

It takes a fat woman to sneer at her neighbor for padding.

There is a greater demand for simplified thinking than for simplified spelling.

John D. Rockefeller is an advocate of the simple life. His rule is to simply get it and keep it.

A man of the name of Aa has the first place in New York's directory. He is doubly entitled to it.

George Bernard Shaw says Christians should not make fortunes. We know of some who are not doing so.

Some persons collect cigar bands. Russell Sage collected money. Of the two, Sage was the more sensible.

The Rev. Dr. Stuart would "consign politicians to an everlasting retirement." That is one way of putting it.

Truly, as the Atlanta Constitution says, "riches do not bring happiness," but they help to preserve it when the bill's come in.

It is presumed, however, if the matter were put to a vote, the people who can't spell correctly under any system would win by a large majority.

Oklahoma points to her record breaking crops as evidence that she expects to become a self-sustaining member of the grand sisterhood of States.

A number of people who were building great hopes on their relationship with Russell Sage are now kicking because he was such a close relation.

The biggest leech ever seen, 200 feet high, was sighted near Newfoundland. Can it be that the North Pole has broken loose from its moorings?

The Czar recently risked his life by attending the funeral of one of his generals. But he would be a mean anarchist who threw bombs at a funeral.

The Baroness Burdette-Coutts recently celebrated her ninety-second birthday. The young man who married her some years ago seems to be cheerful, too.

John Lambert says Emperor William is the ablest man in Europe, bar none. It is in order for G. Bernard Shaw to say some sarcastic things about Lambert.

A Kansas clergyman will advertise his church. Isn't that a legitimate modern interpretation of the injunction to "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in?"

Emperor William thinks journalists should be compelled to pass examinations, the same as doctors and lawyers, before being permitted to practice. What is William's idea concerning poets?

Millonre Huntington, of California, recently gave his \$12,000 automobile to his chauffeur. It seems he had been able to go only seventy-five miles an hour in this machine and wanted to get a fast one.

Of course, the intention of the Standard Oil Company, in its attempt to corner the denatured alcohol business, is to make the new fuel so cheap and popular that persons will prefer it to kerosene and gasoline.

Paris green, the farmer's weapon against potato bugs and other pests, has advanced in price nearly 50 per cent in a year. The reason is the flooding of the arsenic mines in Wales last year. Paris green is aceto-arsenite of copper. Arsenic is the best insecticide, and constitutes the destructive part of arsenate of lead, which has become the most useful spray for fruit and shade trees.

The island of Juan Fernandez is reported destroyed in the earthquake which devastated Valparaiso. If so, it will be a loss that will be felt keenly by every boy, old or young, who has reveled in the story of Robinson Crusoe. Every admirer of that hero probably has had at some time the secret longing to some time visit the island made real to him by Defoe's great tale. It is the Mecca of boyish fancy. All lovers of Robinson Crusoe will hope the island still stands with its magic atmosphere of romantic interest.

While there can be no doubting the intention of the British government to henceforth dominate openly the political control of Egypt as a part of the British Empire, the proposals of Lord Cromer clearly indicate that there is to be equal opportunity for all nationalities and full respect for acquired and vested rights. In other words, modern Egypt is to be governed on the open door principle so strongly advocated by the United States in China and the far East generally. While England will rule, she does not propose to insist upon any monopoly of trade or franchises, but, on the contrary, extends equal opportunity to all comers.

Marriages between wealthy American women and titled foreigners do not meet with approval from some sternly patriotic Americans. The common suspicion is that the money and the title marry, and drag the man and the woman into a loveless alliance. Yet international marriages frequently turn out happily. In some cases they afford both parties opportunity for service of which both countries may be proud. The union between Lord Curzon and Mary Lett was such a marriage, and the recent death of the wife is mourned on both sides of the ocean. That the late Lady Curzon did her part in the work of an Englishman of power and responsibility—one of England's greatest colonial administrators—is as creditable to her and to her nation as if

she had been the wife of an equally notable American.

Flies are one of the greatest pests that afflict mankind and the lower animals. Long before the science of bacteriology arose and the microbial theory of disease was originated, flies were supposed to propagate the plague and many other diseases, and modern science has confirmed this theory. In order to test it the putrid remains of dead animals have been sprinkled with a fine white powder and subsequently flies that sit on sick people and on the dainty dishes of the table have been found to have this powder on their feet. Of course, when there is an epidemic must convey the secretions and excretions of the patients to healthy people. Possibly this may even be done by the flies lighting on food which healthy people afterward eat. As this evil is, so far as known, only occasional, flies do just as much harm in the aggregate by torturing the domestic animals, as this goes on all the time. The sufferings which horses and cows undergo in this way is sometimes sufficient to make them drip with sweat. At the same time their usefulness to man is greatly impaired. In the summer time the horse could do twice as much work if he did not waste his strength in kicking at the flies. Cows also would probably give more milk. Here is an enormous economic waste which has attracted surprisingly little attention. If flies are to be exterminated the most curious and most significant thing is that they are a product of human nature. When travelers visit a region uninhabited by man they find no flies there. If they live there a short time there will be as many flies there as anywhere else. The right way is, of course, to exterminate them, but in the meanwhile is there some way by which the horse and cow may be protected against the pest? Several lotions and powders have been invented which repel the flies, but they also injure the animal. What is needed is some application which will not hurt a horse's coat and yet will repel or mislead the flies. The reason that nothing of this kind has been discovered is probably that the impression prevails that such a substance must be poisonous to the flies, whereas the truth seems to be that it only needs to deceive them. Insects seem to be guided to their food by the sense of smell. As soon as anything like it is volatilized they swarm to it from far and wide. Evidently it is the odor of the horse or the cow diffused by animal heat that attracts them and the way to drive them off is to disguise that odor so that they will not be led aright. No doubt this is the way that fish oil and kerosene repel them. All that is necessary is some lotion which kills the odor of the animal as effectively as these oils without injuring their coat or inflaming their skin. For all anybody knows this substance may be something which is handled every day and is as cheap as dirt.

Stensland and his place of capture. Paul Stensland's arrest at Tangier will serve a useful purpose in dispelling the popular impression which seems to prevail that criminals are safe from capture if they can only manage to reach some country which is not bound by any extradition treaty with the one from which they have fled. Anything that can bring home to men inclined to offend against the laws of the land that nowhere in the world can they find safety from the avenging hand of justice is calculated to act as a deterrent of crime, and is therefore an advantage to the commonwealth. Under the circumstances the capture of the defaulting president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, of Chicago, in Morocco and his surrender to the United States authorities by the Moorish authorities cannot be made too widely known. The fact of the matter is that the principle of extradition exists among all civilized powers, even when for one reason or another it is not covered by any hard and fast international convention, and requests for the surrender of criminals addressed by one government to another are granted on the ground of international courtesy and comity, even in the absence of treaty stipulations. This practice not only prevails among the Christian countries of Europe and of this western hemisphere, but has likewise been adopted by the purposes of Asia and Africa and north African States, such as, for instance, Morocco. Thus the United States has on a number of occasions arrested and surrendered foreign fugitive criminals here in response to applications from governments with which no extradition arrangements existed at the time. President Lincoln in 1863 caused the arrest and the surrender to the Spanish authorities of a man of the name of Arguelles in the absence of any extradition treaty with Spain. Arguelles, who had been the lieutenant governor of a province in Cuba, was charged with a number of atrocious crimes against the common law, among the minor accusations being one to the effect that he had sold into slavery several hundred negroes illegally brought from Africa. On the authority of Secretary Seward he was arrested by a United States marshal and turned over to the Spanish police officers, who took him back to Havana for trial. A motion was at once made in the United States Senate calling the President to account for the matter, arguing that, in the absence of a treaty of extradition and of congressional legislation touching the surrender of fugitive criminals to the Spanish government, he had exceeded his powers as chief magistrate. To this Secretary Seward replied to the

Science and Invention

The money value of the coal mined in the world every year is more than four times that of the gold mined in the same time.

Canada is called upon to subsidize forty-three new railroad lines, at a cost of \$9,320,000. They are to cover a length of 2,885 miles.

Robert Jones, a surgeon of Liverpool, advocates that in cases where the patient cannot take other anaesthetics the spinal cord be treated with cocaine.

A report comes from the headquarters of the Pelly River, in the State of Washington, that an old crater there, supposed to have been long extinct, is sending out smoke in large quantities.

The world's production of Portland cement has increased from 2,500,000 tons to some 11,000,000 tons in the last twenty years, and the center of the industry has shifted from Europe to the United States.

Instead of the long celluloid film, a London photographer uses circular glass plates for the cinematograph. The pictures are taken in a spiral, and a plate fifteen inches in diameter holds several hundred, recording a story lasting about four minutes.

Aluminum, cadmium, zinc, magnesium, etc., affect the photographic plate, though not classed as radioactive. A late remarkable observation is that the electric spark sometimes increases the effect, sometimes lessens it, while this influence—though so superficial—persists for months.

In the latest fight against the rabbit pest in Australia, the attempt is made to destroy the animals in their burrows. A specially constructed boiler is used with a length of flexible metallic hose, and steam at high pressure is forced into the burrow, after first closing all openings except that for the hose. The early results have been very encouraging.

For five days after the completion of the great Simplon Tunnel it was practically given over to the Swiss Geodetic Survey, in order that a most careful measurement of a new geodetic base-line, running through the axis of the tunnel, from Brigue to Iselle, a distance of about 20 kilometers, might be made. This measurement was so successfully carried out that a difference of only three millimeters was found between the two measures that were made—one from Brigue to Iselle, and the other back again in the opposite direction. This is the longest geodetic base yet measured, and the only one whose two ends are on opposite sides of a great mountain mass. It is also believed to possess certain advantages in accuracy over previous base-lines. It is the only case in which a railway following the line has been used for the direct carriage of the apparatus, and the only one in which the work has been done in artificial light.

It is a great art to know when you must grant a disagreeable request.

ALL MEN SOON? HAVE to be HONEST?

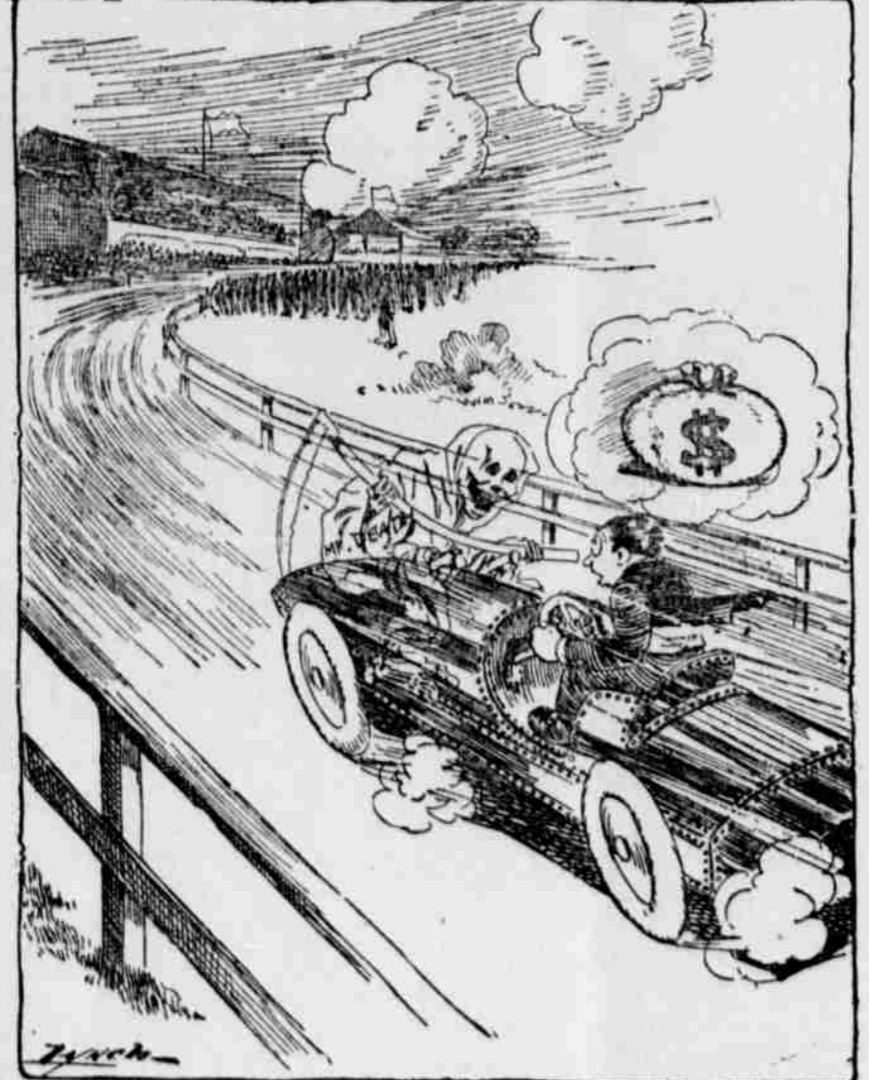


Foreign Refugees for Absconders Becoming Fewer in Number owing to Extradition treaties and increasing tendency to Observe International Courtesy.

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THE AUTO RACER.



Is the game worth the candle? -St. Louis Republic.

Splitting Rock with Air. The expansive force of compressed air is employed in a very interesting way by a North Carolina granite company.

Gold. The first mention which we have of gold is in the eleventh verse of the second chapter of Genesis, or in other words four thousand and four years before Christ.

EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

HEAVY COST OF FUNERALS.

WELL-KNOWN physician of Chicago says it costs people more to die than it does to live and the poorer you are the more it costs you to die.

It should not cost any man in good circumstances over \$100 to be buried. A poor man should be buried for \$50.

It is a satisfaction all honest men must feel that a shameful judicial wrong has been set right at last.

The decision cuts off the opportunity for another spectacular trial, with its recriminations, digressions into irrelevant matters and general hysteria.

It has taken courage on the part of the French Government to bring the case to a final settlement, and courage in the judges to render the decision they have.

Philadelphia corporation recently announced its purpose to dismiss all the women in its employ and engage no one of the gentler sex in the future.

We are told that women are not ambitious; that they think more of marriage as a "way out" of industry than of hard work and emulation as a means of promotion.



"You don't mean young onions, Evelina?" said the groceryman reproachfully to the pretty cook, as he turned over a leaf in his order book.

"Well, maybe I don't," said the cook. "Probably I mean coconuts or bath sponges, but you'd better put it down 'young onions' on the chance that I know what I'm talkin' about."

"It's for the boss, then," pleaded the groceryman. "You wouldn't think of orderin' 'em because you liked 'em? Don't tell me that."

"I won't tell you nothin', one way or another," said the cook. "If it's going to hurt your feelin's I won't explain about what I'm goin' to do with the groceries I order. Peck o' new potatoes, an' see that they are bigger than marbles this time, because I'm goin' to peel 'em."

"Sutlin' between a golf ball an' a baseball," commented the groceryman. "All right, I know the kind you mean. Not that I mind onions specially," he observed. "An onion is all right in its place. So's some other things I could mention. I'd just as soon you'd eat onions as not on the days I don't eat."

"If you say 'onion' to me again I'll show you the door, and I'll see to it that you don't come back," said the cook.

up with the establishment." Some accuse girls in offices and factories of flirting, of carelessness, of declining to take their duties seriously.

We do not think the "reaction" is or is likely to become serious. Women are in industry to stay, and while their position in it is fundamentally different from that of men, owing to their hope to leave the "wage-earning" class by marrying, that difference is only reflected in pay class and in the matter of promotions.

Years ago the Mississippi steamboats used to race, not because anybody was in a legitimate hurry, and never gave up until the bursting boiler hurled passengers and crew to drown in the river.

On an English railroad—old, conservative, safeguarded—a train essays to beat the record of a rival—mere speed madness. The train is dashed to fragments and in the wreckage more than a score of lives go out miserably.

Now ocean lines are racing. To the average man with leisure to cross the Atlantic a few hours difference can be of no moment. When is this perilous contest to end? There is a limit to the endurance even of machinery.

It is a hopeful sign of the ultimate suppression of lynching in the South, or at least of its virtual suppression, that many of the Southern executives are manifesting extraordinary activity in the prosecution of lynchings.

entirely suppressed, owing to the strenuous efforts of the Governors and law authorities, the absence of delays in the courts, the convening of special grand juries, speedy trials following indictments and speedy penalties following convictions.

The utility of the cold-air currents was first observed in 1884, when the Thompson Falls Mercantile company used the cool air to keep butter, eggs and meat in large quantities.

For cold-storage plants, a house is built above the well and the air rushes upward continuously, keeping the temperature at an unvarying point.

Law to Stop Alteration of "Star Spangled Banner" Needed. The continued carrying at "The Star Spangled Banner," words and music, as a national hymn, was evidently impressed some minds with the idea that the text of the anthem is entitled to no respect whatever, and that any one who can write rhyme is at liberty to garble it to suit himself.

Recently one of the leading music publishers of the country issued an edition of "The Star Spangled Banner," in which the author's original third stanza has been radically and considerably "amended" by some unknown bard. The amendment, though plainly anachronistic, will probably be accepted by the public and in the course of time supersede the correct version.

The town of Thompson Falls, in Missoula county, has a strange system of cold storage, says the New York Sun. In the hottest days in summer it is possible to keep living rooms at a temperature of 55 degrees, and butter, eggs, and meat are kept cool and fresh without the least trouble.

Thompson Falls has a large number of wells that furnish cold, fresh air, which rushes upward all summer long. The wells are dug for water, but the supply of cold air is as fully important.

Lasting Carpets. Carpets made from elephant hide are said never to wear out.