

Persistent Joe Wheeler.

Previous to appointing General "Joe" Wheeler to command in the war with Spain...

Martha Washington Relics.

Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, the present owner of Castle Point, Hoboken, one of the oldest houses in America...

Paris Electric Cops.

A remarkable innovation is about to be made in Paris. The policemen on night duty are to have electric lights on various parts of their uniforms...

Dog-Wise Congressman.

Congressmen Beidler of Ohio; Rupert of New York, and Shallenberger of Nebraska are recognized authorities on various breeds of dogs...

The Roosevelt "One Hoss Shay."

An old phaeton, built for President Roosevelt's father, sixty years ago and in which the president frequently rode...

An old bachelor says that matrimony and not Wisconsin is the "badger" state.

If a married man would know himself he should get his wife to introduce him.

WHEN YOUR GROCER SAYS

he does not have DeFiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold.

Some men's minds are cumbered with useless memories.

DONT SPOIL YOUR CLOTHES.

Use Red Cross Ball Blue and keep them white as snow.

Wise is the weather prophet who predicts both ways.

It will be a cold day when you find a laundry starch anywhere near as good as DeFiance.

If you would remain a favorite never ask a favor.

People buy Hamlin's Wizard Oil because they have learned by experience that it cures pain of every kind.

Many a woman's popularity is due to what she forgets to say.

MORE FLEXIBLE AND LASTING.

won't shake out or blow out by using DeFiance starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand.

If a man is a genius his neighbors all say he is crazy.

Big Industries Built up on Small Articles.

Few people realize the wants and requirements of the eighty millions of people in the United States.

One of the largest package dye factories in the world is that of the Putnam Fadeless Dye Co., Unionville, Mo.

Three o'clock in the afternoon. The street seems almost deserted.

The street seems almost deserted; the shops are closed.

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS Use the best.

Use the best. That's why they buy Red Cross Ball Blue.

Bargain Counter Attraction.

Now a Chicago woman's club has declared for the purchase of the Panama canal.

Man's Mission on Earth. Medical Book Free.

Know Yourself Manual, a book for men only, sent free.

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# The Last Banderilla.

By GABRIELE GAROFFI.

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My neighbor, Soledad Jimenez, an Andalusian with black hair and flashing eyes, is the beauty of the street.

Soledad went to the station very early this morning and when, just after daylight, I opened my window, there appeared much rejoicing in the house of the bull-fighter.

"Did they applaud you a great deal?" asked Soledad of José.

"There's no use talking about it; I'm not going to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold."

As the street is so narrow, I lost no detail of the dialogue. José finished his toilet and came into the parlor; he kissed his wife on the forehead.

"Yesterday I was ill again. I hate to have those attacks; it makes me so sad to think that—"

Three o'clock in the afternoon. The street seems almost deserted; the shops are closed.

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only as they go around the corner, he turns his head to see the handkerchief which the graceful Soledad waves to him in loving "Adios."

The afternoon has become dark; leaden clouds are rapidly hiding the rays of the sun and in the houses the shadows are becoming every moment more pronounced.

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the balconies remain open; the children are being cared for by the neighbors on the third floor, and in the next house someone is playing on the piano the "Allegria y Fenas," and the voluptuous waltzes of Waldteufel, and in the doorway the neighbors are commenting upon the catastrophe.

## SEVEN MILLIONS IN GOLD.

Greatest Amount of Bullion Ever Carried in a Single Vessel.

"I notice that the newspapers have recently spoken of the carrying of \$7,000,000 of bullion to a foreign country by one of the ocean liners as the greatest amount ever transported."

"The government decided to transport \$15,000,000 from New Orleans. It was first thought best to bring it by rail, but this was assuming a great risk."

"The United States ship Swatara was first designated to carry the money, but it was found that she would be inadequate to transport the whole amount, so the wooden sailing steamer Yantic was pressed into service to help out."

"The money was conveyed from the mint to the vessels in wagons. A squad of secret service officers watched the work. The two vessels were in tow and the trip from New Orleans to the Washington navyyard occupied a little more than four days."

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"The money was in boxes of \$2,000 each and in bags. My recollection is that the money was in silver dollars, or the greater part of it, for, while unloading at the navyyard, one of the bags, rotten from being in storage so long, gave way, and a large number of silver dollars were scattered about the wharf."

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## RUSSIAN RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

In 1899 Averaged Twelve a Day, with 1,236 Killed and 3,850 Injured.

The Russian railways have always had an evil reputation for the great number of accidents, fatal and otherwise, annually recorded against them. Judging from some statistics just issued by the ministry of wars and communications, this unenviable notoriety would appear to be more or less well deserved.

The latest compiled data are for 1899, in which year there were 4,447 accidents, that is, on an average, a little more than twelve per diem. Of this total 1,262 were derailments, 750 collisions and 2,335 of various other descriptions. The derailments resulted in twenty-one deaths and 172 cases of serious personal injury; the damages incurred by those accidents were 552,861 rubles. The collisions were responsible for nineteen deaths, 238 cases of serious injury, and damage to the amount of 600,000 rubles. Other accidents resulted in the deaths of 1,146 persons and 2,665 cases of personal injury. Railway accidents unconnected with passenger traffic were responsible for thirty deaths and 3,860 cases of personal injury. Altogether 1,226 persons were killed and 6,993 injured.

During the twelve months under review there were not so-called serious railway accidents in England. If the trains, ordinary and express, in Russia were run at anything like the speed which obtains on English and French lines, says a London Standard correspondent, the number of fatalities would be at least tenfold greater, more especially in cases of derailment and collision. Railway traveling in Russia is proverbially slow, but by no means sure.

## DELICIOUS NEW FRUIT.

It Is Called Dumbbell, and Tastes Like Peach Flavored with Pineapple.

The newest product of scientific gardening is the dumbbell fruit. It resembles a Siamese twin peach and tastes like a peach flavored with pineapple. It is said to be delicious—far surpassing any known fruit in the delicacy of its flavor.

There is a romance connected with the story of its cultivation. In the year 1886 a scientist named Jeffreys, embittered by an unfortunate love affair, turned his back on civilization, and, with a Cingalese servant, made his home on a small island 1,000 miles south of Ceylon. Here he remained until his death, in 1898, occupying himself with scientific studies and the cultivation of fruit trees. By grafting and other methods he produced several curious varieties, his most astonishing success being the dumbbell fruit.

After the death of Mr. Jeffreys the native servant took a few samples of the new fruit and set sail in a trading vessel for Bombay. The merchants to whom he showed his specimens at once formed a syndicate and have since been diligently cultivating the plantations.

Several ship loads have been sold in the seaport cities of Australia and India, and the syndicate is making preparations to meet an enormous demand next season. In London, where the dumbbell fruit has appeared this season in small quantities, it has met with much favor from those fortunate enough to obtain it. A suburban confectioner who concocted a new drink with the juice of the fruit did a thriving business.

## HE FELT BETTER.

Because He Had Got Rid of the Cause of Disturbance.

Bishop Williams of Connecticut used to tell the following story of the late Dr. Duchacot: "One Sunday morning Dr. Duchacot arose feeling wretched. After a futile attempt to eat breakfast he called an old and favorite colored servant to him and said: 'Sam, go around and tell Simmons (the sexton) to post a notice on the church door that I am too ill to preach today.'"

"Now, massa," said Sam, "don't you gib up dat way. Just gib him a trial; you get long all right."

"Better; much better, Sam. I am glad I took your advice."

"I knew it; I knew it," said the darky, grinning until every tooth was in evidence. "I knew you feel better when you git dat sermon out o' your system."—New York Tribune.

Albert and Victoria.

Queen Victoria has set down in her journal her feelings after her wedding. "Oh, how I feel for my dearest, precious husband at this moment," she wrote. "Father, brother, friends, country—all has he left for me. God grant that I may be the happy person, the most happy person, to make this dearest, blessed being happy and contented! What is in my power to make him I will do. The proceedings in parliament on the eve of the marriage were not such as to make Prince Albert happy, and the queen's journal records her indignation at the course events took in the House of Commons. A long and heated discussion took place on the proposal to grant \$250,000 a year to the prince, and ultimately the grant was limited to \$150,000. Prince Albert learned of these things on his way to England and complained bitterly in a letter to the queen. "All I have to say," he concluded, "is that while I possess your love they cannot make me unhappy."

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## Gwin's Valued Memento.

William Gwin, the colored messenger,