

Great quantities of freerackers are now being received in this country from China, the merchants considering that there will be a big Fourth of July demand for them.

General Miles has long advocated a standing army which should consist of one man for every thousand of our total population, and that is substantially the size of the present establishment.

Hartford has adopted the automobile patrol wagon, and the chief of police finds that it has proved successful in every way, resulting in a saving of time and money.

The Maoris, the aboriginal inhabitants of New Zealand, have actually increased in number during the last decade, and great wonderment is expressed in European publications over the fact that a "subject race" should survive and grow.

A man in North Carolina was selling standing timber—walnut trees. The man who was buying came to one very handsome tree. He told the owner he would pay as much as \$50 for that tree.

Queen Margaret of Italy has commissioned the architect Succini, to construct a memorial on the spot where King Humbert was assassinated. It will take the form of a volute chapel.

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America still has some things to learn from older countries, particularly in the way of economy. New York City pays about five hundred thousand dollars a year for the disposition of its garbage.

There is sometimes a wide interval between the conception of a mechanical contrivance and its practical accomplishment. The flying machine, fresh experiments with which are constantly reported, is an example of delay in invention.

Dr. Stern reports the completion of the excavation of old Buddhist cities in Chinese Turkestan, and states that the results are satisfactory. The excavators discovered a large number of fine stucco sculptures.

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M. Daumet of the French Institute, and a number of other French architects, have petitioned the senate against any interference with religious orders, on the ground that many of their buildings are the glory of France.

Many French automobiles have a large piece of plate glass in a steel frame in front of the driving seat, to protect the operator from dust and wind during fast work.

As the World Revolves

Slighted in Funston Report. Lieutenant J. D. Taylor of the Twenty-fourth infantry, whose friends are claiming for him some of the honor given General Funston for the capture of Aguinado, is 25 years old, and has been in the army since 1898.

Lieutenant Taylor was assigned to the Twentieth Infantry at Fort Leavenworth and accompanied the regiment to the Philippines.



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A Charming Woman. The wife of Kentucky's young Governor is one of the most charming women of a state noted for the attractiveness of its fairer inhabitants.

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MRS. BECKHAM. Fuqua. They were married on November 12 last, after the election of Mr. Beckham as Governor.

A Shorter College Course. Professor Norton of Harvard recently expressed the opinion that college men studying for the degree of A. B. should be allowed a free choice to obtain it in three years if they so desire.

"Sacred" Lock and Key. A Washington dispatch says that the lock and key of the front gate of the Sacred City of Peking have been received at the National Museum.

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The Lunatic Herald, General Leeper will deal with the abuses which prevail in some insane asylums. He will call for the repeal of certain state laws which seem unfair to lunatics.

Head of Sweden's Navy. Sir Adolf Arnold Louis Philander, the new minister of marine for Sweden and Norway, has had a distinguished career as a naval officer.

Baron Nordenskjold, on his voyage of discovery to the northeast passage. Owing to the name of the ship and in which he was commander and which bore the celebrated scientist and explorer.



MINISTER PHILANDER. memory of his services the naval officer was given the title of "Philander of Vega." Since that time his promotion in the navy has been rapid.

A Thunder Maker. Even on the clearest, calmest day thunder, artificial, it is true, yet strangely like natural thunder, can be manufactured by anyone who will try the following simple, newly devised experiment.

Get a piece of ordinary twine two or three feet in length, and place it around the back of your head, according to the manner shown in the accompanying picture.

At once an illusion of thunder will be produced. You will hear peal after peal, and the firmer the pressure on the twine the louder will be the sound.

A Starling Propositiion. A startling proposition is made by the author of a work called the "Boxer Book," just published in Chicago.

Alexander Campbell, the professional golfer of the Country Club of Brookline, Mass., has a driver of ancient pattern which is over 200 years old. It was the property of the Earl of Eglington originally.

Hoke Smith, once in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, is on his second term as a member of the Atlanta school board.

FACTS AND OPINIONS

Idealism and Realism.



"What strikes me most about your country is its realism, founded as the nation is upon an ideal. There is no more realistic country than America, and there is no more idealist one."

A Forgotten Chapter in History. "The sale of Texas to Spain: Is Bearing on Our Present Problems." is the title of an article in the July Forum by the Hon. Henry S. Boutell.

At the time when Napoleon sold the Louisiana Territory to the United States the Rio Grande was the dividing line between French and Spanish possessions on the Gulf of Mexico.

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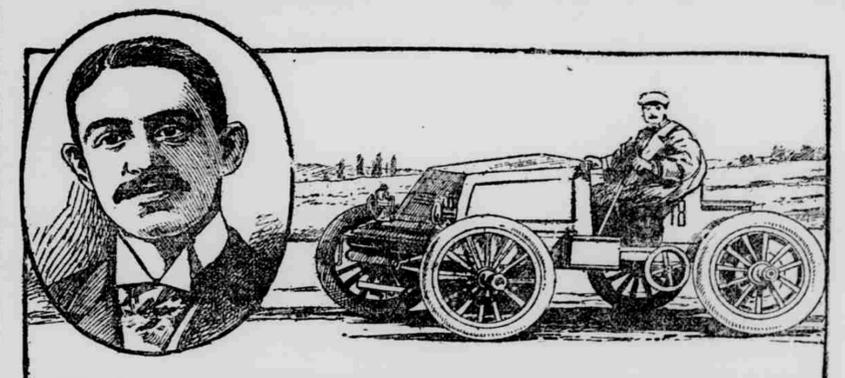
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WINNER OF A GREAT AUTO RACE.



HENRY FOURNIER WINNER OF THE AUTOMOBILE RACE FROM PARIS TO BERLIN.

Henri Fournier the winner of the automobile race from Paris to Berlin, has long been known on the continent as the king of automobilists.

The Whisky Famine in Guam. There comes a tale of woe from distant Guam. This is the remote island in the Pacific where for some time Captain Leary of the navy was a benevolent despot.

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Boston Philanthropists Plan.

Edwin Ginn, a prominent real estate owner of Boston, will try an original experiment in tenement houses next spring.

He proposes to build several large fireproof structures in the West End, which will replace the dingy, unsafe, and unhealthy habitations which are now used by the working classes in that part of the city.

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