

GREAT FRESHET.

Its Wide Extent and the Destructive Force of the Waters.

Each year, notably in the season between actual winter and conventional spring, there are floods in New England that seem so widespread and destructive that the communities afflicted think the waters must this time have done their worst.

The wide extent of the territory covered by the floods renders an estimate of the damages inflicted very difficult, but there can be no question that they will aggregate millions of dollars, reckoning the costs of repairs and replacements.

Speaking generally, the flood district may be said to reach from Bangor, Me., to Newburyport, Mass., east and west, and from Northern Vermont southward to Springfield, Mass.

The most vexatious reflection following the subsidence of the floods is that no measure, either to prevent them or curb their waters to the safety point, is humanly practicable.

BRICKS OF GLASS.

A New Building Material That Opens Up Interesting Possibilities.

Glass bricks are the latest novelty in the construction of houses to excite the wonder and discussion of architects, says the New York Journal.

This experiment was first tried in Germany, where the bricks were invented. The walls of a plant house in Berlin were made of these bricks.

Not For Him.

He—"But, of course, you will forget me." She—"Nonsense I shall think of you when you are gone."

Must Be So.

"What do you think of this previous existence theory?" "I know it is to be supported by facts. For instance, I know a woman only 27 years old who often thoughtlessly tell about things that happened 'thirty-five years ago.'"

A Man Wrote This.

It does try a man's patience to be sure and get his laugh in at the proper place when a woman is telling a funny story.—Adams Freeman.

"YOU" AND "THOU."

The Curious Order of the New French Minister of War.

A decree has just been issued at Paris by the new minister of war forbidding officers to address the soldiers under their orders by the familiar pronoun of "thou," says the New York Tribune.

In the German, Austrian, Italian and Russian armies, the officers not only use the word "thou" to their men, but among themselves as well, and the youngest lieutenant may use it to his colonel, or even to his general when off duty.

THE PRINCE OF MONACO.

Proprietor of the Famous Gaming Resort Receives President Faure.

Attention is called to that interesting person the prince of Monaco by the fact that the president of the French republic has just paid him a visit, says the New York Journal.

Ought to Be Promoted.

Principal (to commercial traveler returning from the road)—How came you to charge such low prices to Schmidt, who is known to be a shabby customer?

Congressional Ways.

Higbee—You women have a queer idea of a debating club. When I looked in last night you were all talking at once.

Neither you nor I have a right to ask any one to accept our construction of Christ or the Bible. The right to individual belief—that is Protestantism, that is Presbyterianism, that is Christianity.—Rev. F. C. Vrooman, Presbyterian, Chicago, Ill.

Individuality.

Madstone, who won the Toboggan Slide Handicap a few years ago in 1:29 1/4, was sold the other day for the munificent sum of \$55.

GILBERT WHITE.

A Poor Memorial to Him—"G. W." and "1793."

If Gilbert White had never lived or had never corresponded with Pennant and Daines Barrington Selborne would have impressed me as a very pleasant village set amid diversified and beautiful scenery and I should have long remembered it as one of the most charming spots which I had found in my rambles in Southern England.

The strength and persistence of these thoughts had a curious effect. It began to seem to me that he who had ceased to live over a century ago, whose letters had been the favorite book of several generations of naturalists, was, albeit dead and gone, in some mysterious way still living.

LORD CROMER IN EGYPT.

His Success Due to His Having a Few Picked Men.

Lord Cromer's success in particular due to his seeing that the only efficient way to rule Egypt was to have an Englishman at hand to say the final word in every department of state, says the Spectator.

Drinks Were on Cuba.

There was fire in the insurgent's eye. "We Cubans can never be trampled under foot," he said.

"Possibly," returned the lukewarm sympathizer, cynically. "But there would have to be wheels within wheels to accomplish that."

The rebel was puzzled, but patriotic. "I do not understand you," he said, hotly.

"Two revolutions in rotation," murmured the other, dreamily.

Notwithstanding his love for his country, the Cuban purchased two poles of pulque.—New York World.

Vitality of the Snail.

The vitality of the snail is remarkable. One that was glued to a card in the British museum for four years came to life upon being immersed in warm water.

Childhood.

A child's mind is more active, has more things to learn before he is seven years old than in any seven after years.

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