

Only Musk Ox Alive in Captivity



many trials and tribulations and the exchange of about 250 telegrams landed in San Francisco on Nov. 8.

Olive spent several weeks in California, becoming acclimated, and then left for Chicago. At several places along the route receptions were held, and at Topeka the animal was christened by Miss Emma Kelly, known as the heroine of Alaska. Miss Olive Jones, daughter of Colonel C. C. Jones, acted as sponsor, and the animal was named in her honor.

Olive is now snugly housed on the South Side, and takes kindly to the new quarters. The animal is 2½ years old and a good specimen of the muskox family. Few of the animals are brought out of the arctic country alive, and on this account its owner prizes the specimen highly. He contends that scientists know little about the history of the muskox and will use Miss Jones for educational purposes.

Coal Production.
Of the world's annual production of coal—650,000,000 tons—more than two-thirds is mined in the United States and Great Britain.

Coffee Consumption in Europe.
In Europe the greatest average consumption of coffee is in Denmark, and the least in Russia.

After an eventful journey, extending over land and sea, Miss Olive Jones, a native of the arctic regions, arrived in Chicago recently. Olive came in a cage, and before the christening, which took place in Topeka, Kas., was only a plain, shaggy-coated muskox without title or name. The arrival of Miss Jones was heralded by the boom of cannon and a rousing reception because Olive is the only one of the muskox family that ever reached the United States alive.

Miss Jones was captured in the far north by Captain H. H. Bodfish of Vineyard Haven, Mass. It was placed aboard a whaling schooner, and after

Old Friend of Lincoln

The men who personally knew Abraham Lincoln become fewer each year, but there is none who during the time in which the martyred president rose to prominence saw more of him than J. G. Stewart, a veteran photographer of Bloomington, Ill. In 1857 Mr. Stewart was in business in Springfield. He recalls many interesting events in the career of Lincoln and says when he first knew the "rallsplitter" that Mr. Lincoln exhibited negligence as to dress. The future president usually went about with one trouser leg caught on the top of one of his high boots. Mr. Stewart belonged to the Fremont party and following its defeat signed a call to organize the Republican party in Springfield. Among the names signed were those of A. Lincoln and Shelby M. Cullom. The first meeting was held in Mr. Stewart's gallery. The organization was called the Lincoln club. During the presidential campaign in which Lincoln was the nominee for president Mr. Stewart made over 450,000 pictures of Lincoln.



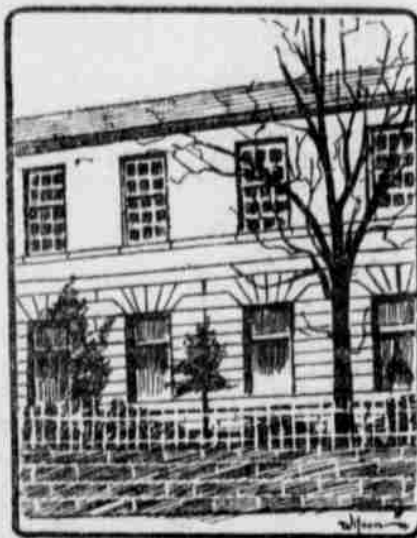
J. G. Stewart.

American Duchess' New Home.

The Duke of Marlborough's new house in Curzon street, London, is perceptibly "taking form," and the iron pillars and girders of the frame look like a huge skeleton. A feature of the interior is to be the marble hall and

staircase winding round it, with pretty galleries. The house will not be very lofty, considering its size, but standing alone and among smaller buildings, it will be very light and airy. The site was a present to the Duchess Consuelo from her father, Mr. Vanderbilt.

STEVENSON'S OLD HOME



The house in which Robert Louis Stevenson was born is for sale, and the price asked is somewhat less than \$3,000. Stevenson's birthplace is the quaint building at 8 Howard place, Edinburgh. He first saw the light there on Nov. 13, 1850, and when only a few days old he was baptized by his grand-

father, the minister of Colinton. Two and a half years after the birth of the future author the Stevensons removed from Howard place, and the earliest recollections which Robert associated with home reverted to the house in Inverleith terrace. It was in that place the novelist dreamed his boyhood dreams, and there were born many of the ideas which were afterward to develop into thrilling romances. Three doors from that house lived William E. Henley during the time he was the editor of the Scots Observer. This is recalled by Mr. Henley's late attack on the character of his dead friend and collaborator.

A Queer Christmas Present.

A good story is told of a professor of mathematics in an Illinois college, who is noted for his devotion to his profession and also for his eccentricity. Desiring to make a favorite pupil a Christmas present, he sent him a very difficult problem to solve. He liked nothing better than the disentanglement of a knotty mathematic puzzle, and took it for granted that his pupil would be delighted with his present.

NEW ENGLISH STAMPS

With the new year in Britain begins the issue of the stamps of the new reign. The penny (two cent), which will become the most familiar, is a bright red, the authorities having gone back to the old color. King Edward VII's head takes the place of Victoria's, whose portrait figured on the national stamp for more than sixty years, penny postage dating from Jan. 10, 1840. For the greater part of her reign the queen was represented by the single portrait taken in her youth. Opinions differ as to the design for the face of King Edward, and some find difficulty in recognizing the likeness. The present issue of stamps include the half-penny (green), the 2½ pence (blue), used especially for foreign countries, and the sixpenny (purple), all having the same design, except that the 2½ pence stamp bears its denomination in figures. The artist has idealized the face of the king.



considerable success avocations which formerly belonged exclusively to men. In England and France, if not in Scotland, lady architects are not uncommon, and display considerable skill in monumental drawing.

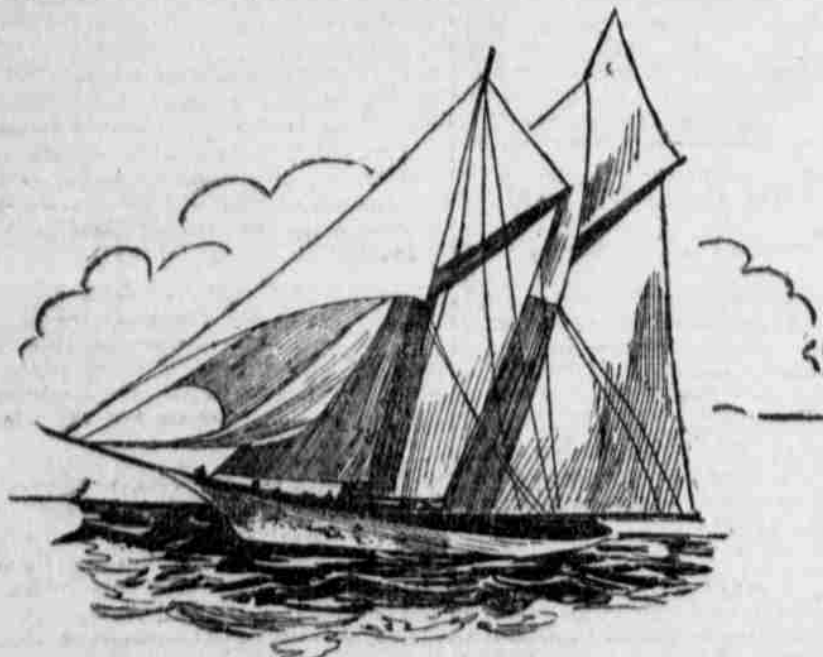
New Field for Women.

In not a few of the granite cutting yards in Aberdeen, Scotland, female draughtsmen (or draughtswomen) are employed. This opens up a new field for female skill, and demonstrates once more that women are filling with con-

The Amoor River.

The Amoor, the great stream of China and Siberia, is 1,500 miles in length, but for nearly nine months in the year is icebound.

Emperor William's Yacht



Emperor William desires that his new yacht, now building in the United States, shall be christened by President Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, and at the New Year's reception at the Old Palace she requested the United States Ambassador, Andrew D. White, to ask the President to allow Miss Roosevelt to christen the vessel. Miss Roosevelt has consented.

The contract made by Carey, Smith

& Barbe, naval architects, to construct an American schooner yacht for Emperor William of Germany, was let to the Townsend & Downey Shipbuilding Company of Shooter's Island, Staten Island.

The yacht is to be completed in time for next year's racing season. Special specifications made by the emperor are being carried out in the building of the vessel.

PRETTIEST WOMAN IN PARIS

Mlle. D'Hally, who won the 10,000-franc beauty prize in Paris, is a popular music hall singer, and has been one of the stars of the vaudeville stage for several seasons. The best critics of female beauty in France have pronounced the brunette visage of the actress to be all but faultless in symmetry and regularity. Mlle. D'Hally receives \$2,000 in cash for being the "prettiest woman in Paris."

Odd Use of Mirrors.

In a village in the Cotswolds England, it is the custom to place a small mirror on the front door under the knocker, in which the visitor may examine his appearance before entering.

The Woodbridge (Suffolk) Urban District Council of England has resorted to novel means of preventing accidents at dangerous street corners. Three roads in the authority's district meet at awkward angles, and collisions between vehicles have been rather common. Widening by demolition of house property being impossible, the surveyor recommended the erection of mirrors. By this means drivers can see through brick walls, so to speak, and the experiment has proved successful.

Industrial Schools in Germany.

There are schools in Germany for farmers, gardeners, florists, fruit growers, foresters, blacksmiths, carpenters, machinists, cabinet-makers, bookkeep-

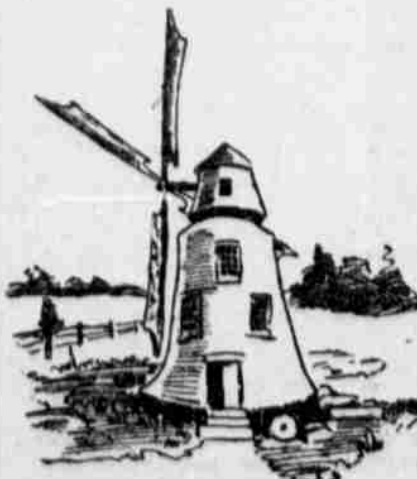


ers, tailors, shoemakers, druggists; there are cooking schools, institutes for training servant girls, barbers, and chiropodists. One can find a school in Germany for teaching anything one wants to know; and it is usually supported by the government and free to all comers, or, perhaps, only a nominal tuition is charged.

Telephones in Western Europe.

Western Europe will soon have as complete a long-distance telephone service as the United States now has.

CURIOUS OLD GRIST MILL



One of the most curious industrial plants in the West is the old Holland type of grist mill at Benson, near Bloomington, Ill. It was erected upward of thirty years ago, and is still

doing business. It is operated by wind power, re-enforced by a small engine, which can be called into use whenever nature's agent falls in its adequacy. The tall circular building is surmounted by four huge wings, each of which is forty feet in length, or eighty in the length of each pair. The mill is sixty feet high and is quite attractive for artists who desire a picturesque bit of rural scenery.

Female Divinity Students.

The Edinburgh University Court have resolved to make provision within the university for the instruction of women in the subjects taught in the faculty of divinity by adding them to the classes of that faculty. The resolution takes effect as from the beginning of the next academical year.

There are forty-eight different kinds of house fly known and classified.

Gave Up Wealth for Love

By marrying Lewis Herzog, an artist, Fannie Rayne McComb, a New York girl, may lose several million dollars. It was a case of love or wealth, and the young woman chose the former.

Miss McComb is the daughter of James J. McComb, a multimillionaire, who died March 31 last.

Mr. McComb objected to Mr. Herzog as a prospective son-in-law, and a few days before his death he added a codicil to his will which delayed the wedding until the present.

The McComb estate is said to be \$20,000,000 and the share of Miss Fannie, which the will will make the same as the share of each of the other children, would, it has been computed, yield her \$110,000 a year. But "the ninth subdivision of the third codicil" of the will reads as follows:

"In case my daughter Fanny shall marry Mr. Louis Herzog, the provision which she shall enjoy from my estate shall be as follows:

"An annuity of \$15,000 a year shall be paid to her so long as she shall live free and clear from any enjoyment of interference herewith on the part of her husband."

There is also a provision that \$300,000 shall be divided among her children.

Some people predicted that the codicil would prove the means of break-

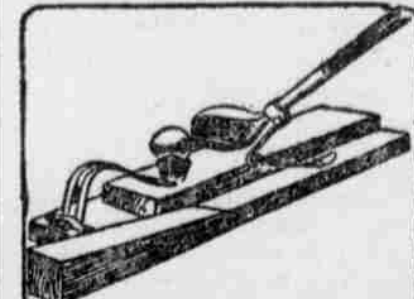


Miss Fannie McComb.

ing off the match, but they did not count on the spirit of Miss Fannie McComb. She had been reared in luxury and knew the value of millions, but her "heart was true to Paul," as the wedding proved.

INDOOR GOLF PRACTICE

Even the best players lose their "form" from continued absence from the links in the winter season, and it is safe to say that the apparatus here represented will prove practical in with accuracy. The invention has been patented by Eyre Crowe of Banbury, England, and its chief feature



is that it indicates after each shot the exact position of the club at the time the ball was struck, and also the direction of the stroke. It will be especially valuable to beginners, also, as it enables them to master the different clubs without the fatigue incident to traveling over the links while following up the ball. This apparatus consists of a flat board, with a lower strip attached at the side, and a curved spring at the end to carry the tee. The club has a spring attached near the head, with a leather bulb at the outer end. The tee is formed of a tuft of vertical bristles, and the ball is of wood or some other material, which will not injure the walls of a room. When all is ready the surface of the board is chalked or smeared with some marking substance, and a glance at the marks after the stroke is made will show its direction and accuracy.

Loss of Life in Alps.

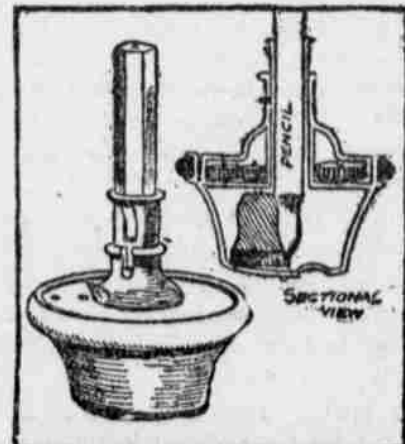
Since January 1, 118 lives have been lost by accident in the Swiss Alps—a larger number than in any similar period in the past.

Hand-Painted Lap Dogs.

Fashionable Moscow lap dogs are now hand-painted in decorative designs, according to the St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya.

NEW PENCIL SHARPENER

Between the large crank operated pencil sharpener and the small pocket one there has hitherto seemed to be no medium-sized article which had neither cost nor bulk as an objection to it. The picture shown below illustrates a novelty in this line. The upper view shows the front sections cut away to expose the gearing and show the position of the pencil. There is an inner sleeve, in which the pencil is inserted, with a clamp to aid in holding it rigid. The gear wheels are connected in a train between the outer hood and the cutting shaft seen at the side of the pencil. The pencil to be sharpened is forced into the sleeve until it strikes the cutter. The operator then grasps the hub in one hand, places the rubber-covered friction ring in contact with a desk or table top and rolls the ring on the plane surface, which rapidly revolves the cutter in connection with the pencil. Eugene Burke of Lakeview, Ore., is the patentee.



began to pick up a stray bird here and there. One fell about fifty yards ahead, and calling to his dog, "Dead bird," he reloaded and slowly advanced. Just as the dog reached the bird he was seen to leap into the air a foot or two, the action being accompanied by a faint yelp. Now the quail fell, as I have said, only about fifty yards away, but when the hunter reached the spot the dog lay stone dead. He had been struck by a rattler six feet in length, and death was nearly instantaneous.

Quick Death from Snake Bite.

To illustrate the quickness with which death comes from the bite of a big rattler: A resident of this city was after quail, with two fine pointers. After scattering a large covey he

HONOR FOR MRS. VANDERBILT



comes through General Eaton of the English army, for many years a close friend to the king, and the husband of Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's sister.

Mrs. Vanderbilt before her marriage was Miss Elsie French. They were married June 14 at Newport.

Staging in Yukon Country.

The first winter schedule of the White Pass and Yukon Railway has been received by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Two stages a week run each way, leaving White Horse Wednesdays and Saturdays. The distance is 380 miles, which is traveled in about five days. There are seventeen posthouses, where relays of horses are obtained and where meals are served.

Music With Laughing Gas.

The French Academie de Medecine has been much excited over a new dental apparatus which combines the administration of gas with phonographic musical selections. While you are inhaling the one you are likewise drinking in the other, and the result is said to be "a most agreeable sensation."