

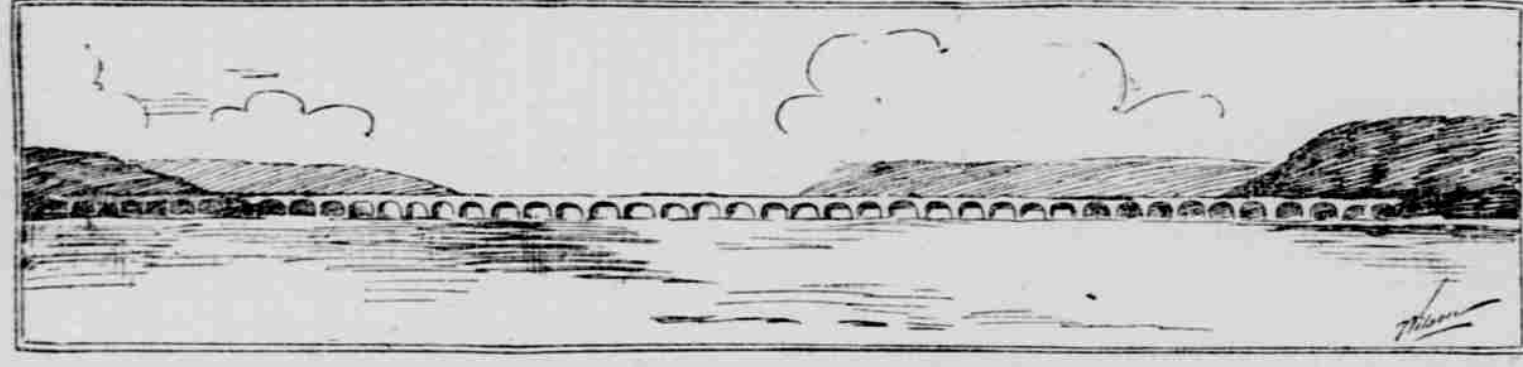
Largest Stone Bridge in the World

At Rockville, a few miles from the capital of Pennsylvania, can be seen a stone bridge that is five times longer than any other stone bridge in the world. It has just been erected by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, to replace an iron bridge of two tracks. This bridge contains four tracks, and permits two passenger and two freight trains to pass each other at the same time on the bridge.

The bridge is fifty feet wide, and is made of a light-colored stone brought from Cambria county. Fifteen quarries were kept busy all of the time getting the stone out and shipping it.

There are 1,000,000 cubic yards of stone in the bridge, and it cost \$1,000,000. Three hundred men worked on it constantly from April 1, 1906, until the present time, when it is practically completed, with the exception of the laying of the tracks, which will not be done until next spring.

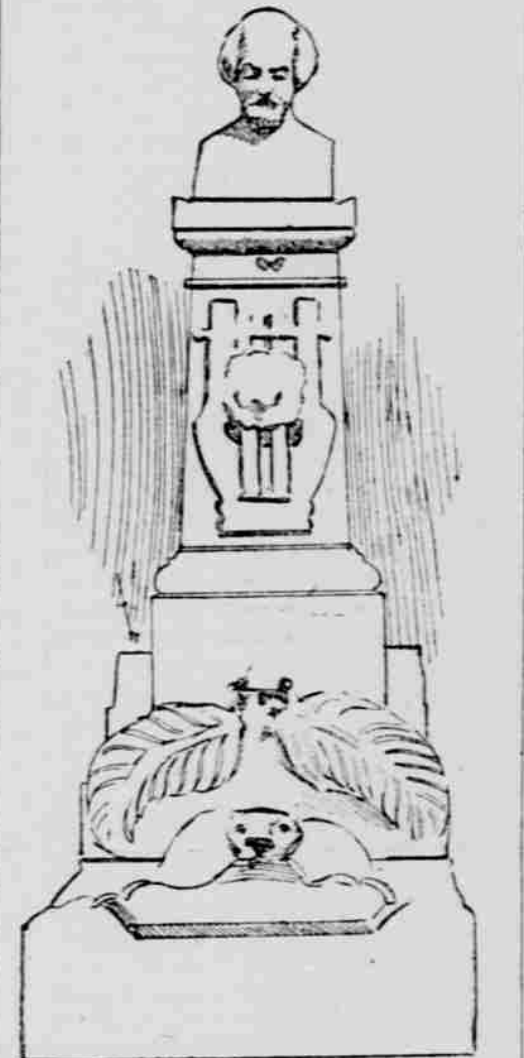
It is stated upon good authority that there are now 2,000 active Mormon proselyters scattered widely over the world.



GREAT POET'S MONUMENT

A monument in Carrara marble in commemoration of Heinrich Heine has been inaugurated in Montmartre cemetery, France, where his remains repose. The monument, which is due to the initiative of the late Empress Elizabeth of Austria, is the work of the Danish sculptor Hasselris, and was recently exhibited in Vienna. The sculptor has represented Heine during the latter years of his life. It is Heine the Parisian. The head is slightly inclined forward. The eyes are closed, as if in meditation. Immediately below the bust is a butterfly, the antique symbol of immortality. The pedestal bears a laurel wreath chased with the words, "Dem andenken Heine's, das freisinnige Wien" ("In commemoration of Heine from liberal-minded Vienna"). On the front of the base of the pedestal is the inscription:

Under the palm trees of the South? Beneath the lindens of the Rhein? Shall I some day be buried in the desert by a stranger's hand?



The Heine Monument. (From a photograph.) Or shall I rest in the sand of the seashore? It matters not! Whether here or there, I shall always be encircled by God's heaven, and at night the stars above me will be my funeral lamps.—New York Tribune.

HEINRICH HEINE.
Frau Heine.
The following verses from a poem published by Heine in 1869 are inscribed on the tumular slab:

Wo ruhest du, wandernde
Letzte Ruhestatte sein?
Unter Palmen in dem Sueden?
Unter Linden an dem Rhein?
Werd'ich wo in einer Wueste
Eingescharrt von fremder Hand?
Oder ruh'ich an der Kueste
Eines Meeres in dem Sand?
Immerhin! Mich wird umgeben
Gotteshimmel, dort wie hier,
Und als Todtenlampen schweben
Nachts die Sterne ueber mir.

The lines may be roughly translated as follows:
Where will some day be the last resting place of the wanderer?

FLORIDA MONSTER SLAIN

An enormous reptile, more like the mythical dragon than a land serpent, has been killed by a hunter in the lower Everglades.

For one hundred years it has not only been a tradition among the Seminole Indians, who inhabited the borders of Lake Okechobee, but it is stated as fact within the knowledge of some of the Indians now living that an immense serpent made its home in the Everglades and has carried off at least two Indians.

Recently, Buster Ferrel, one of the boldest and most noted hunters in Okechobee, who for twenty years has made the border of the lake and the Everglades his home, on one of his periodical expeditions into one of these lonesome wilds, noted what he supposed to be the pathway of an immense alligator. For several days he visited the locality for the purpose of killing the saurian, but was unsuccessful in finding him. He studied some plan to outwit it. A large cypress stood near its pathway and he concluded the best thing for him to do

would be to climb this tree and take a stand for his "gatorship." He accordingly prepared himself and took a position in the tree.

For two days he stood on watch with his rifle ready, but without the desired success. On the third day, before he had been on his perch an hour, he was almost paralyzed by what looked to him like an immense serpent gliding along the supposed alligator track. He estimated it to be anywhere from twenty to thirty feet long and fully ten to twelve inches in diameter where the head joined the body, and as large around as a barrel ten feet farther back.

The snake stopped within easy reach of his gun, and raised its head to take a precautionary view of his surroundings. As it did, Ferrel opened fire on it, shooting at its head. Taken by surprise the serpent dashed into the marsh at railroad speed, while Ferrel kept up fire on it until he had emptied the magazine of his rifle, but failed to stop it.

About four days afterwards he ven-

tured back into the neighborhood to see how things were, and about a mile from where he first saw the snake he saw a large flock of buzzards, and went to see what they were after, and there he found the creature dead and its body so badly torn by the buzzards that it was impossible to save the skin. He, however, secured its head. It is truly a frightful looking object, fully ten inches from jaw to jaw, with ugly, razor-like teeth.

He described the animal as a dark color on the back, with dingy white beneath, and with feelers around its mouth similar to catfish. He has now gone back into the swamp with the intention of securing the skeleton and bringing it back, after which he will send it to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Scientists who have investigated the matter are convinced that the animal is not a land serpent.

The latest society fad among the fashionable women in England is that of being photographed as a moving picture.



"Dragon of the Everglades," from a Sketch by an Indian.

PARIS HOME OF GRAND OPERA.

Building the Largest and Most Magnificent in the World.
France possesses the largest theater and library in the world. The Opera House in Paris covers an area of 2 1/2 acres, and fourteen years were occupied in the building, during which time the sum of \$1,440,000 was expended on it. The front door is decorated with allegorical groups and statues, and a magnificent statue of Apollo crowns the whole. The interior is more gorgeously decorated than

any other building in the world, with gilding, scroll work, paintings and sculpture, and the vestibule contains statues of Rameau, Gluck, Handel and other celebrities. The masterpieces of the whole building, however, are undoubtedly the grand staircase and the foyer; the latter measures 187 feet in length by forty-three feet in breadth, and is fifty-nine feet high, with a most beautifully painted ceiling, the work of some of the foremost artists of the republic.

The Bibliotheque Nationale, the largest library, was founded in 1585.

It contains 1,400,000 volumes, 300,000 pamphlets, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts, and 150,000 coins and medals. The collection of engravings exceeds 1,300,000, and is contained in some 10,000 volumes, while the portraits number over 100,000. The library is entitled to a copy of every book that is printed within the limits of the republic.

Diversities in truth are not diversities.
Prayer should sound of "thank you" as much as of "please."

Women Wanted the Saloon

Women are general regarded as the moral force of the saloon, but the fair residents of South River, N. J., are exceptions to this rule, if rule it be. A man named Willetts wished to open a drinking resort, but met with opposition because of the number of saloons already doing business there. He has succeeded in getting up quite a lengthy petition on his behalf, all the signers being women.

Smith's Stone Coffin Hobby.
Samuel Smith of Holyoke, Mass., has a strange hobby. Though 73 years old and wealthy, he devotes all his spare time to the making of stone coffins. During the past twenty-five years he has made and disposed of over 100 of these, claiming that they keep the body in an excellent state of preservation long after burial.

Querly Marked Progeny.
Mr. and Mrs. Zacheus Gaskill of Dresbach, Minn., have ten children, and five of them possess twelve fingers and as many toes. It is equally curious that every alternate child in point of age has an extra finger, those who are not blessed in that direction having six toes and only the normal number of fingers.

A Wonderful Cure.
Wright City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Medical men are still wondering over the Symes case, which has aroused such a widespread interest in this neighborhood.

Mr. Joseph G. Symes had suffered very severely from inflammatory rheumatism, sciatic, and pains which were something terrible and which made it altogether impossible for him to work by day or rest or sleep at night. In spite of all treatments he grew worse and his case seemed to defy all the usual remedies.

He began a treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills and very soon noticed a marked improvement, which increased as he kept on till six boxes were used, when he found himself without a trace of pain or ache. He is now able to work all day and sleep all night, and his rapid and complete recovery is regarded by the doctors as little short of a miracle.

Smugglers Trapped by X-Ray.
"So far as I have heard," said a man who got back from South America recently, "the newest practical application of the X-rays has been made by the postoffice authorities at Buenos Ayres. They have turned it into a government detective, and a valuable one it makes, too."

"It is against the law in the Argentine Republic to open registered mail to examine the contents, and jewelers have taken advantage of the fact to smuggle jewels into the country in registered letters and packages on a large scale.

"The authorities knew that the smuggling was being done, but there seemed absolutely no way of stopping it short of repealing the law concerning registered mail, and that would have been difficult.

"When they were at their wits' ends one day somebody thought of the X-ray, says the New York Sun. An experimental apparatus was installed in short order, and just as was expected, it revealed watches, chains, rings, gems and all sorts of jewelry in registered mail in astonishing quantities.

"Such evidence was, of course, sufficient for a court order to open the packages, and during a single one of the first weeks that the plan was tried more than \$20,000 worth of property was confiscated.

"An X-ray machine is now a feature of every postoffice in the country that receives foreign mail, and registered-letter smuggling is as dead as Moses."

Use the FAMOUS
Red Cross Hair Balm. Large 50c. package 50c. The Russ company, South Bend, Ind.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Vienna has a school for waiters, with a three years' course. Among the subjects taught is French.

Nothing would surprise some people more than to have their prayers answered.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County,
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that he will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY,
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1906 (SEAL).
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood vessels, mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free of charge, to F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

No duty is too small to embrace the sublimest principles.

"Not in the Trust."
This is a favorite expression with persons who have goods on hand that they wish to sell to the public. But their goods are not always good. Neither have they a right at all times to claim that they are "not in the trust." As a matter of fact they generally are in the trust. Trusts know the advantage of advertising their goods as "not in the trust." It helps them to sell an inferior article that they may pay dividends on watered stock. The Defiance Starch company has no false stock on which to pay dividends. They simply manufacture the best starch that is made anywhere in the world, and sell 16 ounces for 12 cents. Ask your grocer for it. Made by Magnetic Starch Co., Omaha, Neb.

Crooked living makes the cross Christian.
In Winter Use Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous, and often cold and damp. If you have chafed, sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Prayer should sound of "thank you" as much as of "please."
WHEN YOUR GROCER SAYS he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

Better be a poor man than a rich machine.
Time proves all things. It has seen Wizard Oil cure pain for over forty years. Many people know this.
No man finds his work till he loses himself in it.
I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption is an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOWEN, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 3, 1906.
France's annual consumption of wheat (including seed wheat) is 246,236,000 bushels.

LARGER SCHOOL BUILDINGS REQUIRED.

Owing to the recent large influx of population into Western Canada it has become absolutely necessary in many parts of Manitoba, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta to increase the school accommodation. In many places buildings have been erected that are only half-occupied. This is perhaps as good evidence as will be found not only of their satisfaction with their present school system and their confidence that it will remain as it is, but also of their firm belief in the future expansion of the country, in increased immigration, and it further indicates that they have little fear that the well established rate of births in civilized communities will not be maintained there.

The free homestead laws and the cheap railway lands offer great inducements, which are opening up the new settlements. Agents of the Government of Canada are actively at work in different portions of the States for the purpose of giving information to possible settlers, and advertisements are now appearing in a large number of papers, giving the names and locations of these agents.

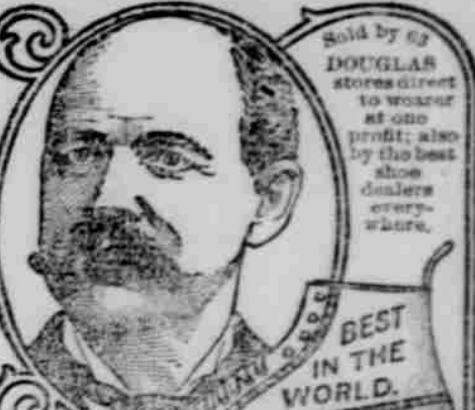
Holliness is never under the necessity of advertising itself.
Dropsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

Diversities in truth are not diversities.
To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bronzo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 50c.
The true furniture of life is made in the factory of druggery.

MORE FLEXIBLE AND LASTING. Won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

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LINCOLN, NEB.
The largest importers of HIGH CLASS STALLIONS in all the West. At the present time our EXTENSIVE BARN is filled with Percherons and Shire Stallions. TWO, THREE and FIVE year olds. WRITE US FOR LITERATURE, CATALOGUE, and see us AT ONCE. Our long distance phone 373. Barns and office, 3rd and Dodge Sts.
A. L. SULLIVAN, Mgr.



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Notice increase of sales in table below:
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DEFIANCE STARCH 16 oz.

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PREPARED FOR LAUNDRY PURPOSES ONLY

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