

Songs and Singers.

Mascagni's new opera is to have a Japanese story for its theme. Felix Weingartner's conductor of the Berlin opera, has just completed a symphonic poem, "King Lear."

Oddities in Names.

Sam Parish, of Nicholasville, is a rising statesman of Kentucky. Rod Gallaway is a Kansas politician, and Rod Smith the poet of the North Platte, Nebraska.

NIAGARA'S NEW BRIDGE.

It Will Be One of the Wonders of the World.

The new metal arch-bridge at Niagara Falls will be noteworthy in two respects. The new bridge is to be built over the old suspension structure, without interruption of traffic on the latter.

The suspension bridge now in use which has been familiar to all visitors to the great natural wonder for forty years, will be kept in place until the new arch is ready, as it would be impossible to construct false works over the Niagara gorge to sustain a structure of this class.

The span will have a rise of 150 feet from the level of the piers at the skew-backs to the center of the ribs at the crown of the arch, which point is 170 feet above low water. The depth of the trusses is 20 feet, and they will be 48.7 inches apart.

The construction of this remarkable span is from plans of L. L. Buck, engineer of the new East River bridge between New York and Brooklyn, and the author of the plans by which the railroad suspension bridge at Niagara was replaced by an arched bridge.

The approaching or flanking spans will be 100 feet long on the American side and 210 feet on the Canadian side. The total metal in the new structure will be about 4,000,000 pounds.

Those who have not seen the great structure at Niagara which it is intended to replace will hardly realize the stupendous character of the undertaking. Imagine the task of replacing the simplest sort of bridge without interrupting traffic, and then add about 1,000 per cent. to the difficulty.

All that is done must be accomplished quickly, for in affairs of this nature time is, indeed, money. Every man who can be utilized will join the army of construction.

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Three explanations are given of the sobriquet "Old Hickory" applied to Gen. Jackson. According to Parton, he was first called tough, in allusion to his pedestrian powers; then "tough as hickory," then "Old Hickory."



A Gigantic Buffalo.

The skeleton of a bison of an extinct species is said to have been found recently in Western Kansas. The skull was nearly four feet long. Under the skeleton lay a small stone arrow-head.

Oil from Celery.

A new industry which is receiving encouragement in Germany is that of distilling a strong aromatic oil from the green leaves of the celery plant.

Opium Smoke.

The French chemist, Moissan, recently analyzed the smoke of opium, and found that its peculiar effects due to the presence of a small quantity of morphine.

The Poison of Fatigue.

Experiments have shown that fatigue causes a chemical change in the blood, resulting in the production of a poison resembling the curare poison, which certain savage tribes use for arrows.

A Lion-Antelope Fight.

In his recently published book on the "Game Fields of the Transvaal" Mr. F. V. Kirby describes a battle, witnessed by him, between a lion and a sable antelope, which resulted in the death of both of the combatants.

The Glacier Bear.

A species of bear found among the glaciers along the Mount St. Elias range in Alaska is regarded as being distinct from any American bear hitherto known.

A New Gem.

Within the past twenty years a new and very beautiful stone has been introduced in jewelry. It is the green garnet, sometimes called the "Uralian emerald," being found in the Ural Mountains.

A Tree of Iron.

At a recent meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia Professor Carter gave an account of a wonderful tree-trunk discovered in a sandstone quarry in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

A Novel Fire-Engine.

What might be described as a double tandem bicycle, with four wheels arranged like those of a wagon, and four seats for riders, two in front and two behind, and carrying a hose reel, rotary pump, etc., was exhibited at the recent bicycle show in Paris.

The Sioux in the East.

That the Sioux Indians once lived in Virginia and the Carolinas, and later in the Ohio Valley, is the conclusion of Mr. James Mooney, based upon a study of traditions and the scattered remnants of Indian languages.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Story About General Booth from a Former Resident of London.

The present trouble in the Salvation Army has recalled some incidents showing how the inflexible, not to say cruel, discipline in the rank and file of the army, and the extreme hardships undergone, especially by the newer members.

"During a severe spell of cold weather," she said, "three of the patients brought to the hospital were members of the Salvation Army in uniform—two women and a man. All three had collapsed from weakness and exposure while out in the bitter cold performing the work imposed by their superiors.

"The man was found to be dangerously ill of pneumonia. The house doctor said that one of the chief causes of his illness was insufficient clothing.

"I don't know so much about the women patients, but we understood they were also very low. They, too, had the scantiest clothing. It is a rule in Guy's, as in other hospitals, that patients who can afford to pay for treatment ought to do so.

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Warts.

The troublesome excrescences called warts with which some people and many animals are afflicted have been treated with not a few superstitious remedies. Every country neighborhood has its own method of treatment, and every grown person will remember the boyish practice of rubbing a string over the wart, tying a knot for every wart, and throwing the string over the shoulder into a stagnant pool, believing that as soon as the string decayed the warts would disappear.

Oil Yield of Indiana.

A recent report of the State geologist says that the total production of oil in Indiana was 4,380,000 barrels in 1895, valued at \$3,169,800.

We wish we were a freckle-faced country boy and knew the location of a good plum patch, and had a lot of good friends to tell the secret.

When women make their love a burden, they need not expect men to want it.

Winged Vests.

The loudest grasshopper plague of Kansas Nebraska and Minnesota in the years 1873, 1874, and 1875, will be vividly recalled by many readers.

Wasp may often be observed detaching from fences, boards, or any old wood the fibers, which they afterward manufacture into papier-mache.

The wasp and the fly are irreconcilable enemies. The presence of a wasp's nest is guarantee to the whole neighborhood of the absence of flies.

Coffee has been raised successfully in Girard county, Kentucky, because Elder Jacob Newland, an old school Baptist minister, declined to be moved by ridicule and was determined to make it grow.

A leading geographical authority claims that there are 300 mountains in the United States which exceed 10,000 feet in height.

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There are two places on the earth's surface where there is but one day and one night throughout the year.

Ways of Americans.

A Terre Haute young woman prevented her sister's elopement by entering a charge of profanity against her lover. Mr. Buysler, of Summerville, Ga., in his 97th year, has put seven bullets into a two-inch bull's-eye at a range of 80 feet.

California liquor men, organized under the title of the State Protective Association, are aiming to bring about the abolition of free lunches in San Francisco saloons.

Comfort to Calverts.

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may not be so full as he wishes, but if he is wise he will neglect his coffers awhile and attend to his cough. A man's coffers may be so secure that no one can take them away from him. But a little cough has taken many a man away from his coffers.

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