

Geographers cannot keep pace with the topographical changes in Central Africa. In 1859, a short distance southeast of Lake Nyassa, Livingston, discovered Lake Shirwa, a body of water about thirty miles long and fifteen miles wide. It has now entirely disappeared, with the exception of a few ponds in its bed. Lake Nyami, discovered by Livingston about the same time, has also disappeared. The cause of the change appears to be a gradual drying up of bodies of water in Central Africa.

#### SPREADING THE NEWS BROADCAST.

That Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured His Diabetes—After Long Suffering Mr. G. Cleghorn Found a Permanent Relief in the Great American Kidney Remedy.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 30th.—(Special)—Tortured with Diabetes and Bladder Disease from which he could apparently get no relief, Mr. G. Cleghorn, a bricklayer, living at 119 Butler St., this city, has found a complete and permanent cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills and in his gratitude he is spreading the news broadcast.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills made a man of me," Mr. Cleghorn says. "I was a sufferer from Diabetes and Bladder Disease. I was so bad I could do no work and the pain was something terrible. I could not get anything to help me till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They helped me right from the first and now I am completely cured. I have recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends and they have found them all that is claimed for them."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney Ills from Backache to Bright's Disease. They never fail to cure Rheumatism.

"Is she sentimental?"  
"Very! She will even weep over her old divorce papers."—Judge.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.  
We have discovered the cause of Catarrh, and have found a cure for it. It is a simple, safe, and effective remedy, and is the only one that will cure it. It is sold by all druggists. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

London has a new fad in paper cases in motor cars. One car is seen a load of paper cut up into little pieces, and it leaves a trail of paper as it whirrs through the country. The other cars follow the trail and try to catch the first car.

#### Scotts Bluff County Land.

Free Homesteads under Government Irrigation in the North Platte Valley. Also Knead Section homesteads.

Farms, Ranches, City Property. Abstracts of title furnished.

The best time in twenty years is now open to settlers. It won't last long. Make no delay. Call on, or address at once for particulars.

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Scotts Bluff, Neb.

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WINDMILL SMOOTHING SYRUP for hair dressing, softens the curls, reduces inflammation, cures dandruff. Price 35c. bottle.

I feel sorry for the wife whose husband always adheres to the strict letter of the truth.

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DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE  
FOR ALL BILIOUS AND LIVER AFFECTIONS.  
W. H. BARNES & CO., Proprietors, 100 N. 3rd St., St. Louis, Mo.

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#### Found Gold in Nebraska.

Investors in Nebraska Real Estate will find this time. Now is the time to get in on the ground floor. We have some choice investments. Write us for further information.

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**MIXED FARMING**  
Wheat Raising  
Ranching  
Three Great Pursuits have again shown wonderful results on the

**FREE HOMESTEAD LANDS**  
OF WESTERN CANADA

Settlements in the West—Farmers planting in their fields in the middle of November. "All are bound to succeed this year." Extract. "Good, Wood, Water, Hay, abundance, schools, churches, markets convenient, easy for information to Superior agent of Immigration, Canada, Union, or to W. H. Bennett, 100 New York City Building, Omaha, Neb., authorized Government agent.

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**THOMPSON'S EYE WATER**  
CURE FOR ALL EYE AFFECTIONS  
It is the only eye water that will cure all eye troubles. It is sold by all druggists.

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### TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

#### A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

Let a woman talk and she cares not who does the thinking.

Few things cost less than encouragement, and fewer still are worth more.

Give the doctor his due. It might have been an undertaker who invented the quick lunch.

A Baltimore doctor wants to know "what we shall do with our old men." Try kindness on them.

Farmers along the Mississippi are feeding clams to their hogs. Thus has the honest farmer at last taken to the shell game.

When the Czar thinks of the zemstvo he feels, perhaps, as Mr. Cleveland did when he had Congress on his hands.

It is rarely that a murder mystery ever measures up to the beautiful theories advanced by the police and newspaper sleuths.

One of the most discouraging signs of the times is found in what the magazines can print about prominent people without being sued for libel.

Sir Edward Clarke evidently is one of those perverse persons who can't see why blood should be any thicker than water when there's no money in it.

King Alfonso refuses to give more than eight hours a day to royal business. Alf is not going to take any chances of losing his card in Council No. 1, Kings' Union.

Probably Mr. Thomas W. Lawson feels that he has had \$250,000 worth of satisfaction out of the bunch of capitalists he is showing up, let that libel suit go as it may.

A dispatch from Washington says money is plentiful. The great trouble, however, is that no matter how plentiful money may be it is always necessary to do something before one can get any of it.

Dowager Empress Tsi Ann is having her Chinese soldiers separated from their pig tails and put into European dress. In China the soldier will not only have to fight for his country but give up his hope of heaven for it. The price looks pretty big.

The treatment accorded to the native millions of the Congo Free State by King Leopold's agents is now a matter of spirited controversy. There is apparently as much need of a "humane society" among the nations as there is of looking after the defenseless classes of a great city.

A light heart is a great help to working hands. A New Orleans newspaper prints a talk with a man who says he has known a great many cotton-planters who would not hire a negro cotton-picker unless they were satisfied that the negro sang as he worked. The best pickers are generally the best singers.

The grafter is indeed a traitor—and of the meanest kind. He takes advantage of a place, given him by the grace of the people, to rob the people. His philosophy that he is in public position to levy toll on public funds is the philosophy of a traitor. His practice of dividing up or taking money on the side is the practice of a traitor. And this grafting strikes at the vitals of American principles. It makes a government of the grafters, by the grafters, and for the grafters.

For some time trolley cars have been running out from Cairo to the pyramids and we have become hardened to hearing the station agent at Joppa shout: "All aboard for Jerusalem!" So perhaps we should receive with stoicism the news that the City Council of Venice has bought several electric launches for use on the Grand canal. Did not the pope the other day remark that if he were a little younger he would buy a bicycle, and is not a London company threatening to set up stamp mills at King Solomon's mines?

We need line upon line and precept upon precept as to what constitutes real success in life. Especially do we need this in our day when nearly everything is measured by dollars. And we may start out by saying that society's standard is wrong—that the narrowest, meanest, least satisfactory life is the life devoted entirely to successful money-getting. The man whose life is given up to the small aims and small strivings of accumulating dollars is to be pitied. He does not succeed in life. He is the slave of low ideals. He makes himself hated through his self-centered life. Such a man is mad because his neighbor has more than he. He works not because he needs money, but to display that which mon-

ey buys. That is not life. It is misery spelled with a big M. Yet the man who devotes himself entirely to such a life is called successful. It is a lie on the face of it. Successful life is something full and wide and deep, not something narrow and shallow. It is something within rather than outside. To really live one must know the story of humanity's strivings in the past; must be in sympathetic touch with his times; must be in harmony with self and God. One must have the wider view. The successful man is the man who lives most, whose interests in life are most vital, whose sympathies are broadcast, whose charity is widest, who sees most, feels most, loves most, enjoys most. Success along any other line is only successful failure. Anything less than this abundant, full life costs more than it comes to. Almost anyone can make a living. Not everyone can make a life. It is easy to pile up dollars. It is not so easy to keep the dollars from becoming a barrier to the glorious vision of real living.

In an article in the Independent on the "Value Rank of the American People," Edward A. Ross looks with some concern on the flood of immigration which now "taps lower human levels than the earlier tide." He thinks that the immigrants from Croatia and Dalmatia, Sicily and Armenia, even though they catch step with us, will, nevertheless, impede our progress. He speaks of them as the "beaten members of beaten breeds." This is much the same kind of talk that was heard when the Irish immigrant came to this country in such swarms as to alarm the "thoughtful student" of race destiny. It might have been heard when train loads of Scandinavians were pouring into the West. Now the complaint is that they have ceased to come, and they are spoken of as the "human piers that support our civilization." The Jew might have been considered a "beaten member of a beaten breed," but the "typical American" now finds his closest rival in business, professional life and art in that same beaten breed. As to the Armenians, place a native American, even a simon pure Yankee, in the same conditions which the Armenian finds himself in when he arrives here and the chances are about one to three that he will be outstripped in business by the beaten member "from the lower human level." The country need feel no great alarm from the present immigration from southern Europe. The wonderful transformation which the beaten breeds undergo when they have half a chance to show their mettle, and the dissipation of all the former fears over similar conditions which Mr. Ross now observes, should make the Anglo-Saxon American speak with extreme caution of the present immigrants. Especially when schools are more plentiful than ever and Americanizing influences more potent than in former times.

#### ONE-THIRD OF A PICTURE.

Curious Quest of the Owner of a Correggio Fragment.

In a private house in the west of London is a very beautiful picture, reputed to be by Correggio, and of such high quality that there is every reason to believe it to be either by that master or an excellent copy of one of his lost originals by Lodovico Carracci.

Although apparently a complete picture in itself, this exquisitely painted figure of a beautiful woman, gazing intently at a ring, is only a third of the original picture, and the present owner is endeavoring to trace the missing parts in order to restore the work to its original condition.

A document attached to the back of the frame, and provided with a seal with the inscription, "Quo Fata Vocant," gives the curious history of this picture. It reads:

"The Queen of Candaulus, a King of Lydia, with the Magic Ring of Gyges, by Correggio. It is part of a larger picture which descended to three brothers of the name of Moore, in whose family it had long been, but not being able to agree as to its possession, it was cut into three parts. This portion was purchased by Anthony Lord Faversham, and from him it came into the possession of his daughter, the Hon. Frances King, wife of John Bowater, esq., at whose decease it was sold by auction in July, 1810, to Mr. John Long, of Woolwich." Then follows in another handwriting: "It remained in Mr. Long's possession till his decease, and was purchased by me at his auction, 27th August, 1828." The signature is difficult to decipher.

The present owner, Mr. W. Jacobs, bought this interesting canvas four years ago at the sale of the contents of "Thornleigh," Avenue road, West Hill, Wandsworth, the house of a Mr. C. T. Taylor.—London Mail.

#### Exchange of Coins.

"You say you got rid of that counterfeit quarter I gave you, Sam?"  
"I certainly did, boss."  
"But don't you know it was wrong to pass it?"  
"I didn't 'actly pass it, boss; you see, I was passin' 'round de plate in church las' Sunday, an' I jist exchanged it."—Yonkers Statesman.

#### A ROCKY ROAD.

Editor Hightone Magazine—I have examined your manuscript, sir, and find it a thrilling narrative, which arrests attention at the start and holds it spellbound to the end.

Struggling Author (despairingly)—Then, of course, it won't do.

Yarmouth, England, owns many "public utilities," among them a music hall out of which the municipality made something like \$4,000 last year.

A SPEAKING LIKENESS—Mrs. Fondmar—Don't you think baby grows more like me every day?  
Fondmar—Yes dear, especially so since she began to talk.—Life.

Although her husband has been given the credit for it, the fact is said to be thoroughly established that Mrs. Manning was the author of the American mower and reaper.

When a girl can't think of anything else mean to say about another girl whom she dislikes, she says "she is really a sweet girl, don't you think?"

When a girl begins to make a fudge for a young man, it is time for him to either back away or negotiations for a wedding ring.

#### BEAUTIFUL SKIN.

Soft White Hands and Luxuriant Hair Produced by Cuticura Soap.

Millions of Women Use Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure, for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusta, scales and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing red, rough and sore hands, for baby rashes, itchings and chafings, for annoying irritations and ulcerative weaknesses, and many anti-septic purposes which readily suggest themselves, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery.

In Tokio there is a foreign language school where almost all languages are taught and, strange to say, Russian is the favorite.

#### A WOMAN'S MISERY.

Mrs. John LaRue, of 115 Paterson Avenue, Paterson, N. J., says: "I was troubled for about nine years, and what I suffered no one will ever know. I used about every known remedy that is said to be good for kidney complaint, but without deriving permanent relief. Often when alone in the house the back ache has been so bad that it brought tears to my eyes. The pain at times was so intense that I was compelled to give up my household duties and lie down. There were headaches, dizziness and blood rushing to my head to cause bleeding at the nose. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills benefited me so much that I continued the treatment. The stinging pain in the small of my back, the rushes of blood to the head and other symptoms disappeared."



Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Girl: An unmarried female between the ages of two and sixty.

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120 bu. Beardless Barley per acre.  
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54,000 lbs. Salzer's Superior Fodder Corn—rich, juicy fodder, per A.  
Now such yields you can have in 1905, if you will plant my seeds.

JUST SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c in stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive their great catalog and lots of farmseed samples. T. C. M. U. J.

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Of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the Great Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.



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No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement.

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It will entirely cure the worst forms of Female Complaints, all Ovarian Troubles, Inflammation and Ulceration, Falling and Displacement of the Womb, and consequent Spinal Weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the Change of Life.

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Irregular, Suppressed or Painful Menstruation, Weakness of the Stomach, Indigestion, Bloating, Flooding, Nervous Prostration, Headache, General Debility quickly yield to it. Womb troubles, causing pain, weight and backache, instantly relieved and permanently cured by its use. Under all circumstances it invigorates the female system, and is as harmless as water.

It quickly removes that Bearing-down Feeling, extreme lassitude, "don't care" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, Dizziness, Faintness, sleeplessness, flatulency, melancholy or the "blues" and headache. These are sure indications of Female Weakness, or some derangement of the Uterus, which this medicine always cures. Kidney Complaints and Backache, of either sex, the Vegetable Compound always cures.

Those women who refuse to accept anything else are rewarded a hundred thousand times, for they get what they want—a cure. Sold by Druggists everywhere. Refuse all substitutes.

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The Great Alaska Indian Barb Wire Remedy. The Indians at the time of the purchase of Alaska were a wild lot of Savages, who had not the remotest idea of Christianity, and were guided wholly by the "SHAMAN" or Medicine man whose word was law and whatever he said or did was taken as a fact by them and not to be disputed.

This remedy is the original formula, purchased in person from the "SHAMAN." It leaves no scars, heals any wound. Druggists are authorized to sell it on a use-it-before-you-pay guarantee. 16 ounce bottles 50c. Manufactured by KLODKE REMEDY CO. Sitka, Alaska, Chicago, New York.