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GREASING THE ELEPHANTS.

The Park Rhinoceros, Too, Oiled Twice a Year with Neatfoot Oil.
 Twice a year the elephants and the rhinoceros in the Central park menagerie get a coating of neatfoot oil, which is thoroughly rubbed in with the palm of the hand. The oiling and the manipulation cleanse the skin, remove the dead skin, and open the pores, freshen the animals up, and improve their health, and they seem to like the process. The oiling is done only in the spring and summer; if done in the winter the animals would be likely to take cold from it.

TAUGHT HER A LESSON.

She Probably Found a New Place for Hiding the Key.
 The other day a very estimable lady came to town to do a little shopping, says the Atlanta Constitution. Of course the key was put under the door-mat so that her son, whom she expected to return before her, could get in. In her absence a tramp, who had been hanging around the place a number of days and had caught on, boldly went into the house, got some of the choicest viands out of the pantry, put them on the table and pitched in. He also found a bottle of wine that revived his spirits. He did not expect anyone there for a number of hours and so he took it easy.

BLIND, BUT TOO GAY.

Contentant Who Eloped with Another Sightless Man's Wife.
 The outdoor poor department gives annually a small sum of money to those afflicted with blindness, says the New York World.
 "I've come for my pension, sir," said an applicant recently to one of Superintendent Blake's assistants.
 "There's no money here for you," replied the assistant. "And let me give you a tip, you won't get another dollar from this department."
 "Oh, my, oh, my; do not say that," pleaded the blind man. "I'm poor; you'll admit that, won't you?"
 "Yes, I think you are."
 "And blind, too; isn't that so?"
 "Yes, you are both poor and blind."
 "Then hand over the money, please," demanded the man, "because under the law I come under both conditions."
 But the clerk shook his head in the negative.
 "You know well enough why you can't get the money," he said, "the report against you reads that you are not respectable."
 "Now I know what you are driving at," sighed the blind man, "but what has that to do with it?"
 "Everything," was the reply. "A man who elopes with another blind man's wife is not fit to have a pension."
 And that settled it.

RACE PROBLEMS IN CALIFORNIA.

Foreigners Have Come Into Competition with American Workmen.
 California has been called the Italy of America, and the term is not an exaggeration, for the state produces the orange, lemon, fig, olive, pomegranate, citron, and all the other fruits that are native to the shores of the Mediterranean. The climate also bears a striking resemblance to that of Italy and southern France. Here for eight months of the year are the same cloudless skies, the same brilliant sunshine as on the Riviera; and here also is the difference of summer and winter between sunlight and shade.
 It is a wonder, therefore, that of the 365,000 foreigners estimated in California to-day one-half belong to the Latin race and come from southern Europe, the land of the vine and the olive? It is these Latin people who have transmuted California and given its country life and its products the semblance of Italy, while the Germans and the Irish, who equal them in numbers, have had almost appreciable influence on the life of the state. Perhaps the main reason of this lack of influence of the Celt and the Teuton is that these two races crowd into the cities, while the Italians, the French, the Portuguese and the Spanish are found mainly in the country, where they were trained in Europe. The French are the wine-makers of California, the Italians the dry-farmers, the Portuguese the small farmers and fruit-growers, and the Spaniards the sheep-raisers and herders. The Germans are largely devoted to the skilled trades, while the Irish furnish the laborers, and the politicians who have emancipated themselves from labor.
 The foreigners in California have come into active competition with native Americans in nearly every industry and often this rivalry has been attended with disastrous results. Yet a study of the various nationalities reveals some curious facts, as certain races have made a practical monopoly of several pursuits, shutting out other aliens as well as natives. To make confusion worse confounded and to complicate the labor problem so that a solution seems almost impossible the two oriental races, the Chinese and the Japanese, play an important part in the industrial economy of the state.—George Hamlin Fitch, in Chautauquan.

THE TEST OF MANNERS.

True Politeness Lends a Grace to Conversation.
 It would seem that the surest road to excellent manners is by way of general enlightenment which softens character and uplifts the point of view from which we regard our fellow-citizens of the world. Politeness is regard for the other fellow's feelings. If you are solicitous about giving pleasure to those you meet there is little danger of any glaring breach of manners, albeit some conventional rule may be infringed. A useful purpose rarely offends. Almost always the truly vulgar person is offensively selfish. He wants his own way; she demands notice; the obvious thing in this person's conduct is assumption of personal importance, as if expecting admiration and exceptional treatment from everybody. Politeness

FRANCIS INGENUITY IS AGAIN TO THE FORE.

France started the ball with the Eiffel tower, says London Invention. England endeavored to go one better with the Wembley, which is still in an embryo stage and appears likely to remain so, while our American cousins struck a bright and novel idea in the Ferris revolving wheel, which was afterward introduced into England, and last season went merrily round, except when it occasionally stopped and required more or less coaxing ere it resumed its "daily round." As a fact, "a night out" on its own account. Now French ingenuity is once again to the fore, and this time the idea is to construct a lofty building that will spin slowly, like a majestic top. The festive Parisians are, it is stated, to have this novelty in their midst, the site chosen being near the summit of Montmartre, the highest point within the fortifications of the gay city. The conception of this big revolving tower (about half the height of the Eiffel) is credited to M. Devic. The motive power for turning the structure, a complete revolution of which would occupy about two minutes, would be hydraulic force. The upper part of the building would be occupied by a public ballroom, in which dancing would take place from eleven p. m. to two a. m., while below this it is intended to construct an artificial ice-skating rink.

MR. GRUMPY AGAIN.

Willful That Boys Should Be Boys So Long as They Don't Molest Him.
 "It's a shame the way those boys snowball every man that goes by," declared Mrs. Grumpy, as she helped her husband into his overcoat.
 "That's the woman of it," growled Grumpy. "They never approve of anything that does not contribute to their own pleasure or comfort. It will be a sad day for the country and the world when boys cease to be boys. Don't be grudge their sport."
 Then Grumpy pulled his winter cap down to his ears as though he were a freight brakeman starting on a trip, and sailed forth. He was no sooner out of range of the windows than the bombardment began. At first this special attention pleased his grim humor, and he made no other sign than to hump his shoulders as he plodded along. When a particularly hard ball took him fairly on his bump of combativeness and inflamed it, he stoically shook his head and kept his course.
 "Biff!" and for a flash Grumpy thought that a house had fallen on him. As he dug the impacted snow from his ear he turned like a wild boar at bay. It was a grievous mistake. A crack in the eye filled the universe with twinkling stars, and another on the nose tapped the sensitive member for first blood. Then the onslaught was a relentless storm. Grumpy howled and said things that sounded profane, while he dashed about in hopeless endeavor to wreak summary vengeance. He was driven to ignominious retreat, and the asylum of refuge was his house. Then he roared at his wife for repeating mildly that "boys will be boys," though she was anointing his wounds, and then telephoned wildly for a patrol wagon, that arrived after every boy had disappeared.—Detroit Free Press.

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TYPICAL NEW YORK PLACES.

A Monster Building That Is a Village in Itself.
 If you enter one of the largest office-buildings and go up and down and around in it, you will see that it is not a mere house, but almost a town in itself. It nearly covers the space of an entire city block. Thirty-two elevators serve the persons and the wants of its denizens and their visitors, and they carry some 40,000 passengers each day. The great business concern which owns it fills a whole floor, with halls as big as churches, and regiments of clerks. On the other floors live many another big company, and many an individual doing a big business of this sort or of that, and their number will not amaze you as much as the luxury with which prosaic tasks of money making now surround themselves. I wonder sometimes what my grandfather would have thought of it. No one in New York did business in a bigger way than he, sending his famous clipper-ships to encircle the world and traffic in a score of ports. Yet when my father began to "clerk" for him, the first of his duties was to send his office floor; and I can remember how small and plain was this office, even at a much later day, with the bowsprit of vessels almost poking themselves in at the window as they lay along the border of South street.

The people who dwell in the typical office-buildings of to-day walk about on polished marble floors; the government has given them a post office just for themselves; a big library and a restaurant exclusively serve the lawyers among them; another restaurant generously serves whomever may wish to eat; there are rows of shops in the huge, barrel-vaulted main hall; there are barbers' rooms and boot-blacks' rooms, and so forth and so on. You can almost believe that a man might live in this building, going forth only to sleep, and be supplied with pretty much everything he need desire, except the domestic affections, a church, and a theater. It seems rather surprising, indeed, that a missionary chapel has not been started in one of its corners, and a roof-garden for daytime performances up on the hilltop called its roof. But up on this roof you may find the bureau which breeds our weather for us, and down in its underground stories, in the very entrails of earth, you may confidently leave it your wealth to guard.

Truly, the steel-clad burrows of a great safe-deposit company look capacious enough to contain all the wealth of New York, and whether your share of it be large or small, your needs can be exactly met. You may hire a safe so little that a diamond necklace would almost fit it, or so big that it is a good-sized room, and its rent means the income of a good-sized fortune—\$7,000 or so per annum. Narrow lanes after lane is walled by tiers of these safes, as streets are walled by houses; there is a second story below the first, and there are other places where other things than gold and silver, precious papers, and jewels may be stored. There are rooms full of trunks, and I remember a big one with the sweat of steam glistening on its walls and ceilings, which was filled full and heaped and piled with piles of a shining cream-colored stuff—raw silk, costly and also perishable, needing to be kept perpetually moist lest it lose its pliability.

When in this treasure-house of uncountable riches we see marble floors which can be lifted by levers so that they lie against the bases of doors impregnable without them, and vents which can throw curtains of scalding steam down upon the head of anyone who may try to tamper with them, it seems as though the days of oriental magicians had returned, with conspicuous modern improvements. Of course there are rows and rows of little cabinets where Croesus may handle his wealth, very privately, and fine large waiting-rooms, too, all shut in by gates and bars and passwords. "The ladies' waiting-room is a great convenience," said the gray-coated guard one day. "When gentlemen bring their wives downtown, and have business to do elsewhere, it's a nice place to leave them in." So it is; but if it is much used for this purpose, I hope that its niceness, not its terrific security, determines the fact.—Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, in Century.

American and French Candy.
 "In the manufacture of candy," said a diplomatic officer of experience, "there is no doubt but that America now leads the world. American candies are about the only ones made of sugar that can be bought in Paris. Though the French have long fed their children in this line, they have gradually but surely managed to do away with the use of sugar in their candies, except where they make them for consumption in other countries, and in America in particular. The French people will not buy a confection which is made of sugar alone. They want combinations and depend more upon starches than sugar. I think I am safe in saying that sugar-made candy is rarely, if ever, sold in Paris. Of course, it would be made if it was desired, but the people of Paris prefer something else. Two weeks before Christmas I was in Paris and I had to send to at least a half dozen famous candy manufacturers before I could get any sugar-made candy. I could get hundreds of combinations, marsh-mallows, chocolates and things in that line. In Germany it is much the same way."—Washington Star.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

C. F. Villiers, "Father of the House of Commons," who has just celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday, has represented Wolverhampton uninterruptedly for 42 years.
 Henry James, president of the Citizens' national bank of Baltimore, has been chosen president of the Baltimore Clearing-House association to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Enoch Pratt.
 The continued discussion of Mr. Gladstone's views on book-collecting as an intellectual pursuit recalls the fact that at a sale not long ago in New York a book sold for \$2.25, and another copy of exactly the same edition, in equally good preservation, for over \$100. The only difference was in the binding.
 A lady especially interested in the question has discovered that there are now no less than 354 distinct vocations in which women engage. The one drawback is that in the majority they

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