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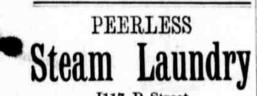
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# THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

The Roh-i-moor-The Crown Jewel England-Its Antiquity.

The Koh-i-noor, or mountain of light, was first publicly exhibited in England at the Crystal Palace in 1851. Its history is inti mately associated with India for many cen turies. Originally found in Golconda, the Hindgos (fond of high- numbers) say that it was in the possession of Kama, king of Auga, \$,001 years ago. Coming to more recent times, it was said to have been stolen from one of the native kings by Mininzola, and presented by him to Shah Jehan, father of Aurungzehe, in 1640. It was then much larger than at present; in fact, it had the reputation of being the largest diamond ever known. Shah Jehan employed a Venetian diamond worker called Hortensio Barges, who cut away one-half of it and left it so very imperfect that instead of rewarding him Shah Jehan fined him \$50,000. Early in the present century it was the property of the king of Cabul. The rajah of Lahore, Runjeet Singh, hearing marvelous stories of its great size and inestimable value determined to get hold of it. Consequently he invited the khan to his court, and when he had him in his power demanded its surrender. The khan, anticipating this, had

caused to be made a fictitious kohinoor, ex actly imitating the real diamond; and this, after a show of resistance, he at length handed over to his host. Runjeet's delight was extreme, but of short duration, as the lanidary to whom he cave orders to mount it acquainted him with the deception. His mortification and rage were unbounded. He gave orders for the residence of the khan to be invested and searched from the top to the bottom; but all was in vain, no kohinoor could be found, until a slave revealed the secret-it was hid in a heap of ashes. Runjeet then caused it to be set in an armlet be tween two other diamonds, each of which was the size of a sparrow's egg. After his death it passed into the hands of his successors, and when the Punjaub was annexed to the Indian possessions of England it was sent as a present to Queen Victoria by the East India company. When examined by European diamond merchants it was pronounced to be badly cut; hence it was sent to be recut, a work which occupied thirty-eight days of twelve hours each.

# Tom Bowling.

"Tom Bowling," by Charles Dibdin, ha been asked for. We give it below:

Here, a sheer hulk, lies poor Tom Bowling, The darling of our crew: No more he'll hear the tempest howling-For death has broach'd him to. His form was of the manliest beauty, His heart was kind and soft; Faithful below he did his duty, But now he's gone aloft.

Tom never from his word departed-His virtues were so rare; His friends were many and true hearted, His Poll was kind and fair. And then he'd sing so blithe and jolly-

Ah! many's the tune and oft, But mirth is turned to melancholy, For Tom is gone aloft.

Yet shall poor Tom find pleasant weather, When he who all commands Shall give, to call life's crew together,

The word to pipe all hands. Thus death, who kings and tars dispatches, In vain Tom's life has doff'd; For, though his body's under hatches,

His soul has gone aloft.

Leaves from History's Pages. Gas lighting was introduced into New York in 1823-4.

The divorce of the Emperor Napoleon from the Empress Josephine was decreed by the French senate Dec. 16, 1809, and the marriage of the emperor to Maria Louisa, of Austria, took place April 1, 1810.

Grammar schools received their name at a time when the grammar of the English language was not written, and when all knowledge of the principles of language could only

# SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

THINGS TALKED ABOUT IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD.

The "Atlanta Cup," a Prize Offered by Jay Gould to the Steam Yacht Making **Fastest Time Over the American Yacht** Club Course.

During the past few years great progress has been made in yachts and yachting through the stimulus of the international races, in which the American yachts have repeatedly been victorious. Steam yachting, however, is almost a new feature of this sport, but many new steam yachts are in the process of building, so that the coming summer will find more of these craft than were ever before seen.



### THE "ATLANTA CUP."

During the latter part of last summer Mr. Jay Gould ordered of the Gorham Manufacturing company a cup, to be made as a prize for the fastest steam yacht. Theaccompanying illustration shows the obverse side of the cup. The Jewelers' Circular, in which the illustration originally appeared, says that it is the largest ever made by this house, standing thirty-seven inches from the top of the large ebony base. The work is elaborate and the design artistic. On the reverse side of the cup is the following inscription beautifully etched: "Atlanta cup, presented by Mr. Jay Gould to the steam yacht making the fastest time over the American Yacht club course for three successive years without time allowance." Around the ebony base is a series of blank shields on which may be engraved the names of the successive owners of the cup and the circumstances of each race.

#### Deafening Floors.

Various expedients have been used for "deafening" floors, as it is called. Numbered with material used for the purpose are mortar, mixed with chopped hay or straw, dry lime, rubbish, sand, hair, sawdust, etc. Any of the named materials in layers of two inches will suffice to deaden sound. Building News suggests some other substances, as thick felt, laid below the floor board. Siag wool, made in the form of tiles or bricks, is a good material to prevent the transmission of sound, and any fibrous material formed into cellular slabs answers the purpose. A French

journal throws out another suggestion attributed to Gen. Loyre, who proposes, instead of ing and ceiling with shavings which have

NOTED SONS OF ADAM. Who Are More or Less Talked Abou

by the World's Newspapers. Mr. Leonard Swett is esteemed the greatest horseback rider of Chicago. Senator Sherman is said to be a capital

hand at playing ten pins. There is to be a hospital for the cure of hydrophobia established at San Antonio

Tex., by Dr. Spohn, who has been to Paris and studied the methods of the celebrated Pasteur Secretary Fairchild has approved the design of the new \$20 certificator bearing an excellent likeness of the late ex-Secretary

Manning Probably the youngest bank president in the world is J. M. Bailey, jr., who, at the age of 23 years, has been placed at the head of the Minnehaha National bank, of Sioux City

Senator Palmer, of Michigan, is the owner of a fine homestead farm, and he plants a tree there for every senator who visits him. Edmunds' is a beach, Jones' a mulberry and Sherman's a soft bass wood.

Professor E. P. Thwing, of New York, says that an American cannot use tobacco, opium and spirituous liquors as do the people of other nations, because the American nervous ness is the price we pay for our civilization.

Pascal Porter, the boy preacher, who has been astonishing congregations in Indiana and Kentucky by his eloquent and learned sermons, is only 11 years old and dresses in knickerbockers; a plaited blouse, a jaunty little hat and high button shoes complete his attire. In many respects he looks like an ordinary schoolboy

Adolph Sutro, the California many mill ionaire, who is preparing to make a present of his handsome property at Cliff House to the city of San Francisco, was poor and un known a few years ago. He conceived the idea of the Sutro tunnel, succeeded in bor rowing enough money to interest capitalists in the venture, formed a company with a capital of \$30,000,000, built the tunnel and is now worth several millions.

John Wanamaker's brother has been giv ing some reminiscences of the boyhood of the great Philadelphia merchant. His first work was done in the clothing store of Barclay Lippincott, where he received a salary o .50 a week, all of which he gave to hu mother. His dinner, when he had any, consisted of a piece of pie and a glass of milk costing two cents. Each year his salary was increased, and at the time he was 20 he had saved \$200.

Professor E. S. Morse has set a price of \$100,000 on his collection of Japanese pottery, said to be the best in the world, not excepting any in Japan. But if Boston wants the collection she can have it for \$80,000, Professor Morse being willing to throw off the \$20,000 if the collection remains at the Hub. It is said to be a marvel of complete and systematic classification, covering the ground historically from the earliest prehistoric pottery down to the work of living by provinces, by makers, by forms, men, and by types of work.

Gen. Fremont, wife and daughter recently visited San Jose, Cal., and received a great reception. As the general entered the hall the band played "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," the stage was handsomely decorated with flowers and evergreens, and a banner bore the words, "Welceme, Pathfinder." While the speaking was in progress a soft and silent shower of rose leaves fell upon the group, and not until the exercises were completed did it cease. Repeatedly Mrs. Fre-mont shook off the leaves, but they fell fast and thick, covering her head and shoulders and forming a pile in her lap. When the shower ceased rose leaves covered the stage floor a foot in depth.

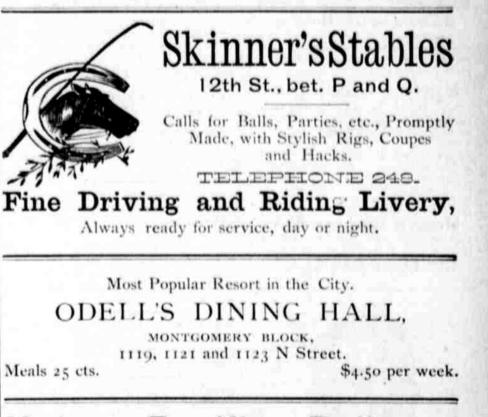
Senator Bate, of Tennessee, has a peculiar ity in that he invariably appears with a cigar loading the floor with plaster, to fill in the in his mouth, but no one here has yet seen space between the boarding and the plaster- him smoking. While he used to be an inveterate smoker, for the past twenty years he



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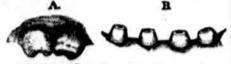
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#### A Fraud in Chess.

The famous automatic chess player was a machine that excited the intense wonderment of all who beheld its workings until the secret was discovered. A small crippled Russian officer, who was an expert at the game, was concealed within the figure, which is said to have been constructed to effect the officer's escape from Russia, where his life was forfeited. It succeeded in winning almost every contest, but after the discovery of the mystery it passed into the hands of other persons who were less skillful and lost many games by it.

## Steal My Thunder.

For the origin of the phrase, "steal my thunder," we quote from Disraeli's "Calamities of Authors:" "The actors refused to perform one of John Dennis' tragedies to empty houses, but they retained some excellent thunder which Dennis had invented; it rolled one night when Dennis was in the pit, and it was applauded. Suddenly starting up, he cried to the audience, 'By ----, they won't act my tragedy, but they steal my thunder.' "

#### The Dracoulan Code.

What is known as the Draconian code, originated by Draco in 621 B. C., punished every offense with death. The infliction of the death penalty has practically ceased in Belgium, Prussia, Bavaria, Denmark and Sweden, though not abolished. Catherine 11 of Russia abolished capital punishment in that country, except for treason, in 1767.

## The Three Weights.

There are three classes of weights for pugilists, "feather weights," "middle weights," and "heavy weights." Men that fight at 115 pounds for amateurs and 120 pounds for professionals are classed as feather weights. Middle weights fight at 158 pounds, and all over 158 pounds are classed as heavy weights.

#### Support of Lighthouses.

Since 1789 all lighthouses on the United States coast have been maintained by the national government. Previous to this light dues were levied upon commerce. The first coast light in America was established in 1673, and the first lighthouse on Little Brew ster Island, Boston harbor, 1715-16.

#### The Ashburton Treaty.

What is known in American history as the Ashburton treaty was that concluded between Great Britain and the United States, the former being represented by Alexander Lord Ashburton, and the latter by Daniel Webster. This treaty was concluded at Washington, Aug. 9, 1842.

#### An Old Couplet.

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise", is from "A Distant Prospect of Eaton College," by Thomas Gray. Prior expresse the same sendment tinus:

From ignorance our comfort flows, The only wretched are the win

#### Two Cent Pieces.

The United States two cent pieces were issued between the years 1864 and 1873. None have been coined since then.

been rendered incombustible by dipping them has never lighted a cigar Conversing with in a tub of thick whitewash. As it is known some of his senatorial friends the other day. that soft substances inclosing air spaces form he told them the story In a battle during an excellent non-conducting material to the late war Senator Bate and his brother, sound, it is thought that the shavings so Col. Bate, were together. They were in contreated will be found of great service, and it is said they are so incombustible as to add considerably to the fire resisting properties of the building. Where it is desired to disinfect the space between the floor and ceiling the shavings may be saturated with chloride of zinc, or the latter may be added to the lime wash.

#### The Last Herd of Buffalo.

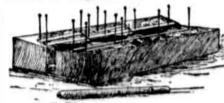
Mr. Clinton A. Snowden, of The Chicago Times, is the originator of a scheme to save bisons that still remain on the plains. It has been ascertained that of the millions which once roamed on the prairies of the west only seventy-five or a hundred remain, and these are located in the extreme southwestern portion of Texas. An expedition is soon to start for Texas to round up there for buffalo. The leading purpose is to perpetuate a species of animal which is thoroughly typical of American animal life; one of the controlling ideas of the trip being to kill none of the animals while corralling them or after their capture.

#### Butterfles for the Cabinet.

In an article on preparing butterflies for the cabinet, in a recent issue of La Nature,

occurs some opportune points about the delicate operation of spreading the wings so as to give the specimens the final attitude they are to preserve in the collection. This attitude ought to somewhat recall that of flight, in which the wings are extended horizontally to permit of the four being seen in their entirety.

The apparatus for this purpose consists essentially of a block of soft, light wood having a shallow groove in the center. This groove, which varies in width according to circumstances, and is three-fourths inch in depth, is provided at the bottom with a strip of cork or elder pith, and is designed to receive the body of the butterfly. On each side of the groove the wood slopes very slightly upward. The wood should be very carefully pounced, smoothed and even polished, to prevent the delicate wings of the insect from being scratched.



**PPARATUS FOR SPREADING BUTTERFLIES** In order to spread a butterfly it is pinned to the center of the groove, care being taker to have the pin exactly perpendicular. Then a strip of paper is attached by its anterior extremity with enamel headed pins in such a way as not to prevent the upper wing from rising as high as necessary. The wing is moved by pressing it gently beneath the principal veir with the point of a needle inserted in a wooden handle (Fig. 2), and in order that the wing may not get out of place the paper band is pressed with the forefinger of the left hand. The lower wing is next extended and held in position by pressing in the same way upon the posterior end of the paper, which is fastened down with a second pin. The same operation is performed upon the two wings of the opposite side.

versation, when the senator drew from his pocket a cigar, and struck a match with which to light it. As he did so, a cannon ball tore his brother's head completely from his body. The cigar was not lighted, and to this day he has never lit one, and probably never will.

Old Dan Rice, the veteran clown, whose jokes and sayings were among the features of the early days of Barnum's circus, is an occasional pedestrian in Broadway. He looks like a Pennsylvania farmer-not very prosperous either. It is said that, he laid away a snug bank account against a rainy day, and has a farm in the Keystone state where he keeps pet ponies and donkeys with which to amuse himself and remind him of the days of spangles and sawdust. Dan Rice was the prince of clowns in his day No other man, before or since, has enjoyed his popularity and renown. He is nearly 60 years of age now When by shuffles off this mortal coil, the speech of Hamlet in the graveyard on finding the skull of Yorick will be appropriate. Dan Rice was a fellow of "infinite mirth" in his time.

Gen. Joe Johnston is beginning to look old. It is time, for he was born in 1805 He goes to his office regularly and works steadily. but cannot carry quite the load of responsi bility a younger man would take on. Johnston's grandfather was born in Scotland 163 years before his own birth. In 1727 the grandfather came to America to settle in Virginia. Johnston's father was born when this first settler was 53, and Johnston when his father was 50. So Joe Johnston's father served in the revolution, running away to enlist in Light Horse Harry Lee's legion at the age of 17 and received the thanks of the general before the whole army for his brav ery at the assault on Fort Watson. In 1839 Joe Johnston and Robert E. Lee graduated together from West Point. Old Joe has fought in four wars. He went against Blacs Hawk, fought Osceola, was in the Mexican war and the rebellion. He bears ten scars of serious wounds, and yet he is as wiry as a boy. Gen. Johnston has no children, and with him will end a line of remarkable men.

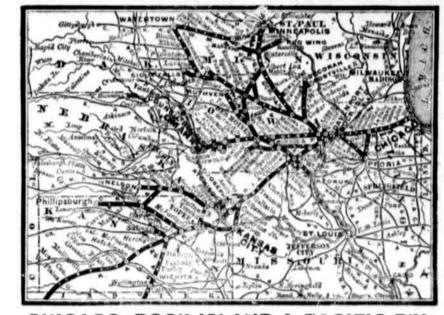
#### Strange Sensibility to Blue.

A prominent gentleman in a neighboring city is always made sick by the smell of watermelons. He can detect the odor if one is carried through his house two or three hours before he comes in. When perceptible to no one else it makes him deadly sick. Speaking of this fact, an engineer ou the Hudson River railroad sud: "I have had a peculiar experience in reference to poisonous substances. Poison ivy has never injured me, and no external poison that 1 have ever handled has done me harm except in one instance. I once wore a pair of blue overalls, and wore them to go swimming. The blue color came off on my body and poisoned ma I was in such a condition that I had to be lifted from my bed on sheets. Since that time I cannot even put my hands in bluing water without unpleasant results in cleaning my engine, if I take up any waste with blue threads in it I can tell at once from the suffering I experience that there are blue threads in the bundle."-Albany Journal.

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