

SUN WARDS IN HOSPITALS.

They Are Very Largely Instrumental in Curing Many Patients of Disease.

The theory that sunlight exerts a powerfully healing influence upon disease processes has now become so well established that the sunroom is regarded as a necessity in a well-appointed hospital. In the plans of new hospitals that aspire to be up to date the solarium finds a prominent place, and to keep up with the advances of medical science many of the old hospitals are attaching solariums to their buildings, says the Trained Nurse.

The sun ward is easily built. It must be, of course, on the south side of the building, having its eastern, southern and western walls largely constructed of glass. A good plan is to build a large bay window, with metal frame work, and, if the hospital building is to be three or four

THEY HAVE HARD SERVICE.

Soldiers in the French Foreign Legion Have Anything But an Easy Time.

The French foreign legion, which is again the subject of Parisian political gossip, offers about the hardest military service in the world, and no one who knows enters it until he has exhausted all other means of support or wishes to bury himself, says a London paper. Men of all nations are in its ranks, many of them hard characters, criminals and jailbirds, and it is always sent by France to do the dirty work which that country naturally does not choose to impose upon its own children.

Thus it has held the frontiers of the African colonies, where every now and then a post is cut to bits by a wild Arab tribe. The fever-infested portions of Cambodia and Indo-China, which Lodi has described, have also been the scene

THE RICHARDSON CASE.

The Establishment of the Innocence of a Business Partner—The Dead Millionaire Enamoured of a Young Woman.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—Two sensations resulted yesterday from the evidence adduced at the inquest over the murder of Frank Richardson, the millionaire merchant, who was shot down in his home at Savannah Christmas eve. The first sensation was testimony establishing the probable innocence of the business partner of the murdered man, who has been under suspicion as the murderer, it having been alleged that the partner, just previous to the murder, was accused by Richardson of undue intimacy with Mrs. Richardson. The second sensation was the fact that the testimony tended to fix the responsibility for the crime on a woman and her adviser, a traveling man, who are alleged to have black-mailed the deceased out of various sums of money, covering a period of almost a year.

Charles Stanton, superintendent of the electric light station, testified that Richardson was very much affected of Goldie Whitehead, a young woman who resided at Stanberry, Mo., with whom Mr. Richardson had been on intimate terms and who appeared to be hounding him for money. Sensational evidence is expected today.

YEAR'S RAILROAD STATISTICS

Fewer Miles of New Track Laid in 1900 Than in 1899—Texas Leads with 318 Miles—Kansas Had None.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fewer miles of new railroad were built in 1900 than in 1899. The total in all the states and territories aggregates 4,321 miles. Texas comes first with 318 miles. Missouri built 52 miles and Kansas none. Oklahoma is credited with 137 miles of new road and Indian territory with 158 miles. The longest stretch of new track, 142 miles, has been built by the St. Louis & San Francisco on its extension from Sulpala, I. T., to Denison, Tex.

TRAGEDY AT A DANCE.

Missouri Ex-Convict Named Charles May Killed Two Men Near DeKalb and Made His Escape.

DeKalb, Mo., Dec. 29.—Charles May, an ex-convict, shot Robert Martin and John Mettee at a dance near DeKalb at midnight. Martin is dead and Mettee cannot live. May was recently released from the Missouri penitentiary, where he served a term with his uncle for the murder of a farmer named Burdette, in the same neighborhood. He has not been apprehended.

THE CUDAHY ABDUCTION.

The Pony Identified as One Sold to a Man Answering Pat Crowe's Description.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—Daniel Burris yesterday positively identified at Pacific Junction, Ia., the pony left there mysteriously in the barn of a Mrs. Mack the day following the Cudahy abduction as one he sold to a man answering the description of Pat Crowe, a few days before the occurrence of that event.

Fine Horses for President McKinley.

Akron, O., Dec. 29.—A team of fine coach horses, purchased for President McKinley by an agent, were shipped from Fairlawn, Summit county, yesterday. They are perfectly matched bays, with black points, 16 hands high and weigh 1,250 each. The horses were sired by a Morgan stallion, Bay Highland, first dam by the imported coach horse, Ensation, and second by Eric Abdallah.

To Attack the British Policy.

London, Dec. 29.—A journalistic change of much significance will soon be announced. The Daily News, the oldest liberal paper here, will cease supporting the government's South African policy, and will virtually demand the cessation of war and the giving of liberal terms to the Boers. The paper has been strongly imperialistic since the beginning of hostilities.

The Per Capita Wealth of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 29.—After January 1, in making the calculation of the per capita wealth of the United States, the Hawaiian islands, Alaska and the Indian territory will be included. The probable effect will be to slightly reduce the per capita wealth, which now is about \$27.

Ohio Man Succeeds Morris.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The president has tendered to Fred Rittman, of Cleveland, the position of fourth auditor of the treasury, made vacant by the tragic death of Auditor Morris. Mr. Rittman has for some 15 or 20 years been engaged in the banking business in Cleveland.

Successor to Senator Pettigrew.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 29.—As a result of a compromise between republican factions in South Dakota, Congressman Robert J. Gamble will succeed R. F. Pettigrew in the United States senate.

AN OBSERVATION CAR.

The Open-Top Chilliilli—The Newest Thing in Railway Car Architecture—Its Origin.



The very newest thing in railway car architecture is a passenger car for steam roads, built very much on the lines of the summer trolley car, except that this car can open up the top as well as the sides. The car, an illustration of which is herewith shown, was built by the Pullman Company for The American Tourist Association of Chicago, and was intended as an observation car in the great canyons of mountainous Mexico. The car was invented by Beau Campbell, the Mexican traveler, and came about as follows:

Some years ago, when Mr. Campbell was traveling through the great Tamasopo Canyon, he had a seat on the side of the car next to the mountain, the rocks of the cliff were within two feet of the window, and of course he could get not even a glimpse of the canyon, as all the windows on the other side of the car were taken up by the occupants of the adjoining seats. Determined to view the magnificence of the canyon, Mr. Campbell returned to Las Canoas, and through the courtesy of railway officials made the world famous ride on board what the superintendent called his "trolley", an open car with seats for eight persons, and with this ride came the idea that the only way the magnificence of Mexico's mountains could be enjoyed to the fullest extent would be from a car without sides or top.

The following season a coal, or gondola car, with board seats, was attached to The American Tourist Association train, and every traveler on that train climbed into it. Afterwards the Mexican Government prohibited the carrying of passengers in freight cars, and the coal car had to go. Then the building of a passenger car without a top was decided on, and the Chilliilli came in evolution from a work car to the coal car, and to the consummation of itself.

The Chilliilli became famous, and from an observation car went on duty as a pavilion by the sea, and a roof garden, for it is electric lighted, and has an outfit of Chinese lanterns. But the favorite is also remembered as a dining car of the triples, attached to a special train, that, during meal hours, could stand still or run just fast enough to secure a breeze, and not raise a dust.

The Chilliilli is the largest observation or dining car ever built. There are seats (reversible as in a coach) for 48 people and when the tables are in place 56 persons may sit down to dinner. stories high, this bay window may extend to the full height of the main structure. With this arrangement each floor will have the advantages of a sun ward. The means of ventilation should be perfect and the heating arrangements adequate, for the sun bath is just as practicable and useful on bright, wintry days as on sunny days of summer. If the outlook from the windows of the solarium is pleasant, if the landscape is diversified with hills, trees, green lawns or fields or a lake or a bit of the ocean, so much the better. Unfortunately for some institutions, the south view from the hospital is limited by walls of brick and stone. Nothing, however, can deteriorate the direct rays of the sun, so that, wherever possible, this exceedingly useful and very cheap commodity should be utilized for therapeutic effects.

Wheat from Egyptian Tombs.

The statement has frequently been made that it is possible to cause grains of wheat found in ancient Egyptian sepulchers to germinate and grow. This statement has been disputed, and the question was discussed at a recent meeting of the French Academy of Science. It was shown that while the albumen of wheat found in a tomb 6,000 years old had undergone no alteration, the embryo was changed and could not be caused to germinate. But a fresh embryo placed in the ancient albumen would grow, and this fact, it was said, probably accounted for the statement that the old Egyptian wheat rescued from its long entombment would sprout and grow.

Coloring of the Eskimo Baby.

An Eskimo baby is born fair, except for a dark round spot on the small of the back, varying in size from a three-penny bit to a shilling. From this center head of color the dark tint gradually spreads till the coddling Eskimo is as beautifully and as completely and as highly colored as a well-smoked meerschaum pipe. The same thing happens among the Japanese.—Albany Argus.

Visiting Kin.

Visiting kin are divided into two classes; those who sit in the parlor and are waited upon, and those who are expected to go out to the kitchen and help.—Acheson Globe.

of its exploits. The discipline, too, is most severe. Flogging is a daily occurrence and capital punishment is the result of the most trivial offenses. Thus the cases of insanity in the legion are of a much larger number than in any other branch of the French service. A physician who has been studying the insanity of the legionaries says that a majority of the cases are well developed when the men enlist, since few sane men would ever accept the conditions known to exist in this corps. He adds that in his opinion many men shot for breaches of discipline were not mentally responsible, and he says that the same trouble may cause the insubordination among the French troops with the allies in China.

INVENTED BY A WOMAN.

The Spindle and Loom Were Originally Designed by a Chinese Worker.

All women are not degraded in China. Witness the dowager empress, who rose, by the force of her own will, from the position of a slave to that of ruler over the most populous nation on the globe. Notwithstanding the prejudice against the sex among the Mongols women occasionally break through the barriers and achieve distinction.

In Shanghai, the metropolis of the most coveted section of that vast empire, is a temple erected in honor of Huang, a woman deified for her great service to her people, and Chinese men do not disdain to worship before her image.

Centuries ago an elderly lady of good family and condition, who had hitherto lived in the region of Kwan-Tung, removed to Wu-Ni-Ching, near Shanghai, where she spent the remainder of her life. Since the lady happened to be Huang, this simple event revolutionized the province in which she made her home. It was a great revolution, yet the most conservative will not accuse her of having left "woman's sphere," since her instruments were those associated with countless women, from Penelope, the terrible Fates, and the "virtuous woman" of Solomon's praise, down to our own grandmothers—the spindle and the loom.

Cotton fabrics have been used to some extent in China for 4,000 years, but the cotton interest, now so important, received its first real impetus about 500 years ago.



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