

## Persons, Places and Things

### HAD GOOD CAUSE TO BE ALARMED

Members of Dinner Party Feared They Had Unwittingly Become Cannibals

I was invited along with other Europeans on the beach to one of the biggest feasts that have been seen in Opobo, says a writer in Chamber's Journal. At the feast all kinds of fish, fowl and soup, cooked after the native fashion, were served. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the feast until near to the finish, the chaser (dessert) was brought in. This dish they called palm-oil chop. While it was being served there rolled out of the vessel what to all appearances was a human skull. Suddenly all the Europeans turned pale as though suffering from an acute attack of sea-sickness; and the symptoms they developed were identical, for that dinner would not stay down. The chief, in alarm, inquired what made his friends so ill. One of the sufferers, whose eyes protruded from their sockets, and afraid to trust himself to speak, placed his handkerchief to his mouth and jerked his thumb in the direction of the skull. The chief grasped the situation and with unaffected concern tried to comfort his sick guests by saying, "It be all right. He be no man; he be monkey."

### WELCOMED O'REILLY TO FREEDOM

Honor Enjoyed by John W. Goff, Recorder of New York City.

John W. Goff, recorder, New York city, holds the oldest judicial office in



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the United States. All his predecessors were Knickerbockers born and bred, but he, a native of the Emerald Isle, came to this country as a juvenile emigrant in paternal care.

He was one of the first to welcome to the land of the free John Boyle O'Reilly, when the latter escaped from the Australian penal settlement. That incident led to the formation of an organization to aid the comrades whom O'Reilly left behind, and the young lawyer became its secretary and counsel.

Mr. Goff has presided at many murder trials, sentencing the last man who was hanged in the state and the first man who was executed by electricity. Mollieux was convicted in his court.

### What an Expert Thought of the Coal.

The promoter of a recently discovered coal mine down east sent a quantity of the fuel to a university professor with a request for a certificate as to its quality. This is what the professor wrote: "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have tried this coal in my fireplaces, grates and stoves for several weeks, and, having done so, I can confidently recommend to all my friends that they hurry into the state of Rhode Island on the day of judgment, being well satisfied that it will be the last portion of the earth to burn."

### Antiquity of Checkers



Paintings representing checker playing have been taken from the tombs of Egyptians buried 5,000 years ago.

### Catholic Bishop of Weight.

The Catholic bishop of Armidale, Australia, is probably the weightiest prelate in Christendom. His name is Dr. Terreglianni and he was the head of the Capuchian monastery at Peckham Rye when promoted to this diocese twenty years ago. He is a man of enormous physical bulk and is said to weigh nearly 300 pounds. Once when officiating in his cathedral he was fired at by a lunatic. He escaped uninjured, the bullet passing through his vestments.

### Threaten Calcutta Landmark.

Calcutta is in danger of losing its principal landmark, the Ochterlony monument. It has been discovered that it occupies the only site that is really available for Lord Curzon's new Victoria memorial hall. General Sir David Ochterlony, in whose memory it was erected (1758-1825), distinguished himself in the operations against the Ghoorkas, 1814 and 1815, and in other Indian wars.

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

### PROMINENT IN WORK FOR WOMEN

Rev. Anna H. Shaw, America's Foremost Woman Lecturer.

Prominent among the women who have by their personal influence and unceasing labors on the lecture platform, and in divers other ways, endeavored to advance the cause of woman suffrage and who has, by the exercise of her talent, come to be recognized as the foremost woman lecturer of the day, is Rev. Anna Howard Shaw. Miss Shaw has been actively identified with women's clubs for years and has frequently been honored by office in leading societies. At present she is touring the country lecturing on political equality, and everywhere her remarkable personal power her eloquence and convincing arguments are attracting great attention.



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### CALLED A "QUEEN AMONG WOMEN"

Senator Depew Pays a Handsome Compliment to His Wife.

For the eleventh successive year the Montauk club of Brooklyn proposed toasts to and heard a speech from C. M. Depew upon the occasion of his birthday.

Senator Depew after dinner, addressing the members of the Montauk club, referred to his recent marriage by saying:

"An event which happened in my life since last we met which points rather to the future than to the past. It is an event full of hope and happiness and emphasizes my belief in the maxim that it is not good for man to be alone.

"Having tried both single blessedness and marriage a sufficient number of mature years to thoroughly test the



Mrs. C. M. Depew.

question. I bear unqualified testimony to the fact that that man who marries is happier.

"I consider my wife a queen among women."

Mrs. Depew, when she heard of the senator's compliment, seemed perfectly happy and smiled her approval.

### Mme. Melba's Wildcats.

Recently in Paris Mme. Melba tried to imitate Mme. Bernhardt in having savage household pets, like the "Divine Sarah's" panther. Accordingly she bought from a sailor a pair of caged wildcats. The wildcats were smuggled into her apartments by Melba's maid, much to the girl's distress. One day while the cage door was ajar to introduce food one of the beasts clawed terribly the hand of the servant, who fled shrieking, leaving the wildcats in possession of the rooms. The brutes were on the rampage for two hours, climbing curtains, upsetting bottles and crockery, and tearing valuable tapestries to shreds.

### Jefferson's Desk.



This desk, which Thomas Jefferson used in writing the Declaration of Independence, is preserved in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

### Hitt an Expert Stenographer.

Congressman Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, is an expert stenographer and has been ever since before the civil war. He made verbatim reports of some of the great Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858, and though it is many years since he did much work of that kind his hand has not forgotten its cunning.

## AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

### WILL RECLAIM MILES OF SWAMP

Marshes in Northern Minnesota to Be Turned Into Fine Farming Land.

A great deal of northern Minnesota is about as flat as a floor. Over a wide area east of the Red River Valley the water partings between the streams are scarcely perceptible. Many of the streams meander in tortuous courses sluggishly over the prairie and lose themselves finally in low marshes. Some of the rivers, as shown on the maps, appear suddenly to terminate just as rivers are marked on maps of deserts where the streams are lost in the sands.

A number of these large marshes are not far from the Red River Valley. It is proposed to dig some long ditches to lead the waters of these now sodden and worthless lands into the valley. The Lost River ditch will be four miles long, and will drain 23,000 acres of swamps; the Badger ditch will be eight and a half miles long, draining 5,300 acres; the New Solum ditch will be four miles long, draining 1,000 acres; the Goodhope ditch, five miles in length, will also drain an important area.

The total cost of these four ditches is estimated at \$26,500, and they will turn 30,000 acres of swamp lands into the richest of fields and meadows, adding most appreciably to the productive area of the state and improving the health conditions in that part of the country.

### FOUNDED WORTHY ORGANIZATION

Young Women's Christian Association Had Its Origin in Chicago.

Mrs. Denison F. Groves, whose residence at 115 Loomis street, Chicago,



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twenty-five years ago was the scene of the founding of the Young Women's Christian Association, was present at the silver anniversary of the organization. Mrs. Groves has been made an honorary life member by the society. It was at a gathering of not more than half a dozen Chicago women that the idea of the society had its birth. Mrs. E. G. Clark was made the first president. The society developed rapidly until now it is one of the largest organizations of young women in the country.

### Attorney Jerome's Pen.

District Attorney Jerome, as is well known, did not take a very active part in the recent case in which Miss Florence Burns played a prominent part, says the New York Times. When the news was brought to him, after the woman's release by the coroner, that she had accepted an offer to appear in comic opera, his reply, given in his characteristic and effective drawl, was: "Ah, I see; not going to Sing Sing; merely going to sing."

### SUCCEEDS CARDINAL MARTINELLI

Archbishop Falconio, New Papal Delegate in Canada, Has Been Selected.

Archbishop Falconio, the papal delegate in Canada, has been definitely



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selected to succeed Cardinal Martinelli, the papal delegate to the United States.

This appointment will not be officially announced, however, until the consistory of next October.

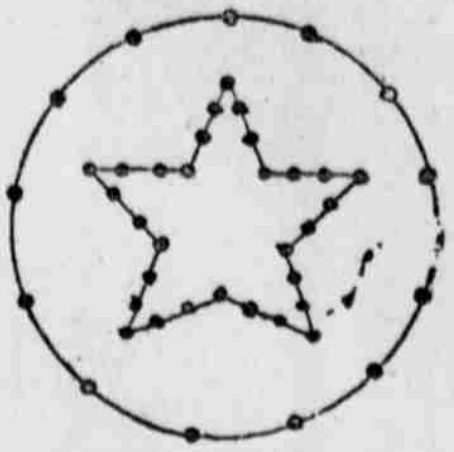
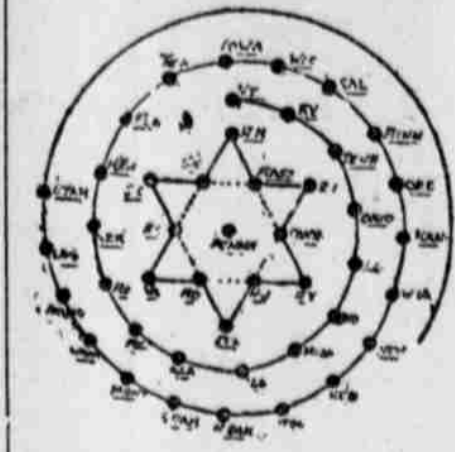
It was felt that Archbishop Falconio's experience in Canada, his learning, his command of the English language and his diplomatic abilities especially fitted him for the Washington post.

## OPPOSE CHANGE IN FLAG

Despite agitation for a change, the arrangement of stars in the blue field of the American flag will remain as it is if prominent officers of local patriotic associations have their way. These have expressed their disapproval of the idea of Representative J. F. Shafroth of Colorado as embodied in his bill introduced in congress, on the grounds that it is too formal and would lack permanency. In this design the thirteen original states form a circle around a star made up of smaller stars, each representing a

llam H. Carson, past commander of E. B. Wolcott post, No. 1, "nor should the stars in the flag. The design before congress is too set, and that of the Philadelphia man would cause the states last admitted to occupy positions at the end of the tail, so to speak. There is plenty of room in the field for all new states according to the present arrangement, and the design should not be changed."

Mrs. Thomas H. Brown, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said: "We love our flag



Vogt and Shafroth Plans for Arranging the Stars Representing the Various States in the Proposed New National Banner.

state, while the territories stand waiting admission to the larger star.

The composite flag proposed by Harry Vanetti Vogt of Philadelphia, is also condemned. It is said that the arrangement would give certain states a preference over others in point of position.

"The stars in the blue field of the heavens are not arranged according to a geometrical design," said Dr. Wil-

because it is as it is, and no change could compensate for the loss of those characteristics which have endeared it to us."

"I favor the present arrangement," said Mrs. Charles Catlin, president of the Daughters of the War of 1812, "and would not express a preference for any design until I saw that we could no longer retain the flag as it is."—Indianapolis News.

### The Great Manufacturing States.

It is a somewhat curious fact that the seven states which stood first in 1890 in the value of manufactured products stand first again in 1900, and in exactly the same order. First of all comes New York; second, Pennsylvania; third, Illinois; fourth, Massachusetts; fifth, Ohio; sixth, New Jersey; and seventh, Missouri. Illinois is third in population, as in manufactured product. In that respect it occupies a normal position. Its output per unit of population is \$261, compared with New York's \$299, Pennsylvania's \$291 and New Jersey's \$324. The output per unit is affected by the character of the business carried on. New Jersey is the home of the silk manufacturing industry of the United States. It is partly owing to the manufacture of this expensive product that New Jersey, in one respect, outranks Illinois.

### Queer Japanese Marriage Custom.

Wild geese are considered the best examples of conjugal felicity in the animal world; thus the groom sends the bride a pair of these birds, and she in turn presents them to her parents. To further emphasize the matter, the groom brings another pair to the wedding, and they roost in the room during the ceremony. Their conduct is watched with care, for they must not struggle to escape during the proceedings. Fortunate the bridegroom who cannot secure these geese alive and must be content to substitute toy imitations of the birds, for then he has no anxiety lest the wild propensity assert itself during the marriage rites, and thus prove an ill omen to the household.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Charles Lamb's Essays.

Charles Lamb would write one of his essays in an evening, after a day spent at his desk in the East India office.

## Illustrated Journalism in the Chinese Empire



With other western innovations, illustrated journalism has invaded the Celestial Empire. Here is a recent news illustration from the Shanghai Tong Wen Pu. It depicts, as the Chinese text attached to it states, the arrival at the imperial palace in Peking of many young Manchu girls.

These girls come to present themselves to the Dowager Empress as candidates for the post of court lady or imperial concubine.

The Dowager Empress' first task, on her return to Peking, was the reconstitution of the Emperor's harem, which forms also his body guard. It is largely through the ladies of the harem that the remarkable old Empress Dowager is kept informed of what little may go on in the mind of the nominal sovereign, Kwang-Su, and is thus enabled to maintain her influence over him. She is the real ruler of the empire.

## THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

### AWFUL DEED OF INSANE MOTIER

Wealthy Society Woman Kills Her Son and Herself at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

A lamentable double tragedy occurred a few days ago at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., when Mrs. Albert Edwin Tower, wealthy, cultured, and a leader in New York and Newport society, killed her



Mrs. Albert Edwin Tower.

14-year-old son, whom she idolized, in a fit of nervous frenzy and then sent a bullet through her brain. Her husband is a wealthy iron master and had been called to the Poughkeepsie Iron Foundry, which he conducts, owing to an accident there. During the evening Mrs. Tower, who had been a victim of nervous disorder, entertained a few friends, after which she and her son retired to their rooms. A little before midnight she rang up her husband on the 'phone and asked him to return home. She received an evasive reply. A little later she repeated the message, threatening that if he did not come at once he would never see her or his son alive. Mr. Tower had received similar messages before and he made light of his wife's request. But Mrs. Tower was in deadly earnest, and a little after midnight she secured a revolver, went to her son's chamber and shot him five times, killing him instantly. With another revolver she ended her own life. It is now supposed that the unfortunate woman would have attempted her husband's life had he returned at her summons.

From the scientific standpoint, the most singular thing connected with the tragedy is the fact that Mrs. Tower's mother, many years ago, had made a similar but unsuccessful attempt on the life of her son and herself.

The Towers owned a palatial home



The Tower Mansion, Poughkeepsie, in Poughkeepsie, a mansion in Newport and a handsome yacht and possessed unlimited means. Both father and mother worshipped the boy who met with such a horribly tragic end.

### Divorce in Europe.

Divorce was established in Germany in 1875. From 1881 to 1885 the yearly number of divorces was about 8,000. While of late years it exceeds 10,000. In England divorce was established in 1857. During the years 1858-1862 the annual number was about 200; in 1894, about 550; in 1898, about 650. In Austria, where only non-Catholics can apply for a divorce, the number of demands for divorce increased 25 per cent in four years, and in Belgium about 20 per cent in four years.

### MARION MANOLA MASON VERY ILL

Popular Singer Now on a Couch of Suffering in a Boston Hospital.

Marion Manola Mason, who is seriously ill in a Boston hospital, is one of the most widely known women on the American stage. Eleven years ago she won her sensational divorce suit in Boston against Henry S. Mould of Cleveland, and one month later she married "Jack" Mason in London. These events were the occasion of



much gossip at that time. Mrs. Mason is a handsome woman, dark, with clear cut features and a most pleasing voice. Her best talent lay in the charming manner in which she personated male characters.