

HARNESSING THE NILE. Scheme Worthy of a Rameses or Pharaoh.

Engineering skill is to rearrange na ture's surface on the Egyptian frontier, and pond back into Nubia a body of water 140 miles long, crossing the tropic of Cancer and extending southward nearly to Korosko-a goodly step on the journey to Abu-Simbel and Wady-Halfa-by means of a great dam across the Nile at Assuan, says the Century. The pyramids and the Sphinx have born testimony through the centuries to the grandeur and power of execution which dwelt within the Nile valley; and what more fitting now that the same valley be the theater of a gigantic exploit, audacious perhaps, but certain of success, and ministering to man's necessities, rather than to his vanity? As a building achievement the scheme is on a scale worthy of a Rameses or a Pharaoh. To create in the heart of the African desert a lake having from two to three times the superficial area of Lake Geneva, in Switzerland, and control it with scientific precision, so that the impounded flood may be turned into distant channels at will, is a stupendous undertaking. But the engineers claim that their plans can be carried out to the letter; they have estimated the exact cost of the dam, computed almost to the gallon the volume of water that will be of the masonry. In Cairo, the experts of the ministries of public works and finance, likewise, have calculated to a nicety the sum from taxation that will the country's augmented productiveness. Subordinate to the great dam, a smaller one, not unlike the barrage at the apex of the delta, ten miles north of Cairo, is to be made at Assiut. Its functions will be to give a sufficient head to the river to force the water into the system of irrigation canals that vein hundreds of thousands of acres between Assiut and Cairo. The completion of the Cairo barrage (it was begun by Mehemet Ali Pasha, from the plans of a French engineer, but not made effective until England took the country in hand) so developed cotton culture as to add to the public revenue of the country at least \$10,000,000 annually. It may be safely concluded that the Assuan reservoir is but one of a series which will in time be constructed southward to the Victoria Nyanza. The re-establishment of khedival authority at Khartoum will determine this.

J. M. Johnson Promoted. J. M. Johnson, freight traffic manager of the Rock Island, was yesterday

elected third vice-president of the company. He has been in the service of the Rock Island company since 1884. when he was appointed first assistant general freight agent. In March, 1888, he became general freight agent, and eight years later was appointed freight traffic manager. Mr. Johnson began his railroad career in 1871 as station agent at Franklin, Ind., on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette road. now a part of the Big Four. He afterward went through the positions of general freight and ticket agent, traveling auditor, supervisor of local freight traffic and assistant general freight agent, in which capacity he en-tered the service of the Rock Island.

The recent order of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for five thousand steel coal cars to be built by the Pressed Steel Company and the Carnegie Company, brings the total purchases of the receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad up to 30,394 since March 1, 1896. The locomotive purchases during that time have been 216, of which about 20 are still to be delivered. The company has also purchased five postal cars, ten express cars, ten combination cars and six dining cars.

William C. K. Wilde, the younger brother of Oscar Wilde, who died in London several days ago, came to New York after marrying ... rs. Frank Leslie in 1891 with the intention of writing for publication. He had been connected with various English papers in imprisoned, and figured the necessary a desultory fashion for several years, resistance to be provided at every point but had never displayed any marked ability as a writer. Mr. Wilde was tall, young and of pleasant address. His style of writing did not commend itself to any of the New York news-papers, and during his stay in New come into the public treasury through York he was apparently a man of leisure, spending most of his time at the Lotus club. The divorce which freed Mrs. Leslie from her English husband was not unexpected by the men who knew him.

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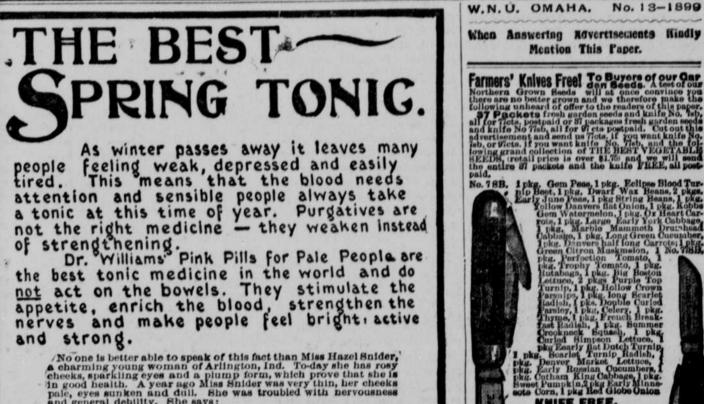
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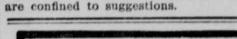
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spondent of the Companion, and he proceeds to narrate a pretty lively adventure as a case in point.

in-chief. So writes a naval corre-

FROLIC OF THE TORPEDO BOAT.

In the earlier days of the war, while the excitement of the new condition of affairs was still at its height, the commanders of the different craft engaged

in the blockade of Havana were rest-

less under the monotony of their duties, and sometimes did things that were not ordered by the commander-

One particularly dark night the captain of a torpedo-boat decided to take advantage of the darkness and run well in toward the Morro. With all lights doused, the boat steamed slowly toward the entrance of the harbor until her crew could hear plainly the surf breaking on the rocks under the 'castle." While the boat rolled lazily in the swell, the officers tried to make out the guns and the fortifications at the harbor mouth.

Suddenly, as the boat gave a heavy roll, the switch which turned on the private night signal was moved, and a blaze of red and white lights illuminated the entire boat. Every one made a dash to break the connection. In the rush the colored cook managed to roll overboard, and as he went over the side he grabbed at everything handy. Among the things he took hold of, unfortunately, was the whistle rope.

nothing more could have been done to attract attention. The big search-light on the Morro twitched around in an uncertain manner, and turned slowly toward the boat. Before it reached them the people on the torpedo-boat managed to turn off the signal; the spasmodic shrieking of the whistle stopped when the cook was hauled aboard, and the boat escaped in the darkness without a shot being fired at her.

The next time his boat went in, the

the galley.

captain took in his private night signal and the cook had orders to stay in

#### Steamship Statistics.

There are fully 1,000 tons of piping of various kinds in the average Atlantic liner. The furnaces will consume no less than 7,500,000 cubic feet of air an hour. The boller tubes, if placed in a straight line, would stretch nearly ten miles, and the condenser tubes more than twenty-five miles. The total number of separate pieces of steel in the main structure of the ship is not less than 40,000, and the total number of cubic feet of timber used in the construction is more than 100,000. The total number of rivets is not far from 1,250,000.

### Proving a Froverb.

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