

A Choice Selection of Interesting Items.

THERE has been discovered in Augusta, Ga., a wonderful spring which cures any kind of nausea and other stomach troubles.

An Australian musician has invented a trombone that is played by steam. It is called "Save the Queen" and can be played at a distance of four miles.

Mrs. HULING, a Rhode Island woman, being thrown into the water by the filling of a boat in which she and two lady friends were rowing, escaped drowning by clinging to her dog, which swam with her to the shore.

SEVERAL years ago a Richmond, Me., man refused to allow the Maine Central Railroad to put a foot on what he supposed was his land. A survey showed that only the land in dispute, but several more, belonged to the road, and when the line fence was built it took off a slice of the citizen's doorstep.

ENGLISH religious papers frequently sneer at this country because a marriage which is lawful in one State may be unlawful in another State. But a similar condition of things exists in Great Britain.

EXPERIMENTS recently made in Spain show that sunlight has an important action in maturing wines. Layers of new wine in bottles of colored glass have been exposed to the direct rays of the sun, with the result that both the flavor and quality have been improved.

GENERAL on his return from the wars led his family a regimental flag, all tattered and torn and riddled with bullets, which he had captured from the enemy with his own hands.

A PECULIAR style of advertising, which still exists in many towns and rural districts, is "the card of thanks." After a man has passed through some severe tribulation, such as the illness and death of a near relative, he inserts in the local paper a card, formally thanking his friends for their kind attentions.

An old woman entered a savings bank in Albany a few days ago, and, taking a number of gold and silver coins from her reticule, said she wanted to deposit them.

MANY years ago travelers in Africa and Asia brought home marvelous stories of the stimulating effects of the Kola nut and its power of sustenance during fatigue and abstinence from food.

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what John Bull paid for the territory, with its 1,200,000 square miles and its population of nearly 40,000,000 souls is at present unknown.

A REMARKABLE result of the unreliability of circumstantial evidence is reported from Chengkiatuan, China. While a thief was engaged in robbing a house during the absence of the family, the watchman, hearing a noise, entered, but failing to discover the intruder, proceeded to enjoy his pipe.

An English nobleman invited a gallant French officer to dine with him. Wishing to honor his guest and the cause which he served, that of the French King, the English peer ordered his butler to bring him a bottle of fine wine—one hundred years old—"a ray of sun shut in crystal."

PROMETHEUS, according to the story of Greek mythology, stole fire from Heaven and brought it down to earth. It appears that the performance of a somewhat analogous service is gravely contemplated by the promoters of the Watkin Tower, London, not fire, but pure air, being the useful commodity which it is intended to convey from the lofty height to the lower level for the benefit of mankind.

For six years Greece has been searching for an executioner. The office is looked on with peculiar abhorrence in that country, and the present difficulty is no new development. The last capital execution occurred in 1881, also after a long wait for an individual who was willing to perform it.

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THE NATIONAL GAME

RESUME OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 5.

Minnesota in the Lead for the Western Association Football—A Close Race Between the Four Leading Clubs—Ups and Downs of the Various Clubs—Record of the Week's Games—Diamond Dust.

Table with columns for Western and National leagues, listing teams like Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Boston, Chicago, New York, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh with their respective records.

The Western association is just now furnishing the prettiest race afforded by any base ball league in the country. While Minneapolis and Milwaukee hold the lead by a few games, Kansas City, Sioux City and Denver are close up and in easy striking distance.

Table with columns for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, listing game results for various teams like St. Paul, Des Moines, and Omaha.

Sad Flight of Ex-Manager Hackett. Mr. C. M. Hackett, ex-manager of the Kansas City base ball club, started for his home at Holyoke, Mass., July 3, accompanied by Mrs. Hackett, who had been very ill at the Hotel Audwens since his retirement from the management of the base ball club and he had to be carried from a carriage to his train.

Day Wants to Quit. The fact that "Buck" Ewing and John B. Day were at the ball game in Cincinnati together the other day, caused a deal of comment, and many surmises were indulged in as to its probable meaning.

A Costly Lark. Darby O'Brien, captain of the Brooklyn National League base ball nine, took a two-days' lay off while his club was in Chicago to visit Peoria, his home, and "while out with the boys" put his wrist through a show case and cut his wrist, severing an artery and otherwise damaging the member.

The Washington Club Assigns. The Washington base ball club, by its directors, has made an assignment to A. W. Coleman for the benefit of its creditors. The assets of the club are practically nothing, while its liabilities foot up \$33,000.

Western Association Changes. July 1 Secretary Roche issued the following bulletin: Terms accepted—With Omaha, William Hanrahan; St. Paul, E. O'Brien. Relieved—By Omaha, D. F. Phalen. Suspended—By Des Moines, Thomas Dolan and Eddie Fusselbach.

Diamond Dust. "Ward's Wonders" are dropping. Henry Porter is twirling for London, Ont. Billy Earle has accepted Tacoma's terms. Arthur Irwin is a prime favorite in Boston.

Kilroy is said to possess speed this year. Jack Fogarty has signed with Bradford, Pa. Clarkson appears to have regained his grip. Knoff is now managing the Lebanon, Pa., club.

Boeton is going fairly wild over Harry Stovey. Frank Fennelly's latest nick name is "The Parrot." Denny Lyons' sister died last week at Cincinnati. Doran, of New Haven, is wanted by Philadelphia. Sam Thompson has only made two errors this year. Just 200 people saw a recent game of ball between the Boston and Pittsburg league clubs in the latter city.