

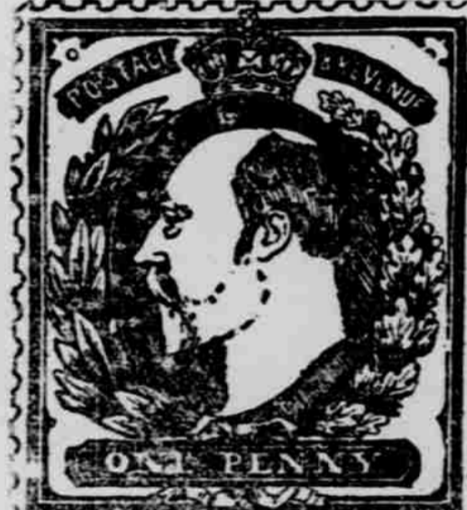
## Only Musk Ox Alive in Captivity



of the muskox family that ever reached the United States alive. Miss Jones was captured in the far north by Captain H. H. Bodfish of Vineyard Haven, Mass. It was placed aboard a whaling schooner, and after many trials and tribulations and the exchange of about 250 telegrams landed in San Francisco on Nov. 8. Olive spent several weeks in California, becoming acclimated, and then left for Chicago. At several places along the route receptions were held, and at Topeka the animal was christened by Miss Emma Kelly, known as the heroine of Alaska. Miss Olive Jones, daughter of Colonel C. C. Jones, acted as sponsor, and the animal was named in her honor. Olive is now snugly housed on the South Side, and takes kindly to the new quarters. The animal is 2 1/2 years old and a good specimen of the muskox family. Few of the animals are brought out of the arctic country alive, and on this account its owner prizes the specimen highly. He contends that scientists know little about the history of the muskox and will use Miss Jones for educational purposes.

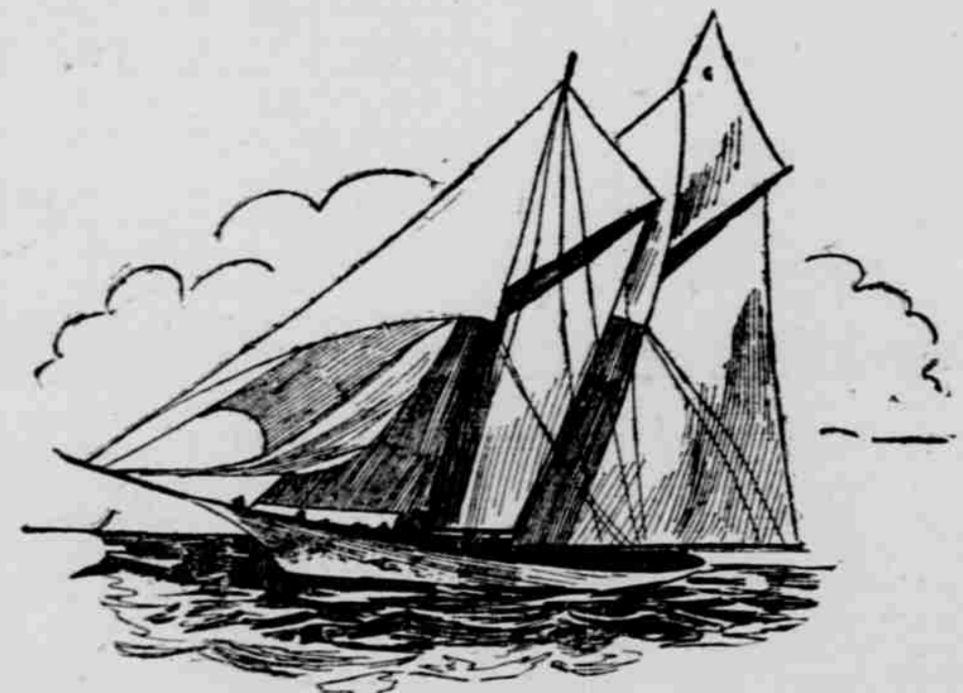
## NEW ENGLISH STAMPS

With the new year in Britain begins the issue of the stamps of the new reign. The penny (two cent), which will become the most familiar, is a bright red, the authorities having gone back to the old color. King Edward VII's head takes the place of Victoria's, whose portrait figured on the national stamp for more than sixty years, penny postage dating from Jan. 10, 1840. For the greater part of her reign the queen was represented by the single portrait taken in her youth. Opinions differ as to the design for the face of King Edward, and some find difficulty in recognizing the likeness. The present issue of stamps include the half-penny (green), the 2 1/2 pence (blue), used especially for foreign countries, and the sixpenny (purple), all having the same design, except that the 2 1/2 pence stamp bears its denomination in figures. The artist has idealized the face of the king.



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## Emperor William's Yacht



Emperor William desires that his new yacht, now building in the United States, shall be christened by President Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, and at the New Year's reception at the Old Palace he requested the United States Ambassador, Andrew D. White, to ask the President to allow Miss Roosevelt to christen the vessel. Miss Roosevelt has consented. The contract made by Carey, Smith

& Barbe, naval architects, to construct an American schooner yacht for Emperor William of Germany, was let to the Townsend & Downey Shipbuilding Company of Shooter's Island, Staten Island.

The yacht is to be completed in time for next year's racing season. Special specifications made by the emperor are being carried out in the building of the vessel.

**Suicide and Divorce.**  
A German statistician has been collecting facts that deal with the relation that suicide bears to divorce. In Prussia, it seems, out of 1,000,000 persons 348 women committed suicide after being divorced, as compared with only sixty-one married women, while the men were in the proportion of ten divorced to one married suicide. Divorce is a sign of unhappiness, the unhappy are naturally more prone to self-slaughter, and therefore—but the syllogism does not need completion, it would appear that many of those who do not commit suicide go mad. In Wurtemberg there are in the asylums 3,024 divorced persons, against 283 married, 416 celibates, and 676 widows and widowers.

**American Peanut in France.**  
The American peanut is in successful competition with those of India and Algiers in the French market.

**Americans in Berlin.**  
There are several hundred Americans residing in Berlin.

**Sam Houston.**  
General Sam Houston! How do you pronounce that name? Ask any old New Yorker and he will unhesitatingly assure you it is Howston. And yet we have the very best authority for pronouncing it Hewston—the authority of a man who was the law partner of the Texas general himself. In New York city they pronounce the street which was christened in honor of the old Texas hero Howston. But that doesn't make it correct—although we would advise any Utican who chanced to find himself in Manhattan and wanting the direction from an officer to be sure to inquire his way to Howston street.—Utica Herald.

**British Production of Steel.**  
In the last forty years Great Britain has produced 40,000,000 tons of steel, or about one-third of the world's total products.

**Our Cotton Exports.**  
The cotton exported from the United States during the past year amounted to 2,350,890,448 pounds.

## Old Friend of Lincoln

The men who personally knew Abraham Lincoln become fewer each year, but there is none who during the time in which the martyred president rose to prominence saw more of him than J. G. Stewart, a veteran photographer of Bloomington, Ill. In 1857 Mr. Stewart was in business in Springfield. He recalls many interesting events in the career of Lincoln and says when he first knew the "railsplitter" that Mr. Lincoln exhibited negligence as to dress. The future president usually went about with one trouser leg caught on the top of one of his high boots. Mr. Stewart belonged to the Fremont party and following its defeat signed a call to organize the Republican party in Springfield. Among the names signed were those of A. Lincoln and Shelby M. Cullom. The first meeting was held in Mr. Stewart's gallery. The organization was called the Lincoln club. During the presidential campaign in which Lincoln was the nominee for president Mr. Stewart made over 450,000 pictures of Lincoln.



J. G. Stewart. women in the subjects taught in the faculty of divinity by adding them to the classes of that faculty. The resolution takes effect as from the beginning of the next academical year.

**Female Divinity Students.**  
The Edinburgh University Court has resolved to make provision with in the university for the instruction of

## STEVENSON'S OLD HOME



The house in which Robert Louis Stevenson was born is for sale, and the price asked is somewhat less than \$3,000. Stevenson's birthplace is the

quaint building at 8 Howard place, Edinburgh. He first saw the light there on Nov. 13, 1850, and when only a few days old he was baptized by his grandfather, the minister of Colinton. Two and a half years after the birth of the future author the Stevensons removed from Howard place, and the earliest recollections which Robert associated with home reverted to the house in Inverleith terrace. It was in that place the novelist dreamed his boyhood dreams, and there were born many of the ideas which were afterward to develop into thrilling romances. Three doors from that house lived William E. Henley during the time he was the editor of the Scots Observer. This is recalled by Mr. Henley's late attack on the character of his dead friend and collaborator.

Telephones in Western Europe. Western Europe will soon have a complete a long-distance telephone service as the United States now has.

## PRETTIEST WOMAN IN PARIS

Mlle. D'Hally, who won the 10,000-franc beauty prize in Paris, is a popular music hall singer, and has been one of the stars of the vaudeville stage for several seasons. The best critics of female beauty in France have pronounced the brunette visage of the actress to be all but faultless in symmetry and regularity. Mlle. D'Hally receives \$2,000 in cash for being the "prettiest woman in Paris."



**Odd Use of Mirrors.**  
In a village in the Cotswolds England, it is the custom to place a small mirror on the front door under the knocker, in which the visitor may examine his appearance before entering.

The Woodbridge (Suffolk) Urban District Council of England has resorted to novel means of preventing accidents at dangerous street corners. Three roads in the authority's district meet at awkward angles, and collisions between vehicles have been rather common. Widening by demolition of house property being impossible, the surveyor recommended the erection of mirrors. By this means drivers can see through brick walls, so to speak, and the experiment has proved successful.

## CURIOUS OLD GRIST MILL



One of the most curious industrial plants in the West is the old Holland type of grist mill at Benson, near Bloomington, Ill. It was erected up about of thirty years ago, and is still

doing business. It is operated by wind power, re-enforced by a small engine, which can be called into use whenever nature's agent fails in its adequacy. The tall circular building is surmounted by four huge wings, each of which is forty feet in length, or eighty in the length of each pair. The mill is sixty feet high and is quite attractive for artists who desire a picturesque bit of rural scenery.

**A Queer Christmas Present.**  
A good story is told of a professor of mathematics in an Illinois college, who is noted for his devotion to his profession and also for his eccentricity. Desiring to make a favorite pupil a Christmas present, he sent him a very difficult problem to solve. He liked nothing better than the disentanglement of a knotty mathematic puzzle, and took it for granted that his pupil would be delighted with his present.

**Small Gain to Congressmen.**  
"I notice," said a policeman, "that there is a proposition to increase the salary of congressmen from \$5,000 a year to \$10,000."

**Not a Pew-Opener.**  
The present bishop of Peterborough is very fond of telling the following story: He went to preach in a certain town and, arriving very early, walked into the church to have a look around. An elderly lady also arrived early, hoping to obtain a good seat. On seeing the bishop she mistook him for the pew-opener, and, slipping a half crown into his hand, said: "Give me a good seat, please, where I can see the bishop." The astonished but good-natured bishop took the half-crown and showed the lady into front seat. One can imagine the poor lady's feelings when she saw her "pew-opener" ascend the pulpit.

**Cancer Investigation in Germany.**  
The German Emperor is reported to have made an order for a commission of experts to be appointed with a view to the most radical and exhaustive investigation of cancer that can possibly be made. The deaths of his father, mother and uncle from this cause have naturally given this scourge a terrible interest in his eyes.

## A PRECOCIOUS ARTIST.

Child's Distress When a Lady Spoiled Her Dog's Growth.  
Sir Edwin Landseer was precocious in his art; he sketched, with force and spirit, from the time he was an age when his father, John Landseer, used to have to lift him over the stiles into the fields where his chosen subjects were gamboling or grazing. A lady whose family recollections have recently been privately collected, relates how her mother once encountered the little prodigy at work. She had to take a stroll at Hampstead Heath, carrying a book and accompanied by a favorite dog, a fine collie devoted to his mistress, but not very cordial in his feeling toward other people. After a time she sat down under a tree and began to read, while the dog lay beside her with his head against her knee. She became absorbed in her book, and scarcely noticed that soon the collie growled slightly. Presently the growl was repeated, but still she did not look up. A third time she heard the low, menacing rumble, and at length lifting her eyes to see what was amiss. Before her, not far away, a little fellow, not more than eight or nine years old, was seated on a stone gazing intently toward the dog, whose lips were drawn back angrily over glistering teeth. "He won't bite, little boy," she said, reassuringly, and laid her hand upon the head of her pet, who shifted his position and assumed a more amiable expression under her touch; but the little boy was by no means grateful. "Oh," he cried, distressfully, "you've spoiled his growth!" He had been sketching the dog growling, and presently showed her his half-finished work, to her amazement and admiration. By that time the dog had made friends with him, and the growl was helplessly lost, but the child proceeded to draw him "smiling," as he called it—and a collie does smile, as every owner of one knows—and the second sketch completed, he told the lady his name again, but she was proud in after years to tell of the half-hour she once spent with Edwin Landseer.—Montreal Herald and Star.

**Curious Punishment of a Priest.**  
The late President Barrios of Guatemala, according to a recent writer, visited on one occasion by a man who complained to him that a priest, having taken his land for debt, had taken his only cow also. Barrios found that the priest had charged an extortionate interest. He commanded the priest to keep the cow at his own expense for two years, to give the man all the milk, to telegraph to Guatemala every morning concerning the health of the cow at his own expense, and in case the cow should die the priest's life was to be forfeited. The priest had such respect for Barrios' order that he took the cow into his own house. After he had telegraphed every morning for six months and the cost of the messages had been considerably more than the original debt he thought he might as well stop using the wire, but Barrios was prepared for him. He telegraphed to the chief of police of the department to arrest the priest and give him a public flogging, and in case he should refuse or neglect to telegraph again he was to be shot.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**What the Fault Was.**  
Dr. Frank W. Allport, one of the leading oculists of Chicago, was recently appointed examining physician by the board of education. A pupil from one of the schools where "fads" are more thoroughly in vogue than in almost any other public school, came to Dr. Allport in the regular course of events to have his eyes examined. The physician went through the usual formula for discovering the defects of vision. He placed a chart before the boy. The first word was "hat." "Now read this word," said the doctor. "Hhhuh-ah-tuhhh," sputtered the boy. "Then try this," said the doctor, pointing to "big." "Buh-ih-guhhh," stammered the boy. "Madam," said the doctor to the boy's mother, "there is some more serious defect here than a visual one. The vocal organs seem to be affected."

**Long American Tunnels.**  
The Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to construct a tunnel seven miles long to avoid the great Horseshoe curve, which is one of the most notable features on the line. It will be the largest enterprise of the kind in railroad construction so far attempted on this continent. The Hoosac, the longest at present in operation, is less than four miles in length. The Cascade tunnel of the Great Northern railway is two and one-half miles long and the tunnel projected through the Sierra to reduce 1,500 feet of grade on the Central Pacific railroad will be only one and one-half miles in length. The proposed Pennsylvania railroad tunnel will shorten the line only three miles and reduce the time in transit three minutes, but the lessening of wear and tear on the rolling stock, which must be very heavy on the present curves and grades of the Horseshoe, will doubtless compensate the company for the investment.

**"Living Easy."**  
Princess Victoria of England, with \$30,000 a year of her own and no household to maintain, may well enjoy life. Her sisters, the Duchess of Fife and Princess Charles of Denmark, now receive a similar income each, equal to that paid each of their aunts when married, excepting the Empress Frederick, who was granted more, as being Queen Victoria's eldest daughter and princess royal. The dowries have dropped, and neither the Duchess of Fife nor Princess Charles was given a lump sum from the country, \$200,000 or \$150,000, when they were married. However, they did not lose so very much, owing to the custom which has sprung up of late years of allowing royal brides to accept valuable presents from outsiders.

**Count Tolstoy's Manuscript.**  
It took Count Tolstoy five years to gather the historical material for "War and Peace." The preliminary writings from which the book sprang are now in Rumjanzoff museum, Moscow. But they had a hard time getting there. Some years ago, when Countess Tolstoy was ill, a careless servant took the manuscript and threw them into a disused canal in the park near the house. They were discovered after several weeks and rescued.

**"Tipping" in Old England.**  
In reference to "tipping" it is claimed that there is a certain hotel in Manchester where the head boots pays the managers \$1,000 per annum for his job, and that he is able to clear between \$3,500 and \$5,000 each year.

**Boy Bridegrooms in England.**  
Boy bridegrooms are growing in number in London. There are four under 21 in every 100 bridegrooms. About sixteen girls under 21 per 100 get married.

A play is to be made by George Ade for the use of Ward Vokes.

## Gave Up Wealth for Love

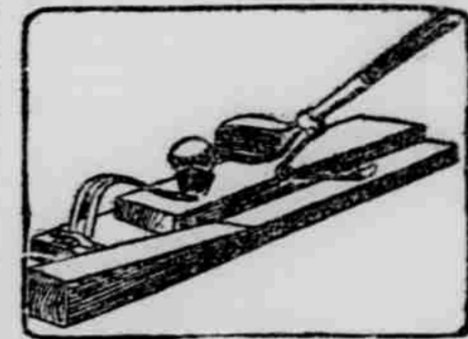
By marrying Lewis Herzog, an artist, Fannie Rayne McComb, a New York girl, may lose several million dollars. It was a case of love or wealth, and the young woman chose the former. Miss McComb is the daughter of James J. McComb, a multimillionaire, who died March 31 last. Mr. McComb objected to Mr. Herzog as a prospective son-in-law, and a few days before his death he added a codicil to his will which delayed the wedding until the present. The McComb estate is said to be \$20,000,000 and the share of Miss Fannie, which the will will make the same as the share of each of the other children, would, it has been computed, yield her \$110,000 a year. But "the ninth subdivision of the third codicil" of the will reads as follows: "In case my daughter Fanny shall marry Mr. Louis Herzog, the provision which she shall enjoy from my estate shall be as follows: "An annuity of \$15,000 a year shall be paid to her so long as she shall live free and clear from any enjoyment of interference herewith on the part of her husband." There is also a provision that \$300,000 shall be divided among her children. Some people predicted that the codicil would prove the means of breaking off the match, but they did not count on the spirit of Miss Fannie McComb. She had been reared in luxury and knew the value of millions, but her "heart was true to Paul," as the wedding proved.



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## INDOOR GOLF PRACTICE

Even the best players lose their "form" from continued absence from the links in the winter season, and it is safe to say that the apparatus here represented will prove practical in

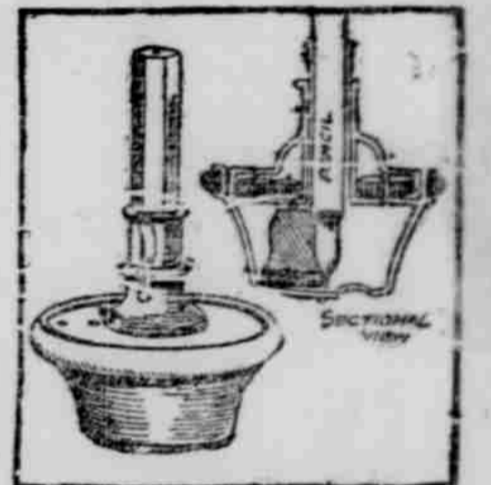


keeping the regular player in trim, as well as enabling beginners to master the different clubs and handle them with accuracy. The invention has been patented by Eyre Crowe of Banbury, England, and its chief feature

is that it indicates after each shot the exact position of the club at the time the ball was struck, and also the direction of the stroke. It will be especially valuable to beginners, also, as it enables them to master the different clubs without the fatigue incident to traveling over the links while following up the ball. This apparatus consists of a flat board, with a lower strip attached at the side, and a curved spring at the end to carry the tee. The club has a spring attached near the head, with a leather bulb at the outer end. The tee is formed of a tuft of vertical bristles, and the ball is of wood or some other material, which will not injure the walls of a room. When all is ready the surface of the board is chalked or smeared with some marking substance, and a glance at the marks after the stroke is made will show its direction and accuracy.

## NEW PENCIL SHARPENER

Between the large crank operated pencil sharpener and the small pocket one there has hitherto seemed to be no medium-sized article which had neither cost nor bulk as an objection to it. The picture shown below illustrates a novelty in this line. The upper view shows the front sections cut away to expose the gearing and show the position of the pencil. There is an inner sleeve, in which the pencil is inserted, with a clamp to aid in holding it rigid. The gear wheels are connected in a train between the outer hood and the cutting shaft seen at the side of the pencil. The pencil to be sharpened is forced into the sleeve until it strikes the cutter. The operator then grasps the hub in one hand, places the rubber-covered friction ring in contact with a desk or table top and rolls the ring on the plane surface, which rapidly revolves the cutter in connection with the pencil. Eugene Burke of Lakeview, Ore., is the patentee.



## HONOR FOR MRS. VANDERBILT



A rumor is being circulated in New York society to the effect that Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and his wife have been invited to the coronation of King Edward. It is said that the invitation

comes through General Eaton of the English army, for many years a close friend to the king, and the husband of Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's sister.

Mrs. Vanderbilt before her marriage was Miss Elsie French. They were married June 14 at Newport.

Staging in Yukon Country.  
The first winter schedule of the White Pass and Yukon Railway has been received by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Two stages a week run each way, leaving White Horse Wednesday and Saturdays. The distance is 380 miles, which is traveled in about five days. There are seventeen posthouses, where relays of horses are obtained and where meals are served.

Musie With Laughing Gas.  
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American Animals in South Africa.  
The shipments of horses and mules to South Africa by the British have just passed the hundred thousand mark, and requisition upon the remount stations in this country for 50,000 more has been received. This exportation of these animals is the largest the world has ever known, and as a military purchase by one country from another it ranks with the greatest of any kind. Texas has been practically drained, and Kansas, Missouri, Wyoming and other stock-raising states of the south and west have been so nearly depleted that the \$40 animals of 1899 bring \$90 to-day.

Russia Will Build Road.  
Russia will build a railroad from Orsk to Tashkent to relieve the famine-stricken inhabitants of that region by giving them work.