

Colombia can't capture any mission-aries, but there are other ways of raising money.

Who's not coax that Mexican earth-quake down to the isthmus and let it dig its way out?

The troubles with the peace society seems to be that they want peace, but are not willing to fight for it.

Santos-Dumont is being troubled with chills. He should be glad, how-ever, that he can still have them.

Some of those governments that are so solicitous about China's "integrity" will do well to keep their eye on their own.

A Mexican earthquake has just killed 600 people. Well, in this case no-body will be unjustly blamed, any-way.

Instead of building ships to fit the harbors Germany will be obliged, if it keeps on, to build harbors to fit the ships.

Nobody ever thought of asking whether it could have been a United States senator who struck Billy Patterson.

Premier Waldeck-Rousseau of France, has bucked the trolley car and found that it does not readily yield to diplomacy.

Susan B. Anthony says women will cease marrying as they grow more in-telligent. Shut the girls out of the collegest

Colombia's rebellion is quieting down although the bushwhackers occasionally dismantle a gunboat with their navy revolvers.

Senator Hanna's national civic fed-eration ought to get into sympathy with the industrial strikers in Spain and Italy.

Anarchist Rakowski, who goes to prison for ten years for threatening to kill President Roosevelt, seems to have finally found his level.

Things have now become so well settled in Spain that Weyler is able once more to let go for the purpose of mistening his hands.

Betting on horse races, according to Judge Clark of New York, is gambling. Those who fall to pick winners call it a much harder name than that.

Statistics disclose that bigamy is much less frequent than it used to be. Divorce is so easy that few care to risk imprisonment for bigamy.

Pasadena, which is never more than a lap behind New York city, and al-ways running well up with "Lannon," has already started three ping-pong clubs.

A London paper announces that the moon is covered with snow. It has always been generally understood, however, that the moon was cold and distant.

Let as many of the emperors and kings and princes as will come and stir about in a country where every-thing is both king and subject. It will do them good.

The tranquillity of the Argentine re-public has been somewhat ruffled by Chili's purchase of more fireworks that are absolutely necessary for the Christmas celebration.

The bloodless French duel satisfies pyramids of hungry Gallie honor. Ger-many could profitably lower the tariff against it and save the life or many beauty of many promising officers and citizens.

Some of the water that is now lying on top of the ground in Pennsylvania and New Jersey would have made mil-lions of hearts glad had it appeared on top of the ground in the corn belt last summer.

The Boston woman who dislocated her jaw in trying to close the clasps of an over crowded dress suit case must have noticed how much the occa-sion demanded free use of the handi-capped member.

There is nothing like being versatile. A talented handwriting expert is go-ing to testify by looking at the sinkers on the net that certain fish were caught in whether the fish came from Indiana or Michigan waters.

In the city of Pittsburg a large stone church has been moved a distance of several squares. Why, then, should such a fuss be made over the proposed removal of the Borgheise picture gal-ery from Italy to this country?

The Cologne Gazette refers to the nation's eastern metropolis as the "imperial City of New York." Unless the enthusiastic editor has a good supply of superlatives still untrapped he will be in a quandary when he wishes to speak properly of Chicago.

"The longer I live," says Mr. Car-negie, "the more I see that the gentlest word is the most forcible." Andrew is drifting into the bad literary habit of jangling with paradox. Still, the gentlest word from those as rich as Andrew is usually the most forcible.

The glory of the great Journals of our country in the days of Greeley and Raymond, Bowles and Thurlow Weed, was their singular devotion to the moral issues of the hour without regard to the dividends. They were great moral educators and spoke out with no uncertain voice upon all ques-tions of the day.

Man students at the University of Chicago want to be separated from the cows. Those who make such an un-gallant proposition ought to be pun-ished by having their request granted.

Outlaws Defy New Mexican Authorities



I. B. Hanna, formerly of Kankakee, Ill., now inspector of the government forest reservations in Arizona and New Mexico, tells in a recent letter about a gang of outlaws in New Mexico that cannot be dislodged by the authorities. Mr. Hanna writes: "A band of about twenty desperate outlaws, that can't be driven from its fastness by the government, has its rendezvous at White Rocks, within the Gila River forest reservation, in south-western New Mexico, about ten miles northwest of Alma and five miles east of the Arizona line. The locality de-rives its name from the number of white rocks that overhang the caves; they can be seen for many miles. The caves are situated in the last range of the San Francisco mountains. To approach them one must climb a steep incline from the east for several miles. It is practically impossible to arrive within shooting distance without being observed by those within. "In conversation with an old-timer, who has on various occasions rendered them some service, I learned that an outlaw with a field glass is constantly on guard, he can scan the country for miles around, and by reason of the high elevation can at once detect an approaching person. The natives, therefore, avoid going in close prox-imity to the robbers' lair. The open area in front of the caves affords no shelter, and consequently it is well not to be too inquisitive. "Up to a year ago this band was much in evidence and quite bold, as Capt. French and others can testify. Their rashness, however, was disas-trous to several as it resulted in the death of Red Weaver and a few of his pals. The duel between Weaver and Holliman must have been a thrilling sight. Imagine two men, less than 100 feet apart, advancing toward each other, shooting at every step. Weaver was known as the best shot in the country, yet, under the excitement of the moment, his shots flew wide of the mark, whereas Holliman shot to kill. Holliman still remains in that part of the country—with his two brothers—in the cattle business, but is never far away from his trusty rifle. "The leader of the gang is Jim Lowe, a fine-looking, gentlemanly fellow, well educated and presumably from a good family. He looks more like a preacher than a rascal. Lowe has been absent from his old haunts since the hold-up of the Northern Pacific rail-road in Montana last summer. It is generally supposed that he was the leader and planned the robbery. "Most of the outlaws were originally cowboys. As a rule they become pro-ficient with shooting irons. The rid-ing of bronchos has a tendency to make them reckless and careless of their lives. Expertness with rifle and pistol makes them bold and heedless. Eventually they become tired of punching cows for \$30 a month and their "chuck" and drift into the cattle business, without capital. This is called rustling. In the past some have been quite successful, but if the rus-tlers are caught it is likely to go hard with them. "It has been stated in my hearing that 25 per cent of the inmates of the penitentiary in New Mexico have been convicted of rustling. "The apprenticeship of the cowboy makes him proficient in roping and branding stock. It is therefore easy

for him to acquire the habit of rustling for himself. A rustler is one that burns the brands on other people's stock and places thereon his individual brand. "The king of the rustlers was killed a year ago—not by accident. It was reported at that time that there were about 2,000 head of cattle bearing his brand on the range, valued at \$30,000. Less than ten years before his death he was a cowboy earning \$30 a month. "In a majority of cases where a rustler is caught and escapes—this fre-quently happens by the death of the officer making the arrest—he becomes an outlaw, and in time he dies with his boots on. There are, however, al-ways plenty of recruits to fill up the ranks. The general opinion of the people here is that White Rock's gang has averaged about twenty for the last twenty years. "It may be wondered why the officers don't arrest them and break up the gang. They have been frequently at-tempted by the authorities. Scores of men on both sides have lost their lives in these battles. But the out-laws are still there and are likely to be for some time, for they cannot be exterminated by a few officers. Alma is ordinarily a quiet place, composed of a country store, with a postoffice and saloon attached, a few dwellings and a corral. On several occasions, however, the residents thought that an earthquake was upon them when the officers and outlaws happened to come together. The robbers have al-ways been assisted by young sym-pathizers, so they have seldom been caught unawares, and in time these same young fellows become members of the gang and die before their time."

To Make Perfect Marksmen



HOW THE NEW GUN SIGHT IS USED AND—How the Object Aimed at Appears to the Marksman—The Bullet Strikes Ex-actly Where the Two Cross Lines Meet. Every man a crack shot. This is what will happen when Sir Howard Grubb, whose name is known to every one interested in astronomical and optical research, places upon the market a new invention in the form of an ap-paratus that will make marksmen out of poor shots. The invention is ex-pected to bring every indifferent marksmen up to a high standard of ac-curacy. Briefly described, the apparatus con-sists of a small sheet of semi-opaque glass, upon which is engraved a cross. In looking through the sight the marksmen apparently sees this cross projected on the object at which he is firing. Experiment with the apparatus has shown that if a man can handle a rifle at all it is more difficult for him to miss than to hit the mark when once he has become acquainted with the simple methods of firing. Special precision has been made by the in-ventor for night firing, and in the dark the cross which guides the marksmen's eye is illuminated. Patents of the new gun sight have been secured in most of the countries of the world, and it is expected to work wonders in armies, where poor shots are numerous. There are several thousand roads that lead into trouble—and not one that leads out. Some men are born great, others achieve greatness; but the man who gets under the furnace when the bot-tom drops out has grateness thrust upon him. southerly, while the northerly deflection reasserts itself farther south, and is continued as far as 18 degrees north latitude. The zone, so strangely ex-empted from what has been supposed to be a general law, runs across cen-tral India from the Delta of the Gan-ges to that of the Indus, but well to the south of the great Gangetic plain. Major Burrow's theory is that it follows the axis of what he calls a subterranean chain of mountains, causing the greater density of the earth's crust in this particular tract. The hypothetical range would, we are at liberty to conjecture, either have founded bodily in some great catastrophe or subsided gradually and been submerged under alluvium and salt. The fact opens up an interest-ing subject for the discussion of Geol-ogists.—Tablet.

HIS MISTAKE.

Young Lawyer Was Determined to See the Judge Right. Presiding Justice Van Brunt of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court is a man of rare good humor and with all a judge who can call an of-fending lawyer to account in a manner that he is not likely to forget. The presiding justice met his match, how-ever, in a young lawyer who appeared before his august bench last week. It was a simple case that the young lawyer pleaded, but his heart was in it and he believed that he was entitled to a reversal of the verdict that had been rendered against him. He was armed with all the authorities, and he quoted from them copiously. The hon-orable justice yawned as he presented his case in this elemental fashion. "Pardon me," interrupted Justice Van Brunt after a time, "but I would suggest that you get down to the merits of your case." "Presently, your honor, presently," responded the young lawyer, with fo-rensic eloquence, yet he continued with renewed earnestness to expound the law as he saw it. "Let me suggest to you," said Jus-tice Van Brunt, interrupting again, "that you get down to the merits of your case and make it for granted that the court is familiar with the elemen-tary principles of law." "No, your honor, no," declared the young lawyer, with absolute sincerity. "That was the mistake that I made when I argued this case in the lower court." "Freak of the Law of Gravity. A paper by Major Burrow, read at the meeting of the Royal Astronomical society, discussed a curious fact, as-certained by the application of scien-tific methods of measurement to the survey of India, namely that the northerly deflection of the plumb line ascribed to its attraction by the great mass of the Himalaya and the Tibe-tan upland, it reversed along a com-paratively narrow belt between 22 de-grees and 24 degrees north latitude, crossing India from east to west for 1,000 miles. Here the deflection is

CHAUFFEUR MEANS STOKER.

Good Joke on Millionaire "Moblists"—Fads in Pronunciation. The pronunciation of the word "chauffeur" provokes the Great Round World to an examination into the au-thority of pronunciation fads. It says: "Where polite usage gets its author-ity nobody knows. Now, it is saying that 'valet' the final syllable of which we have learned to give off-hand with a high-bred 'a,' shall be Anglicized just as 'parquet' was a few years ago, and shall appear in polite society in its plain English stubbiness. It is likely that we shall all stumble and stutter and make mistakes at first, but eventu-ally fall into a line of 'lets.' "There are those who claim that a polite 'suburb' should have a long 'u,' that 'tapestry' should be 'a' long, and that the sun never 'shone' politely with a long 'o.' The same authorities are busy with the new automobile im-portation—'chaffeur' (shofer), which has been called everything that is polite. It might be called something more for it is not a truthful term. It means, when interpreted, 'fireman,' 'stoker,' and is innocently a good joke on our own millionaires who speed their own 'outos.'"

Then He Would Wake.

The late Lord Dufferin was known to his friends as one of the most charming of men. His friends were of both sexes. Indeed, his platonic galantries, after he had reached the age when he could safely indulge them, were quite unexcelled. They may be thought to be referred to in Kipling's sprightly sketch, "Mrs. Haukeboe Hits Out," which is of the period when Lord Dufferin was viceroy of India. That this tendency on the part of the noble spouse was the subject of am-iable banter by Lady Dufferin is at-ested by a reminiscence of their so-journ in Rome, when Lord Dufferin was British ambassador there. "There had been during the night a shock of earthquake in Rome, which naturally formed a topic at the am-bassadorial dinner table next day. It turned out that every one had felt the shock except the ambassador, who had slept through it. "Oh, well," observed a guest, "the last trump would not waken Lord Dufferin." "No," assented the marchioness, and added thought-fully, "unless it happened to be the queen of hearts."

A Sable Studying Genie.

Brother Dickey came in yesterday, leading a black plectanum in the hand. "He ain't but 10 year ol' sub," he explained, "but he done good inter de writin' business, en he says he gwine beat dis yer Dunbar feller writin' fer ce race. He done light in ter buildin' of a story, en heah's a small sketch er it, but he say he'll be 'bout three stories high 'fo' he git throo' wid it." And Brother Rickey handed over the following, which is printed verbatim: "When spring begins to dawn the young sprouts of all varieties that has been nestled in the earth during the long and dreary winter, puts out their green heads, looking upward. The birds begin to warble sweet melodies from their throats. Also one can see by close observation, poisonous reptiles lying about as if they were sunning themselves and resting up from the sleep of the cold winter that had just passed into the great beyond, still there is nothing or no one more thank-ful for the spring than the Poet."—At-lanta Constitution.

Guns of the Mikasa.

The trials of the improved Elswick gun mountings for the barbette guns of the Japanese battleship Mikasa seem to prove that they are a long way in advance of anything yet in use in our navy, says the St. James Ga-zette. From the after barbette, firing unaimed shots, the gun was on one occasion loaded and fired in thirty seconds on the best previous performance. But the most remarkable result was achieved by the forward barbette, which, firing aimed rounds from open gun, got off three shots in a net period of ninety-seven seconds, or at an av-erage rate of one round in thirty-three and one-third seconds. As, however, the gun's crew was merely a scratch lot, it is possible that the Mikasa will beat this performance in the future. She will, at any rate, approach the rate of two rounds per gun per min-ute, which means that from her four 12-inch guns alone she will be able to hurl three tons of steel at an opponent within that time.

Quay's Long Speech.

Senator Quay's speech was the long-est ever printed. It occupied over 100 pages, and included a complete history of the manufacture of iron and glass from the earliest dawn of history to the present day. Everybody remembers that speech and its purpose. It was prepared for Mr. Quay when the Democrats were engaged in revising the tariff. Every time they proposed a reduction in the iron and steel sched-ule Mr. Quay would take from under-neath his desk a pile of manuscript about three feet high and begin to read. After he had kept this up for two or three days and had made no apparent inroad into the mountain of typewritten sheets the Democrats would succumb and suggest a compro-mise. At the close of the session the speech was printed. It ought to have been placed in the state Library of Pennsylvania, and labeled "The Bul-wark of our Protected Interests."

English Language.

The name Semi-Saxon was applied to the English language as spoken from the middle of the twelfth to the middle of the thirteenth century. From that period to the death of Ed-ward III. in 1377, the term old Eng-lish is applied. From thence to the death of Queen Elizabeth, in 1603, it is called middle English and from that date to the present it has been called modern English.

How Kruger Spends His Time.

Mr. Kruger spends a good deal of his time in playing cards and has him-self invented several games. He is also quite an adept at making puzzle boxes and keeps in his pocket one of a par-ticularly baffling description which he not infrequently offers to a visitor to open.

MISTAKES IN JUDGING DISTANCE.

An Operation That Is Not as Easy as It Seems. A familiar example of the vagueness of our mental ideas on the dimensions of familiar objects is the trick by which a number of people are induced to measure off upon the wall what they consider to be the height of a top hat. Success in this feat is rare, and the estimation in yards or miles of distances in the open air is no less difficult, though often considerably more useful. Generally, of course, it is the level surface or one filed with monotonous features many times repeated which is most under-estimated, while diversifi-cation seems to impress the mind with a greater notion of extent. Even so, the usual tendency is greatly to underestimate distances of more than a quarter of a mile, while the differences between the guesswork computations of various members of the same party are often extraordinary. In our ordinary life we have rarely need for ascertaining in actual yards the distance of objects under observa-tion, and our faculty of estimation is not developed much further when we have once left the stage behind at which all the objects, in a room, for instance, appear to the infant to be equally within its grasp. The difficulty of judging distance is much increased over an undulating or hilly surface, where it is desired to find out the actual length of measure-ments or the "air line," as the Germans term it, for rifle shooting in sport or war. In this last application the training of the faculty is extremely important, and in actual fact often extremely imperfect.

A THOUGHTFUL MAID.

Senator Clark's Art Gem Was Not Properly Appreciated. Senator W. A. Clark is an enthusias-tic collector of paintings, especially of the nude. Not very many months ago he received a number of friends at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Culver, in Fifty-eighth street. Especially for that occasion the senator had bought what he declared a fine little piece of nude art, daintily framed and set conspicu-ously on a mantel, so as to catch at once the eye of any person entering the room. The senator had personally picked the spot where to place his new ac-quisition and was not a little surprised to find a short time afterward that a huge bouquet of roses had been care-fully placed so as to hide the picture. The owner of the picture removed the bouquet, but within 10 minutes, as he passed the spot to cast a loving glance at his pet, there was the bou-quet again. "Twice more the operation was re-peated. Then the senator decided to lie in wait to catch the culprit. Before long he discovered the miscreant in the maid in waiting at the door. "Please sir," she exclaimed, blushing pink, "I thought what 'ud the people say if they saw a thing like that startin' them in the face as they came into the room, an' I thought I'd like to save the reputation of the house."

Reasoning Was Sound.

Once, when Wayne MacVeagh had finished arguing a tedious technical case before the United States Supreme Court, speculation arose between Mr. MacVeagh and his colleague, as to whom Chief Justice Fuller would assign to write the opinion, and a wager was made. Just then Chief Justice Fuller came down the corridor of the court build-ing. Mr. MacVeagh stopped him and told him of the wager, asking the Chief Justice to tell whom he would assign, as that would settle the bet. "On whom have you placed your wager, Mr. MacVeagh?" the Chief Jus-tice asked. "Mr. Justice Gray," was the response. "Why did you choose Mr. Gray?" queried Chief Justice Fuller. "Because," replied Mr. MacVeagh, "I noticed he slept through the entire ar-gument."

Training the Child.

The hand and eye of the child can be trained by means of paper cutting. This should be led up to by paper tearing, until the little one is old enough to hold a pair of scissors. It is a good practice to take a picture containing many objects, cut them out and arrange them on colored pa-per. If the picture represents a farm-yard, for instance, all the animals must be cut out and pasted on the colored paper in position similar to their original ones. Minor details can be copied on the background in pen and ink. In this way children unconsciously get an idea of proportion and perspective.

Mrs. Long a Good Walker.

Mrs. Long, wife of the secretary, is about the only woman of the cabinet contingent who goes in for walking. Nearly every morning she accom-panies the secretary to his office, and not infrequently meets him there and walks home with him in the afternoon.

Advantages of Hospital Treatment.

In a majority of instances, and with very few exceptions, indeed, it is far better to be treated in a hospital than at home for any trouble requiring the knife. To those who by actual personal experience or by observation of relatives and acquaintances who have been patients in a hospital, are con-vinced of the facilities existing there for healing the sick, no argument is needed to prove that the hospital is a place of luxury, convenience and com-fort. The ordinary home cannot com-pare with it in a singular particular.—Margaret E. Sangster in the Ladies' Home Journal for February.

Lyman Gage's Long Service.

Lyman D. Gage, who has just re-linquished the secretaryship of the treasury, served longer at the head of that department than any of the secre-taries except Alexander Hamilton and Albert Gallatin. He served for nearly five years, while Gallatin's record was nearly twelve years, and Ham-ilton's about five years and four months.

Funds for Preachers' Widows.

The rich churches of New York have inaugurated the custom of raising large funds for the benefit of the fam-ilies of ministers who may die in the harness. When Dr. Babcock, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church, died in Italy, his congregation raised \$50,000 for his widow. A similar movement is on foot in the Fifth Avenue Presby-terian church for the benefit of Mrs. Curves, widow of the Rev. George T. Purves, who was in charge of that church for a year or so. The sum set in this case is \$100,000.

To Banish the Earplitters.

The Belgian railway authorities are desirous of minimizing the effect which the ear-splitting screech of the locomotive produces on the nervous systems of passengers. The engines are to be furnished with whistles pro-ducing two notes, and softer in effect than the ordinary signal, the former to be used in railway stations or when the train is passing platforms crowded with passengers.

Costly "Cuss-Words."

John Bloomfield of South Porten-mouth, Ky., has found cursing to be an expensive indulgence. He was engaged in a wordy war with a neighbor and was taken before the local magistrate. Under a Kentucky law curses are fine-able at the rate of \$1 per curse. Fif-teen counts were found against Mr. Bloomfield, who had to pay \$15 and "1 cent general fine."

Coffee Cigarettes.

The latest novelty in Paris is the coffee cigarette, not from the ground bean, but from the leaf of the tree. It affords a fragrant and, it is claimed, harmless smoke, completely wean-ing the smoker away from tobacco, and conferring a benefit on the race. The cigarettes are made in every degree of strength.

Says Mary Isn't "On to Her Job."

Miss Mary E. Wilkins' novel of life in a Massachusetts shoemaking town, "The Portion of Labor," has not been favorably received in Lynn. A show-maker has written a disparaging re-view, in which he marvels at Miss Wil-kins' ignorance of the world of labor and business.

The hardest thing on earth is to acc-cepted when you are disappointed.

Some people are so good natured, they are disagreeable.

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