

The Great American Battleship Squadron Sails for the Pacific.

GIFTS TO HARVARD'S HERBARIUM

Request of \$180,000 Provides Ample Sum for Its Needs. Miss Mary Dandridge Peck of Sterling has presented to the mineralogical museum a collection of minerals made by her grandfather...

Announcement has also just been made of the gift in June, 1907, of \$50,000 by the will of Mrs. Sarah E. Potter of Boston...

The total amount of the gift, therefore, is about \$180,000, a sum ample to provide for the needs of the herbarium in its present condition...

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Among the Humans. "What do you think of that scientist who went to Africa to study monkey chatter?" "Foolish waste of time. You can hear plenty of that here at home..."

EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

AMAZING FIGURES ON DIVORCE.

APPROXIMATELY one million divorces were granted in the United States between 1887 and 1903, and half a million more couples have got as far as the divorce courts with their marital unhappiness...

The marriage institution is rapidly losing its sacredness. The stigma that used to attach to persons breaking their marriage bonds no longer exists...

PANICS.

PANICS in the financial world differ one from another in incident and in their immediate cause; but the fundamental, underlying cause is always the same—overinvestment...

crisis comes; and the borrowing power is exhausted—as a matter of course—when the available capital in the banks has all been lent...

Those who study the course of events which led to the serious financial trouble in New York last month will disagree as to the immediate cause...

FATHER OF STEAMBOATING.

THE Scientific American has always held that, if some individual must be chosen from among the many who are associated in the development of any great invention...

With equal impartiality, prosperity has agreed to name Fulton as the father of modern steamboat navigation. In doing so, there has been no intentional slighting of the work of earlier inventors...

THE HOMESTEAD.

Girl all about with fence of white. The low-roofed cottage stands; There, stretching far, are banks of green, And you are fallow lands...

Persuasive Statistics

"John," she said, "I will be a sister to you, but—" "So it's a throwdown, eh?" asked the young man with the ruffled hair...



"HAVE YOU BEEN ADVISED OF THIS?"

pocket. Immediately thereafter he threw his shoulders back, shot his cuffs and made a comprehensive gesture. "Madam," said he, "are you aware that according to the last government census there was, in the state of New York, an excess of 65,000 females? Do you know that if every single male was married tomorrow there would be 65,000 females left over? Were you aware of this?"

SNAKES AT \$20 A FOOT.

Big Ones Consequently Come High—Some snakes, sold by the pound. "Snakes," said a dealer in wild animals and reptiles, "increase in value out of all proportion to their size..."

"Do you know," he continued with a gentle mournfulness, "that the number of old women's homes is increasing in geometrical progression? That every day, every hour, lonely spinners are obliged to seek the refuge offered by these fast growing institutions?"

He sat down beside her. "Marry," he whispered, "are you aware that the average adult male's income is less than \$9 a week—that I am getting \$40. Don't cry, little girl! It's all right. I'll have you."

A GAME IN EARNEST.

Courageous Acting Which Averted a Pirate Attack. Captain John Theaker of the Earl of Eldon was homeward bound from Bombay with a load of cotton. A large number of passengers were on board...

The passengers, bored from lack of occupation, were amused and interested when Captain Theaker proposed to play at having a fire on board. He said that they would go through all maneuvers just as if a conflagration were taking place...

When all was ready the captain calmly told the players that the game was in earnest and that the ship was really on fire, with the flames making toward the powder magazine. The boats were speedily got off, and in less than an hour the explosion occurred...

PASSING OF A SLANG WORD.

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"I was reminded of this while coming through the train from Boston this morning. For a number of years I have traveled back and forth at regular intervals between New York and Boston and have become more or less familiar with the country along the route..."

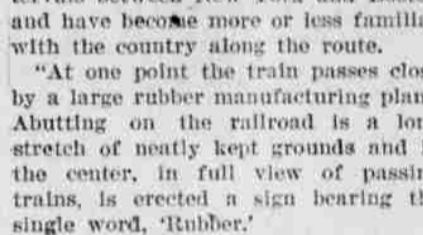
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