

MONSTERS OF THE DEEP.

Maneuver of Building the Modern Ocean Steamer. Perhaps the finest illustration of the inventive and constructive genius of man to be found in the world to-day is one of the superb steamships which have of late years reduced the vast Atlantic Ocean to little more than an Anglo-American lake. Take for instance, any one of the most recent additions to the splendid fleet of "ocean greyhounds," it hardly seems possible for even the most brilliant imagination to conceive of a human structure more perfect in all those details that together constitute the acme of safety, speed and luxury. If other steamers may with sufficient accuracy be called floating hotels, this one might with equal propriety be termed a floating club-house as well as a hotel of the highest class.

'T WAS EVER THUS.

How a Princess Called Down Another Woman 2,500 Years Ago. Twenty-five hundred years ago a princess of the royal family of Assyria wrote a letter to a lady of the imperial court, in which the latter was haughtily rebuked for presuming to use the familiar title of "sister" in addressing the royal lady. Yesterday in Baltimore an English translation of this letter was published by the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Christopher Johnston has been working for some time to puzzle out the dignified terms in which one woman of those ancient days rebuked another.

A FIGHT FOR A BRIDE.

Peccoliar Incident Attending the Marriage Ceremony Among the Maori. The oblong wedge, the Maori order of battle, advanced singing in a low tone, and gesticulating in what they would have called a mild manner, relates a writer in the Popular Science Monthly. On they advanced, the movement raising no suspicion in the breast of their adversaries, it being part of the customary ritual of the war dance, until the thin end of the phalanx overlapped the Maori, and stood between them and the gates of the pa.

THE WAY TO SHINE.

Rules for Becoming a Brilliant Conversationist. In these advanced and intellectual days every young woman aspires to be the leader of a salon and the dinner-out most sought by hostesses because of her brilliancy, but very few have the wisdom to know just how to attain this desirable position in society. And yet it is not very difficult. A notebook, a retentive memory and an ordinary command of the English language are the necessities.

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COULDN'T SEAT HIS PIPE.

Captain X's Ingenious Expedient to Defeat an Invidious Adversary. There were two captains in the cavalry. Each was proud of his record, his horses, his family, his dogs—in short, everything that was his. If one had a thing that he particularly prized, the other had a better one, or got one, or tried to get one. Captain X had a very old meerschaum pipe, and scenting an antiquity, he sent it to an expert in New York, who returned it with a certificate to the effect that it was 300 years old. He impatiently waited until the officers assembled at headquarters the next morning, exhibited his prize, and read the figures on the expert's certificate.

MARRIED A ZULU.

The Mistake Made by a World's Fair Soda Fountain Girl. Basgo Garulla is a Zulu who was on exhibition at the world's fair. He left for his own country a few days ago, taking with him as his wife a fair American girl, whom he had become acquainted with at a soda fountain at the fair. He met the girl only a few times until he fell head over ears in love with her and she reciprocated the attachment. In a few days more they were duly married.

CHARLES LAMB'S NATURE.

It Combined Kindliness With a Good-Humored Satirical Bent. The Chautauque says of Charles Lamb that he possessed that highest of heart qualities, universal human tenderness. He always saw the best in men and awakened it, sometimes from a long sleep. "How could I hate him?" he said of some one, "Don't I know him? I never could hate any one I knew." It was this ready comprehension of every man's nature that made him say, in his whimsical way: "I love a fool as naturally as if I were kith and kin to him."

Growth of Christian Work.

Seventy-five million dollars is contributed yearly in the United States to the sustenance of the church, \$31,000,000 more being for purposes purely devotional. Within the century now drawing to a close 150,000,000 copies of the Bible have been printed in 226 different languages. Fifty years ago there were 502 missionary stations in foreign parts; there are now 5,765. Fifty years ago there were 658 ordained missionaries; to-day there are 6,696 such servants of the Lord. Then there were but 1,266 other laborers and helpers abroad; now there are 40,852.—Philadelphia Times.

Cork.

A process has been discovered by which the specific gravity of cork can be reduced one-third, thus producing a material only half the weight of common cork. This will enable anyone at sea to carry a life-belt in his pocket.

The Three-Horse Fire Team.

The two poles of a business vehicle to which three horses are driven abreast are fixed in place, and in hooking up the team the middle horse is backed in between them as a horse might be backed into a pair of shafts. Of course that wouldn't do with a fire team, because it would take time. On a three-horse fire apparatus the poles are made to tilt upon pivots running through them near the inner end. When an engine or truck is standing in the house only one pole is tilted up, the one toward the side of the house on which the middle horse is stalled. When an alarm sounds the middle horse rushes to his place, stepping under the raised pole. When the pole is dropped its inner end rises into a holder in which it is securely and firmly held by a spring catch. The time that it takes to put the pole in position after the middle horse has stepped under it is simply the time it takes for it to drop—a fraction of a second; it fastens itself.

Bicycles Pinching the Shoe Trade.

"Talk about the street railways losing by the advent of the bicycle," says a shoe salesman, "I think it is the shoe manufacturers. Of course, there is a demand for bicycle shoes, and that practically opens a new market; but it must be a limited market when it is considered that one pair of such shoes will outlast three pairs of ordinary foot-coverings, not because the shoes are better, but because they are not subjected to the scuffing wear of the others. People ride to and from their work all the time now, where they formerly walked or on bad days rode in the cars. If a person wants to go around the corner he will get on his wheel instead of walking, as he once did. It is these thousands of steps that he saves that save the shoes and make the shoeman's heart sad."—New York Tribune.

Not Fair.

Passenger—That young lady over in the corner is very fair. Conductor—She? Why, she ain't no fare at all! She's a director's daughter, riding on a pass."—Waterbury.

So Many Women.

There are more women in British India (124,000,000) than there are men, women and children in Great Britain, France and Germany put together, with the population of several minor European states cast in as well.