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There are few counterfeit \$100 bank bills known to be in existence, and that of the First National of Boston is one of the best. In \$100 bank bills, at the left is a picture of Commodore Perry and his men in a rowboat on Lake Erie just as the commodore is about to utter the memorable words, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." In genuine bills water is seen to be dripping from both sides of an ear suspended above the water. In the counterfeits the water drips from only one side of the ear blade. The bill in question had a drip on only one side, it is claimed, although the bill was so much worn that it was difficult to determine that point. It was the main point on which Mr. Schoeninger bases his decision.

Tellers generally think the bill is good in spite of the decision of the receiving teller of the subtreasury. It has been sent to Washington for a final decision. -Chicago Tribune.

A Story of Arsene Houssaye. A curious adventure has happened to M. Arsene Houssaye, the author. Some years ago, while at his country seat in the department of the Aube, he saved a little girl from being burned to death in a fire which occurred on her father's farm. He had forgotten all about the event till the other day, when a handsome young woman called at his chateau and informed him that the firemen of the village where the conflagration took place had voted him a medal.

"I am the child you rescued from the flames," she said, "and have come to thank you with all my heart for your noble and generous bravery." Her name is Mlle. Dupre, and she is on the point of getting married.

M. Houssaye, charmed with her simple bearing, and delighted with the medal she handed him, said to her: "So you are going to be married are you? Well, I am glad to hear it, and shall consider it an honor if you will allow me to provide your gown for the wedding and another gown made of flame colored gauze to recall to mind the first day I made your pleasant acquaintance." It is needless to say that she accepted the offer. -Paris Cor. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Lived in a Crypt Twenty-eight Years. Robert Davidson, who for twenty-eight years lived in the crypt of the Westminster Presbyterian church in Baltimore, is dead. He was born in Ireland in 1811, and came to America early in life. Some years before the war he became sexton of Westminster church. He fitted up a room in a humble way among the graves and tombs beneath the church, and since 1853 he lived there in a hermitlike way. He was extremely reticent in regard to his history, and would never give any explanation as to how he came to choose such a place as a dwelling place. -Philadelphia Ledger.

The Craze for Horseshoe in Berlin. I heard yesterday that the French liking for horseshoe is limited to such a degree in Berlin as to have become a craze. Several invitations have been received by proprietors of Parisian restaurants to a grand banquet of this meat, prepared only from horseshoe will be served, and the menu comprises the following: Horse broth, with tapioca; horse tongue, glazed and ornamented; horse brains a la Toulouse; roast loin of horse, with cranberries; horse head en tortue, with salad. -Cor. Philadelphia Times.

Shot the Dummy. James Toles, a well to do colored man, near Plain City, O., was awakened a few nights ago by the unusual barking and snarling of his dog, and going to the door with his shotgun fired at the figure of a man standing near one of several apple trees on which his Thanksgiving turkeys were roosting. The figure fell to the ground, and Toles, cautiously going forward, found it to be a dummy, made with old clothes stuffed with straw. In the meantime thieves had carried away seven fat gobblers. -Exchange.

Digging for Buried Treasure. A tradition exists about English, Ind., that the Wyandottos buried treasures of gold and silver which they stole from the early missionaries and other parties in that neighborhood, and occasionally the treasure hunters become a plague. One of these fevers is now "on," and as the country is underlain with iron, the divining rods are leading the owners to dig, until some of the fields look like newly planted graveyards. -Philadelphia Ledger.

An Electric Cowcatcher. An electric device for clearing a track of obstructions is among the newest ideas. It consists of a triangular steel folding frame, over which a net is stretched. This is placed on the front of a locomotive and can be opened at will, catching the obstruction upon it. An additional arrangement is a scoop to drop on the track. The recent tests were very satisfactory. -Exchange.

Killed Two Deer with One Charge of Shot. W. M. Park, of Foxcroft, shot a buck and a doe with one discharge of his gun recently while hunting near that town. He did not see the doe when he fired, but when he went forward to secure the buck which he had hit he was surprised to find a doe by his side. His gun was loaded with a heavy charge of buckshot, and of them had entered the doe. - (Me.) News.

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Mr. Gaskill states that the Mexicans and Indians living on that part of the peninsula are in mortal dread of meeting a lion, as the beasts are in a constantly furnished condition, and have been known to follow men for hours, awaiting a favorable opportunity to pounce upon them. -Lower Californian.

Innocents Abroad. Two small children—one a boy and the other a girl—were permitted to accompany their mother on a shopping tour in the week before Christmas. They espied a life size figure of Santa Claus in one of the large retail marts in Sixth avenue. Breaking away from parental guidance, they ran joyfully up to the figure, exclaiming, "Oh, Mr. Santa Claus!" "Mr. Santa Claus!" with such vehemence that the attention of at least a dozen persons was attracted to them.

Old Memories Recalled. After the adjournment of the United States court at Danville, Va., recently, there was a little scene which was not on the docket. A one armed old Confederate had been found guilty of illegal distilling and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and a fine of \$100. Judge John Paul, who was also an old Confederate, ordered the marshal to bring Garrett Morrison, the one armed veteran, into the courtroom. Presently the judge and prisoner stood face to face. As he touched the empty sleeve tears came into the eyes of the judge, who said: "Come back here tomorrow and I will consider your case. We old boys are getting scarce, and you cannot go to jail. -Cor. Richmond Times.

When Does the Nineteenth Century End? I have been pretty thoroughly convinced for years that not one person in five knows when this century will close, but I was much surprised to find the statement that but about eight years of this century remain. This would make 1899 the last year of this decade and century. The matter is important enough to correct, and is very easily made clear. The first century closed with the last day of the year 100; the second with the last day of the year 200, and the nineteenth century will end with the last day of the year 1900, which is nine years from New Year Day, 1892. -J. Ogden Kern in New York Sun.

A Steam Sleigh. A Truckee (Cal.) man has in the course of construction a steam sleigh which will be claims, when perfected, traverse snow covered fields and mountains with a speed scarcely less than that of a railroad train. It is his intention to utilize the contrivance for the hauling of all classes of freight, sawlogs and anything else that requires cheap transportation. -Exchange.

While a workman was repairing an outbuilding in Winchester, Ind., a few days ago, he found under one of the sills an old tin can containing about \$1,500 in gold coin, mostly in \$2.50 and five dollar pieces. No one knows to whom the treasure belonged.

The Oakland board of education having decreed that married teachers must go, the question the women are asking each other is, since no distinction was made, what will be the effect of the resolution where the teachers happen to be men?

The great treasury vault at Washington covers more than a quarter of an acre and is twelve feet deep. Recently there was \$90,000,000 in silver stored there, an amount that weighed 4,000 tons and would load 175 freight cars.

The fishing industry at Portland, Or., and vicinity is rapidly increasing. The amount of mackerel packed in Portland alone last season was 17,000 barrels, or more than 10,000 barrels in excess of the season before.

One of the latest discoveries of the scientists is that the germs of yellow fever may be conveyed from tropical countries in the plumage of birds.

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The venerable title of Le Despencer thus became merged in the superior though much more modern dignity of Viscount Falmouth, and there it must remain unless some future Lord Falmouth shall have daughters only. In that case the viscounty of Falmouth being like the common run of modern peerages, transmissible only in the male line, will pass to the nearest male heir. If there are more daughters than one the barony of Le Despencer will fall into abeyance among them, and if there is only one she will blossom out as Baroness Le Despencer, and if she marries will carry away the title into her husband's family. -London Letter.

Improper Labels. It used to be jestingly said that the name of Mohammed was invoked for all purposes, even down to the itinerant fruit seller, whose cry was, "In the name of the prophet—figs." But it appears to be the practice for enterprising and pushing British manufacturers to have recourse to the same alliance of piety with profits. British exporters to Morocco, it seems, have been accustomed to place Arabic inscriptions on their wares, such as calicoes, candles, matches, etc. According to the consul at Magador, the sultan has lately issued the following warning through the customs administration: "Having learned that certain goods imported, including calicoes, matches, etc., have been imported bearing in Arabic characters the names of Mohammed, of Hassan and Ali, and others held sacred by Moslimen, and bearing other writing not suitable to be on such articles, I order you to give notice to the merchants to advise their correspondents in other countries to discontinue the sending of goods so marked. A reasonable time will be allowed for this notice to reach them. Any such goods imported after due notice has been given will be seized by the government and treated as contraband. Should the importer be a Moslem, he will be punished in addition to the forfeiture. -Leisure Hour.

Large Production of Anthracite. The year 1891 was remarkable in the anthracite coal trade for its enormous production, which far exceeds that of any other year. Heretofore 1898 has borne the banner for production, or rather shipments, with a total of 38,145,719 tons, but the present outlook is that 1891 will surpass this by about 2,000,000 tons, or something over 40,000,000 in all, an unprecedented figure, and nearly 5,000,000 tons greater than the shipments of 1890. The statistics of shipments of hard coal up to Dec. 5 show that so far in 1891 37,599,539 tons had been shipped, an increase of 4,039,593 over 1890 for the corresponding period. The shipments for December agreed upon by the companies are 3,250,000 tons, and if that full amount were carried the total is considerably over 40,000,000. -Philadelphia Record.

Grapes All Winter. Fresh grapes can be had all through the winter at a trifling expenditure of care and attention. The grapes should be cut when just ripe, with several inches of stem on each bunch, and then be placed in paper boxes, with a layer of crumpled newspaper underneath and another above them. The bunches should not touch, and the grapes should not be piled in the box. Keep them in a cool, dry room—not in the cellar, the dampness there is sure to spoil them—and with care to prevent their freezing they will be as eatable in February as in October. -Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sixty-five Million Dollars an Acre. The other day the Southeastern Railway company was asked no less a sum than \$1,350,000 for a small and practically useless piece of ground in Bermuda. The land is about sixteen feet in depth, and comprises an area of 4,194 superficial feet, so that the claim is at the rate of \$13,500,000 an acre. The company, it is scarcely necessary to add, did not close at the sum stated. -London Tit-Bits.

Discovery of a Natural Cave. A handsome natural cave was recently discovered in Lafayette county, Ga. It contains many rooms of most exquisite crystallized beauty and a yawning abyss into which large stones have been thrown with no reverberating sounds borne back to the ear by which its depths might be gauged. -Exchange.

"Smaller Flies to Bite 'Em." In view of the expected visitation of grasshoppers in some parts of the state next year, the state board of horticulture has arranged for a supply of parasites from New South Wales, to be ready for distribution in March. -San Francisco Call.

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