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In no part of the United States has there been such wonderful Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural development as along the lines of the Illinois Central and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroads in the States of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, within the past few years. Cities and towns have doubled their population. Splendid business blocks have been erected. Farm lands have more than doubled in value. Hundreds of industries have been established and as a result there is an unprecedented demand for

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EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

The Moving Habit.

A WOMAN in Ohio recently obtained a divorce on the ground that her husband had made her move forty-three times in nine years. An absurdly insignificant reason for dissolving the marriage relation it undoubtedly was, yet one can imagine what their "Wandering Jew" existence had meant to the woman and her children. Romance clusters about a place that has been lived in a century or more, but sentiment does not gather about a house lived in to-day and abandoned to-morrow. The family may have flitted in and out of splendid rooms, yet all the time they were homeless; for one must grow into a house and a neighborhood, and that is a slow process.

An old proverb declares that three removals are as bad as a fire; another that a rolling stone gathers no moss. Our ancestors took a long step toward civilization when they ceased to be nomads. Personal experience also reinforces a woman who objects to frequent removals, for most of the work falls upon her, and the small share of social life which a housemother can enjoy is taken from her at every journey.

But women, the home-makers, are seldom victims of the moving habit. They need no admonition beyond a hint that the habit, if lightly yielded to, will strengthen, and that it is as fatal to family happiness as it generally is to prosperity. Even if the children must go away, the home should be constant, that they may look back to it, through all the changes, as to a steady beam.—Youth's Companion.

The Typewriter.

THE other day the thirtieth anniversary of an important event was quietly observed in New York by the presentation of a watch, suitably inscribed, to the first woman who adopted typewriting as a profession.

There is much that might have been put into that inscription. The typewriter is commonplace enough to-day, but in thirty years it has wrought one of the greatest advances in commercial history.

It has done more than marvelously facilitate business correspondence; it has admitted women to an important part in business life. A soulless little machine has done more toward gaining "women's rights" than had the arguments and agitation of centuries.

It is impossible to say whether the typewriter owes more to woman than woman owes to the typewriter, but it is certain that the business world owes a large debt to both. Together they have wrought wonders.

It is difficult to realize that only thirty years ago there were no women in the business offices. The sight of a petitioner on downtown streets, outside of the shopping districts, would have created a sensation. Now things would look peculiar without them. The typewriter has brought the great change. It has introduced women to all departments of business. And who can say that business has not been benefited?

Women are in many professions and many branches of business, but the profession of typewriter is the only one which was offered to women from the beginning.—Indianapolis Sun.

More Men Than Women in the World.

THE opinion is expressed in the latest bulletin of the Census Bureau of the United States that in the total population of the world there are several million more men than women. It is true that in Europe there are more females than males, but the men predominate in every other continent, as far as the population is counted with distinction of sex; and the same rule is believed to hold good in the large regions where the population can only be estimated.

In the United States the excess of males is greater than in any other land where it is known to exist. In our con-

tinental domain there are 1,078,321 more males than females. In other words, for every 100 females in the land there are about 102 males. The assumption is that the frequent wars in Europe or in the overseas possessions of the European States may have something to do with the slight predominance of women in Europe, as contrasted with the United States.

The reasons are obvious why in our mining, grazing and other thinly settled districts there are more men than women. Probably one of the important reasons why this is also the case in many of our Western cities is that many young men go to them from the East or from foreign countries to establish themselves in business before they think of marrying. In our Eastern cities, however, the preponderance of the female population is so large that in the 1,861 cities of the Union which in 1900 had at least 2,500 inhabitants each, there were 201,959 more females than males; and the tendency in our cities is still toward further increase in the excess of women. In the Eastern part of the country this is believed to be due chiefly to the large opportunities for women in the factory towns.—New York Sun.

Automobiles as Stage Coaches.

DISSATISFIED with the railroad rates and time tables, the proprietors of certain resorts in one of the mountain counties of New York State propose, it is said, to establish a line of automobile coaches to carry guests to and from their places for a distance of thirty miles or so. It is asserted that powerful touring machines will be used and that the time will be quicker than that scored by the ordinary accommodation train.

This suggests a new use for large automobiles, and it is not unlikely that within the next few years these vehicles may be employed more or less extensively in this manner, at least during the summer. There seems to be no reason why they cannot be utilized in some sections as rivals of both the railroads and the trolleys. If an attempt to make high speed is made, however, the question at once arises as to the safety of the general public on the highway which they will traverse.

Railroads have their own rights of way. Trolley lines either follow their own routes through the fields or go along a part of the public road, leaving the rest clear for traffic. But, if in addition to the numerous automobiles that fly along for the pleasure of their individual owners, regular lines of these machines are eventually established for carrying passengers at a rapid rate over frequented routes, the need for stringent restrictions will be greater than ever. The farmer with his team and the driver with his horse and buggy have rights which must be upheld.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Women and the Suffrage.

WHENEVER a proposal to grant political equality to women is made in a State Legislature its women advocates are counteracted and outnumbered by stout and even passionate women opponents. Whenever we admit to the Sun a letter from a woman in behalf of woman suffrage we get so many letters from women protesting against the innovation that we regret having allowed the controversy to start. We are going through this experience now. If we gave full liberty to the discussion it would fill columns of our space continuously, and the great majority of the women controversialists would be on the side of the opposition.

Woman suffrage is now even less a question of practical politics than it was a generation ago, and it will never enter into politics as a considerable issue till the time comes, if it ever comes, when women themselves are united in asking for the suffrage. Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow; but the vast majority of women refuse to strike the blow, so far as concerns equality with men in the suffrage.—New York Sun.

NOTED WOMAN REVOLUTIONIST.

Katherine Bereshkovska, Who Spent 23 Years in a Siberian Prison.

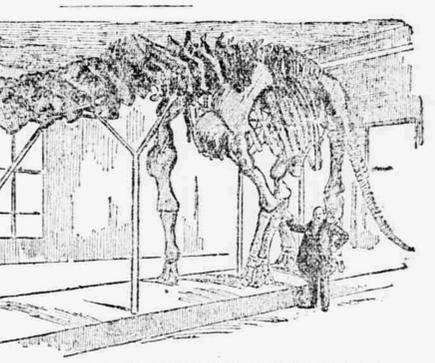
One of the foremost leaders of the socialistic revolutionary movement in Russia is Katherine Bereshkovska, who is now in this country holding meetings among the Russians in the large cities and appealing for American sympathy in the struggle of her people for larger political rights. Few women have suffered the horrors, the anguish and the hardships which have been crowded into her life. The daughter of a nobleman, she was early imbued with the radical political and social beliefs of the revolutionists and was sent to Siberia for her advocacy of her principles. There she spent twenty-three years in exile. Four years ago she returned to Russia in Europe and became the treasurer of the revolutionary party. She traveled extensively, organizing the workingmen in the cities and the peasants in the country, circulating literature regarded as treasonable by the government and preaching wherever she could the doctrine that the Czar and the entire system of government must be swept away in order to give room for the growth of freedom and liberal institutions. To the Russian people she is known as "grandmother." She is an able speaker and a forcible writer, contributing largely to the revolutionary literature which finds its way into Russia by means of the underground mails. Mrs. Bereshkovska believes that in a few months the Russians will rise by the millions and sweep away the whole system of Czarism and bureaucracy. Before coming to this country she was a refugee in Sicily, for the dread of arrest and of another term of imprisonment had driven her out of Russia.



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Not Looking for Work.
"I see Jonsy has shifted from cigars to a pipe. Is he trying to save money?"
"No; he is too lazy to bite the ends off his cigars."
A woman grows wiser as she doesn't grow older.

THE COLOSSAL BRONTOSAURUS.



A MONSTER THAT EXISTED MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO.

This skeleton of a colossal brontosaurus was recently presented to public view in the American Museum of Natural History in New York. It has a length of 66 feet, 8 inches, but the species is believed in some instances to have attained a length of 80 feet and a height of 16 feet. The skeleton now on view was discovered in Wyoming, about three miles west of the famous Bone Cabin quarry, in 1897. The bones were removed within the next two years, and nearly five years have been devoted to freeing them from adhering material, and rearranging them so as to tell their story to the observer. Two-thirds of the original skeleton has been found. In completing the restoration, and especially in supplying the skull, use has been made of the remains of a related form, a mosasaurus, taken from the Bone Cabin quarry. The brontosaurus is believed to have lived on plants, and to have existed millions of years ago.

A Proud Distinction.

At the reception which followed a convention of Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, one handsome young woman was especially observed. She was not only beautiful, but she bore herself with dignity. Surely she must come of unusually distinguished lineage, reflected the young man from the West. Having obtained an introduction to her, he could not resist the temptation to ask some questions. "Your Revolutionary family record," he said, tentatively, "is a remarkable one, I suppose?" "Yes, it is," she replied, promptly. "My great-great-grandfather, a Massachusetts farmer, sent his six sons to Bunker Hill, all private soldiers."

While the young man was looking at her, somewhat surprised, she glanced cautiously round, as if fearful of being overheard. "It is not generally known," she said, hurriedly, "that there is a stain upon our record. One of the six became a corporal!" "Still," she resumed, "the disgrace of it is lost in the record of the other five, who remained privates even until the surrender at Yorktown. I confess that once I did not appreciate this thing at its true value. But attendance at many gatherings of the Sons and Daughters, and hearing the speeches and listening to the records and other statements has convinced me that beyond doubt those five ancestors of ours were the only privates in the Revolutionary armies!"—Youth's Companion.

It Molds the Raos.

The pen is mightier than the sword. A wise old guy once quoth. The barrel stave, if well applied, is mightier than both. What has become of the old-fashioned man who was proud because he wrote a copy-book hand?

Hated to Do It.

During the last congressional campaign the candidates for the honor of representing a certain East Tennessee district, says the Washington Post, gathered to meet the voters at a country courthouse.

There was a rough-looking old mountaineer in the audience. He looked over the aspirants on the platform with a critical eye. One of them had done him several favors, and he felt in duty bound to vote for him.

"Not a very promising lot, are they?" he remarked in an audible whisper to a man three seats away. "Them's only the kind we used to run for constable when I was a boy. That's my candidate—that yaller-headed chap, third from this end. I've got to vote for him, but I'd give ten dollars if I hadn't seen him first."

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A Leap-Year Episode.

"How dare you tell me you love another and intend to marry him?" exclaimed the angry young man. "Have you forgotten that only three short weeks ago you said you would marry me, even if your proud father disowned you for it?" "Oh, no, I haven't forgotten," replied the fair but fickle leap-year maid. "I spoke to father about it the next day and he positively refused to disown me, so what more could I do?"

ANOTHER RECORD IN LAND-HUNTING.

This Spring's Exodus to Canada Greater than Ever.

It was thought in 1903, when over fifty thousand people went from the United States to Canada, that the limit of the yearly emigration to the wheat zone of the Continent had been reached. But when in 1904 as large a number of American citizens signified their intention of becoming settlers on Canadian lands, the general public were prepared for the announcement of large numbers in 1905. No surprise therefore will be caused when it is made known that the predictions of fully fifty thousand in 1905 are warranted in the fact that the Spring movement Canadeward is greater than it has ever been. The special trains from Omaha, Chicago, St. Paul, Detroit and other gateways have been crowded. Many have gone to join friends and relatives who have prepared homes for them, and others have gone relying upon their own resources, satisfied that what others have done can also be done by them. This year much new territory has been opened up by the railroads, which are extending their main lines and throwing out branches in their march across the best grain and grazing lands on the continent. This new territory has attractions for those desiring to homestead on the one hundred and sixty acres granted each settler by the Canadian Government. Many also take advantage of the opportunity to purchase lands at the low figures at which they are now being offered. It does not require much thought to convince one that if Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and other lands, with a value of from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars an acre, will give a good living by producing ten to thirteen bushels of wheat to the acre and thirty to fifty bushels of corn to the acre, the lands of Western Canada at seven to ten dollars an acre, producing from twenty to thirty bushels of a superior wheat to the acre, should produce a competence to the ordinary farmer in a very few years. These are the facts as they confront the reader. There are millions of acres of such land in Western Canada in addition to the other millions that are considered to be portions of the biggest and best ranges that ever invited the cattle and horse producer of the North American continent. What is particularly evident in Western Canada is the fact that the wheat lands, adjoining the grazing lands, make farming particularly agreeable and profitable. The agents of the Canadian Government, who are always willing to give information and advice to intending settlers, say that the acreage put under crop this season is greatly in excess of last season.

Equine Flesh for Food.

A new city slaughterhouse, covering two acres, and to be used for the killing of horses, donkeys, and mules for food, has been opened in Paris with a banquet, at which horse and donkey flesh were the only meats served. It is stated that 25,000 horses, donkeys, and mules are killed annually in Paris for food. The use of their flesh is increasing.

Cannot Reduce a Rate.

It is stated in Washington that a rate fixed by the Commission it cannot be lowered by a railroad. Should an emergency arise calling for a decreased rate, the railroads or shippers would have to appeal again to the Commission, there being no latitude allowed, whatever the circumstances. Hitherto a maximum rate has been the rule, but no such concession is made under the proposed legislation.

Appreciated.

Singleton—How did you like the pool I sent your wife for a birthday present?
Wedderly—Never saw one I liked better.
Singleton—I'm glad to hear it.
Wedderly—Yes; you see the measly dog laid down and died the next day after you sent it.

Native Ink.

The ink plant of New Grenada is a curiosity. The juice of it can be used as ink without any preparation. At first the writing is red, but after a few hours it changes to black.

SIMPLE WALL DECORATIONS.

New Material and New Ideas for the Decoration of Homes.

The styles of home decorations have completely changed in the last few years, and it is pleasant to say that they have changed for the better. Time was when we hung monstrous patterns printed on paper against our walls, and considered them more or less pleasantly. It would hardly be fair to say that we considered them beautiful or artistic. But they were the vogue and were put on. The time has come when, with our better methods for interior decoration, better effects can be secured.

In wall coverings, whether they be of paint, or of kalsomine, or of Alabastine—whatever the material used to cover the wall—the thing desired is that which has the greatest covering power, as well as permanency and beauty of color. Alabastine, a wall covering ground from Alabaster rock—is the ideal covering for a wall.

The most beautiful wall decorations in the world are those which are laid on with the brush. The mural designs in our large public buildings, and the frescoed designs in the large cathedrals and churches have a permanency and an art which wall paper is by a cheap imitation. These mural schemes and frescoed designs can be brought within the reach of the every day home. They can be done with Alabastine, which is permanent in its coloring. It does not rub off, and it has the soft effect of pastels. It does not peel, it does not blister, and it is thoroughly sanitary, because it is not stuck on with sour paste or smelly glue. All sorts of tapestry effects and any kind of mural design can be secured; any kind of frescoing can be done. In fact, the range of the possibilities of this material are only fixed by the artistic instincts of the person who applies it. Naturally a professional decorator could do more with it than an amateur, but the untrained person can secure beautiful results where the ambition does not lead one into a desire for too trying effects.

A great many people defer the redecorating of their rooms not only because of the expense but because of the discomfort of it. With Alabastine there need be no discomfort and there can be no mess, for all that is needed, is to lay a sheet or canvas on the floor, have your man come in with a pail, make the solution and simply brush it on the wall. That is all there is to it, and the room is perfectly clean and thoroughly renovated.

A Lesson in Civilization.

With all our high wages and boasted civilization, says a writer in the Pall Mall Magazine, the fact remains that you will see more wretchedly poor than you will see in Japan in a lifetime. In other words, you will see no destitution in Japan. Though some are very poor, yet all seem to be well fed, clothed and housed, and are invariably cheerful, and what is more surprising, invariably clean. There are no paupers in Japan, and therefore no workhouses or poorhouses, though there are many hospitals. Practically everyone can earn a living.

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And Other Itching, Burning, Scaly Eruptions, with Loss of Hair—Speedily Cured by Cuticura.

Bathe the affected parts with hot water and Cuticura Soap, to cleanse the surface of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle; dry, without hard rubbing, and apply Cuticura Ointment freely, to allay itching, irritation and inflammation, and soothe and heal; and, lastly, take Cuticura Resolvent Pills to cool and cleanse the blood. A single set, costing but \$1.00, is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring skin, scalp and blood humors, with loss of hair, when all else fails.

A Brutal Husband.

Mrs. Naggs—The committee has requested me to make a dozen pies for the charity bazaar.

Naggs—What is the object of the bazaar, my dear?

Mrs. Naggs—To raise additional funds for the charity hospital.

Naggs—Isn't the hospital already overcrowded?

Mrs. Naggs—Yes, I believe it is.

Naggs—Then, for goodness sake, don't make matters worse by donating pies of your own make.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces the wonderful results in curing Cataract. Send for testimonials, free.

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