

A Sign in the Heavens.
On October 28, A. D. 512, Constantine the Great is said to have "heard a great and mighty noise above and to the east of him," and upon turning his eyes in that direction "was astonished beyond measure at what he beheld." Clearly outlined upon the blue sky was a cross of pure white, and in the halo which surrounded the top was the Latin phrase, "In hoc signo" ("By this sign"), in letters of deep scarlet. Mackey, the great historian, says that there was a second inscription in Greek, the letters of which in English would be "En to nika."

The Delineator.
The May number of The Delineator is called the Commencement Number, and its resume of Up-to-Date Modes includes a lengthy illustrated article on the appropriate attire for the season's fair girl graduates. The lithographic plates show the Summer Styles in Costuming and Millinery. The literary miscellany of the number is excellent, one of the most noticeable papers being the first of a series of "Metropolitan Types" by Jeanie Drake, author of the "Metropolitans," one of the cleverest novels of 1896. Lillian Whiting discusses the Social Life in Boston from a pleasantly personal standpoint. Issued by The Butterick Publishing Co. at 7 to 17 West Thirtieth Street, New York.

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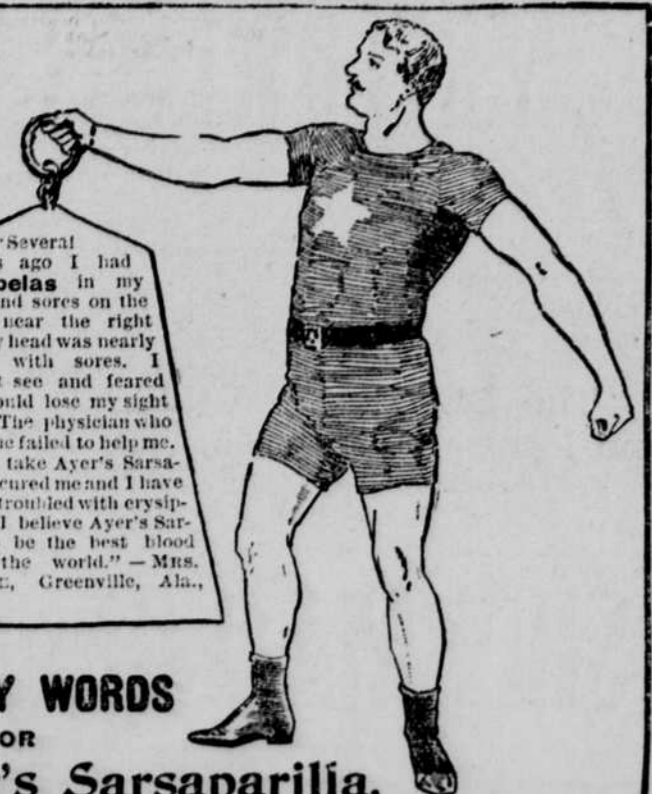
Space is devoted in the North American Review for April to a consideration of "The Uprising in Greece." Sir Charles W. Dilke, M. P., presenting an English view of the affair, and the Greek Consul-General at New York, Demetrius N. Botassi, the Grecian, Mr. Botassi claims that the present conduct of Greece has enlisted the sympathies of the entire civilized world, and justified her people in their claim to be reckoned with as an important element in the regeneration of Eastern Europe.

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"Scientific Kite-Flying" will be the subject of three papers in The Century for May, each one written by an expert, and illustrated by accurate drawings. Mr. J. B. Millet describes the meteorological investigations carried on at Blue Hill Observatory, near Boston; Lieutenant Hugh D. Wise, U. S. A., tells of his experiments at Governor's Island, including the first ascent by kite-tower made in this country, and William A. Eddy writes of his experiences in photographing, telephoning, and telegraphing by means of kites.

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The Reign of the Typewriter.
The introduction of a typewriter envelope, as a universal boon to careful typewriters, proves how extensively commercial correspondence is carried out by means of the ingenious typewriting machine and how manufacturing of the day are constantly on the alert to meet every need in all that concerns art and industry. The peculiarity of these novel square envelopes is to offer a splendidly even surface and regular thickness of paper just in the space where the address has to be written. In this wise, whatever typewriter is employed, any unsightly "shadowing" is avoided and perfect alignment secured. It is worth noting, too, as a sign of the advance of modern civilization, that the very first parcel of the new invention dispatched from England was for Reikjavik, which boasts of the only typewriter in the whole of Iceland.

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Mistaken Kindness to a Crocodile.
The superstition of the Hindoo displayed itself in a strange fashion not long ago. Some fishermen at Kidderpore, on the Hooghly, had captured a crocodile, and being unable to kill it, were compelling it to accompany them to the nearest police station—were "running it in," as we say—for the sake of the reward usually offered for such creatures. On the way a native gentleman met them, and persuaded them, for a bribe to allow the animal to return to the river. In doing this foolish action he argued that, having shown kindness to it, the crocodile would not attack him and his family when they went to bathe. It is to be hoped that the pious man possessed more sense in the water than he owned on shore, else his life would not be worth the purchasing if he came within reach of that selfsame crocodile.

I believe that Fiso's is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '95.

New Meaning in an Old Line.
"Do you mean to say that you are going to charge me all that just for going a little surveying?"
"Yes, sir."
"Wouldn't you take the land instead of the money?"
"Possibly."
"Well, I guess you'll have to. This is the first time I ever really appreciated that poetry about 'I am monarch of all I survey.'—Washington Star.

Travel in Switzerland.
The greatest travelers in Switzerland are the English; then come the Germans, the Americans, the French and the Italians in the order given.

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MARRIED IN A TROLLEY CAR.
A young man and woman with a craving for novelty were married on a trolley car running between Omaha and Council Bluffs the other day.

BICYCLE BY MAGIC.
WITH MARVELOUS EASE BY A FAKIR FROM PUNJAUB.

He Has Amazed Paris—But After All the Trick Is Very Simple, Though Requiring Great Dexterity—Carried in Small Pieces.



ARRAYED in a gown of spotless white, his coal black hair covered by a snowy turban, with many folds, an Indian juggler, who calls himself the Nawab of Jellabad has been starting the people of Paris nightly with a marvellous trick and then poking fun at them with his explanation of how simple it is to do it. It is not so simple a trick, perhaps, to the unskilful, for it is nothing less than the production of a bicycle from beneath that flowing cloak, where the greatest doubters in all the audience would have sworn no bicycle could have been concealed.

Inasmuch as it is manifestly impossible to carry a bicycle in one's pocket or under the arm without being seen the onlookers puzzle their brains in vain to discover how on earth this seemingly remarkable man is going to carry out the promise he has made. They are not long in discovering that he means to perform exactly what he has promised. Suddenly there is thrown to him by his assistant a large sheet of ordinary muslin, folded. He unfolds this sheet in full view, and then, bowing politely to those who are watching him, flings it over himself and disappears beneath the muslin cloud.

Beneath the muslin he remains, but the muslin is in plain sight of every one, and too far from anything to permit even the suggestion of aid from an outside source. The cloth undulates like the tall grass on a rolling prairie, when the wind is blowing in stiffish fashion. There are regular billows. Then, here and there, appears a suggestion of some object. All at once the muslin shows the distinct outline of a wheel. Then the excitement becomes intense.

"Why the man is really going to do it" is heard on all sides.
The cloth moves more violently. A click, click, sounds clear and distinct from under the muslin. Then the cloth shakes vigorously. Suddenly it rises as if impelled by a dozen hands, and almost simultaneously with that rising there darts from beneath it the figure of the juggler, riding a silver mounted wheel, upon which he makes the circuit of the stage several times. Then he alights as deftly as the greatest of trick riders, and bowing to the audience, says: "Mesdames et Messieurs, sil vous plait."

It is done. The juggler has kept his word to the letter.
And now for the explanation. The Nawab smiles in his most charming Indian fashion as he tells those who are about him that what he has done is the simplest thing in the world if only it is understood.
"Any one of you could do it, I am sure," he says.

Could they? Let us see. This is the explanation, condensed from the elaborate fabric of language which the Indian juggler rears for the enlightenment of those who have watched him. In a word, the secret is that the bicycle, all in pieces, is hung about his body beneath the cloak. It seems as if it would be a difficult task to do that, so that there would be no knobby projections, but the Indian is a clever man.

To begin with, the rubber tires are allowed to empty themselves of air and are then coiled about the man's waist. Each of the spokes folds in three places, and thus condensed about the hub of the wheel, the whole hangs down toward the man's heels like the big pendulum of a clock.
The handle bars are fastened about the waist. The frame of the machine is in five pieces, but fits together with snap and locks that make it as firm as if it were all cast in one piece. The chain is wound around his legs. The saddle is carried over his breast.
With all this, weighing perhaps altogether eighteen pounds upon him, the juggler has appeared before those who have come to see the wonder he has promised. The folds of his cloak so thoroughly conceal the dismantled bike that there is not the slightest evidence of its presence. The usual explanation is made and then comes the enveloping with the sheet. Instantly the sheet covers him, the juggler loosens from about him the sections of the bicycle that make a complete whole. First of all he arranges the frame. Then the two wheels are quickly turned into proper shape. Following this he blows air into the rubber tires and adjusts them. Then comes the gearing, the adjustment of saddle and handle bars, and so, the wheel is complete and ready for use. Then the juggler dexterously flings the sheet from him and at the same moment mounts the wheel. The rest has been told.

The Battles of God.
Satan puts forth his utmost power to prevent every man from becoming a Christian. The gift of the new birth to a Christian leads to a perpetual conflict. Brave men are needed today to fight the battles of God against sin.—Rev. W. G. Partridge.

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THE MASHONA RISING.

A Young Prospector Relates His Manner of Escape with His Life.

W. E. Brand, a young prospector in Mashonaland, was one of the earliest reported to have been murdered by the rebels, says the London Chronicle. A little later, however, he cabled his safe arrival at Fort Salisbury. His parents, living at Instow, Bideford, North Devon, have just received from him the following graphic description of his escape to the fort: "Groves and myself started from Lo Magundi on June 10, two days before the war broke out, with seven 'boys,' two Mashonas and five Zambezis. I met two policemen on the road, forty-five miles from town; next morning both were murdered. I reached the store on the 15th and met Groves there. We left the store next morning and started for Angwe, thirty miles off. As we passed along we thought there was something suspicious, as the niggers all had guns and were hiding in the long grass. I went up to a kraal to ask for my things, which I had left there five months ago; but they refused to give them up, so I cleared. We finished our work at Angwe and came back. When we got to the store we saw four men who had been brutally murdered, evidently by battle axes. They were all lying on their stomachs and had been dragged out of the store into the veldt. They were blown out to a tremendous size, and when we turned them over their faces were eaten away. We walked to Jameson's camp to see if we could find any more bodies. It was 5 o'clock when we arrived and we had been walking all day. Then we walked on to Ayres farm, twenty-five miles, where we thought we should be safe, but I had to shoot both my Mashonas for safety, and lucky for me that I did. We arrived at Ayres at 7 a. m., where we were going to have a good breakfast, as we had nothing to eat for two days. I rushed up to the huts like mad, and just as I reached the first the brutes jumped up all around us, with battle axes and knobkerries, and yelled. They fired about twenty shots at us before we cleared. All the 'boys' were shot, and then they chased us. One gave me a blow on the head with a battle axe, but only cut through my coat. We shot six and ran across a place like the Burrows (Westward Ho Golf Links), bullets tearing up the ground all around us, but fortunately never hitting us. One bullet went through my hat, which was not pleasant. At last we got away. There must have been 300 or 400 of the brutes. We got into a wood and dodged them and then my legs gave way and I could go no farther. We arrived at Fort Salisbury like two broken-down tramps, where they had been in laager fourteen days. They cheered us as we came in. There have been some awful murders. Women horribly mutilated. * * * I have been out on several patrols, and we saved ten men's lives at Hartley. Grub is dear—bread, 1s 6d per one-fourth pound; whisky, 30s a bottle; butter, 12s a pound."

AN UNDELIVERED LETTER.

Written Eighty-Five Years Ago to a Son, Who Never Got It.
A letter undelivered after a lapse of over eighty years was the odd find of Miss Catherine Mahon at Lenni, Dea-ware county, says the Philadelphia Record. While looking over some old papers recently Miss Mahon came across a package of letters that had belonged to her grandmother. Among the collection was an old envelope, yellow with age, which bore the subscription: "For my son Hiram, should he ever return." This was signed: "Thaddeus Mahon," and as the flap of the envelope bore a large red seal, it could not be opened without destroying the wrapper. Miss Mahon showed the letter to her father, who remembered having heard his father speak of a brother who had left home suddenly during the war of 1812. He never returned and before dying old Thaddeus Mahon had written the letter which Miss Mahon had found. They decided to open it and doing so discovered a note which read as follows:
July 11, 1812.
"My Son Hiram: Since you have left I see my mistake. I pray that you may come back in time to forgive me. Thank God your mother is not now living to know that I cast her son off. Willingly would I give my consent to your marriage with Neil, for I now see that she is a good woman. Forgive your father, who has broken his heart through his headstrong ways. God bless you, my dear son Hiram."
"THADDEUS MAHON."

Conductor Impaled.
A trolley flat car loaded with sacks of grain was making a flying run on the electric road down-grade between Catocot mountain and Frederick, Md., when the conductor, Harvey Miller, became confused and could not check its increasing speed. The car was going like lightning when it jumped the track, snapping trolley poles like pipe stems and smashing into the rail fence. Miller was found dead on the ground with a fence rail sticking clear through his body. Miller disobeyed the road's rules.

Nice to Be a Queen.
The queen's special trains from Cherbourg to Nice and back cost about \$23,000, and her majesty has also to pay for the specials from Boulogne to Nice and back, which conveyed the servants, horses, carriages and heavy luggage. The average total cost at the privy purse of the queen's annual continental trip is about \$30,000.

Predestination.
Every human being is by his very creation predestinated and elected to heaven, in that every human being is born with the capabilities of spiritual life.—Rev. T. A. King.

NEW SHRUB THAT IS A REMEDY.

A Sure Cure for Kidney Diseases and Rheumatism.

It is no doubt true that next to consumption, more people die yearly from diseases of the kidneys than from any other cause. In some respects Kidney disease is the most dangerous of all maladies, because it usually has made much progress before the victim is aware of its existence. It is, therefore, with great pleasure we commend to our readers the recent discovery in East India of the Kava-Kava shrub, which has proved a most powerful remedy for diseases of the kidneys, rheumatism, or other ailments caused by uric acid in the blood. The cures wrought by this new remedy are indeed most remarkable. Many who have suffered from the most severe forms of the disease, have been completely cured in from twenty to forty days by the Kava-Kava shrub. In the New York Weekly World of Sept. 10th, the testimony of Rev. W. B. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C., was given, describing his years of suffering from Kidney disease and Rheumatism, and his rapid cure by Alkavis. Rev. John H. Watson of Sunset, Texas, a minister of the gospel of thirty years' service, was struck down at his post of duty by Kidney disease. After hovering between life and death for two months, and all his doctors having failed, he took Alkavis, and was completely restored to health and strength and is fulfilling his duties as minister of the gospel. Mr. R. C. Wood, a prominent attorney of Lowell, Indiana, was cured of Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder disease of ten years' standing by Alkavis. Mr. Wood describes himself as being in constant misery, often compelled to rest ten times during the night on account of weakness of the bladder. He was treated by all his home physicians without the least benefit and finally completely cured in a few weeks by Alkavis. The testimony is undoubted and really wonderful. Any of our readers who are so unfortunate as to suffer from Kidney disorders or Rheumatism should write to the Church Kidney Cure Co., of 422 Fourth avenue, New York, who will gladly send them free by mail prepaid a Large Case of the Kava-Kava Compound, so that they can test its value for themselves. This generous free offer is made to prove the wonderful curative powers of this new botanic discovery.

Relics of an Hero's Age.
A lock of hair from the head of Charles Thompson, the first secretary of the continental congress, and a pair of high-heeled white slippers once worn by Martha Washington are claimed to be in possession of Catherine Sheetz, an old resident of Lower Merion Township, near Norristown, Pa.

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The English Clergy.
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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

To Train Deaconesses.
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