

It is rather a startling statement, yet it is made by careful men, that eight-tenths of the so-called colored people of the United States have white blood in their veins.

SOCIALISM cannot afford to be funny. It attracts attention only as it is serious and lugubrious. When it stoops to joke it reveals a characteristic which no hollow-eyed world-mover can afford to possess.

BRAINS cannot always force a way, toward the achievement of our wishes, however much they may help us. Neither can merit. But the purchasing power of money makes it a lever by which the world may be raised.

THE King of Italy is not a little irritated by the perpetual demands made upon him in a diplomatic way by his fellow monarchs; but there is no danger that he will show his teeth, however angry he may get. A dentist took them all out long since.

We often read of a brace of young ninnes who get married "just for fun" and afterwards find out that they are really married in good earnest. Somehow or other the foolkiller is always absent on such occasions. Marrying for fun is not so much funnier than marrying for money.

No great discoverer in medicine has ever become rich on his discovery; there is no monopoly in this work; no patents are granted to prevent others making free use of the discoveries. The man that discovered and worked out the principles of vaccination made nothing on it.

It is said of a prominent citizen of Minneapolis, formerly of Maine, that he recently went to his native state to erect a monument to his reputation as a philanthropist, and that after looking around for awhile he endowed a flourishing school of codfish and proudly returned to his home in the west.

THE members of the Salvation Army who have gone to India wear the costumes of the natives, live in the same kind of houses and eat the same sorts of food. The English missionaries in Central China now wear the native dress and find that it is of great aid to them in gaining friends and making converts.

ACCORDING to the philosophy of the pessimists there is always something to dread. Some one says: "Man has anything but a soft snap on the earth. When he is well he is in constant fear of being ill, and when he is ill it is always time for him to take his medicine." So trouble is always in sight for the jaundiced-eyed.

EVERY one knows that medicine is not exact science; and whether it can ever be such is a matter of much doubt. They that are inclined to grumble because medicine is not exact should remember that the chief factor, man, is a variable quantity, and should take their complaint to the creator of man and of all other things.

THE ambition of the average farmer is to make his farm more productive, to increase the area of cultivation, and to build better houses, barns and fences. All this goes to enhance the safety of loans made upon his promises. He does not borrow money with the expectation of forfeiting the property which he mortgages.

THE governor of Delaware has written a pamphlet on the decline of peach culture in his state. The peach crop of Delaware has been a failure every year in the last quarter century, according to early reports annually sent out; yet when harvest comes round the little commonwealth always succeeds in glutting the eastern market.

ONE of the plans proposed to advertise Minnesota at the World's fair is to construct a complete representation of the falls of Minnehaha with a cataract of wheat pouring over the precipice. Critics are inclined to chaff at the scheme, but the projector does not seem to care a straw for that as long as he knows he has got a bran' new idea.

SOME of the great newspapers pay well for their attractions. The New York World not long ago offered a thousand dollar prize for a single new idea. A lucky New Yorker won it. Puck pays fifty cents each for paragraphic jokes, and it gets lots of them. The New York Graphic pays a dollar each for brief witty anecdotes, and is to give a thousand dollar prize for the best one it receives in the next six months.

THE Supreme Court of Georgia has decided that the proprietor of a patent medicine is liable in damages for injury done to any person who takes the medicine according to the directions. Observe the proviso, however: you must take it according to directions if you wish to sustain a case for damages. If directed to take a spoonful three times a day you mustn't take three spoonfuls once a day, nor swallow a whole bottle at a sitting.

LITTLE MONTENEGRO.

The Turks Have Never Been Able to Conquer It.

It Has a Population of Less than Three Hundred Thousand, All Gentlemen and Soldiers—The Most Despotic and the Most Popular in Europe.

A small principality, bounded on the southeast by Turkey, and on the northeast by Austria, is known to the world as Montenegro. The population is about 280,000. The soil may be well called consecrated, for what higher form of consecration can any fatherland receive than the blood of its sons, shed in its defense? As you enter their country you can see nothing but stones and mountains. Some of these mountains are over 3,000 feet. As you go about through the country the eye becomes weary looking at the mountains and stones. Here and there you find small farms, and you wonder how it could be possible that anything could grow.

The country is poor and there are no industries in which the people can be employed, so many have left temporarily their homes in order to provide for the wants of their families, but should war be declared, no matter where he is nor how far from his country, a Cernagoraz hastens home to fight for his fatherland.

The form of government in that country is at once the most despotic and the most popular in Europe. Despotic because the will of the prince is the law of the land, and popular because the personal rule of the prince is kind and loving, and fatherly, and meets all the wants and wishes of the people. I should liken the government to a loving father or mother of a large family whose children not only obey their parents because it is their duty, but obey them because they love to obey.

What do you think of a capital that is a little village of less than 2,000 inhabitants? Yet such is Cetinje, the capital of Cernagora, situated in a valley surrounded by mountains. As you come from Njeguise you see on your left, rising above the cottages, the palace of Prince Nikiza; above the palace is the Manastir (the cloister), and above the Manastir the belfry, where the heads of the decapitated Turks used to be impaled in days gone by. To your right is the hospital. Then there is a fine building for a girls' high school, and the recently built Zetski Dom, a beautiful building, containing a very large hall, in which reunions, meetings, and performances are held and given. The drama "Balkanska Czarica," written by the prince, was given for the opening night of the Dpm. There are to this little village accredited ministers from the leading courts of Europe, and I venture to say that the diplomatic communications between Vienna or St. Petersburg and Cetinje are more frequent than between those capitals and Washington.

There is nothing that strikes the foreigner more than the respectful bearing of the people to strangers. Courteous and polite as the Viennese, it is not uncommon to find Montenegrins intelligent, not because of study, but in their crude state, and some possess remarkable natural talent and wit. I remember an incident when I was a little boy, probably not more than 11 years old. I was in my father's store when a tall young Cernagoraz came to purchase some goods. A friend of my father, who was very fond of joking, remarked to this young hero: "I heard some important news." "What is it?" asked the young man. "I heard that your vladika (bishop) is engaged to be married." The young Montenegrin's face became pale with anger and my father thought that he would resent the insult by physical force, but to our surprise he composed himself and without any hesitation he answered him: "Yes, it is true; would you like to know to whom?" "Yes," replied the friend. "Well, to the daughter of your pope of Rome." The Montenegrin all belong to the Greek church, and the bishop can not marry. My father's friend was a Rom in Catholic.

The Cernagoraz are Serbs, and form the flower and aristocracy of the Slav race. Physically they are both big and handsome, and if some should walk here on Broadway they would tower over the New Yorkers. In appearance and bearing they compare favorably to any European people. For example, take a Bulgarian and a Montenegrin in your parlor for the first time, and you will notice that the Bulgarian will appear as he is, a peasant; the Cernagoraz a gentleman. Cernagoraz has no peasantry; all are gentlemen, all are soldiers. But place this same Montenegrin and Bulgarian in a field and the Bulgarian will convert it into a garden. The trade of a Cernagoraz is fighting in war; hence it comes hard for him to adapt himself to any other vocation—born a warrior, die a warrior.

Actual and Common Horse-Power. When men begin first to become familiar with the methods of measuring mechanical power, they often speculate on where the breed of horses is to be found which can keep at work raising 33,000 pounds one foot per minute, or the equivalent, which is familiar to men accustomed to plowing by horse-power, of raising 830 pounds 100 feet per minute. Since

33,000 pounds raised one foot per minute is called one horse-power, it is natural for people to think that the engineers who established that unit of measurement based it on the actual work performed by horses. But that was not the case. The horse-power unit was established by James Watt about a century ago, and the figures were settled in a curious way. Watt, in his unusually careful manner proceeded to find out the average work which the horses of his district could perform, and he found that the raising of 22,000 pounds one foot per minute was about an actual horse-power. At this time he was employed in the manufacture of engines, and had almost a monopoly in the engine building trade. Customers were so hard to find that all kinds of artificial encouragements were considered necessary to induce power users to buy steam engines. As a method of encouraging business, Watt offered to sell engines reckoning 33,000 foot pounds to a horse-power, or one-third more than the actual. And thus, says the Manufacturer's Gazette, what was intended as a temporary expedient to promote business has been the means of giving a false unit of a very important measurement to the world.

Old Tempt Kissed Her. A woman recently approached General Sherman in a railroad car, and pulling at his coat asked: "Is this General Sherman?" "Yes, madam." "General Sherman, I felt that I must see you. I wanted to look at you and talk with you. I had three brothers in your army, in the Fifteenth Corps. Two of them will never come back again."

The general straightened up in a minute and his eyes got a little moist. He would have done anything for her after that. Three brothers in his command and two killed! He sat there and talked with her with such courtly dignity that, encouraged, a crowd of women and girls, the companions of the sister of three soldiers, crowded into the car. No one would have suspected that his nap had been spoiled. The woman who had awakened him was young and by no means unattractive in appearance. His color deepened as the train prepared to pull out.

"General, is it—true, is it—true," she asked hesitatingly, "what they say about your kissing the women wherever you go?" "I'm afraid it is." "Well, why do you do it—does it please them?" "I don't know whether it does or not. Some of them say it does." "General, can't you—then she stopped. "Can I do it?" she finally blurted out.

The general was on his feet in an instant, and reaching up she gave him a good smack.

Electrified Steam. Mr. Sheldford Bidwell, F. R. S., has found that the opacity of steam issuing from a nozzle is greatly increased by bringing electrified points near it and that its color is changed to orange-brown. Spectroscopic indications lead to the conclusion that electrification causes an increase in the size of the water particles in the steam, from something small in comparison with the wave length of light, to about one 50,000th of an inch in diameter. These observations are of considerable meteorological interest for the steam jet phenomena go far toward explaining the cause of the intense darkness of the lurid light with which that darkness is frequently tempered.

Never Forgot His Manners. I heard a funny little story the other day, the experience of a polite small boy and a gentle Sunday school teacher. Way out in the wilds where the soldiers are stationed, one of the young ladies on good works bent thought she would get up a class and teach the children of the privates, whom she regretted were little heathens, all the things they ought to know. Patiently she told one little boy who made him, who was the wisest man, who was the strongest man, and the story of the flood. As he was going away, she reminded him that he must remember all this, as she would ask him the same questions next Sunday. Next Sunday he was on time, and his preceptress, after admiring his punctuality, said: "Now, I hope that you haven't forgotten all that I told you last Sunday. So, like a good boy, tell me who made you?" The little head drooped, the lips quivered, but, polite to the last, no matter what his sins might be, he answered: "Please, miss, I have forgotten the gentleman's name!"

A Lucky Prisoner. "Old Lawyer: 'I can not take your case. Circumstantial evidence is so strong against you that it will be impossible to prove your innocence.' Prisoner: 'But I am not innocent. I am guilty.'" "Oh! Then maybe I can clear you."

Still His Opinion. "I only wish to say," feebly spoke a mangled passenger as he dragged himself out from under the wreck made by a terrific railway collision, "that, in my opinion, nobody is to blame for this accident." And he then peacefully breathed his last. He was a coroner.

NEW BICYCLE DEVICES.

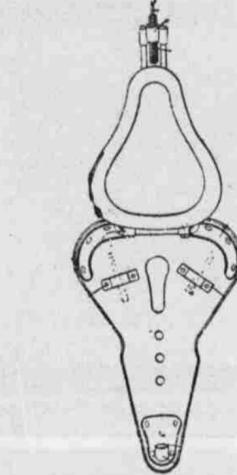
Manufacturers are ever busy devising means for making the bicycle more and more useful. A simple appliance has just been invented, by means of which the wheel can be attached to a lawn mower, thus combining work and play. The device is cheap and simple and can be readily attached. The lawn mower is suitably connected with the hub of the rear wheel and trails



Bicycle Rest. Behind, thus lessening the amount of muscular energy required to propel the wheel.

Undoubtedly this invention will do much toward making individuals of an indolent disposition devote some of their time to mowing the lawn instead of making thine along the road. There is a new bicycle lock on the market, which, in many features, is an improvement over any lock recently invented. It is the only lock on the market which grasps the handle post. It is fastened to a projecting stand or arm, under which the front wheel is placed. The handle post is shoved into the lock against a trigger, when it is clutched from the back by a finger. This finger can be released by turning the lock over. A key, however, is provided to release it more readily.

Next is a new bicycle brake on the market, which can be readily operated by a slight pressure of the feet. It comprises brake levers, pivotally connected at points intermediate in their length to the clamps adjustably secured on each side of the wheel. Foot rests extend from the clamps, while brake shoes are carried by the levers underneath the wheel rim. The point of merit is rapidity of operation, which



Saddle and Tool Bag. Is accomplished by a slight pressure of the feet on the foot rests.

For Lighting the Lamp. The difficulty and annoyance experienced by endeavoring to light a bicycle lamp in a strong wind need no longer disturb the rider. A simple device is now for sale which does away with all trouble. It is a bicycle lamp lighter or match gun. It works on the same principle as an indelible pencil. It is loaded with matches, and all that is necessary when you want to light your lamp is to poke the lighter into the hole of the lamp, push the end of the lighter, and it is all done. As the match is ignited only when it reaches the hole of the lamp, ample protection is afforded, and, however high the wind, it cannot blow out the lamp.

The number of cranky inventors who are giving their attention to bicycles is aptly illustrated by the remarks of a manufacturer the other day.

"The latest invention in the way of bicycle appliances that has been offered to us," he said, "is a patented device for warming handlebars. The inventor did not say just how he accomplished his object, except that it was done by electricity. Now, that's a good thing, isn't it—an electric machine for warming handlebars? I suppose in



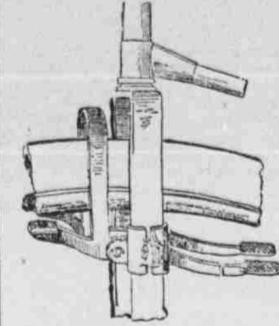
Match Gun for Lamps. these bitter cold July days a man is liable to have his fingers frostbitten unless he keeps a swift current of electricity running through them or wears thick woolen mittens. I wonder why somebody didn't think of that handle warming scheme before? Really, now, these inventors will have to 'smoke up' and keep alive or the bicycle business will go to pieces for want of something new.

The other day another person came in here and tried to induce us to put wings on our bicycles. We aren't in the angel business just yet, so we didn't buy his patents. He had a thing that combined a body brace with large sails to catch the wind and make wheeling easy. When the wind blows the wrong way the sails or wings come down, of course. It may be a good

thing, but, as I said before, we are not in the angel business."

Bicycle Steps. Bicycle steps for assisting the rider in starting the wheel before his foot has reached the pedal in mounting are one of the most recent patents. The steps are so arranged in connection with a spring, a pawl and a ratchet wheel secured to the axle of the rear wheel, that when the weight of the latter is thrown on the step the wheel receives a forward impulse.

An ingenious arrangement combining a saddle and a tool box has just made its appearance. It consists of a spring frame provided with means for securing it to a seat support, a seat pad hinged at one end to the end of the spring frame under the pad. The device is so constructed that when the seat pad is raised on its hinges access may be had to the tool bag, and when the pad is lowered it closes the tool



Bicycle Brakes. The device looks practicable, and when in position it conceals the tool bag from view without adding to the weight of the wheel.

HIS ORIGINAL IDEA. Suggests a Practical Rearrangement of the Calendar.

"I don't see why they didn't regulate things differently," said the positive man who complains about the heat. "These people who fixed up the calendar made a mighty poor job of it, it seems to me." "You couldn't make any difference in the weather." "I couldn't. That shows just how thoughtless the world is. There is about one man in 200 who really has ideas, and the other 199 generally put in most of their time making fun of him. They let the short months like February and November and April come in cool weather, when we could stand the temperature. Why didn't they put 'em all in a bunch in summer time, so that we could get through with it? Here we are, compelled to drag along with the longest months and the longest days and the hottest weather at the same time. No wonder so many people get disgusted with the way things are run!"—Washington Star.

Buffalo's Power for Niagara. It is promised that electric power from Niagara falls will be furnished to Buffalo manufacturers before Nov. 1 next, and at a price less by one-half than power now costs in that city. Contracts for the work will be let this week, the transmission line to be large enough for 20,000 horse-power. So much for the business side of the enterprise, as developments in that direction make possible the economic transmission of power over long distances. The scientific triumph is Mr. Tesla's. The power will be transmitted to the Buffalo city line by overhead conductors. From the dynamo it will pass through a transformer, which will give it a much higher voltage, and in that condition it can be safely and economically transmitted, to be transformed again at the Buffalo station to a direct current ready for use. The higher the voltage the less is the loss. Some idea of the value of the new system can be had by comparison. The three-phase transmits power so that there is a loss 400 times greater in the transmission of 500 volts than in the transmission of 10,000 volts.—New York Post.

A Silent Family. "There is in Tennessee a family of three sisters which presents some of the most startling peculiarities imaginable," said a gentleman from the state in question, who is staying at one of the New Orleans hotels. "The three sisters, all of whom are old maids, live together on a farm, their sole means of subsistence, and work early and late to earn a livelihood. Two of them work in the field; the third does the cooking and other household work. There is but one period of the year when any member of the trio has anything to say to any other member. All during the winter, spring and summer they go about their business with the seal of silence on their lips. When fall comes and the crop is harvested they break silence, and then only to quarrel over the division of the proceeds. When each has succeeded in getting all that she thinks possible, silence reigns again until the next harvest time. The sisters have made a name for themselves. They are known far and near as the 'deaf and dumb triplets,' although the title is scarcely appropriate."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Retort Courteous. Mr. Ferguson (who has been ready to start to the theater an hour or more)—Laura, if you had to take a train for heaven you would get left. Mrs. Ferguson (buttoning her gloves)—I don't know whether I would or not, but if I did catch it I know I would have to travel without any escort.—Chicago Tribune.

Wants a Change. Mrs. Cassidy—Will you go to the mountains or the sea shore this summer, Mrs. Flaherty? Mrs. Flaherty—To the ocean; me mon's tired of the mountain scenery. Mrs. Cassidy—Phwat makes him tired? Mrs. Flaherty—He's foreman of the doomp.—St. Paul Globe.

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The Mystery of the Pearl. The usual source of pearls found within the oyster appears to be the intrusion of some small foreign body which sets up an irritation of cuticle. The only means of defense open to the mollusk is to deposit a layer of nacre around the irritating particle, and thus cut it off from the soft, tender skin. A grain of sand or a small straggling acorn may slip in between the lips, and setting up irritation, provoke the cuticle to deposit around it a series of thin films of nacre. These are added to from time to time, the little nucleus is completely encased, and a pearl is the result.

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Telling a Horse's Age. "The popular idea that the age of a horse can always be told by looking at his teeth," said a veterinary surgeon, "is not entirely correct. After the eighth year the horse has no more new teeth so that the tooth method is useless for telling the age of a horse which is more than eight years old. As soon as the set of teeth is complete, however, a wrinkle begins to appear on the upper edge of the lower eyelid, and a new wrinkle is added each year, so that to get at the age of a horse more than eight years old you must figure the teeth plus the wrinkles."

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