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LARGEST CIRCULATION

SECRETARY GAGE of the treasury calls our Billy Bryan "the weeping philosopher."

NOW India is threatened with the gold standard, but the popocate will not be able to make any capital out of the fact since it would be hard to conceive how the condition of starving people could be worse.

ALREADY the papers are speaking of Judge Hayward of Nebraska City and A. E. Cady of St. Paul as candidates for governor this year before the republican convention.

THE Nebraska editors had a gala time in Omaha yesterday, where they were the guests of the World-Herald.

WHEN the administration made a little display of backbone and sent a war ship to Havana, the loquacious Spaniards concluded wisely not to fight, and extended the glad hand at once.

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QUEER AUTOMATONS.

EXAMPLES FROM THE DAYS OF DÆDALUS TO THE PRESENT.

A Wooden Venus That Walked and a Brazen Man That Talked—A Wonderful Mechanical Duck—The Greatest of All the Frivolous Automata.

There are few things more attractive to the general eye or more calculated to excite their wonder and admiration than a dexterously and mysteriously contrived automaton. There is, indeed, something almost uncanny in the sight of a figure made by man's hands acting like a creature of flesh and blood, and this uncanniness is one of the most subtle of fascinations.

This passion for the automaton is certainly no new thing. One meets it in almost the earliest books, sometimes veiled in myth, sometimes more directly stated. Vulcan, it will be remembered, made automatic tripods for the gods of Olympus—stools which advanced of their own accord to the banquet table and so retired when the feast was over.

Aristotle tells us that the human automata which Dædalus made were so active that it was necessary to keep them tethered for fear they would run away. The same philosopher describes a wooden Venus who walked about and gives also the secret of the phenomenon. She was filled with quicksilver—a somewhat curious device. Albertus Magnus credited with having made a brazen man who talked and St. Thomas Aquinas with having pounded it to pieces with a club, suspecting it to be a work of satan.

Whether due or not to the stimulus given by Louis XIV, the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were in France times of great automatic activity. Indeed, the first named century marks the beginning of the really historical era of automata. In the eighteenth century lived Mr. Vaucanson, perhaps the most wonderful of all makers of automata and the creator of the famous one which first appeared before the public in 1741.

Like most things, automata have not always been what they seem to be. Many frauds upon the wonder loving public perhaps the completest was that of the famous automatic chess player of Mr. Kempelen, which was exhibited all over Europe at the end of the last century and afterward in America. It was the figure of a life sized Turk seated behind a large table on which was marked in the middle for chess.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day. A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe, and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure.

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Two Well Known Statesmen talked for months from a front porch and a rear end of a car. Perhaps the use of Folger's Honey and Tar will explain why they could do this, without injury to their vocal organs. It is largely used by speakers and singers. Smith & Parmelee.

ONCE THEY WERE MEDIUMS.

Now They Explain Their Sins by Tossing Balls of Blue Fire.

Close by the Northwestern tracks at Leavitt street is the home of the "juggling sisters." They were twin prestidigitators in their days of life, so runs the tradition, and now they toss balls of blue fire about as the juggler does eggs, cannon balls and the like.

"What's the cause of their haunting the old place? Why, sir, the story's so old there can't no truth nor lie be made out on it. There's no man in these diggin's longer'n I be, an I ken the story only by hearsay, so to speak. I heard it from my granddaddy, an he said he heard it when he was a young man comin here. That mus' 'a' ben in the thirties. Onnyways he said that the two sisters were prestidigitators. It seems like they give a performance in the house, which was new then in course, an the pair of them agreed ter be locked up in a box that was to be sealed an fastened, an then they was to get out without breakin the seals. Well, they was locked up, but they couldn't get out, an purty soon they found themselves so short of breath they couldn't hold long enough to be heard. In course they was in a room away from the other people, so the common folk couldn't see how the trick was turned. When they couldn't holler, they tried rappin, an the others only thought they was a-workin out of the box an so didn't pay attention. After an hour or so the other people got nervous an went in an opened the box, an there was the two sisters, cold dead. They buried 'em together in the box in the yard back of the house, an that's why they juggle the fire balls upside down like."—Chicago Chronicle.

MAKING ARTIFICIAL ICE. How the Plants Are Constructed and Operated in Philadelphia. Artificial cold or ice may be most readily produced by the evaporation of a more or less volatile liquid. In the first machines constructed this liquid was water. One-tenth of the amount of water used was converted into ice, but as it was necessary to maintain a vacuum in the apparatus its perfect working was a difficult problem.

In this refrigerated brine are placed galvanized iron tanks having the shape of the large cakes of ice which one is accustomed to see in the wagons that pass through our city streets. After a period of 48-50 hours this can of water is converted into solid ice. The can is heated out of the brine, warmed with hot water, which allows the cake to slip out upon a shoot that runs into the storage rooms. The gaseous ammonia in the pipes can be used over and over again, a large compression engine being a part of the plant, which reduces the expense of the process.

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NOTICE.

BELDING BROS. & Co., TO JAS. S. KIRK & Co., Silk Manufacturers, Soap Manufacturers.

Referring to the above, we deem it important to state that this letter was entirely unsolicited by us. White Cloud Soap now has the highest authority as its endorser as being superior for fine laundry work. For the bath and toilet it also ranks first as a pure white floating soap.

JAS. S. KIRK & Co., Chicago. Established 1839. Largest soap manufacturer in the world.

Advertisement for musical instruments: \$3.00 buys a Fine Violin, \$3.00 buys a Mandoline, \$3.00 buys an American Guitar, \$50.00 buys a \$100 Organ. Includes images of instruments.

TIME TABLE

Table with columns for destination (Chicago, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis, etc.) and departure times for various train lines.

Advertisement for Scientific American Patents, featuring a portrait of a man and text about patent services.

Advertisement for Dr. Hebra's Viola Cream, featuring a portrait of a woman and text describing the cream's benefits for skin.

Advertisement for Burlington Route-California Excursions, detailing travel packages and fares.