

WENT BY WIRE.

How Two Men Got Over the Great Snow Drifts. "It looks a little like snow," said the weather man the other day as he looked first out of the window and then let his eye wander over the great glass map in the senate lobby.

FITTED TO GOVERN.

Englishmen in Colonial Offices Advanced by Merit Only. There is a marked feature of the fine body of Englishmen and foreigners generally in the work in Egypt. And it is one of especial interest to those who hope to see entrance to what, for want of a better name, may be called our colonial service based upon a system of appointment and advancement by merit alone.

THE GUILTY MEN FLEE

WHEN NO PERSON PURSUETH THEM.

A Man Guilty of Smuggling Has a Very Miserable Trip—Caught He Was Being Shadowed—The "Shadow" Was Also Alarmed from Same Cause.

"I was never mixed up with a smuggling transaction but once in my life," said a New Orleans business man, whose name may as well be left out, and whose experience was so painful that I swore off then and there.

BETTER EYES NOWADAYS.

Despite the Fact That Spectacles Are Far More Common.

"Defective eyesight is certainly becoming more and more common, and the way the use of glasses has increased would be extremely startling if we had not grown accustomed to them by degrees," said one of a group of New Orleans business men.

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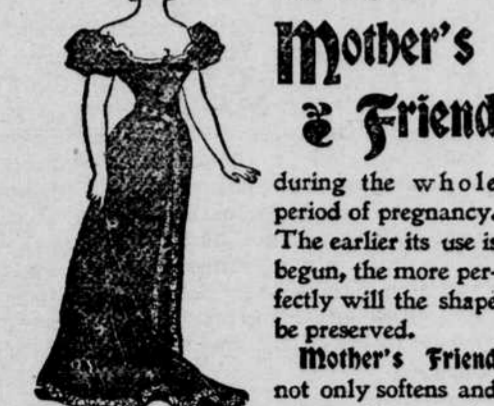
Nature the Embalmer in Falklands. A curious circumstance concerning the body of Admiral Spotts has been reported from the Falkland Islands, where he died seventeen years ago.

Man at the Fish Market. From Life: Man at the fish market—The mackerel are running very small this season, ma'am. Young Housekeeper—I suppose it's on account of the dry weather.

Visiting cards at The Frontier.

Fine Figure

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SPRIT IN A STRANGE LAND.

Natives Care for Grave of an English Officer Buried There. The British consul at Higo recently heard how the grave of a British naval officer on the island of Hiroshima, in the inland sea of Japan, was carefully kept in order by the peasants.

The Oldest Sovereign in Europe.

The Grand Duke of Luxemburg, the oldest of the reigning sovereigns of Europe, is 82 years of age. The event is one of some interest to the British royal family, as the grand duchess is a first cousin of the Princess of Wales.

High Speed Trains.

Records for high speed in express train service have been made on the French railroads lately, showing an average of 54.5 miles per hour, including stops. Special compound locomotives of the four-cylinder type, designed for this service, are employed exclusively in these trains.

Crime and Population.

An English statistician declares that crime, considered in decennial periods, bears a constant relation to population.

What evil is half cured whose cause we know.—Churchill.

The Nightmare of Microbes.

A woman who had purchased a pair of gloves was given three one-dollar bills in change. "Do it up in paper, please," she said to the salesgirl. The request was complied with, and the wrapped-up bills were put in a pocket-book.

Josephine and Napoleon's Son.

Apropos of the French Napoleonic drama now being played at the Nouveau theatre, and entitled "Le Roi de Rome," an interesting communication to the Gaulois states that Josephine only once saw Napoleon's boy. It had long been her ardent wish to set eyes on him, and at length Napoleon himself took the child, then two years old, to Malmaison.

New Devices in Cameras.

Films on rolls were introduced into photography to overcome the burden and trouble of carrying a lot of glass plates in plateholders. Films are not as capable of fine negatives as glass plates, however, and now the leading makers of photographic materials are offering cameras which carry a dozen plates, each of which can be moved after being exposed to the rear of the camera and out of harm's way by means of a flexible leather bag attached to the side or top of the instrument.

True Charity.

Mrs. Henpeque—"So you did an act of charity today to commemorate the tenth anniversary of our wedding?" Mr. Henpeque—"Yes. One of my clerks wanted a rise in salary so that he could get married, and I refused him."

A cheap coat does not make a cheap man, but it makes him feel that way at times.

PHILIPPINE INSANITY.

The United States Government Investigating a Mysterious Disease.

Much attention has been called to the number of men in the army serving in the Philippines who have gone insane. The government has sent a special commission out there to investigate the matter, and there has been talk of a mysterious disease called the "Soudanese Fever."

Big "I" in English Writing.

Did it ever occur to you that it might seem very egotistical for you to write of yourself with a capital "I" instead of using the small and less obtrusive one? The English use of the capital "I" is one of the oddest features of the language—to a foreigner. If a Frenchman writes referring to himself he makes "je" (the French equivalent of "I") with a small "j."

Practice and Theory.

Practice and theory must go together. Theory without practice to test it, to verify it, to correct it, is idle speculation; but practice without theory to animate it is mere mechanism. In every art and business theory is the soul and practice the body. The soul, without the body in which to dwell, is, indeed, only a ghost, but the body without a soul is only a corpse.

A FARMING GROUP

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