

Annual Salt Consumption.
The annual consumption of salt in England is forty pounds per head. France consumes thirty pounds; Russia, eighteen pounds; Austria, sixteen pounds; Prussia, fourteen pounds; Spain, twelve pounds; and Switzerland, eight pounds.

When Woman Gets the Lead.
No matter how much a man may say against the missionary society or suffragist question, when he wants any important matter carried through he asks for woman's influence.

Approach of the Dawn.
"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems that you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and the time that the tide will turn."—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Washington is Popular Name.
There are more counties in the United States named for Washington than for any other man. The capital, a state and two cities exceeding 20,000 in population also bear his name.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, it put up 16 ounces in packages and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

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It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by dealers everywhere. Large bottles 25 cents and 50 cents.

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We offer you 10 ounces of the very best starch made for 10c. No other starch is so good, yet all others cost 10c. for 12 ounces. Ours is a business proposition. **DEFIANCE STARCH** is the best and cheapest.
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BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP cures coughs and colds.

Beet Culture Attracts Mosquitoes.
The beet culture aids the multiplication of the anopheles mosquitoes, which are responsible for malaria, is the opinion held by several Italian experts, who found that in places where the anopheles had never before appeared the cultivation of beet sugar attracted them in great numbers.

The man who has only a two-inch lake of wisdom always thinks he has to dam it in with a big wall of words.—Chicago Tribune.

Not Wholly Beneficial.
Experiments with the theory that music may be used as a medicine show that appreciable changes of pulse and blood pressure follow the influence of an automatic piano. We have noticed it ourselves. It had not, however, occurred to us that the effect was sedative or curative.—Philadelphia North American.

Many Children Are Sickly.
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Fevers, Headaches, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, Break up Colds and Destroy Worms. At All Drugists. See Sampled FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

How to Quiet a Horse.
When a witness in an English court remarked that it was necessary to sit on a horse's head when he was down to keep him quiet, the judge replied: "Nothing of the kind. People don't seem to understand that the only thing necessary to keep a horse from kicking when he is down is to get hold of his ear and keep his nose up in the air. I have seen a lady keep a horse quiet in that way without soiling her gloves."

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Ask Your Barber.
Send us your name for free treat ment.
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Scott's Rapid Writer.
Scott is said to have written "Waverley" in less than six weeks. He wrote very rapidly, seldom revised, and as a consequence his novels were full of blunders, errors and anachronisms.

\$36.00 per M. Lewis' "Single Binder," straight 5c cigar, costs more than other brands, but this price gives the dealer a fair profit—and the smoker a better cigar. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Books Always in Plenty.
There is no truer word than that of Solomon: "There is no end of making books." The sight of a great library verifies it; there is no end—indeed, it were pity there should be.—Bishop Hall.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of Defiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they can not sell any other starch.

The latest museum freak is a pig with two legs. Outside a museum it isn't necessary to have four legs to be a hog.

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 little sympathy that gets into our feet is worth a whole lot of sorrow that never soaks deeper than our feelings.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, croup, croup, croup.

A little sorrow may teach more than many sermons.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy cured my wife of a terrible disease. With pleasure testify to its marvelous efficacy. J. Sweet, Albany, N. Y.

The empty head, needs a haughty air.

SUPREME COURT ENDS DECISION OVER FLOODS

INDICATES CHANNEL PRIOR TO JULY 5, 1867. INDICATES NECK OF LAND THROWN INTO MISSOURI BY CHANGE OF CHANNEL AND NOW RETURNED TO NEBRASKA BY SUPREME COURT DECISION.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court giving to Nebraska a neck of land thrown into Missouri by a change of the river channel in 1867, and declaring the middle of the old channel to be the boundary between the states, has cleared up a number of long standing disputes between

states bordering on the Missouri, Mississippi and other rivers and removed a number of havens for criminals who have taken refuge on land in dispute between states and evaded convictions by pleading that the state whose authorities arrested them had no jurisdiction.

COST OF RURAL DELIVERY.
Millions Expended That People Shall Have Proper Service.

Postmaster General Wynne writes in the World's Work: "In 1897, when the rural service was started sufficient for its trial. During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1904, nearly \$13,000,000 was expended for rural free delivery. For the fiscal year upon which we have now entered \$20,516,600 has been appropriated for the continuance and extension of the rural mail service. There were 24,566 rural routes in existence at the end of the fiscal year, June 30 last, 9,446 new routes having been put into operation during the fiscal year. Oct. 1, 1904, there were 27,135 routes established, and the service was being extended at the rate of about 600 routes a month. Taking 450 people as the average number served on each route (a moderate estimate) the rural service in operation Oct. 1, 1904, was bringing the mails within easy reach of the homes of 12,213,750 residents of rural districts.

Automatic Savings.
A new idea of encouraging thrift is being developed in Italy. It is nothing more or less than an automatic bank. In a cast-iron pillar there are three slots. In the top one the coin is inserted—a ten-centime piece. If it is false it is promptly rejected, and falls out of a lower slit. If it is good, the receipt promptly drops from the third opening at the bottom of the box. So soon as the depositor has collected five or more of these receipts he can exchange them for a bank pass-book at the regular savings bank, and on his savings he will be paid by government interest at the rate of 4 per cent. By means of this excellent little invention the laborer is able to place a fraction of his daily wages at interest without the trouble or time incident on making a journey to the nearest postoffice, a great convenience, seeing that such banks are open only at certain hours, and those not suited to the man who works with his hands.

Judgment Instead of "Red Tape."
When a business organization becomes a body of thinking men and women, instead of a vast machine of which each individual is but a part, it becomes possible to govern them more by the spirit and less by the letter of the rule, thus utilizing individual judgment at those points where a strict adherence to the rule is undesirable, says Success. It becomes possible to eliminate a great deal of detailed system or "red tape," and to substitute active judgment. This develops individual capacity in the employ, while it greatly lessens operating expenses for the employer and enriches the business with more intelligent work.

Welcome to Chinese Students.
It is for the advantage of this country that we should establish the American point of view as widely as possible throughout the Chinese empire. The more this can be done the better it will be for our commerce and the industries upon which that commerce depends. Leaving out all altruistic considerations it is for our own unquestionable interest that we extend American ideas and American influence in the largest measure possible in that land of almost limitless markets, and to do this it would be to our great advantage to encourage high-class Chinese students and high-class observers of our institutions.—Boston Transcript.

New Raccoon Dog.
In the New York Zoological park is a white raccoon dog from northern Japan, which is regarded as representing a new species and has been named Nyctereutes albus, says a scientific journal. The ordinary raccoon dog of Japan and China is an animal closely allied to the true dogs, but with a marked superficial resemblance to a raccoon. If the New York specimen really indicates the existence of a white species of raccoon dog, the fact will be of considerable zoological interest.

Gypsum Industry Grows.
There has been a great advance in the gypsum industry of the United States in recent years, the output for 1903 having exceeded 1,000,000 tons. The expansion has resulted mainly from the increased demand for gypsum wall plasters, which have almost entirely supplanted the ordinary lime plasters for modern structural purposes. A very large quantity is used also in the manufacture of plaster of paris and as fertilizer.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

When Too Tired to Sleep.
If you are overtired—"too tired to sleep," as we sometimes say—bathe the neck and temples with hot water. Bathe the back of the neck particularly. This seems to relax the muscles and the veins that supply the brain with blood. Lie down to sleep with peace, for it will come surely. The same treatment will wonderfully refresh during the day. A headache may often be relieved, even cured, by hot applications to the back of the neck.

Mean Trick Frank Hatton Played on Congressman Cannon.
Congressman Cannon was not at all so powerful in Washington as he has been of late years. He tells with glee of a visit he once paid to the postoffice department when blunt Frank Hatton was postmaster general. He took with him a constituent who wanted to be postmaster of his village. Cannon was bitterly opposed to him, but did not want to turn him down openly. When they reached the postmaster Cannon left the would-be postmaster outside the screen door and went in to see Hatton. He told Hatton he intended to bring the man in and ask for the place for him, but begged Hatton to refuse it. "Where's the man?" asked Hatton. "Just outside the door," Cannon replied. "In that case," replied Hatton, raising his voice so he could be heard a city block. "I want you to know I have lying enough to do here without lying for you. Bring him in." Cannon brought him in and Hatton blandly appointed him.

Teaching Preventive Medicine.
It is a fact of which the medical profession is well aware that the better class of newspapers are the great educators of the common people. They furnish them with their high school and college courses and do more than any other agency to form the opinions of the great multitude. This being the case, it behooves all reputable physicians to join in an effort to give the papers such medical reading matter as will interest and instruct their readers. In no other way could preventive medicine be taught so thoroughly and successfully as through the medium of newspaper publicity. Unthinking people, and indeed many of independent mind, believe absolutely everything they read in their paper. Therefore preventive medicine could easily be instilled into the minds of this body.—Medical Journal.

Qualifications for Wife.
Ex-Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina got into a discussion with a couple of friends the other evening on that all-burning social question—divorce. At the conclusion of the debate the senator related this: "Down my way I have a friend who seems to be a confirmed bachelor. He's some years past middle age now and the homeliest looking cuss you ever saw. But he's a humorist. One day I asked him jokingly why he did not get married. 'Because with me,' he said, 'marriage is possible only under three conditions.' 'Indeed, and what are they?' I asked. 'Well, my wife,' he replied drolly, 'must be rich, beautiful and a fool. Unless she is rich and beautiful I won't marry her, and unless she be a fool she won't marry me.'"

Roosevelt With Fulton.
It is an almost forgotten fact that President Roosevelt's grandfather was the first man to navigate a steamboat on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Capt. Roosevelt was a close personal friend of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steam craft. Soon after Fulton's successful voyage on the Hudson the captain conceived the idea of launching such a craft on what were then Western waters. In the spring of 1811 the vessel was launched at Pittsburgh and the president's grandfather began his voyage to the Gulf. He entered the Mississippi during the times of the earthquake which devastated so much of southeastern Missouri, but weathered the tumult successfully and continued his trip to New Orleans.

Brave in Misfortune.
Joseph Maurer, a plucky resident of Canal township, Venango county, Pa., while driving his team hitched to a log of wood was struck by the log, breaking his leg in two places. After vainly yelling for help until he nearly perished with the cold he crawled to the horses, drove them along side a stump, pulled himself with his broken leg to the top of the stump and then in this way succeeded in getting home and securing the services of a surgeon.

Dates from Twelfth Century.
The grotesque knocker on the sanctuary door of Durham cathedral, which bears a rather distant resemblance to a lion, is said to be of the twelfth century.

What Shocking Taste!
"I met Mabel this morning out walking with her brown collie dog. She was wearing a blue frock. Just fancy wearing a blue frock with a brown dog!"—Stra's Stories.

The Sunday suit never made the Monday saint.

Burdens may be the ballast that saves the ship.

The more helpful the deed the more holy the day.

Worry is the worst wolf that comes to our doors.

A frozen heart does not make a stiff back.

Following Directions.
"The Home Magazine," chuckled the counterfeiter, as he slipped a bunch of fresh greenbacks into his wife's purse, "says that the most acceptable presents for our dear ones are things we have made ourselves."

The Way He Was Christened.
"Why 'Philosopher' John Burdett?" asked an English judge concerning one of the parties to a chancery suit the other day. "Christened that way, my lord," responded P. J. Burdett's counsel.

Ancient Ann Reflects.
A man thinks it awfully stupid for a woman to lose her pocketbook, but he forgets how often she has to help him find his collar button, and remember for him just where he put his hat.—Baltimore American.

Deeds Not to Be Recalled.
No man sees all the meaning of his deeds before he commits them; but, once committed, it seems as though they had become part of the history of the universe, and the consequences are inexorable.—R. J. Campbell.

Cut Aldermanic Speech Short.
Long speeches by Liverpool (England) aldermen are not encouraged. The lord mayor of London has been provided with a sandglass and no member of the council may speak more than ten minutes.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

Sleepless Creatures.
There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during the whole of their existence. Among fish it is positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all; also that there are several others in the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes a month. There are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber, and from three to five species of serpents which also never sleep.

Longevity in Warm Climates.
Statistics show that more people live to be 100 years old in warm climates than in northern countries. We know that here in Mexico there are many centenarians, for in towns not forty miles from the capital are not a few men and women beyond the 100 year line. Germany reports 778 centenarians, France 213, England 146 and Spain 401, and the population of Spain is relatively small.—Mexican Herald.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All drug stores return the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A Sunday Custom.
In some of the small English villages the custom still prevails of ringing the church bell for five minutes at 8 o'clock Sunday morning if there is to be a sermon preached at the 11 o'clock service. If no bell rings the prudent housewife understands that the service will be shorter, and she arranges her dinner hour accordingly.

Cornstarch to Remove Grease.
Cornstarch will remove grease most effectually. Rub a little fresh, dry cornstarch into the soiled place and it will begin at once the process of absorbing the grease. Brush the first used off carefully from the garment, and proceed in the same way with more until the disfigurement has entirely disappeared.

Knew Where the Ball Struck.
They were on a golf course not far from Glasgow. "A splendid stroke! Caddie, did you follow that ball?" said the player who had just driven. "Naw, sir," replied the caddie, "but I think that gentleman w' the red coat can tell you where it struck. I see him feeling his head."

A Detached Belfry.
The village church of East Bergholt, Suffolk, is probably the only one in England which possesses an entirely distinct building for the belfry. The bells are hung in a shed many yards away from the church, and are worked from above instead of from beneath.

George Eliot's "Middlemarch."
George Eliot is said to have written "Middlemarch" in four months. Some doubt is thrown upon this statement by the fact that she commonly worked slowly, writing with great care and deliberation, and making few erasures after the work was done.

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One of the best tests of a sound man is that he possesses great wealth and is not arrogant.

The people in the primary of life are always the first to show the graduates how to do it.

Some successful men are 95 per cent backbone and some others are 95 per cent cheek.

Any way, one-half of the world knows that the other half is looking for the best of it.

Modesty is a great ornament, but sometimes it is more ornamental than useful.

A good reputation is like good health; it is not fully appreciated until it is lost.

Canned charity may feed the hungry, but it cannot fill the heart.

The great thing is not so much to fill the pews as to fill the people.

Love leaps over the lines of liking.

There may be such a thing as a man who has stolen once and then stopped, but we don't know him.—Phrenological Journal.

There are still many opportunities for young men; the truss haven't been able to grab all of them.

Young man, if you have doubts about anything, give your conscience the benefit of the doubt.

There is nothing on earth so full of mischief as a mischievous woman.

A battleship in the hand is worth two ultimatums in the bush.

Insomnia is seldom caused by the things a man doesn't say.

The favorite pastime of a lynching party is looping the loop.

Lots of people pray for the poor—and let it go at that.

It's a wise industrial stock that knows its own par.



Miss Rose Hennessy, well known as a poetess and elocutionist, of Lexington, Ky., tells how she was cured of uterine inflammation and ovaritis by the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been so blessedly helped through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I feel it but just to acknowledge it, hoping that it may help some other woman suffering as I did. For years I enjoyed the best of health and thought that I would always do so. I attended parties and receptions thinly clad, and would be suddenly chilled, but I did not think of the results. I caught a bad cold eighteen months ago while menstruating, and this caused inflammation of the womb and congested ovaries. I suffered excruciating pains and kept getting worse. My attention was called to your Vegetable Compound and the wonderful cures it had performed, and I made up my mind to try it for two months and see what it would do for me. Within one month I felt much better, and at the close of the second I was entirely well."

"I have advised a number of my lady friends to use it, and all express themselves as well satisfied with the results as I was."—Miss ROSE NORA HENNESSY, 410 S. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove beyond a question that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble and at once, by removing the cause, and restoring the organs to a normal and healthy condition.

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"You cannot realize how pleased I was, and after taking the medicine for only three months, I found that I was completely cured of my trouble, and have been well and hearty ever since, and no more fear the monthly period, as it now passes without pain to me. Yours very truly, Miss PEARL ACKERS, 327 North Summer St., Nashville, Tenn."

When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health more than a million women, you cannot well say without trying it "I do not believe it will help me." If you are ill, do not hesitate to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for special advice. Her advice is free and helpful. Write to-day. Delay may be fatal.

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