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A Monster Structure.

I spent a long time in wandering about the Manufacturers building. It is the biggest building ever planned, and it will have one roof covering thirty acres. Senator Ingalls came out and looked at it the other day, and as he gazed, astounded at its immensity, he said: "It is an exhalation! Yesterday it was not, today it is and tomorrow it will have passed away. I can see how you can fence it in, but to roof it almost surpasses human conception!" Think of putting a massive glass and iron roof over a thirty acre field! That is what the men are doing here today, and I saw them at work putting up the great iron trusses which will support this roof.

You cannot conceive the size of this structure without seeing it. Three hundred thousand people could be seated on the floor and in the galleries and 80,000 could be seated on the floor alone. The Coliseum at Rome, with all its galleries, could only seat 87,000 people, and it was never roofed except with canvas. You could put four coliseums on that floor, and two pyramids as big as Cheops would sit upon it side by side and leave room for the Capitol at Washington. If the great pyramid was taken to pieces and carried here its material could be stored in this building and you could look down upon its masses of stone from the galleries.

This building is about a third of a mile long. Thirty great staircases, so wide that two carriages could be driven up them side by side, will lead to wide galleries and there will be a street fifty feet wide running through the center. With its galleries it will have forty acres of floor space, and it tires one even to think of its possible contents.—Chicago Cor. Lancaster Examiner.

Electric Light on Battlefields.

The ubiquity of electricity is becoming almost proverbial. From the "brightest spot on earth" to the bloodstained battlefields is rather a far cry, but there is no end to the application of electricity. A recent telegram from Austria described some experiments of great interest which have recently been carried out successfully there. The difficulty of searching for the wounded on the night after a great battle has been one which has long occupied the attention of military reformers, and the army medical service in Austria has been endeavoring to determine how far the electric light may be utilized for this humane end.

The value of powerful search lights with reflectors has been proved in naval affairs, and at Suakin and elsewhere soldiers have found them very effective on open ground. They would be equally effective under similar conditions for assisting in picking up the wounded, but when the battle has raged over a wide extent of country, or when the fighting has occurred amid woods and brushwood, the use of this class of light is attended with difficulty.—Electrical Review.

A Dog's Political Preferences.

Out at Abilene the man who runs a transfer wagon and smashes the drummers' trunks owns a dog. He is just a common, old fashioned cur. But the dog votes, and votes right. His master every morning upon the arrival of the Texas and Pacific train gets his dogship to show off before the crowd. "Do you vote for Clark?" the canine is asked. He rises up on his hind feet, his front ones high in the air, his body perfectly erect and nods his head. "Do you vote for Hogg?" the master inquires. The dog gets down flat upon the floor and buries his face in his front legs, the very picture of negation. These daily performances have come to be well advertised in Abilene and always draw a crowd. Should Judge Clark be successful that dog will be installed in state at Austin next January, and for two years at least will be the best fed animal in Texas.—Dallas News.

A Boiling Hole.

In Noble county, W. Va., there is a fathomless sea, composed of salt water and oil, from which gas escapes with a tremendous roar. Twenty years ago a well was drilled there to the depth of 1,900 feet. Some years later water and gas escaped from the tubing and cutting a cavern apparently hundreds of feet deep and forty feet in diameter. After it ceased to flow a farmer filled it up and built a barn over it, and again a few days ago a terrific report announced another explosion of the well, oil and water pouring out in abundance. In a single day the hole became fathomless and about forty feet wide.—Chicago Herald.

An Animal Tramp.

Mark Twain made the coyote famous—or notorious, if you please. In "Roughing It" the poor animal is described as the sneak thief of the plains, a tramp of the desert. Whether he is as bad as he is painted or not, the California legislature has put a price on his head. As a result within the six months just passed 90,299 of these lank animals have been killed in the Golden State at a cost to the government of \$101,995.—Kansas City Times.

Will Be Heard All Over Paris.

A monster bell, one of the largest of its kind, specially cast for the new Church of the Sacred Heart on the heights of Montmartre, has been completed at Anney, in Savoy. This immense instrument, which, when hung in its lofty position, will be audible all over Paris, weighs, with its clapper, nearly twenty-five tons.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

An Earnest Student.

City Instructor—If you have such a delightful home in the suburbs, why do you wish extra studies which will keep you in the schoolroom after hours?

Suburban Boy—This is garden wedding time.—Good News.

The Best Man Was Late.

The best man was late at one of last week's weddings, and his appearance after the ceremony had begun created a sensation.—Boston Saturday Gazette.

WELLINGTON'S FAMOUS BALL.

Belles and Beaux Who Heavily Danced the Dance of Death.

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond were living in a fine hotel on the Rue de la Blanchisserie, which stood on its own grounds and had a fruit and flower garden extending to the city ramparts. Their graces moved in all the society of Brussels, and entertained a great deal. The duchess, who had issued 230 invitations for the ball, proposed to recall them when she heard that Napoleon's army was advancing. But the Duke of Wellington, to prevent alarm, requested that the ball might take place.

Nevertheless, many English families were frightened away from Brussels, and post horses were kept harnessed in the Duke of Richmond's stable, in case bad news from the scene of the conflict should make it advisable for his children to be sent to Antwerp. The majority of the people of Brussels were violent Bonapartists, and were prepared to entertain Napoleon in great style should he force the British army to retreat and enter their city in triumph.

So it was that the Duke of Wellington and many of his officers went to the ball after the business of the day had been attended to. While the merry couples were flying around a dispatch from the front was handed to Wellington. He asked the Duke of Richmond for a private room where he might consult with some of his generals who were present. The duchess' dressing room was the only convenient room safe from intrusion.

Candles were hastily lighted on the dressing table, at which Wellington sat with a map before him, and having explained certain points to his staff they all rejoined the company. They left the house before 10 o'clock and succeeded in doing so without attracting any attention. Very few, if any, of the dancers guessed how near at hand was the crisis which was to decide the fate of Europe, and it never entered the heads of the young girls that some of their partners were dancing the "dance of death."—Manchester Times.

The Spider Hawk.

The miners of Colorado who have built cabins on the mountain sides know what a pest the small, brown wood spider proves to be. They throw their webs over their best clothes, cooking utensils and in every corner where you can get them in your eyes and mouth. Not only that, but they will drop into the frying pan, water bucket or upon the table when you are eating. But nature furnished us a remedy and a friend when she gave us the spider hawk.

The name is given by miners to a small, steel blue wasp about three-fourths of an inch in length. He can easily be recognized by the quick, nervous stroke of his wings. The wasps build a nest upon the rafters of your cabin of wood pulp or furze from the outer coating of old dead trees. Then they are ready for business. Every few minutes you can see your hawk climbing up the rafters with a spider, sometimes carrying one four or five times his own weight.

Sometimes they get a spider so heavy that they will fall many times before they succeed in reaching their nest. They never give up, but keep on trying till they succeed. When the spider is safely placed in the nest the female hawk deposits her egg in the dead body. The hawks lives only in pairs, as far as my observation goes. They become rather tame.—Great Divide.

Malay Weapons.

The national Malay weapon, the kris, is said to have been invented by a Javane monarch of the Fourteenth century. Its varieties are said to exceed a hundred, and there are in Javane no fewer than fifty names for them. It varies in size, from the two feet variety of Sulu down to a mere toothpick. But the peculiarity is that the weapon is never ground, but kept rough and sawlike in edge, by scouring with line juice or the juice of an unripe pine apple, sometimes mixed with arsenic; and it is on this account that kris wounds are so dangerous.

Old specimens are so eaten away by this practice that the blade seems formed from a bunch of wires roughly welded up. Such krites are highly valued, and some of the ancient ones, heirlooms of chiefs, with grotesquely carved and inlaid hilts and sheaths, are almost unobtainable.—Chambers' Journal.

It Often Depends.

A certain prelate had among his subordinates an honest and simple minded clergyman, who was in the habit of prefixing to nearly all his replies the Latin word "distinguo." One day the prelate, wishing to divert himself at the expense of the said clergyman, in the midst of a large social gathering, gravely said to him: "Mr. Thaddens, would it be right, in a case of emergency, to baptize an infant with broth?"

"Distinguo" (that depends), replied the ecclesiastic. "With broth from your kitchen, it would be very wrong indeed, but the broth served in the hospital under your management might very properly be used for the purpose, as if it is not pure water, it is not very far off."—Storie Scelte.

Muscular Exercise and Health.

As many diseases, prominent among which are those of the abdominal and pelvic organs, are the consequences of congestion, and as good circulation does much for the prevention of such congestion, muscular exercise, by improving the general circulation both by increasing the activity of the heart and aiding in the venous return, will do much to prevent a large class of diseases.—Dr. J. M. Rice in Popular Science Monthly.

How Watch Crystals Are Made.

Watch crystals are made by blowing a sphere of glass about one yard in diameter, after which the disks are cut from it by means of a pair of compasses having a diamond at the extremity of one leg.—New York Journal.

A Valuable Foundling.

At the railway station of Fuentes-Palmera, near the town of Ecija, in Andalusia, a man whose face was half concealed in a glaucous hat approached the station master and handed him a box and an open letter. Then the mysterious individual went away. The official read the letter, which was without signature. It simply informed him that he had just received a present. He immediately opened the box, and was astonished to find that it contained a newborn baby, richly clad. A switchman who was present took pity on the little thing and offered to adopt it then and there, and the station master was glad to get rid of it. The switchman took it home to his wife. She was delighted with the present, and while undressing it a letter fell out of its clothing upon the floor.

This, like the one which the station master received, was also without signature. It was as follows: "Whoever takes this child and cares for it will be happy." When the good woman's surprise was over she resumed the work of undressing the baby. During the operation a heap of bank notes fell from its clothing upon the floor. Husband and wife carefully picked up the notes and counted them. They footed up the handsome sum of 125,000 francs. Now the station master wants that baby, or rather that money, but the switchman won't give it to him, and a suit is pending in the Spanish courts.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Some "Old Iron" from Cuba.

Two very rusty and very ancient looking cannon, which look as if they had been buried several centuries, were taken off a freight train at the Fort Wayne depot yesterday. They were unmounted and were boxed up carefully. The two pieces were consigned to the World's fair and listed in the way bill sent to the custom house as "scrap iron." This "scrap iron" came all the way from Cuba and goes to make up what will probably be one of the most interesting exhibits at the World's Columbian exposition.

The two old cannon were secured by a United States naval officer detailed on World's fair service on the site of an old abandoned Spanish fort on one of the West India islands. It was on this island which history and tradition says the son of Christopher Columbus built a fort to repel invaders, and the two cannon were said to have been part of the armament of the fort. The guns were made in Spain and brought over in one of the vessels attached to the great navigator's fleet. The valuable relics will probably be a part of the government exhibit at the fair.—Chicago Times.

Treatment for Overheated Horses.

Dr. Zuill says he believes that in most cases horses are exhausted from brutal indifference on the part of the driver more than from ignorance. On hot days he says horses should be watered at short intervals with all the water they will drink, and their heads frequently bathed with cold water. If the horse appears to be much exhausted fifteen or twenty minutes' rest in a shady place will often afford sufficient relief. If at the end of this time evidence of exhaustion continues, nothing will give more prompt or efficient relief than to bathe the entire body with water. In more extreme cases, when the exhaustion is complete, the animal must be secured so as to prevent him from injuring himself until he can be removed in an ambulance, and in the meantime ice should be applied to his head and ice water to his body to reduce the temperature. Stimulants in the form of alcohol are indicated, but should be used with the greatest care, and always under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Relief Map of New York State.

One of the important exhibits of this state at the World's fair will be a relief map showing each city, village and entire canal system, the rivers, churches, institutions of learning, etc. The canal system, Niagara falls, Hudson river, etc., will be conventionalized. The county lines will be defined, the heights of mountains above the sea level and bodies of water will be accurately shown. The map will be on the scale of one mile to the inch, and will enable the observer at a glance to see the topography and geography of the state.—Albany Journal.

A Sure Cure for Bad Sons.

An Armenian woman was arrested at Angora a few days ago on the charge of having poisoned her son, Artin, a young man about thirty years of age. At the examination the woman made full avowals, declaring that she had taken the life of her son because she could no longer stand his misconduct. The woman was afterward subjected to a medical inspection, the physician declaring that she was not suffering from mental derangement.—Levant Herald.

An Iceboat Run by Steam.

An iceboat of new design is to be tried next winter. It is well known that the ordinary iceboat is entirely dependent on the wind, but the new vessel carries a steam attachment which renders it entirely independent of that source of motion. The craft is of the usual iceboat form, but is provided with a small boiler carrying 250 pounds pressure of steam and a small engine working on a pair of cogged drivers.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

An enterprising New Yorker, temporarily sojourning in England, has just published a "Guide Book to the Haunted Houses of London." There are over 1,000 houses so designated in the great metropolis.

The most expensive municipal hall in the world and the largest in the United States is the city building of Philadelphia. The largest clock in the world is to be in its tower.

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