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Fruits and Flowers.

More than 200 car loads of oranges were shipped from Los Angeles, Cal. to the east the past season. It is stated that oranges have been shipped from Riverside, Cal., during every month of 1895.

California's record of orange shipments this season far surpasses that of any other year. Up to December 18 last 460 car loads of oranges had been shipped east from southern California, as compared with 18 car loads in 1894.

The Gunpowder Engine

Modern high explosives are again bringing the principle of the old gunpowder engine into prominece. Col. Barker, superintendent of the British small arms factory at Sparlbrook, in recently speaking of the subject, made the point that while one pound of gunpowder was capable of developing over 170,000 foot pounds of energy, the new smokeless powders were capable of still more, and at the same time left no solid residue, as ordinary gunpowder did, on combustion. The latter, too, developed in combustion only about 280 volumes of permanent gases, while the new powders gave off nearly 1,000 volumes. With this encouragement, it is not at all unlikely that the gunpowder engine inventor will set to work with renewed enthusiasm.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Her Great Scheme

Father—Now, see here! If you marry that young pauper, how on earth are you going to live?

Sweet Girl—We have figured that all out. You remember that old hen my aunt gave me?

"Yes."

"Well, I've been reading a poultry circular, and I find that a good hen will raise twenty chicks in a season. Well, next season there will be twenty-one hens, and as each will raise twenty more, that will be 420. The next year the number will be 8,400, the following year 168,000, and the next 3,360,000. Just think! At only twenty-five cents a piece we will have over $850,000. Then, dear old papa, we will lend you some money to pay off the mortgage on this house."—Boston Traveler.

Very Tired Indeed.

It has remained for a little girl in Brooklyn to nearly if not quite equal a famous witticism of Leigh Hunt. Of course she spoke in childishness innocence, where the English essayist and wit used his ripened intellect. Hunt, in describing an exceedingly warm day, it will be rembered, spoke of it as one which tempted him "to strip off his flesh and sit in his bones." The dear little Brooklyn miss had been romping and run [illegible] all day. Toward nightfall her father met her. "Are you not very tired, little one?" he asked. "Oh, not so very tired, papa," she replied. Then in a burst of confidence she whispered, "Only I do feel as though I'd like to take my legs off and carry them a little while.

Origin Of Canada's Name.

The word Canada is the common name in Spain of rather narrow valleys having preciptious sides, the same word in fact as canon. This use of the word can be seen from the names of several localities in California. As is well know, the valley of the St. Lawrence fully answers the description of canada or canon. Especially along the north shore is it abrupt and precipitous and this peculiarity continues to a greater or less extent up to Lake Ontario. Those who have sailed along the shores of Lakes Huron and Superior will remember that the rocky shores there will justify the use of the word canada as applied to that region. The French very aptly applied the term to the newly discovered country from the physical peculiarities just mentioned.

One On Lawler.

At the Walworth country reunion General Fairchild said that when certain soldier joined the Ninth Illinois he asked one of the boys where he could get his washing done, and was told to take it to the colonel's tent who was also the regimental washwoman. On arriving at the colonel's quarters the soldier made his wants known and laid his bundle down on the colonel's table. "All right," said the colonel, taking a pen, as if to mark the "wash." 'What is your name?' "Tom Lawler" was the answer and the future commander-in-chief of the Grand Army strode out. Owing to Tom's extreme girth a special detail of 100 "washermen was made to do the work.

A Simile in Smoke.

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Topics of the Times

The forest reserve in Maine contains 17,000,000 acres, and the special agents to look after it number thirty.

An albino partridge, the tips of its white feathers tinted with pink, is the latest freak brought out of the Maine woods.

There is an historic well in Rutland, Vt. It was built during the revolution, and was used by soldiers of Burgoyne's army after being removed from Boston in 1788.

A writer in the Edinburgh Scotchman, in dealing with the causes of intemperance, mentions as one of the principal ones the "want of sympathy at home and a scolding, sulking, nagging wife."

Two Russian battle ships, the Rurik and the Dimitri Donskoi, have harbored in Portsmouth on their way to the Mediterranean. It is the first time this privilege has been granted for a quarter of a century.

Robinson Crusoe's musket, "a fine old specimen, with long barrel, flint lock, and beautifully balanced," is offered for sale in Edinburgh. It came into the possession of the present owner through Alexander Selkirk's grandniece.

It has been noted that serpent charmers continually talk, sing or whistle, or have an attendant to play upon some shrill musical instrument during the time exhibitions are being given. That these sounds have their influence there is not the least doubt.

A Philadelphia reporter who had a tip that a patient in a New Jersey insane asylum had died from punishment inflicted by his keepers secured admission to the asylum as a lunatic, and gathered the evidence that has sent two of the keepers to the penitentiary for fourteen years.

Bert Clough, of Surry, Me., returning home in the gloaming after an unsuccessful day's hunt, saw a buck and doe. He fired, killing the buck. In the morning he started on the trail of the doe and had gone but a few rods when he found her dead. One bullet had killed both buck and doe.

Diphtheria of the skin, a very rare disease, has been cured by the use of antitoxin in a little 2-year-old Berlin girl recently. She had been badly scalded with boiling water, and as the skin was healing she was kissed by her mother on the wounded spot. The mother had diphtheria, and thus communicated it to the baby's skin; the throat was not affected.

George Ebers, the Egyptologist, has discovered that many of the queer medical recipes found in old English and German books came from the ancient Egyptians. They were not known to the Greeks, but were spread from Salerno, the great medical school of the middle ages, to which they must have come through the Coptic and Arabic translations.

A peculiar incident occurred in New York. While a policeman of that city was trying to see what was going on in a "suspected" saloon he soiled his hands; he noticed a sink in the anteroom of the saloon, and when he turned on the faucet he was surprised to find that he was washing his hands in beer. The keeper of the saloon was, of course, arrested.

The movement toward the municipalization of quasi-public works seems to be spreading. Before the Boston City Council is a petition from the East Boston Trade Association for the establishment of gas and electric light plants in that section of the city to be maintained by the municipality. It is supported by many prominent citizens who think the experiment worth trying.

New Orleans is discussing the feasibility of commemorating the purchase of Louisiana in 1803 by a grand exposition in 1903. At a recent meeting of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, called to consider the question, resolutions were adopted urging the desirability of such an exposition, and a committee of 100 was appointed to formulate and devise ways and means.

A method of silvering mirrors, producing mirrors of much greater brilliancy than those made by ordinary processes, has been discovered by Herr Hans Boas, of Kiel. It is based on the fact that when a heavy metal forms the cathode of a vacuum tube containing a trace of hydrogen, the electric current volatilizes the metal, which is deposited as a firmly adherent and highly polished layer on the walls of the tube.

The fact that Egypt is going to be more fashionable this winter than ever before is shown by the number of bookings at the hotels. The hotelkeepers say that five years ago they had about 4,000 people in Cairo for the winter, nine-tenths of them English. Last year there were 8,000, one-half of them Americans. This year the hotelkeepers estimate that they will have at least 10,000, and the American influx will be larger than ever before.

A man who claimed to have seen Washington, and really believed that he had, no matter how other folks treated his assertion, died recently in Baker County, Georgia. He was a negro known as Jim Hall, and was reputed to be at least 125 years old. There is no doubt he was an exceedingly old man. He used to declare that he had driven his master to the polls to vote for General Washington on the occasion of his first election as President. He was in every way honest, and worked, supporting himself, up to the time of his death.

Judge James F. Harvey, of the Montgomery Circuit Court, Crawfordsville, Ind., is about to establish a new court rule which will practically do away with the "professional juryman," who has been such an annoying curse to all courts in Indiana from time immemorial. Judge Harvey proposes to guard against this claim by ordering the jury commissioners to draw the regular panel of twelve, and then either four or six additional talesmen who can be called in to take the places of those of the regular panel excused by the court. The sheriffs declare that the professional jurymen become more numerous every year, and are most annoying, rendering a sheriff's position, especially in election years, most embarrassing.

WALKING ON AIR.

Eminent Authorities Look to Its Possibility as a Reasonable Hope.

Despite the immense amount of writing and talk on the subject of aeronauts, the question has always been: Will aerial navigation be practicable within a time near enough to justify us in interesting ourselves about it? asks a writer. The decided affirmative answer of Professor Alexander Graham Bell, the creator of the Bell telephone, is worthy of consideration. Professor Bell says that human locomotion through the air will be achieved before long, although the principle of gas expansion, which constitutes the lifting power in balloons, will have no place in the practicable flying machine. What is necessary for rising in the air, he says, is not a cumbersome balloon, nor an unmanageable imitation of a bird's or insects's wings, but a mechanical contrivance which can be operated by ordinary motors.

Buoyancy of the flying machine must be secured by motion of some of its own parts, and not by the whole machine having a specific gravity less than that of the air. A French machine called the helikoptes, Professor Bell thinks, approaches nearer in principle than any others the flying machine of the future. It simply screws itself into the air, a certain rate of revolution of the screw causing it to rise, a lower rate giving it more buoyancy, and a still further decreased rate making it sink gently to the ground. This device, it will be noticed secures only suspension in the air, but little is detracted from its value on this account, as buoyancy is the only problem, it being comparatively easy to obtain motion to and fro.

Apropos of mechanics in a different field, Professor Bell says that the electric roads, horseless carriages and bicycles will not relegate the horse to the fields, but will give him another and more effective sphere of acticity. "Man has invented the bicycle," he says, "to increase his powers of propulsion, and while I do not say that a horse could ride a bicycle, I am confident that a machine could be built whereby a horse could be taken off the ground and used as a motive power. With a proper system of gearing, great speed could be obtained."—Demorest's Magazine.

Trumbull's Manner.

John Trumbull, the American historical painter, is described as a man of aristocratic tendencies and associations; yet his apparent high-headedness was but a physical peculiarity. He was always ready to face any situation with pride and courage which rendered him speedily its master.

During the Revolution, he was in London, and was there suspected of being a spy. He was arrested and cast into prison, where he lived for nearly eight months, amusing himself by painting. When he was questioned as to his antecedents, he made the haughty reply:

"I am an American, and my name is Trumbull. I am a son of him you call the rebel governor of Connecticut. I have served in the rebel army. I have the honor of being an aide-de-camp to him you call the rebel George Washington. I am entirely in your power. Treat me as you please, always remembering that, as I may be treated, so will your friends in America be treated by mine."

Through the influence of the painter, West, and of such men as Fox and Burke, he was released and then returned to America.

His sense of personal dignity was one of his marked traits. When in 1777 the Continental Congress treated him with seeming neglect in not promptly sending him a commission for promotion he wrote to Congress:

"If I have committed any crime, or neglected any duty, since I engaged in the service of my country, if I have performed any action or spoken any word in my public character unworthy of my rank, let me be tried by comrades and broke; but I must not be thought so destitute of feeling as to bear degradation tamely."

The member of Congress who acted for him in the matter assured him that a mistake had been made, and advised him to write another letter, and ask for the commission, but the artist replied:

"I have never asked any office in the public service nor will I ever do so. The very request would acknowledge and prove my unworthiness."

Training Sheep.

To save labor with sheep, take a young ewe lamb and raise her as a pet near the house. When the ewe is grown place her with the flock. She can be called and the other sheep will follow her. If properly trained, she can be made very serviceable, and should a dog attack the flock she will run to the house. She may also carry a bell, if the owner so prefers.

Conditions of Happiness.

Willey—I tell you, it's better in the end to be honest. Did you ever know a rogue who wasn't unhappy?

Shalley—No; but, then, one would hardly expect a rogue to be happy when he is known. It's rogues who are not known that are happy.—Roxbury Gazette.

Common Affliction.

Thorne—Miss Hummerly got a stage fright the other night.

Bramble—So did the audience.—Boston Courier.

Various Notes.

It is stated that Lady Henry Somerset is about to visit India in the interests of temperance.

A pessimistic scientists has announced that civilization is a failure. He must have been viewing the world through a saloon.—Pacific Ensign.

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