

A curious indication of an anomalous state of affairs in athletics at the university of Illinois is seen in the fact that, while President Draper has put himself on record as emphatically in favor of collegiate and intercollegiate athletics, and while the university advertises officially that "much attention is paid to athletics," there, the young men recently debated in one of their debating societies the question: "Resolved, That foot ball should be prohibited at the university of Illinois." The question, after a thorough treatment, was decided in the affirmative.

It is said that there are three times as many teachers employed in the Sunday schools in Massachusetts as are employed in the public schools in that state, and the Congregationalist says that Sunday school teaching has reached a stage of development when teachers, in addition to piety, must have mental equipment.

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four out of five are rejected because of defective vision. The "eyesight" test consists of being able to count correctly with both eyes, as well as each eye separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate.

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Prof. Mahaffy was once traveling in England, and in the same compartment with him was a melancholy gentleman dressed in black, who inquired of Dr. Mahaffy, "was he saved?" "Yes," was the reply, "but it was a very narrow squeak, and I don't like talking 'nuch about it.'"

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Mortal beauty is but bud in blossom.

In speaking of the late Dean Vaughan of Llandaff, the World of London, says: "Mrs. Vaughan is probably the only person now living who could disclose the number of bishoprics which her husband refused between 1855 and 1863. Lord Palmerston is said to have at one time offered Dr. Vaughan every see which became vacant, and the queen and the prince consort, were most anxious that he should accept a bishopric, and so were the divines of very different church views as Archbishops Sumner, Longley and Tait, Bishops Wilberforce, Lonsdale and Hamilton, and Deans Milman, Wellesley and Stanley."

Many accidents caused by hot crimping-iron have been reported but none has been more strange and serious than that which occurred to Mrs. Pool, of Plainfield, N. J., a few days ago. Mrs. Pool was curling her hair, when the hot iron slipped and struck the center of her left eye. Cold water was at once applied, and considerable relief was had for a time. Later, however, the eye pained so badly that Mrs. Pool fainted. The next day the right eye was affected and the attending oculist now says that it is likely the sight of both will be lost.

Says the Portland (Me.) Express: "The sight of a young man going to school these mornings with his books under one arm and a big bull dog pipe projecting from his mouth is one of end-of-the-century incidents that teach people that the youth of today is somewhat different from the one of 'ye olden times.' One would think so; but it is unfair to the youth of today to take the urchin mentioned as a sample. There were boys who were no honor to their friends even in the good old times."

J. E. Galbraith, who has been appointed traffic manager of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railroad Company, with headquarters at Cleveland, will also be the general agent of the B. and O. at that point. These two positions were formerly held by L. Rush Brockenbrough, who is now general freight agent of the B. and O. lines west of the Ohio river, with headquarters at Pittsburg.

Of the 250 stamps which have been issued the values have ranged from 1 cent to \$5,000. Five dollars is the highest value among postage stamps, but newspaper stamps reach the \$100 mark, while a revenue stamp may represent \$5,000.

Holiday Excursions.
On December 7 and 21 the Big Four Route and Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. will sell excursion tickets from points northwest, both one way and round trip, at greatly reduced rates to points in Virginia, North and South Carolina and other southern states. Round trip tickets will be good twenty-one days returning. Write for particulars and pamphlet descriptive of climate and Virginia farm lands. U. L. Trutt, Northwestern Passenger Agent, 234 Clark St. Chicago.

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LIFE IN ROYAL COURT

MARIE-ANTOINETTE DESCRIBES DAILY OCCUPATIONS.

A Letter to Her Mother in Which She Draws an Interesting Picture of Royal Pleasure and Duties—An Interesting Letter.



ISS Anna L. Bicknell, author of "Life in Tulleries Under the Second Empire," contributes an article to the current Century on "Marie-Antoinette as Dauphine." Miss Bicknell has availed herself of new material from the state papers in Vienna. An interesting document from this source is the following letter written by Marie-Antoinette to her mother, Maria Theresa, Empress of Austria:

"Choisy, 12th July.—Madame my very dear Mother: I cannot express how much I am affected by your Majesty's kindness, and I protest that I have not yet received one of your dear letters without tears of regret filling my eyes at being parted from such a kind and tender mother; and although I am very happy here, I should earnestly wish to return to see my dear, very dear family, if only for a short time.

"We have been here since yesterday, and from one o'clock in the afternoon, when we dine, till one in the morning, we cannot return to our own apartments, which is very disagreeable to me. After dinner we have cards till six o'clock; then we go to the play till half-past nine; then supper; then cards again till one o'clock, sometimes even half-past one; only yesterday the King, seeing that I was tired out, kindly dismissed me at eleven, to my very great satisfaction, and I slept very well till half-past ten.

"Your Majesty is very kind to show so much interest in me, even to the extent of wishing for an account of how I spend my time habitually. I will say, therefore, that I rise at ten o'clock, or nine, or half-past nine, and after dressing I say my prayers; then I breakfast, after which I go to my aunts, where I usually meet the King. This lasts till half-past ten. At eleven I go to have my hair dressed. At noon the 'Chambre' is called, and any one of sufficient rank may come in. I put on my rouge and I wash my hands before everybody; then the gentlemen go out; the ladies stay, and I dress before them. At twelve is mass; when the King is at Versailles I go to mass with him and my husband and my aunts; if he is not there I go with Monsieur the Dauphin, but always at the same hour. After mass we dine together before everybody, but it is over by half-past one, as we both eat quickly. I then go to Monsieur the Dauphin. If he is busy, I return to my own apartments, where I read, I write, or I work; for I am embroidering a vest for the King, which does not get on quickly; but I trust that, with God's help, it will be finished in a few years (1). At three I go to my aunts, where the King usually comes at that time. At four the Abbe comes to me; at five the master for the harpsichord, or the singing-master, till six. At half-past six I generally go to my aunts when I do not go out. You must know that my husband almost always comes with me to my aunts. At seven, card-playing till nine; but when the weather is fine I go out, and then the card-playing takes place in my aunts' apartments instead of mine. At nine, supper; when the King is absent my aunts come to take supper with us; if the King is there, we go to them after supper, and we wait for the King, who comes usually at a quarter before eleven; but I lie on a large sofa and sleep till his arrival; when he is not expected we go to bed at eleven. Such is my day.

"I entreat you, my dear mother, to forgive me if my letter is too long; but my greatest pleasure is to be thus in communication with your Majesty. I ask pardon also for the blotted letter, but I have had to write two days running at my toilet, having no other time at my disposal; and if I do not answer all questions exactly, I trust that your Majesty will make allowances for my having too obediently burned your letter. I must finish this, as I have to dress and to go to the King's mass. I have the honor to be your Majesty's most submissive daughter.

"MARIE-ANTOINETTE."
Strange Swiss Landslide.

A curious landslide occurred a few days ago in the village of Sattel, in Canton Schwyz. An inn situated by the side of a hill was carried, without sustaining any injury, thirty-five feet down the hillside, stopping just short of being precipitated into the River Steinen. The road in front of the house, the garden, and all the immediate surroundings of the inn are intact. By the house were two large elms, and even these have in no way suffered.

The spider's Thread.

An eminent naturalist says that every thread of what we call the spider's web is made up of about five thousand separate fibers. If of about this thread were required it would occupy nearly twenty-eight thousand spiders a full year to furnish it. The author of this statement does not inform us how long the thread would be, but it is safe to say that it would reach several times around the universal world.

Low shoes and high heels are fashionable extremes.

An English paper tells a story of the Rev. Mr. Watkinson, a Wesleyan preacher. Some time ago he was staying with a good woman who was yearning for the good old times and mourning the degeneracy of modern days and customs. The Wesleyan ministers of the early part of this century, she said, rose early, and dear Mr. Wesley was in his study at 4 o'clock in the morning. "It is not so now," she said; "were Mr. Watkinson's dry reply; 'were Mr. Watkinson anything like Mr. Wesley I should be up at 2 o'clock.'"

M. Mounet-Sully, the famous tragedian of Paris, is having built for himself a splendid house near Bergero. The construction is to be of commingled Roman and Byzantine character architecturally, and is described as a veritable palace. The country around is smiling and reposeful. The actor intends to dwell in the palace permanently when he retires from the stage. He is a native of the Perigord district, and wants to end his days near the spot where he was born, and far from the tumult of Paris.

Paris has, apart from two places where paupers can spend the night, fourteen asylums for the homeless, which last year lodged 144,037 persons, of whom 15,557 were women and 2,663 children. Among the lodgers were 246 professors and teachers, 18 students, 5 authors, 5 journalists, 129 actors and singers, 30 musicians and 16 music teachers.

Railroad Economy.
The Baltimore and Ohio South Western Railway has been experimenting with electric motors on turn-tables. Turning locomotives at divisional points and terminals is a service of much annoyance and no little expense to railroad companies. It generally takes four men to turn a locomotive, and while they are doing so their regular work is abandoned.

Experiments were made with an electric motor on the 60-foot turntable at Chillicothe with such success that the Park Street turn-table in Cincinnati was similarly equipped. The result has been rather astonishing in the matter of expense. The current was purchased from the power plant, and it cost on an average of less than one-half a cent for each time the table was turned. When this same table was operated by hand it cost 12 cents for each engine. The yearly saving is about \$700.

A parcel containing flowers, without sufficient postage attached, was deposited in the Battle Creek, Mich., postoffice the other day. Law and custom demanded that it be sent to the dead-letter office, but the clerks surmised that the flowers were intended for a funeral and took up a collection among themselves so that the parcel was sent on its way without delay. There was no clue as to the identity of the person who mailed it, and it was a case of casting their bread upon the waters by the postal clerks, even if it did cost them but a few cents at the most.

Who are Injured by the use of coffee.
Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Indianapolis Journal: "This," observed the Egyptologist, "is the remains of Thothmes II., who fought in the great war with Thebes."

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Speaking of the last achievement in India of the "gallant Gordons," Black and White says: "Not the least of the splendid anecdotes with which the Gordons have enriched military history comes to their fellow countrymen this morning, and the name of the piper who, shot through both feet, sat and played his friends on to victory, will long be a cherished memory. Let your boys hear that story; they will be the better for it."

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At a recent art exhibition in Dresden over \$50,000 worth of pictures were sold.

While England is fighting on the Afghan frontier, Russia is building military roads in the Pamir region close to the boundary of India. One has just been completed over the Ak Baital pass, at a height of over 15,000 feet. It can be used by carts and was begun in July. Another has been made near the Karne Tata boundary, and it was intended to complete another before the cold weather set in at the Bardoba boundary in the Allai valley.

Dr. Edward Bedloe, of Philadelphia, who has been appointed United States consul at Canton, China, "is today," says the Philadelphia Press, "an honored guest at the famous banquets of the east, and is one of the founders of Philadelphia's famous Clover Club. He has served in various responsible diplomatic positions in Italy, China and Egypt, under the administrations of Presidents Hayes and Harrison.

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