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The highest altitude ever reached by a balloon was seven miles. NEAR the mouth of Pistol river in Curry county, Ore., there recently fell a meteor which when weighed tipped the beam at 4,000 pounds. The brownish discoloration of ceilings where gas is used is caused by dust, carried against them by the heated air currents produced by the gas. An Italian physiologist of repute, named Messo, has demonstrated by experiment that thinking caused a rush of blood to the brain, which varies with the nature of the thought. SEVERAL florists in New York city have had their hands poisoned by hot house flowers. It is supposed that Paris green, and other powders used on the flowers to kill bugs, caused the trouble. LAST August there was a fall of manna in Asia Minor, which was baked for bread after the manner of the Biblical tradition. It had been examined by Frenchmen of science and identified as lichen of the family Lecanora cerealis. ON Tuesday morning, February 24, Nairn, in the north of Scotland, was eighteen degrees warmer than London at the same hour, twenty degrees warmer than Paris, fourteen degrees warmer than Lyons and three degrees warmer than Nice. A SQUARE inch of sun has as much luminous power as two hundred ordinary electric lights of eight candle power, and in every second of time it gives forth as much heat as would result from the burning of twelve thousand millions of millions of tons of the best coal. IN each respiration an adult inhales one pint of air; a healthy man respire sixteen to twenty times a minute, or twenty thousand times a day; a child twenty-five to thirty-five times a minute; while standing the adult respiration is twenty-two per minute; while lying down, thirteen. IT is stated that there is an element in the common pineapple similar to psodin, and of such remarkable strength that the juice of a single apple will dilute ten pounds of beef. It is further stated that the juice of the fruit is a very active solvent of the membrane found in diphtheria. GUESS FOR THE NAME. A GEORGIA woman caught thirty-three rats in a trap in one day. A MICHIGANER mistook strychnine for smoking tobacco. He recovered, however. A SNOW HILL, Md., man ate half a gallon of peanuts at one sitting the other day. PERRY, Tex., has a bride who is six feet five and three-fourths inches in height, and only seventeen years old. A VISITOR to Monte Carlo from London is said to have won the maximum 12,000 francs in fourteen consecutive wagers. An ENGLISHMAN has been astonishing old Rocky mountain hunters by killing grizzly bears with explosive bullets charged with dynamite. A YORKE man hunting near Newmarket had his mouth caught by a barbed-wire fence, with the result that several of his teeth were torn from his jaw. A MAINE man went sleigh riding with his daughter who wore a bonnet red with red, and they were chased two miles by a bull that objected to the color of the garment. AT a wedding in Arcadia, Fla., the other day the bride was married to her ninth husband, and four of her former husbands were present at the ceremony to sympathize with the ninth victim. IT is considered that the champion belt for self-control should go to the young lady of St. Joseph, Mo., who lay perfectly quiet in bed and watched a couple of burglars carry off her jewelry and false hair. A BARRING fellow in Detroit has challenged Sued, who abstained from food for forty-five days, to try conclusions with him. He proposes to wager \$15,000 that Sued will weaken before he does in a "fast to a finish." A MAN living in Talbot county, Georgia, has never attended service at a church, has never ridden on a train or ever been in a city. Recently a gentleman offered to pay his fare to Columbus, but he refused to go. NOVELTIES IN JEWELRY. An old garter buckle in silver represents a broad leaf with a frog upon it. The miniature is being employed to ornament cuff buttons and bracelet clasps. A BOOKMARK is in the form of a muson's trowel, of silver, with an ivory handle. A HANDSOME shoe horn is made of ivory and has a heavy silver handle, elaborately chased. A MASSIVE silver girdle is designed to represent a heavy rope. At one end is a large silver hook and at the other an eyelet with the rope apparently spliced and bound with cord. SILVER brooches and vinaigrettes decorated in emerald are now shown. The shapes are generally plain and in no wise odd or striking; but the enameled designs are very pretty and sometimes even elaborate. A NOVEL design for a pocket cork-screw appeared in a jeweler's window lately. When closed the instrument presented the appearance of a crab's claw, which opened on both sides, disclosing the essential part of the article. In a Broadway (N. Y.) jeweler's window a cigarette case and matchbox, evidently made to accompany each other, are shown. They are incased in a neat leather-covered box. They are of silver and are ornamented in enamel. The same design, a bunch of richly colored pansies, decorates both. A NOVELTY in cane heads has just been produced by a New York jeweler. It is a perfectly plain knob, which, on being opened, discloses the surface of a being opened, discloses the surface of the outer cover of a series of leaves on which photographs may be placed. There are spaces for eight portraits.

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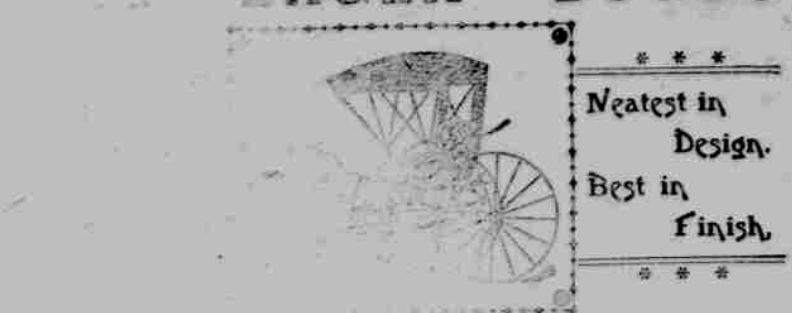
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