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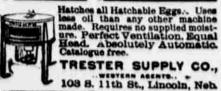
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that a Cerman sample room has been opened at Constantinople. According to Blanco's work on the flora of the Philippines, there are 28 genera of palms, with 87 species, on

those islands. A French scientist has found a name for the finger-biting habit. He calls it onychophagia, from the Greek,

meaning nail eating. The German consul general at Sydney reports to his home government that the Australian market has been largely taken possession of by American industry.

In some grottoes in Algeria French explorers have recently discovered stone implements mingled with the remains of extinct animals belonging to quaternary times.

A French scientific journal warns its readers against the time-honored custom of using spiders' webs to stop bleeding. It is claimed that webs are peculiarly liable to be infected with microbes, and among other afflictions that have been traced to the use of old dusty spiders' webs bound upon wounds is the dreaded tetanus or lock-

#### VEST POCKET COOK STOVES.

Compact and Convenient Contrivances for the Use of Uncle Sam's Soldiers.

The commissary general of the army has recently bought, for the special use of our soldiers, large numbers of little cookers of a kind newly invented. Each of them is hardly bigger than a teacup, so that the contrivance has the merit of being easily portable, while possessing the additional advantages of extreme simplicity and cheapness. With a single twist one unscrews from it a metal rim, and this, having three egs, is made to serve as a tripod-stand for holding a brass receptacle from which the cover is removed with another twist, says the Saturday Even-

The receptacle, which is nothing but a small cylindrical cup, is partly filled with a whitish-looking substance that has the appearance of spermaceti. One is informed, however, that the stuff is in reality a mixture of wood alcohol and "some vegetable material," the nature of which is not explained. On being touched with a match it catches fire instantly and burns with a steady, lambent flame, which, though almost invisible to the eye, is extremely hot.

Now, the small quantity of alcohol mixture in the cup-it is quite solidwill burn for an hour and a half, and the cost of it is almost nothing. It will serve to heat water, or for any purpose of minor cookery, a saucepan or light pot being placed upon the tripod. When the fuel-mixture is used up, a fresh supply is scooped out of shall be placed, across which the unthe brass cup, so that culinary opera- ing is going on the regulations profuel is scarce—as in China, for example, or in parts of the west-such a contrivance is invaluable. It is likely to be adopted by sportsmen for use in

The navy has purchased a quantity of these impromptu cookers, and is furnishing them by way of experiment to some of the ships.

As a means of heating shaving-water. under conditions where the ordinary conveniences are not at hand, the contrivance described is specially avail-

### INVENTIONS OF THE PAST.

Countless Models of the Patent Office Phow What Progress Has Been Made.

The experience of the patent office with its "hall of models" throws an interesting light upon the progress of American invention. For many years the government required an applicant for a patent to submit a model of his invention. If the invention were a machine, none of the three dimensions of the model was to exceed 12 inches. The models were displayed in show-cases on the upper floor. This extensive collection of little engines, pumps and mowing machines came to look somewhat like a toy shop, and to it hundreds of visitors were attracted, says Youth's Companion.

But so long ago as 1880 it became evident that the practice of receiving models must be discontinued. The space they occupied was needed by the office for its regular business. So the models then on hand were sorted over, and the most interesting ones were retained, appropriately grouped, as a patent office museum. They have since been frequently sent, as a part of the government's exhibit, to great fairs like that at Chicago in 1893.

The rest of the models are now kept on two floors of a large storehouse near the post office, which have been rented for that purpose. The few visitors who chance to stroll through that wilderness of showcases are reminded of the diverse channels in which American inventiveness has sought an outlet.

It is a singular fact that, to understand a machine, the patent office examiners prefer a mechanical drawing to an actual model, so trained have they become in translating the conventional marks of a diagram into the physical reality for which it stands.

#### Nursing Boos.

In each bechive are a number of nursing bees who do not go out to gather honey, but look after the eggs and young, and a certain number are always told off to ventilate a hive. These stand close to the entrance and fan strongly with their wings .-

#### EMBARGO ON RATS.

Measures Adopted by the Health Board of Louisiana.

Regulations Governing the Unloading of Ships to Keep the Pest-Breeding Rodents from Landing-Pears of the Plague.

Ever since the dreaded bubonic plague made its appearance the cause of its spread and means to prevent infection from it has been the study of scientific men all over the world. One theory has been tolerably thoroughly established, and this is that the chief factor in the spread of the infection, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

When the disease made its appearance in Honolulu, and while efforts fact was recognized, and strict measures were employed to guard against the transfer of rats from ships which had touched at infected ports to the island.

Now the attention of the people of the United States is directed to the ease has been reported. Our close commercial relations with that coungreat quantities of coffee, make an absolutely close quarantine against the ports almost an impossibility.

To devise and put in force a system of careful disinfection, the Louisiana you'll pay for it state board of health has promulgated regulations governing the unloading of coffee ships from the suspected South American ports, which, almost from first to last, are aimed against the rat family is the medium of infection from plague-stricken ports some sort of activity. most to be feared, and these are the regulations which were evolved as a this picture on it, result of this theory: result of this theory:

Coffee ships from infected ports If you have not the thoroughly disinfected at the tried it, send for shall be thoroughly disinfected at the! quarantine station and detained there five days, being disinfected on the fourth day. The vessel may then come to the city and anchor 100 feet from the wharf, it being calculated that a rat which tried to swim this distance would drown.

After daylight the vessel may be hauled in to within not less than 45 feet of her wharf by means of hawsers, each of which shall be provided with a system of metal funnels and disks, to prevent the passage of rats. These funnels must be of tin, zinc or galvanized iron, with a diameter of not less than 20 inches, and must have sharp serrated edges, and must be hinged, to permit of close adaptation to the hawsers. The metal disks must be of the same material, and must also be fitted with sharp edges.

When within 45 feet of the wharf, the a pint can with a spoon and put into loading must be done. While unloadtions may proceed. In a region where vide that "men with shotguns" shall watch the stagings and holds for rats, and shall kill all rats on sight. The man in charge must also "keep men with shotguns in skiffs on each side of the vessel," lest the unfortunate animals should attempt to escape by jumping overboard. Not later than sunset each day the hawsers must be hauled on board and the vessel draw off to her anchorage. The rules significantly state that "rubber gloves shall be used in handling dead rats," and that "dead rate shall be

cremated." The secretary of the board was busily engaged in seeing the agents of coffee ships and securing their acquiescence in the regulations. It is provided that all the expenses of the quarantine are to be borne by the ves-

The rules are effective at once. Their publication caused a great deal of comment, especially the portions referring to rats, which caused as much laughter as criticism. The board says that the rat is the most dangerous factor in the spread of the plague, and that unless the rules are complied with the importation of coffee must stop.

#### No Policies on Princes.

A flutter has been created throughout Europe by the refusal of the continental insurance companies to take the chances of anarchist activity. At all events one company at Trieste has refused to grant a policy to King Alexander of Servia, having had to pay 3,000,000 francs for King Humbert's life. King Alexander reigns over a somewhat turbulent population, and there is always "trouble in the Balkans." Other monarchs will be affeeted as well as Alexander. Many of them have insured their lives for large amounts, but the companies are said to be anxious to relieve themselves of the risks, despite the large premiums they pay. It is said that other insurance companies will follow the lead of the Austrian concern and refuse to jeopardize their stability by taking any further risks upon the lives of potentates .- Chicago Chronicle.

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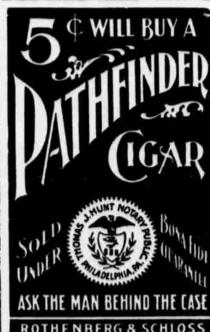
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