

The Czar has sent to King Menelek a piano, an organ and a brass band.

Paradoxical as it seems, hot times may be expected when the new artillery shell charged with frozen dynamite comes into use in the next war.

Pugilist Maher was robbed of \$1,700 in Philadelphia the other day while he was asleep.

A Moltke to marry a Bonaparte, but as the bridegroom is a Dane and the bride an American the chasm which extends from Gravelotte to Sedan is not yet closed.

A Massachusetts editor celebrated the arrival of triplets at his house last week by printing his paper in red.

The New York Biscuit Company seems to be out after the "dough."

At the tariff hearing the other day a representative of the textile industries said: "We do not want a change in underclothing, but we insist on a change in socks."

A New Jersey woman who was married the other day says she waited fifty-three years for the man of her choice.

Dr. Nansen says that any man possessed of the necessary qualities of endurance, knowledge, and confidence can discover the north pole.

The King of Benin sends word to the English troops that he has plenty of men and is ready to fight.

The mummy of an Egyptian Princess who had red hair has just been taken from a tomb near Karnak.

The Sultan of Turkey recently offered to decorate Lady Herbert, an English woman visiting her son, a diplomat at Constantinople.

A New York girl swears that she was hypnotized and forced into marrying a traveling faker.

The hospital authorities in New York City seem to be as criminally careless as some of those in Chicago.

They play poker for keeps in North Dakota. A party of sporting gentlemen were engaged in a nice little game just across the street from where bank robbers were dynamiting a safe the other night.

The philosopher of the Atchison Globe, after careful investigation and study, is ready to report that "very often a girl's disdainful shrug of her shoulders when in company is really due to a combination of red flannels and buckwheat cakes."

Kentucky has now a couple of attractions that will go far to compensate for any feeling of jealousy toward Tennessee on account of the big centennial celebration soon to occur in the latter State.

The honest old fellow who cleans out a bank, with a broom, for a dollar a day.

Gets out the courtesy shown to a dog, except while he's drawing his pay.

The burglar who cleans out a bank at night, with a jimmy and powder and saw.

Gets only a sentence, to pay for his pains, the trustee of the farthest extent of the law.

The Navy Department proposes as a remedy for defective armor plate a change in the inspection boards.

most loudly for expertise. The distinction is not a difference. The inspection boards as now constituted accept armor plate of a sort which should never find a place on any ship's war.

The investigation of the coffee trust has opened the eyes of the people to a number of things and has brought out the statement from a New York man that the thousands of people who speak of their "morning cup of Mocha" do not know what they are talking about.

The antipathy felt toward filled cheese in legislative quarters seems to be well founded, although it may be, after all, a revision caused by excess of fastidiousness.

The Philadelphia Record says: "The highest paid choir singers in the world are two American ladies, Miss Clementina de Vere, at the Paxton Church, in New York, who receives \$4,500 a year, and Miss Dutton, at a Baptist church, in the same city, who receives \$3,000 for her services."

Not long ago a Missouri editor who, in common with the craft, yearned to know everything, sent an insect which he found crawling around in the editorial paste to one of the scientific bug men in Washington.

The death of Gen. Francis A. Walker removes from an important department of labor one of the most useful and honored citizens of this country.

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TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

A New York man sold his wife the other day for \$35. And yet Mr. Roosevelt claims that he has put an end to all bunko games in Gotham.

Misguided persons who believe that it is impossible to print news before it occurs should study the literary achievements of the Cuban Junta in Key West.

The New Haven Register announces with displayed headlines that "The Devil is Dead."

The Imparcial, the leading paper of Madrid, says that "the Spaniards in Cuba are fighting for a glorious past."

An opera singer in Caracas was arrested the other day for refusing to respond to an encore.

"Dressed to kill," said the chief hog-sticker in the packing-house as he donned his overalls preparatory for a good day's work.

It has been decided to locate the theological college in California instead of in New Jersey.

A Virginia paper says editorially: "The morals of this place are equaled nowhere else."

A hat pin five inches long, with a fancy porcelain knob at one end, was recently found in a hog's liver at Hennepin.

Leap year is a fraud. There are now 3,000,000 bachelors in this country.

Zola received only four votes for admission to the French Academy the last time he applied.

The Cloverport (Ky.) News informs the country at large that the good people of that town have "all joined hearts and hands and gone to work in earnest and propose to make it mighty hot for Satan."

Several young women in Chicago are said to have perfected an organization for the purpose of substituting a five-year marriage contract for the present matrimonial regime.

A new navy which can steam from Hampton Roads to Charleston with a loss of only four dead and seven wounded certainly deserves the respectful attention of a nation that is too prone to poke fun at its own fighting machines.

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vailing Tights. Many Monkish Gowns Worn by the Fair Guests." With a bowl of rage he seized a shotgun and started for the proreeder, but he had flown. The editor had written "thats" and "modish."

United States officers of Salem and Portland, Ore., did not relish a recent duty they were called upon to perform, involving the arrest of a young woman of Salem who had sent out a man dressed in woman's clothes to meet a man who had written to her mother asking the mother to meet him.

The esteemed Interior, which should know better, says in a recent issue: "There is not a hospital in the United States, nor anywhere else, which was not built by people who believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican thinks that the Sultan's melodramatic remark, "I may be the last of the Caliphs, but I will never become a second Khedive," must have had a hidden meaning.

Chicago Tribune: The first edition of anti-expectoration cards was limited to 5,000, but the demand for copies has been so great another edition of 5,000 is to be printed and distributed.

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He Wonders. Sportsman (to Snobson, who hasn't brought down a single bird all day): Do you know Lord Pechham? Snobson—Oh, dear, yes; I've often shot at his house. Sportsman—Ever bit it?—Punch.



Poultry Shelters. The barrel poultry house shown in the first illustration makes a capital house for a small lot of birds.



BARREL POULTRY HOUSE.

The other sketch represents a more elaborate house, which can be made according to the number of birds for which it is required.



POPULAR IN AUSTRALIA.

Transplanting Large Trees. When a large tree is removed from the ground, as much earth as possible should be taken up with it.



MANNER OF TRANSPLANTING.

Cob Charcoal for Hogs. Fattening hogs eat charcoal greedily, but that made by charring corn on the cob is eaten best.

Success in growing peaches demands frequent examinations in search of borers which are found just below the surface of the ground.

one and a quarter pounds of copperas with hot water, and sprinkle over the mass. This mixture aids digestion and destroys the intestinal worms with which fattened hogs are always infested.

Feeding Value of Apples. We do not think enough of the value of the orchard for feeding its fruits to the farm animals.

Spinning Cream. A good way is to hold the cream at a temperature of sixty degrees for twelve to fourteen hours after the first taste of acid is apparent.

Training Colts. I commence to halter break from two to four weeks old and shoe the feet at the same time.

Seeding Newly Cleared Land. Where land is newly cleared of its tree growth and is full of stumps it is important to have it seeded as quickly as possible.

Oats Need Rich Soil. The oat crop will make a fair success where other grains would fail.

Gleanings. Six weeks is long enough for a cow to go dry. Some cows will keep right on giving milk.

Red clover is one of the best plants for orchards. It keeps the ground loose and enriches and shades the ground.

Good cream rising can only be attained by keeping the milk sweet as long as possible and skimming off the cream while the milk is sweet.

When all artificials have been tried, few or none are so reliable or available as barnyard manure, which is too much disregarded by many farmers.