last ten years. In the last, ten years the total number of farms has increased 18 per cent., says American Agriculturist. In the older states, from Ohio eastward, there has been going on for twenty years a tendency loward the amalgamation of farms distant from market into larger holdings. On the other hand, this section has witnessed the cutting up into smaller sizes of many farms nearer to market. There are now almost three times as many farms as in 1870, and an unprecedented increase in the value of farm lands and live stock.

There is one boat on the Hudson river that refuses to be Oslerized. Although the word fast is not usually relished when applied to the femining gender, the Mary Powell glories in the epithet and has made friends by it. This boat will complete this season fifty years of service, and the semi-centennial anniversary will be appropriately celebrated, Captain Anderson has served on the boat forty years in various capacities. The Mary Powell is still in daily use by the Hudson River Day Line, and cuts the water between New York and Kingston not only like a thing of life but like a thing of very lively life.

A passenger has been carried on a monoplane across the English channel. A majority of the people who have to cross the channel will continue for a while, however, to risk the danger of being shaken up in the old-fashioned way.

Esperanto is attracting as much at tention now as the puzzle pictures did a short time ago and has as many disciples as simplified spelling ever achieved.

An Indiana mule kicked a motor cyclist and his machine across the road the other day. A kicking mule never stops to count a hundred before making up his mind what ought to be

A New York man has won a cham pionship and a \$100 watch by eating sixty-four tananas in a given time Still we decline to look on this con stest as one that it may way involved the honor of the white race.

CZAR UNVEILS STATUE OF PETER THE GREAT



ARE HIGH IN STUDY HE WAS HER TO MILLIONS

czar unveiled an equestrian statue of Peter and also planted an oak in

Women and Athletes Lead Other Students at University.

Co-eds Rank 4 Per Cent Higher Than Men and Average Work of Fraternity and Sorority Members Not Up to Standard.

Champaign, Ill. That athletes of the University of Illinois rank higher in their class work is the interesting fact discovered by Professor T. A. Clark, dean of men, after reviewing an average of the grades of every student at the Champaign-Urbana branch of the university. This same investigation shows that the co-eds rank 4 per cent higher in their studies than men and further that the average work of the fraternity and sorority members is not quite up to the stand-

To get this information Dean Clark set a number of clerks at work. Each student's grades for both semesters was averaged according to the number of hours taken in the subjects. Thus a record of more than 3,700 students was obtained, an average in general made and then the special classes of students considered were compared with this general average.

For the general average of the three thousand men students the figures were 81.11 for the first semester and 81.31 for the second semester, or a general average of \$1.21 for the year. The seven hundred or more co-eds 85.02 the second semester, or 85.53 for the entire year.

ball squads were counted in the list matter. of athletes. The two hundred or more ketball players a low average. An- sion.

NEW VERSION OF CINDERELLA

Wealthy New York Manufacturer

Finds Stenographer's Slipper-

Engagement Announced.

other interesting discovery is that the athletes dld 4 per cent better work the semester they were most actively down in their class work.

SRYS: think we look after things more care nearly \$2,500,000. fully than they do at some institutions.

Fraternity men were discovered to be slightly lower than the average young man's ranking, and the literary society members much higher than the average. It was also discovered that the fraternity men who took the most interest in the general university affairs had the highest averages, and that the fraternity men least interested in general college matters were the poorest fraternity students, thus disproving the general claim made by some fraternity men that they have too many other interests besides their class work.

The sorority young women, generally speaking, were found to compare in about the same proportion to the grand total as did the men. The local clubs and sororities showed about the same as the fraternities and sorori-

With these figures as a basis it is probable the fraternity men will be asked to adopt a rule that pledgers averaged 86.04 the first semester and must pass at least 12 hours of university work before they can be inftiated. If they do not, the university All the members of the football, authorities probably will. The sorori- there he wrote to his son that he was baseball, track, swimming and basket- ties have already taken action in this

pearance Is Cleared Away After Many Years.

London.-The mystery of the disapengaged in athletics than during the pearance of Daniel Sheridan, the semester in which they were not. An American claimant of the "Blake sception in this, however, was found Millions," has been solved at last. It n the baseball squad, which on ac is some months since the Star printount of numerous trips, as well as ed a story about the pathetic struggle long practice periods, naturally fell of this Irish-American farmer to obtain the fortune left by Mrs. Helen Commenting on this, Dean Clark Blake, who died intestate in London, "You can't quite say that an in 1876. Her property, then \$700,000, athlete necessarily breaks down in has been in the hands of the crown than the average young men students his college studies. This may be true ever since, and, counting the accumuof other colleges, because I really lated interest, is now estimated to be

A letter just received by that news paper from Daniel Sheridan's son, Jo seph, who lives in Quincy, Ill., reveals the fact that an old, homeless, nameless man, who died in Lambeth infirmary on December 19, 1896, was

beautiful Irish girl, when she was married to Capt. Robert Dudley Blake, a young officer of dragoons stations in Dublin. He later became a general. Daniel Sheridan asserted he was father's elder brother, and he came ing then a man of seventy. He could not, however, obtain the necessary evidence to satisfy the treasury that he was the next of kin. His money dwindled away, he was heavily in the while his family were writing to he had obtained the fortune and reproaching him for deserting them.

workhouse. On his discharge from going to Ireland to find some one who The track squad had the high aver of some of the members chosen be admitted to the Lamberth infirmary. age of 83.07 for the year and the bas- cause of appearance and first impres- He gave no address, and three days inter he died.

Mystery of Daniel Speridan's Disap-

the lost claimant for the "millions." Mrs. Blake was Helen Sheridan, a Mrs. Blake's cousin, the son of her to London to prosecute his claim from Kankakee county, Illinois, in 1885, bedebt for board and lodging, and all him from America upon the idea that

For a time he was an inmate of a knew him and a boy. That was the The figures further show that the last his family ever heard of him. He considered had an average of \$2.74 fraternity men from larger cities, such seems to have wandered about helpfor the first semester and \$1.78 the as from Chicago, are the poorer schol- less, hopeless, a broken man, until on second semester, or 82.26 for the year, ars, and the same can also be said December 6, 1896, he was once more

WHEAT PAYS WELL IN FAST

er's Massachusetts Farm Raised Big Crop.

man for several years and last year

was chairman of the board. Pine

such as some farms of Lenox million-

tions the trainmen have burried to

fever in the house as such a pet.

The management of a cat circus

wrote to Mr. Baker not long ago ex-

pressing a willingness to take off his

hands a couple of the cats that had

been wished on him. Mr. Baker packed

two cats out of the multitude in the

back yard and sent them to the circus

man. The latter either never got

them or did not think much of them

after he did get them, for he has nev-

of Mr. Baker's kindness.

New York.-The story of Cinderella, the shoe and the Prince has come true Springfield, Mass. - Although the in New York City, with variations. Miss Mildred Mermelstein was any thing but a Cinderella to her home in East One Hundred and Thirteenth street. She was a bright, little stenographer. Nor was the slipper made erages little more than 100 acres. New | an experiment. of glass. It was a real American girl's England has the smallest wheat fields, slipper, tiny and elegant. The lover was not a prince, either, but a wealthy shoe manufacturer. He is Samuel On her way home in a Madison avenue car the slipper slipped off Miss

Mildred's foot. She didn't miss it until she put her silk-stockinged toes to the cold, hard pavement. Mr. Newman of the hill towns. saw the slipper on the car and has-A Lenox farmer, George W. Fertened back, hoping to return it to its owner, but Miss Mildred had limped away. Next day the "Prince" adverseven-tenths acres of land and sold tised for the maiden whom the slipper the wheat in a Pittsfield market for would fit. Miss Mildred answered. And, just as in the story, too, the Prince found that the owner of the used as seed wheat, so clean and perfect was the product. Mr. Ferguson slipper was fair to gaze upon and charming in her ways. That was two has for 16 years managed Pine Croft months ago. The announcement of farm, a typical country farm in Lenox of wheat. Not only was the wheat owned by Frederick Augustus Schertheir engagement was made the other day. The slipper was a No. 2. merhorn of New York. Besides overseeing a farm of 335 acres, Mr. Ferguson has served Lenox as a select-

STRAY CATS FOR COLLECTOR

Large Cotton Crop in Egypt. Washington.-Egypt's cotton crop this year, it is estimated, will exceed Croft comes up to one's idea of a at Alexandria reports that probably it by Egyptian fields.

Railroad Men From All Along Line

Drop Decrepit Tabbies of All

Kinds and Sizes.

coins, Corots or coupons, Benjamin

Baker, assistant yard master of the

Pennsylvania railroad at West Morris-

ville, N. J., collects cats. Announce-

ment was made that through the un-

selfish devotion of countless trainmen

on the line Mr. Baker is now in pos-

session of one of the largest collec-

Mr. Baker likes cats, but he likes

them within reason. He has no use

for all the cats that have been thrust

upon him, and he has no place to keep

them. The reason that the supply of

cats in Mr. Baker's back yard is so

much in excess of the demand is that

almost everybody along the right of

way who has a cat for which he has

tions of eats extant.

New York.-As some men collect

Interesting Story of How New York | of the few groves of primeval forests in western Massachusetts are on this property. Farmer Ferguson began raising wheat to feed his poultry because wheat was high. For several wheat fields of the far west are gen- years he produced enough wheat for erally supposed to be very large, the home consumption, using the straw department of agriculture has issued for bodding purposes. Its return in an estimate that in states where the value astonished him. He found it fields are the largest their size av- of a good profit and determined upon

On the ten acre lot grew sections of the average in Vermont being only quack grass. He wanted to get rid of three. That wheat is indigenous to this growth and plowed the lot and the soil of Massachusetts is declared sowed it entirely to buckwheat. This in the reports of the Massachusetts hardy grain successfully killed out Agricultural college and that it can the quack grass. Its heavy body shut be grown profitably in Berksbire out the sun from the soil beneath county is asserted by experts who its bulky growth and the foreign have made an examination of the soil grass died from the want of sunshine. With the buckwheat well along last year Mr. Perguson had it plowed unguson, has this year harvested 417 der and fertilized the lot with some bushels of winter wheat from ten and fertilizer left over from the spring planting. Possibly two tons of commercial fertilizer was used in pre-\$2.50 a bushel. The wheat is to be paring the field of over ten acres for red winter wheat, which was sown,

From this experimental lot Mr. Ferguson has just reaped a bumper crop perfect in head, every kernel being filled out, but the body of straw was excellent.

What an Absurd Question!

The Sceptical Aunt-"What does he 700,000,000 pounds, and Consul Birch | country farm. It is not a city lot, | do, Dolly, for a living " Dolly (greatly surprised) - "Why, auntle, he does will be the largest crop ever yielded aires become, but is the nearest to na not have time to earn a living while ture that its owner can make it. One | we are engaged."-Stray Stories

ished that the vessel could be man get the day off, to say nothing of the rolling stock, and it begins to look as If he will be an island in a sea of cats for a long time.

He would not mind it so much, he Mr. Baker with the cats. He is now thinks, if all his cats were in a good trying to find homes for his charges, state of preservation, but many of but has discovered that many of the them, either because of their own misto any considerable extent. persons to whom he has applied for lakes or the mishehavior of others, permission to leave a cat on trial have lost paws, cars and tails. A would be as willing to have scarlet grand review of the tabbles would disclose a resiment of badly damaged follows, few of which are complete. Almost every train that rolls into West Morrisville brings additions to the home for the friendless, and unless something is done about this high through a man's understanding down cost of living thing very soon Mr. Baker will not be able to buy enough milk and catrin to go around.

Microbe Foe of Farmers. er written a line in acknowledgment Sheffield, England.-At a meeting the other day of the British associa-If the asselfant yard master could tion Dr. Russell and Dr. Hutchinson, only get a day off and if the ratiroad | who have long been experimenting in no further use gives the animal to a company would only lend him a soil iertility, announced the liscovery trainman with instructions to drop it couple of freight cars he could bring of the micro-organism which destroys gently off a train miles away and lose some of the excess to the bide a Wee the bacteria essential to the fortility Instead of obeying these instruct home in New York. But he cannot of the soil.

MADE THIS BRAKEMAN ILL

Touching Devotion Exhibited by Newlywed Causes Grouchy Trainman to Lose His Temper.

"Are you comfortable, darling?" the man asked, bending over the lady on the train. The brakeman passing through the aisle, burried along until he reached the platform, where he grated his teeth together like a cofee mill.

"G-r-r-r-r:" said the brakemas. "What's the matter with you?" denanded the conductor, emerging from he forward car with a solid slam of the door. He straddled the swaying crack between the two platforms and stared at his assistant. "Sick?" he asked.

"G-r-r-r-r!" remarked the brakeman. "Of course, I'm sick! There's t new married couple back in there." The conductor stared through the glass of the door. "Where?" he asked, interestedly.

The brakeman pushed him to one side and pointed a gnarled finger. "In the fifth seat there," he said, disgustedly; "there's a dough-faced mutt there with a woman. She looks

le a canary bird. Ugh!" The conductor pushed through the foor and strolled down the aisle, casting sharp glances from side to side. As he heared the fifth seat the man was in the act of poking pillows back of the lady, murmuring gentle nothings in her ear. The conductor returned to where the brakeman was eaning against the vestibule.

"That's right," he said, "they've just een married. "G-r-r-rumph!" said the brakeman

n disgust. "Well," said the conductor, "you might as well go to work. What you

toing to do about it? They got a ight to ride, ain't they?" "No, they ain't!" snapped the brake-"They got no more right to

ride on a train than a mule's got to earn dominoes. Where do they get The conductor laughed. "They go clear through," he said. Theer up, son. They won't always

e like that." You just bet they wouldn't if I had anything to do with it," growled the brakeman, picking up his lantern and slamming the door behind him.

So Near and Yet So Far. She was one of those very gushing, effusive ladies who occasionally infest newspaper offices, and she had been admitted into the sanctum of the man ging editor of the paper on which Homer Davenport was cartoonist. Mr. Davenport was in the room at the When the time came for her departure she first grasped the hand of the managing editor, saying: "Good-

by, Mr. Rich, goodby!" Then, turning to the assistant managing editor, she also shook him effusively by the hand, exclaiming; 'Goodby, Mr. Bliss, goodby!"

Davenport came next. There was no escape for him. "Dear Mr. Davenport, goodby!" she cried with all the delicate shading of a tragedy queen.

There was silence for a moment after she had gone. "Where is she going?" he asked.

Up to Ninety-third street," replied the assistant managing editor, "Suffering cats!" drwled Davenport.

What would have happened if she had been going to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street?"-Saturday Evening Post.

The Retort Courteous,

While a bitterly waged war was in progress in Washington among the women of a well known organization, in which there were two militant camps, many cruel, biting things were said by the one of the other. A graclous matron, noted for her consummate tact and the skill with which she handles difficult situations, essayed the part of peacemaker, with the result that, being a person of nice discornment, she at once abandoned the plan.

She called on Mrs. Brown, who was the candidate against Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Brown complained bitterly that her opponent had wilfully misrepresented facts and showed certain infirmities of taste and temper, for which there could be no excuse.

"Well," said the ambassadress, who was friendly with both leaders, "you should not let the passion of politics narrow your horizon, my dear. You should be broad visioned enough to make reasonable allowances for what you consider unlovely harshness. You fall to reason that Mrs. Jones' age may be telling on her."

"What ingratitude!' ejaculated Mrs. Brown. And the tactful woman knew that her mission was futile.

Soapsuds on the Sea. It is in order to vary the phrase "Pouring oil on troubled waters" by substituting the word "soapsuds" for off Experiments have shown that

soapsuds will reduce a sea almost as well as off. The first trial was made on freighter in a storm on the Atlantic. A large quantity of soap and water was discharged over the bow, and its effect was nearly instantaneous, the hight of the waves being so dimin-

aged without difficulty. The steamer Senegal, struck by is used to mix the concrete mass squall in the Atlantic, used soap and water with the same result. Six pounds of soap were dissolved in two this way stucco mixes are possible barrels of water; this solution when that are more uniform in color and dripped over the bow made a quiet space about 10 yards wide, preventing the sea from breaking over the vessel point which is frequently lost sight

Thoughts for the Housewife. When you say of your husband his brow is of brass, and his neck an Iron sinew," perhaps he can say of yourself: "Her wants are as numer ous as files in August, and her tongue s as a gentle ax that cleaveth

o the last layer of sentiment." Victor Hugo said that great misery the alchemy by which men are changed into gods or villains; every woman should say that she can temper the misery of a man and at least make him stay a man.

The house that is built on sand is often ruled by a woman who has sand in her eyes, or at least can't see traight. When there is too much mirage of automobile and opera par- tages. ties in your line of vision, the house may fall

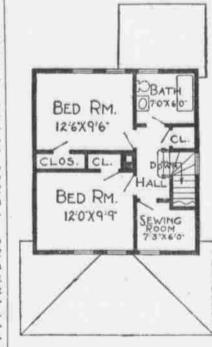


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It has been said it is a very commendable fact that rapid advancement has been made by all connected with building operations toward better and improved construction methods, but at that there are certain types which are not given the amount of attention that they should receive. The element of the cost of materials is entering more and more into the problem. Lumber is growing scarcer by the process of natural consumption, and lately we have witnessed the enormous destruction of thousands of square miles of forests by fire. This does not tend to lower prices for materials.

Cement stucco as a finish for the exterior seems to be the salvation of the home builder. There have been some failures with stucco, but not through the fault of the material, but because of ignorance in the proper manner of handling it. So much depends upon the selection of proper materials, thorough mixing, the proper amount of water and the proper application that only skilled mechanics should be employed. There has been can handle. This truth should not be similar attraction is provided in the

rience as Editor, Author and Manufac-turer, he is, without doubt, the highest large lot that will admit of lawn decorations, shrubs and trees and pos-



Second Floor Plan.

sibly a formal garden. One of the the whole trouble. A novice cannot attractions of this house is the living do good cement work. The material room, which takes the place of the involves chemical action that only the parlor of the old style house. There mechanic with an understanding of it is a window seat in the front and a



forgotten by anyone who is going to | dining room. The kitchen is of ample

have a stucco house. as a frame house now and certainly without coming into the house. is much more imposing and substantial in appearance. Some trouble has the second floor, and her eye will arisen from a lack of uniformity in light on the sewing room the first the color of Portland cement finishes. thing. When this room not in use, it This is due also to ignorance on the can be used as a play room for the part of the workman. He does not children. There are two bedrooms, use the same amount of water in each provided with a closet, and a batch. The result will be a variation bathroom. There is also a linen closin the color, or a mottled appearance. et in the hall. Trouble arises also from the use of dirty sand. Clean sand will make a uniform color with thorough mixing and a uniformity in the amount of water in the batches. If there is any loam in the sand or other foreign substance there will be trouble. The by some real conservation of natural use of asbestos fiber and rock to take

the place of sand is meeting with

size and the pantry is arranged so A stucco house costs about the same that the refrigerator can be filled

Every woman will be pleased with

Real Conservation.

A farmer at Chasey, N. Y., whose extensive acreage made it a difficult problem to find help enough to do the necessary work, has met the situation resources. There were a number of streams on his place. Two of these were dammed and the resulting waterpower was harnessed to electric generators. A 60-horsepower current is distributed to various points on the farm and the new hired help, electricity, cuts the hay and fodder, pumps water, does the churning, turns the grindstone, makes sausage and does

most of the drudgery on the place. This is one instance of what intelligent observation can make of the means science and invention have added to our present-day equipment. This man looked for help when others had seen only waste water.

Small Weather Prophet.

Several of the schoolgirl friends of little Miss Elinor Farnham were at a party one afternoon not long ago. Some plans were being talked over for the evening. "No use planning anything for out

of doors," said little Miss Farnham, "for it's going to rain." "Going to rain!" exclaimed the other-

girls in chorus. "How do you know?" "Because this fudge won't fudge," was the reply as she bent over the bolling sweetness. much success. The asbestos fiber has The other girls laughed, but their a tendency to hold the water which

teacher, who was present as a guest, said: "Elinor is right. There is no surer sign of rain than the refusal of fudge to fudge." And that night there was a hard

downpour lasting an hour.

An Omnivorous Insect.

There is a little, shaggy, black-andmake cement slabs that can be ex- tan insect, about an eighth of an inch posed to the elements for an in- long, that eats everything under the definite time without discoloration. sun which is not disturbed every day. Therefore, should cracks develop in It has to be surprised at its work like well-constructed stucco work it can a burgiar. In most countries ivory be invariably traced to a settling of brushes are pretty safe from insects; the building or the shrinking of the in Egypt this little terror eats the frame. By insisting on thicker stue- ivory and eats the bristles; it eats o walls the liability of cracks is re- your toothbrush and eats your toothduced to a minimum. The price of pick; it eats the wool with which you umber is steadily advancing and the are going to mend your husband's

obtained from stucco, are creating a china and metal. A Smart Man.

desire for fireproof exteriors, espe- socks-the cards as well as the wool;

cially in the suburban districts, as it eats the handles off your knives and

well as artistic effects that may be forks; it rejects nothing but glass and

"Wombat is a man of unusual intelligence.

"Think so?" "I do. His views in area house to be finished with Portland very like my own.

SINK DINING RM. KITCHEN 10, ex11, 0., 8'6X9'9' LIVING RM. HALL 76X9'0 11'6'X10'6" SEAT PORCH 19'0'X7'3" First Floor Plan.

longer, thus giving the Portland ce-

ment ample opportunity to set. In

less liable to crack, as the fiber fur-

nishes additional bond. There is one

of and that is that it is possible to

universal demand for this type of

souse. The additional feature that a

stucco house requires no painting ex-

cept on the trim adds to its advan-

The house we show here is a stucce