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#### New Names for London.

John Burns has found a new name for London, and it is not the least happy of the various descriptions which have been applied to the great city, says the St. James' Gazette. The Cinderella of the Cities, the member for Battersea calls it, remembering its backwardness in municipal affairs. Archdeacon Sinclair was thinking of another aspect of the metropolis when he spoke of her in a sermon at St. Paul's as "a good-natured monster of inconceivable vastness."

#### Mouths of Ant-Eaters.

Ant-eaters are in the curious position of being practically unable to open their mouths. It may almost be said, indeed, that they have no mouths to open. There is just a small round orifice at the end of the snout, through which about two feet of worm-like tongue come wriggling out. And as this tongue is bathed with liquid glue instead of saliva, every ant which it touches adheres to it, and the animal licks the insects up by hundreds at a time.

#### New Kind of Mouse. On a sand island in Dublin bay a

new kind of mouse has been found. It resembles the ordinary mouse in all except its color, which is that of the sand, and the naturalist attribute that to an interposition of nature for its protection from the owls and hawks on the island. It is supposed that they are the descendants of castaway mice, and that the protective coloration is a gradually acquired result of their surroundings.

#### President Hill's Model Farm. President James J. Hill of the Great

Northern Railroad Company owns a model farm at Pleasant Lake, Minn., about eight miles from St. Paul. He exhibits keen interest in the development of agriculture and stock raising on his farm, and has frequently given lectures at the agricultural experiment farm in Minnesota, lying midway between St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mr. Hill's farm contains a buffalo and deer park. .

#### Hindoo English.

To the Major-General Commanding: This is to give notice to all concerned that illegible miracles is now being performed by bare men in belly of great gun, contrary to astringent orders issued by my lord god. Therefore your petitioners pray for correct diagnosis of same, and removal from cantonment boundaries with exhibitions not to miracle any more .- From Mrs. Steele's "Hosts of the Lord."

Georgia Coal Reefs. Within the last two years several remarkable reefs of fossil coral have been discovered near Bainbridge, on the Flint river, in Georgia. One reef so found consisted of coral heads, some of them more than a foot in diameter. Between twenty-five and thirty specles have been recognized in these Georgia reefs. Geologists say that they belong to the tertiary age.

### Writing Life of Gladstone.

John Morley, who is writing a "Life of Gladstone," gets on slowly with the work. It took him a long time to sort out the vast accumulation of papers

Missouri Governors Are Contented. It is a curious fact that although Missouri elected its first governor more than eighty years ago, is one of the largest and most prosperous states of the country, and that from its geographical positon on the border line between North and South, has occupled an important position in national affairs, not one of its governors has ever been conspicuous in national politics, with the single exception of B. Gratz Brown, who ran for vice-president in 1872 and was overwhelmingly defeated for that office .- New York Sun.

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#### Habitat of Canaries.

Canaries, which were originally green and gray in color, were native to the islands from which they take their name, and were first taken to England on ships plying between English ports and the south of France. From this stock have been derived a number of distinct varieties, such as the crested, the green, the lizard, which imitates the reptile in it variegated markings, and the Belgian, which has a strange, hump-backed ap-

#### Greatest in the World.

pearance.

The United States is the greatest food producing country of the world. Although this country represents but one-fifth of the total civilized population of the world it produces more than one-fourth of all the food stuffs. The United States produces 74,000,000 tons 4,500,000 tons of meat of a total of 15,-200,000 tons. The Americans also produce a large percentage of the dairy and fishery production of the world.

#### Alcohol for French Motors. Builders amotor cars in France are strongly convinced that the future of the industry lies in the utilization of alcohol. ' Owners have little hope of petroleum being cheapened to any utilization of which, it is supposed,

will not only save them money, but will revive a languishing national industry at the expense of imported petroleum

#### Woman's College of Matrimony.

A woman's college of matrimony is a new century idea, which, it is reported, will be put into practical execution in Chelsea, England. The duties of a wife will become the subject of a two years' course of study. The curriculum will embrace not only the usual branches of house-wifery, such as cooking, sewing and laundry work, but is intended to deal with physiology and medicine as well.

Answered a Hypothetical Question. A school girl of Passaic, N. J., was asked this question by her teacher: "If you had \$20, how long would it take you to go to Washington, and by what route would you travel?" The next day she disappeared with \$20 of her mother's money and later was found in the national capital, seeking a practical answer to the query.

May Spoil Paris Boulevards.

#### POCKET MONKEYS IN FAVO Diminutive and Engaging Pet from the

wilds of Brazil. The latest fad in the way of pets is the pocket monkey. It is only about two years since the little fellow made

his first appearance in this country in his present capacity and he might be said to have taken the hearts of pet lovers by storm. Now his popularity has become so great that the men who make a business of catering to the whims of the people who like pets say that the demand for the pocket monkey is five times as great as the supply. They predict a bright future for the new favorite just as soon as the people down in Brazil can be made to understand what a good commercial article they have and thus be induced to make a regular business of capturing these monkeys and shipping them up here.

The pocket monkey dwells so far in the interior of Brazil as to be almost out of the reach of traders. He is, perhaps, the smallest member of the monkey family known, being about five inches long, but with a tail that is sometimes three times as long as his hody. He belongs to the marmot family of monkeys, and is extremely neat in person and cleanly of habit. If it wasn't for those characteristics, he would not now be holding the place he does in the hearts of those who have invested in him. "We can't get enough of them," said a man who makes a business of selling pets. "I have one here that I have been offered \$50 for, of grain of a total of 229,000,000, and but the average price is \$25. They are the finest little acrobats I've ever seen. For instance, here's a cage made on purpose for a pocket monkey. You will notice that it resembles a miniature gymnasium. There are trapezes, horizontal bars and all sorts of things of that kind. Now, if a pocket monkey didn't find them in his home, he would be heart broken. Of course they don't perform just whenever one wants them to, but in the morning just after they considerable extent. They are looking have waked up, you will find him dofor further economy to alcohol, the ing every conceivable gymnastic stunt, and if you don't laugh, you are a person with no sense of humor."-New York Sun.

### DESKS WITH HIDING PLACES.

#### Demand for Secret Compartments and Drawers in the Last Year.

A desk manufacturer says that in the last year he has received more orders for desks with hidden springs and secret compartments than in the ten preceding years put together. Some of them have intricate mechanism, and by pushing secret buttons the walls are made to fly open and narrow crevices revealed. As to the cause for this new demand for hidden nooks and crannies in desks he is able to give no satisfactory explanation. It would seem, however, that the man of affairs finds himself the possessor of secrets so grave that not even the stenographer is allowed to share them and that the common roll-top desk is forced to give way to the intricate, many-panelled contrivance which alone is able to hide important papers from the prying eyes of clerks and office boys. "Accepting this theory as plausible," said the manufacturer, "it would logically follow that women are burdened with Paris is threatened with an elevated more than their share of secrets for structure in its finest streets. It is fully two-thirds of these combination proposed to build a moving sidewalk, desks are intended for female customlike that used in the late exposition, ers. Why they are going to take the to run along the Avenue l'Opera, the pains of locking up incriminating docgrand Boulevards, the Boulevard Se- uments while their tongues are still at bastopol, the Rue Turbigo and the liberty is another puzzle, but then the Rue de Rivoli, a circuit of about six fad savors of the mysterious all the way through, and the feminine phase of the situation is in keeping with the rest of the circumstances."-New York Sun.

#### CHANGES IN WATCHES.

Old-Fashioned "Buil's Eye" Watches Are Disappearing.

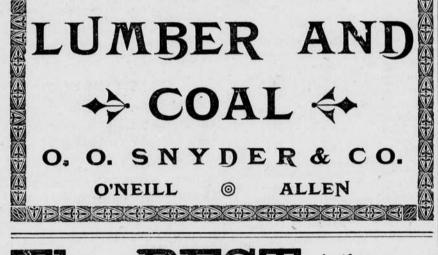
The almost total disappearance of the old-fashioned "bull's-eye" silver watches is a source of wonderment to even some watch dealers. It is practically impossible to pick up one now among them. A Chicago Tribune reporter made the rounds of the watch, pawn, and junk shops recently in quest of one of these old timepieces, and did not find it. One dealer said he knew where a single specimen was, but later admitted that the owner either had sold or lost it. A veteran watchmaker who can make a watch by hand, in referring to the disappearance of the "bull's eyes," said: "It is only natural, I suppose, that they should disappear. None of them were first-class timepieces. I mean that the best of them would vary as much as a minute a week. The cheaper machine-made watches keep better time and cost less. The first of these old 'bull's-eyes' carried the regulation Virdge movement. One hundred years ago the Virdge watches were carried by all businessmen. Later the English watchmakers made 'bull's-eyes' with improvements on the Virdge movement. I haven't seen a Virdge for two or three years. As a matter of fact, those old-fashioned, key-winding silver watches are worth only what the silver in the cases amounts to. The metal represents about a dollar in value. The works are worthless. Only one or two small wheels are taken out by the dealers. Sometimes they are useful in repairing family heirlooms. What are they worth? Why, nothing at all as timepleces. The best way to get one is to keep on inquiring among the grandfathers and great uncles until you run across one, and then beg it or buy it. It is practically worthless, except as a relic."

#### COBWEB PICTURES,

#### Unique Pictures Made by Mrs. Game well, a St. Louis Lady.

Making pictures and decorations out of cobwebs, peanut shells and postage stamps is an art created by Mrs. Belle Cooper Gamewell of St. Louis, Mo. Taken up as a fad the art has developed into a business and Mrs. Gamewell is making money, although she is well-to-do in the world. When Mrs. Gamewell wants to make one of her queer pictures she must first hunt until she finds a cobweb. The kind that accumulates in the corner of the ceiling in the homes where the housemaids can't see anything higher than the mantlepiece is best for the purpose. When she finds a web she takes it down very carefully and spreads it in the bottom of a pasteboard box. Sometimes it is necessary to gather several cobwebs to provide sufficient fairy canvas for one picture.

When the web has been spread over the bottom of the box it is ready to be painted on. Mrs. Gamewell uses brushes and oil paints, but she cannot wield the brush like the ordinary painter who puts his colors on a big, coarse canvas. She dips her brush in the paints very carefully, so that she gets only a tiny drop on it each time. The ordinary artist draws a line with a sweep of his hand. She builds the line drop by drop without ever actually touching the web with her brush. In this way she makes landscapes and flower designs that are greatly admired by her little friends. When all the paint has been deposited drop by drop on the web it is permitted to dry. Then Mrs. Gamewell covers it with a piece of thin glass or mica and the picture is complete.



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left by Mr. Gladstone in Hawarden castle. By way of explaining the slow progress he is making Mr. Morley says: "Imagine a life of nearly ninety years filled to the utmost capacity!"

#### Typewriter Prints Gaelle.

The most recent evidence of the development of the Irish language movement, under the stimulus of the Gaelic league, is the production by a Dublin firm of a typewriter which writes in beautiful neat Irish characters. It is not an uncommon thing now in Dublin to hear in government offices conversation carried on in Irish.

#### Raising Rice by Irrigation.

Since the Louisiana and Texas farmers learned to raise rice by irrigation they have invested \$5,000,000 in Cheapest tion they have invested \$5,000,000 in 1,500 miles of canals, capable of flooding 300,000 acres, and spent \$1,700,000 in building thirty modern rice mills. Under the new system rice lands pay a net profit of \$15 an acre.

#### Wooing in Atchison.

It is always customary for the family to sit on the back porch when the daughter has a beau, but an Atchison girl has such a good thing calling on her that the family leave the premises and go and sit in a vacant lot across the alley .- Atchison Globe.

#### London's Smoke Cloud.

It is estimated that London's smokecloud is fed by an estimated daily waste of 6,000 tons of coal. The cloud is distinguishable at Lockinge, sixtyfour miles from London, and in its passage a distinct residuum is left upon the soil.

#### Paul Revere's Invention.

Paul Revere, the famous revolutionary hero, was an inventor, and was the first in this country to refine and roll copper. The concern he founded in 1801, the Revere Copper company; still exists at Canton, Mass.

#### Corbin and His Flancee.

Adjutant General Corbin goes to the Philippines this summer. His flancee, Miss Patten, goes to Europe. In Noin a \$20,000 house in Washington.

#### Our People Well Fed.

The people of the United States are the best fed people of the world and 

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Curious Relle of Old Rome. During some excavations in the Forum at Rome, the laborers unearthed

#### the head and part of the body of a

marble horse. It is a magnificent piece of sculpture, and great value has been placed upon it. According to experts, the relic dates from about the second century before Christ.

#### Count "Bill", the Favored Son.

Count William Bismarck, who died favorite son of the iron chancellor. Count "\_ill," as his father always kaiser. He and his elder brother served with distinction in the war of

King Has Job to Give.

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Miller.

By the death of Colonel that Hon. Charles G. C. Eliot the office of gentleman usher in daily waiting on the king has become vacant. The salary is £250 a year, with allowances for board and lodging during the four months of annual duty.

#### Portrait of Justice Miller.

Thomas Wilson, formerly a member of the Iowa bar, has presented to the United States supreme court a large portrait of the late Justice Samuel F. Miller, painted by Mr. Witt, a New York artist, during the life of Judge

#### Helping Tulane Library.

Mrs. Caroline Stannard Tilton of Tilton Memorial Library at Tulane University in that city, and Miss Bettie Beirne Miles has added \$1,000 for the purchase of books.

#### Fog Lifts, Just Once.

The air in the English channel was so clear one day recently that the dome miles away, could be clearly seen from Dover with the naked eye.

Approaching the Poles.

been 772 miles.

#### Spools Made in Maine.

The making of spools and the sawing of wood for them have assumed such an immense proportions that they are classed among the leading industries of Maine. Not all the spool bars sawed in Maine are made into spools within the stale, but are shipped to Europe. About 15,00,000 feet are sent recently at the carly age of 48, was the across the water annually, chiefly to Scotland, one-half of the total being shipped by one concern in Bangor, alcalled him, was the godson of the first most all in steamships. Until a comparatively recent period the handsome woods of the native state have not been duly appreciated in house finishing and decorating. It is certain that no woods from other sections of the United States or from other countries are handsomer than Maine yellow birch, curly maple, brown ash, white pine and spruce. These are now coming to be appreciated, and many purely woodworking plants have been lately erected in Maine and are in successful operation.

#### The Sign of the Four.

Every piece of paper money issued in this country bears a small letter under its number, and another like letter down in the other corner. If you take the last four figures of the number on the bill, no matter what its denomination, and divide them by four, you will of course, have either a remainder of zero, 1, 2 or 3. If the remainder is zero, the letter on the bill will be A. New Orleans, has given \$50,000 for a If it is 1, the let or will be B; if it is 2, the letter will be C, and if it is 3, the letter will be D. This is one of the many precautions taken by the government against counterfeits. Few counterfeits bear these letters.

#### Three-Cept Fares.

Tom Johnson has just proposed to vember they will be married and live of Boulonge cathedral, twenty-eight the common council of Philadelphia a 3-cent fare, with free trapfers in all directions, in exchange for a trolley | try, but the amount is not likely to be franchise over as many streets as it increased, as the factories in Mexico shall designate. Three-cent fare and are changing over from steam to elec-Explorers have approached within free transfers will be the universal tric power. The rivers are many in Chronicle.

#### Men Like Tan Shoes.

"Shoe manufacturers have been trying hard for four years to drive tan and colored shoes out of the market." said a Chestnut street dealer, "and they have made an ignominous failure of it. The boom in cheap patent leathers, which was started purposely to squeeze the tan shoes from the market has almost collapsed. Many factories did not send out samples of colored shoes for this season's trade, but cont patent leather samples instead. The manufacturers who did not make this mistake are the men who are getting the summer's business. Men like tan shoes, and that's all there is about it. Women are not so fond of them because they are more trouble to keep clean."-Philadelphia Times.

#### The Land of Earthquakes.

There are certain generally accepted conclusions which are entirely wrong. One of these is as to the land of the most frequent earthquakes. Ask al-most any person and he will tell you that most earthquakes are in Japan; but he is wrong. It seems as though we hear more about earthquakes at or near Japan than at any other place, but when the facts are tabulated we find that Greece is far ahead of Japan. The latest complete reports cover a period of six years from 1893 to 1898, and during that time 3,187 earthquakes occurred in Greece and about one-half of that number in Japan. The island of Zanta alone had 2,018 shocks during the six years.

#### Our Exports to Mexico.

Last year the United States sent over \$31,000,000 worth of goods into Mexico. This was nearly \$7,000,000 more than the year before. The increase of late has been chiefly due to large exportations of machinery and electrical supplies. Mexico buys a good deal of her coal from this counthe country.