

**The Hopping Rheumatism.**

"Yes," said the old man, "peared like we wuz give over inter de hands er Satan, en Satan 'flicted him wuz de hoppin' rheumatism. Fust it wuz in one place, en den it wuz another; but we went ter prayin' ter be relieve' of it, en one day, whilst it wuz a-hoppin' fum one jint ter another, it hopped into his wooden leg, an' he pulled off de leg, an' tho' wed it in de fire, en it en de rheumatism wuz totally consumed."—Atlanta Constitution.

**Widows in India.**

One of the native rulers of India, who was educated in England, has issued a decree permitting the remarriage of widows. When it is known that in India there are more than 23,000,000 widows, many of them children under 10 years of age, and that the condition of widowhood is virtual slavery, the significance of this decree as an entering wedge in removing one of the curses of India—its child widows—is plainly apparent.

**The "Antiseptic" Cigar.**

An "antiseptic" cigar has been produced in France. It is composed of aromatic products, and contains no tobacco. Abundant smoke is produced without the cigar being lighted, which permits persons unable to use tobacco to enjoy the illusion of smoking without feeling the evil effects. One of the leading authorities on hygienic subjects, however, pronounces the cigar injurious, as introducing into the mouth an excess of ammonia, and urges that its sale be forbidden.

**An Iron Serpent.**

Experiments are being made in Germany with a railway engine of a new form, so that it resembles an iron serpent and attains a speed of eighty or ninety miles an hour. The front of the engine is pointed.

The transfer system is not used by any street railway in Great Britain.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

A good many prize fighters seem to be interested in paper mills.

Usually when you want your umbrella it is not here, but over there.

No need to fear sudden attacks of cholera infantum, dysentery, diarrhoea, summer complaint of any sort if you have Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in the medicine chest.

A dishonest man suspects every honest man he encounters.

**A BENEFIT TO FARMERS.**

The benefits that will undoubtedly result to farmers from the recent incorporation of the International Harvester Company which took over the business of the five leading harvester manufacturers have probably not been considered by a large portion of the farming community.

The economical necessity of a consolidation of the interests of manufacturers and those of their farmer customers must be apparent to any one who understands the present situation.

The increased and increasing cost of material, manufacturing and selling—the latter in consequence of extreme and bitter competition between manufacturers and their several selling agents—has made the business unprofitable.

The two alternatives left for the manufacturers were either the increasing of the prices of machines or the reduction of the cost of manufacture and sales. The latter could only be accomplished by concentrating the business in one company.

As can readily be seen, the forming of the new company was not a stock jobbing operation but a centering of mutual interests. There is no watered stock; the capitalization is conservative and represented by actual and tangible assets. There is no stock offered to the public, it having all been subscribed and paid for by the manufacturers and their associates.

The management of the International Harvester Company is in the hands of well known, experienced men.

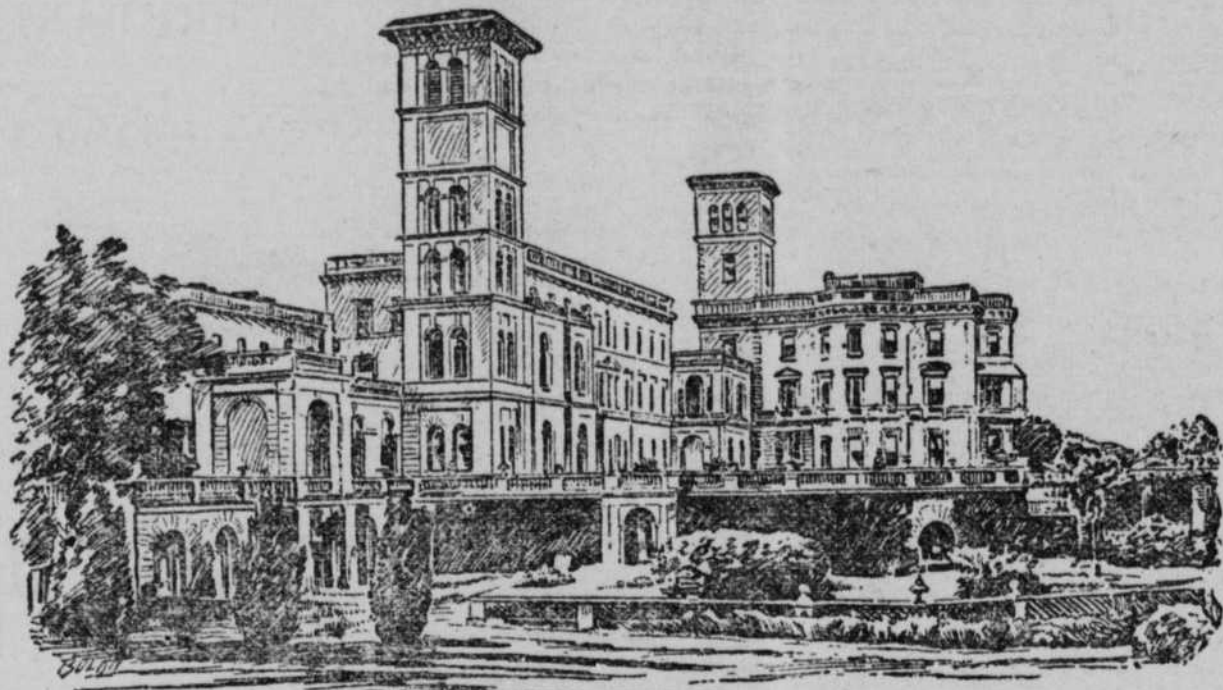
The officers are: President, Cyrus H. McCormick; Chairman Executive Committee, Charles Deering; Chairman Finance Committee, George W. Perkins; Vice-Presidents, Harold F. McCormick, James Deering, Wm. H. Jones and John J. Glessner; Secretary and Treasurer, Richard F. Howe. The members of the Board of Directors are as follows: Cyrus Bentley, William Deering, Charles Deering, James Deering, Eldridge M. Fowler, E. H. Gary, John J. Glessner, Richard F. Howe, Abram M. Hyatt, William H. Jones, Cyrus H. McCormick, Harold F. McCormick, George W. Perkins, Norman W. Ream, Leslie N. Ward, Paul D. Cravath.

The International Harvester Company owns five of the largest harvester plants in existence. The Champion, Deering, McCormick, Milwaukee and Plano—plants that have been producing nearly or quite 90 per cent of the harvesting machines of the world.

It also owns timber and coal lands, blast furnaces and a steel plant; it has a new factory in the process of construction in Canada.

It is believed that the cost of producing grain, grass and corn harvesting machines will be so reduced that the present low prices can be continued, and that consequently the results cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the farmer. To maintain the present prices of these machines means to continue and increase the development of the agriculture of the world, for no one cause has contributed or can contribute more to this development than the cheapness of machines for harvesting grains.

**Gift of King Edward to the British Nation**



OSBORNE HOUSE, WHICH KING EDWARD HAS GIVEN TO GREAT BRITAIN AS A MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA

King Edward of England has signalized his coronation in a memorable manner by the magnificent gift to the nation of Osborne house, one of the favorite residences of the late Queen Victoria. The gift is made in a message to his people, addressed to Prime Minister Balfour.

Osborne house, in the Isle of Wight, was classed as the fourth of Queen Victoria's royal manors. She purchased the property in 1840, tore down the old mansion and erected the seaside residence since known as Osborne house. It has been described as of Italian style, for lack of a more

appropriate name, for, it is very bare and overburdened with the melancholy of the 40s and the 50s. The estate comprises 5,000 acres.

A year ago it was stated that King Edward was desirous of disposing of private sale of Osborne house, because of its impracticability as a royal residence and the comparatively great cost of its maintenance.

It was later reported that negotiations had been entered into between the king's agents and certain millionaires for the sale of the house to one of the latter, and that these negotiations were broken off by the action of

the law counselors of the king, who called his majesty's attention to a clause in Queen Victoria's will by virtue of which Osborne house and the immediate estate became "appurtenances of the sovereignty of England." Under this clause, it was declared, King Edward was stopped from disposing of the royal residence.

It was stated at the time that among the millionaires negotiating for the purchase was William Waldorf Astor, who, it was said, desired it as a wedding present for his daughter, Miss Pauline Astor.

**GOLD IN THE UNITED STATES**

**UNCLE SAM'S UNPRECEDENTED STOCK OF GOLD**

ENGLAND BR. EMPIRE FRANCE GERMANY RUSSIA UNITED STATES

\$71,000,000 \$754,700,000 \$810,000,000 \$721,100,000 724,300,000 \$1,250,000,000

IT WOULD TAKE 100,000 MEN TO CARRY A BILLION AND A QUARTER OF GOLD AND THE ARMY OF TREASURE BEARERS WOULD FILL BROADWAY.

Through the treasury department of his government at Washington, Uncle Sam gave out a rather startling piece of news the other day in the statement that this country at this moment possesses about a quarter of all the gold that has been made up into money in the entire world.

To quote the official figures correctly, there is now in the United States (including treasury coin and bullion) \$1,250,000,000 of gold money, whereas the world's entire stock of gold money is worth less than \$5,000,000,000 (\$4,996,700,000, according to the latest figures). New York financiers believe Uncle Sam's figures as to

his own gold money are shy and that in truth the amount of gold money in the country is close to \$1,250,000,000—a billion and a quarter—while all the rest of the world possesses less than \$3,750,000,000. This is a larger sum of coined gold than has ever been possessed by a single nation in the history of the world.

Next to the United States, according to the latest reports, comes France, with \$180,000,000, followed by the British empire, with \$769,700,000; Russia, with \$724,300,000, and Germany, with \$721,300,000. So far as coined gold is concerned, it will be observed the United States is in a class by itself.

**TWO SOULS AND SO FORTH.**

**Diffident Youth Learns Something From Summer Girl.**

They were wandering about the dark, deserted piazza, arm in arm, talking softly, as people usually do under such circumstances. They had only known each other two days, but the days were long at a summer hotel and time is short.

This may seem like a paradox, but it isn't. He was a summer young man, as she was a summer girl, and he was not accustomed to crowding the mourners, so that, notwithstanding he had been very devoted, he had been somewhat diffident in the material expression of his devotion.

The girl was quick to note this, but he had not caught on.

He was still permitting "I would" to wait on "I dare not."

So it was they strolled up and down, up and down, on that piazza, until the girl tired.

As they turned at a far-away corner, she saw a lonely chair waiting invitingly.

"Mr. Jerome," she said, coyly, "there's a chair. Let's sit down." "Permit me," he responded, gallantly drawing it forward. "Take this. I'll get another."

**TRIED THEM ON THE INDIANS.**

**Raspberries Looked Tempting, But He Was Afraid to Eat Them.**

"When I was out in Oregon, fifty-three years ago," said a pleasant-looking farmer, who has been in the red raspberry business for twenty-five years, according to the Detroit Free Press, "I first saw red raspberries growing wild in the thickets and along the edges of the wild Oregon roads. They were saucer-shaped, and not so deep as the modern berry—just like those which still grow wild in Michigan. As the Oregon berries looked tempting I picked a lot in my hat, but did not dare to eat them, as I did not know whether they were poisonous or not."

"On my way back to camp I met a number of Indians whom I had seen before and knew to be friendly; in fact, they had taken such a fancy to me that they once offered to adopt me into the tribe. To these genial Indians I presented my hatful of fresh red raspberries, and my joy was great when they ate them all with relish. After that I ate all I wanted."

"In old New England, I understand, they used to call the raspberry the 'thimbleberry' on account of its resemblance to a woman's thimble."

**A Centenarian Sextoness.**  
A widow, sextoness of the village church of Wick, near Bristol, England, has just celebrated her hundredth birthday. She had been sextoness for over half a century, but her duties are now performed by a deputy.

**Manufacture of Hats.**  
The United States manufactures 65,000 hats every day, while England manufactures about 40,000.

**ANCIENT HISTORY WAS FATAL**

**Shade of Philadelphia Evoked with Sad Results.**

The trio who sat in the lee of the deckhouse had been doing Europe and the orient, and were homeward bound on a big ocean liner.

The woman lived in Baltimore, one of the men called Philadelphia his home, while the other man remembered with satisfaction his bachelor quarters in New York, which he was willing, however, to abandon, provided he could persuade the woman to accompany him along the shoals and breakers of the matrimonial sea.

The Philadelphian was of the same mind.

They had been discussing the various points of interest seen by them during their stay abroad, and unanimously agreed that Egypt, "the playground of the east," with its beggars and pyramids, its merchants and ruins, its Sphinx and its donkeys, was by all odds the most entertaining and instructive.

Then the conversation drifted into the history of that ancient country. All were fairly well informed upon the subject, and for half an hour or more the dynasties of Cheops, Thotmes, Rameses, the building of the pyramids and other kindred subjects were thoroughly and learnedly discussed, until the Philadelphian said:

"Of all the rulers of Egypt, none were greater than the Ptolemies, and of all the Ptolemies, Philadelphia occupies the first place in history. Among his other claims to greatness is the fact that the City of Brotherly Love is named after him."

"I didn't know that," said the New Yorker, rather ironically, "but I can scarcely imagine anything more appropriate."

"Why so?" queried the others in chorus.

"O, that's easy," replied the New Yorker. "Philadelphia has been dead for many, many years, and so has 'Philadelphia.'"

"O, cut that out," angrily snorted the Pennsylvanian, as he walked away, while the man from Manhattan seized the opportunity to put the momentous question to the fair resident of the Monumental city.

**Chance and Change.**

Though dull and dark the skies, what boots despair?  
'Tis but the moment, which will soon be o'er;  
The morrow's dawn may be as bright and fair.

As though the clouds were past forevermore.

Nor be thou overjoyous if the day  
Is glad and bright and Nature hath her face  
Enwreathed in smiles; the morrow may be gray.  
And leaden clouds come driving on apace.

Darkness to light, and light to darkness yields,  
Night unto day, and day again to night;  
E'en while the cloud shades hover o'er the fields,  
Triumphant through them bursts the sun's glad light.

So 'tis with life. Be not too much cast down  
If darkness rests upon thee, nor elate  
If bright be all thy pathway; smile and frown  
Flit swiftly o'er the countenance of fate.

And that thy mirror is. She frowns on those  
Who weakly murmur and who fear the strife;  
But smiles on him who mocks at all her blows.

And bravely bears him through this changing life.  
—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Largest Stage in the World.**

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**Coral is the Fad.**

Coral is the fad, and nothing in the way of summer ornaments is considered more fashionable. Long strings of coral that knot just below the waist line are worn about the neck. Of course, in the real coral these cost a great price, but one can purchase a string of beads that have the real look to them for a nominally small price.

**"Gypsies" Had the Price.**

Three families of Servians, passing as farmers, but believed to be Gypsies, went through the immigration office at New York recently, having in their possession \$20,000 in gold. Thirty persons, including a dozen infants, made up the three families.

**Egyptian Cotton Plant Disease.**

Egypt is suffering from a new plague which has come in the form of a small, mushroom-like cryptogamous fungus and is infesting the cotton plant, says the London Telegraph. As 85 per cent in value of Egyptian exports consist of cotton and cottonseed, this fresh trouble is a matter of some moment. Damp and chill, it seems, favor the destroying agent, which is of a rusty color, and as usual a most disastrous on poor soils.

**A Faithful Friend.**

Lenox, Mo., Sept. 1st.—Mr. W. H. Brown of this place has reason to be thankful that he has at least one friend by whose good advice he has been spared much pain and trouble. He says:

"I have had backache for over twelve months. Sometimes I could hardly get up when I was down the pain in my back was so great."

"I tried many things but could not get anything to help me or give me relief till a good friend of mine advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"After I had used two boxes the pain in my back had all left me and I was as well as ever I was."

"I am very thankful to Dodd's Kidney Pills for what they have done for me and I will never forget my friend for having suggested this remedy."

Human nature is prone to laugh or sneer at what it does not understand.

Every man may have his price, but every woman wants a bargain.

Good things always grieve bad men.

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**A Royal Chauffeur.**

The crown prince of Germany has developed into an automobile expert. He knows every piece of the machine, and the other day when his automobile broke down the prince himself alighted and repaired the damage.

Mr. Henry A. Salzer, the well known La Crosse, Wis., seedsman, accompanied by his family left for Europe last week and will return in November. During his absence Mr. Salzer will look up some new seed novelties in Russia.

Some men are like imported cigars—very good, but exceedingly narrow.

Some men work for all their earth worth, and don't work much, either.

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