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... Beaver, who was shot at ...day night last, died July 3.

...e court is preparing to give ...ble picnic in the near future.

...dies Sewing Circle held a very ...e meeting and social Tuesday

...all departed for Omaha early ...week, to spend a few days with ...ther.

...was thirteen years Monday, July ...nce our immortal President Garfield ...assassinated.

...s. Brown, of Newton, visited the ... the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry ...n, of 120 East Locust.

...L. Smith, with Chas. Hughes as ...locutor took a brilliant musical ...pany to St. Charles to spend the

...he twelfth anniversary of little ...her Rivers will long be remembered ...is parental home, Saturday even-...g.

...he genial Mr. Shields, of Sioux City, ...s in the city Monday evening en-...te for Ottumwa, to attend the con-...ntion.

...he Renix brothers, assisted by Prof. ...n. Carroll, departed for Leon Tues-... where they will give a series of ...al performances.

...Mrs. Geo. Cleggett is in the city of ...nden She is visiting her parents, ... mother, Mrs. Williams, being ill. ...Cleggett will remain there about ... days.

...esdames Denny, Reeler, Coalson ... Birney enjoyed a pleasant picnic ...y together. We got a glimpse of ...ell filled baskets and know they ...pt in culinary art.

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THE PRETTY GIRL.

And the Drummer Who Tried to Make an Impression.

The drummer was leaning up against the hotel counter talking to the clerk.

"You look worried about something," said the clerk.

"I am," responded the drummer, promptly. "I saw the prettiest girl on the train to-day I have seen in a dozen years of travel."

"That oughtn't to worry you."

"Pretty women have worried better men than I am," ventured the drummer.

"Who was she?"

"Blamed if I know."

"Didn't you get acquainted with her?"

"Of course not; you must think I get acquainted with every woman I see."

"You do, don't you?"

"No, I don't; nor do any of us; that's a vile slander on the profession."

"Did you try to?" asked the clerk, with a smile of doubt.

"No, I didn't."

"Then what's worrying you?"

"The way she treated me."

"What did she do?"

The drummer fired his half-smoked cigar at the cuspidor viciously.

"Well," he explained, "after I had been gazing at her for an hour or so, I thought I'd try her with a newspaper; she declined it with thanks and a beautiful smile; then I tried her with a new novel, with the same result; then I sent her over some nice fresh fruit, and it came back; then I wanted to fix the window for her, and again the thanks and the declination. That lovely smile is what broke me up," said the drummer, "and I was sure, if I had half a chance, I would get acquainted. About ten minutes after I had made the last offer the train stopped at a station, and she nodded for me to come over. By George, I was sure I had made a ten-strike, and I fairly flew to her."

"'Will you do me a favor?' she asked, with that same enchanting smile, as if I wouldn't have done her a million," and the drummer sighed again.

"'Certainly, with the greatest of pleasure,' said I.

"'Well,' says she, 'suppose you get off at this station and take the train that comes along this evening; you make me dead tired where you are.'"

The clerk's eyes filled with tears and the drummer went out and stood in the door gloomily.

FLAGS OF THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Over 150 Different Pieces of Bunting Necessary on Board a Flagship.

The flags of the United States navy are made of American bunting, thoroughly tested for strength and soaked in salt water and dried in the sun for colors. There may, according to the Outlook, be some hundred and sixty flags on a United States w...ship—say twenty-five foreign flags (according to the station on which she will cruise), twenty American ensigns, eleven pennants, four union jacks, twelve rear admiral's flags (if a flagship), twenty international signals, and the remainder signal and miscellaneous flags. Ensigns, stars and stripes, of course, run in eight sizes, from that used on vessels with very long spars, such as the new Brooklyn and Minneapolis will have, and which is nineteen feet on the hoist and thirty-six feet on the fly, to the little 2.37 by 4.50 foot boat flag, too small to sport more than the original thirteen states in its union. The No. 1 union jack is the 10.20 by 14.40 foot union of the No. 1 ensign, and the other jacks conform similarly to the unions of the corresponding ensigns. When a captain puts his ship into commission he hoists, in addition to the en-...gn, a pennant. This has a fly of ...enty feet, the union occupying ...50, with thirteen stars. The ad-...'s and vice admiral's flags of ...nited States navy, when these ...re filled, are blue, with four ... white stars respectively. ... remembered from the Col-...al review, when our fleet ... into three squadrons, ...and of a rear admiral, ...ve the old English dis-... blue, the red and the ... secretary of the ...lag with four white ...d cable, the as-... reversing the ...t's flag is blue, ... United States, ...s white, the ...tinctures." ...sed flag of ...isting na-... in use

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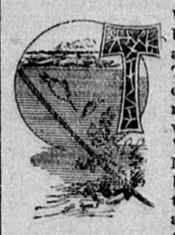
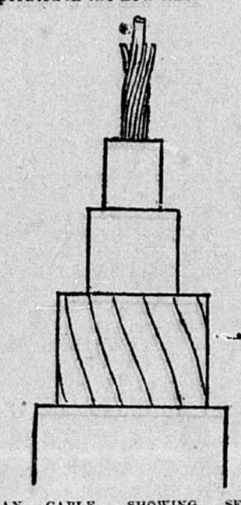


TWO MORE CABLES are being laid across the Atlantic. There are at present ten cables connecting the Old with the New World, but so rapidly has the cable business grown that they are inadequate to handle it all. It was on August 16, 1858, that the first message was sent under the Atlantic, but the cable broke down twenty-three days afterward, and communication was not resumed until July, 1866, since which time it has been uninterrupted. The original charge for a message, while there was only one cable in existence, was $5 per word, but the laying of new cables with consequent competition, has brought the price down to 25 cents per word, and, as a result, the business has enormously increased. Now one of the cable companies is adding to its equipment by putting down two new cables, the shore ends of which are now being laid. No cables had been laid during the previous ten years, but experiment in the meantime has shown many improvements, and these have been incorporated in the new lines.

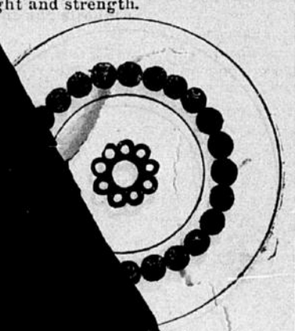


OCEAN CABLE, SHOWING SEVERAL PARTS

The cables have been made by Siemens Bros. & Co., whose factory at Woolwich, England, has been working night and day to complete the order, so that the cable may be laid during the summer. Altogether 2,301 nautical miles of cable have been made, and these consumed 495 tons of copper wire, 315 tons of gutta percha, 575 tons of jute yarn, 3,000 tons of steel wire and 1,075 tons of compound and tar, making a total weight of 5,460 tons. The order for the cable was given Nov. 21 of last year, and rapid work was begun at once.

The cable is largely made by machinery, and the twisting of the wire and covering with tar and gutta percha are done by automatic apparatus. The deep-sea portion of the cable, which is the smallest part of it in size but the longest in length, was manufactured at the rate of five nautical miles per day by one machine, and there being ten machines of this kind at work there were fifty-five miles of deep-sea cable turned out every twenty-four hours. The shore ends of the cable, however, required much more time to manufacture. It is necessary that these should be very large and strong. As long as the cable lies along the bed of the ocean it is out of harm's way. No storms, however violent, can reach it. It is not affected by any change of the temperature, and it is too deep to be molested by fish or any kind of marine creature.

It is therefore only necessary in the deep-sea portion of the cable that the little copper wires in the "core," which convey the message, be thoroughly insulated and kept dry. This is accomplished by their being covered with a coating of jute and gutta-percha, over which is a sheathing of small steel wires. This sheathing increases in strength and protective power as the shallow water is approached, and there are seven different sizes in the new cables. The "core" containing the copper wires along which the messages are sent is carried through all sizes unchanged. The heaviest part of the cable is that which is near the shore, where the motion of the waves may wash it to and fro among the rocks and stones, that would otherwise soon cut it. Along the banks of Newfoundland fishing schooners anchor and occasionally pick up the cable, and that contingency has to be provided for in weight and strength.



of the cable at the rate of seven nautical miles per hour, proceeding under almost a full head of steam. The cable is simply paid out from the stern like a rope. Occasionally, however, the steamer will stop and pay out a lot of cable before proceeding. This is done where she comes to a cliff or sudden fall in the bottom of the ocean, which is not level, as some people imagine, but has all the topographical features of dry land.

The Faraday is provided with maps of the bottom of the ocean as accurate as if made by submarine surveyors. At all points it is sought to have the cable actu...y resting on the bottom and not ...ing from hill to hill. Whi...y is laying the cables ...ard are constantly ...unication with the ... that it is in good ...while in the middle ...fficers of the ship ...t news. When a ... submerged end ...hauled aboard ... the other section.

AN INVENTIVE GENIUS.

Discovers a Labor Saving Device for Handling Wood.

A New York wood dealer, who handles many cargoes of cordwood annually, finding that the time consumed in unloading carts at the yard amounted to a considerable item of expense, has invented a cart by which this item is eliminated entirely. The cart has a horizontal platform hung low between a pair of wheels on a crank axle. The platform is held in place by a button shutting into a slot in the forward part of the frame of a cart. The driver backs up to the string piece on the wharf and his cart is loaded. Then he drives to the yard and when he is at the spot where it is desired to unload the wood he simply turns the button and releases the platform and the platform tips backward, and thus the cart unloads itself. The driver never stops at all—he just keeps right on to the wharf again. The operation is so extremely simple and so obviously economical that it is a delight to the eye of even the most casual observer.

DIVED IN A STREET DRESS.

A Plucky California Girl Who Wouldn't Take a Dare.

Miss Josie Sheehy, a trim, natty young girl wearing a tailor-made gown and a jaunty bit of millinery on her head, was leaving the Olympic natatorium, in San Francisco, a few days ago, followed by the other members of the female class. Standing near the door were a number of young men waiting for the hour when they should be admitted, among them being Arthur Callan, an acquaintance of Miss Josie. Young Callan made a remark jocularly reflecting on the ability of girl swimmers in general and Miss Sheehy promptly retorted in kind. Repartee was exchanged laughingly for a few moments, and at last Miss Josie said, unguardedly:

"I wouldn't be afraid to jump in as I am."

"I dare you," said Callan, as Miss Sheehy hesitated. "I'll bet you $25 you dare not."

The bet was promptly accepted, and the whole party returned to the swimming school. Despite his offer, young Callan had some difficulty in putting up his part of the stakes; but the $50 was finally placed in the instructor's hands, and Miss Sheehy removed the pretty little hat, that being apparently the most highly prized part of her costume. One of the attendants swam out into the tank to be in readiness in case of emergency, but he might have saved himself the trouble.

SHE TOOK A HEADER.

The plucky young girl tripped lightly to the gallery, which is fifteen feet above the water, and posed herself for a moment. Then she brought the tips of her fingers together above her head. The next moment there was a swish of skirts as she dived, followed by a splash as the trim figure struck the water. The diver rose gracefully to the surface, and with a couple of long strokes reached the steps, up which she climbed laughingly to claim her $50. The money was turned over, and one of Miss Sheehy's friends was dispatched for dry clothing. Young Callan ignominiously fled, and at last accounts had not reappeared at the scene of his discomfiture.

Seasonable Fruit.

Bananas are about the cheapest and most seasonable fruit now in the market and the skill of the economical housekeeper is best evinced by making use of the articles that cost the least. It is not uncommon to see bunches of twenty bananas offered for 25 cents, and at this price there can scarcely be a more economical material for a dessert. A shortcake made like ordinary biscuit dough, rolled thin and baked in two layers, with bits of butter between, may be pulled apart when done, buttered and spread thickly with sliced bananas; sprinkle with powdered sugar, put on the other half and send to the table at once with whipped or sweetened cream. Indeed, it is quite good enough without either, as cream hardly places it among cheap desserts. A cheap layer cake, cut in rounds with a cake cutter, with sweetened and sliced bananas laid between and dusted with powdered sugar, makes nice little individual shortcakes.

A banana cake is a nice change. Make a good layer cake, with half a pound of butter, one each of flour and sugar, four eggs and half a cup of milk; bake in eight thin layers; spread sliced bananas between, coating each layer with powdered sugar or a very thin, creamy icing.

A Twenty Ounce Egg.

Seldon Spencer of Essex, Conn., has hen which lately astonished him by ...ing an egg that weighs twenty ...ces, and measures eight and one-...nches in circumference.

THE tyrotoxicon stories ...phased the demand for ice-cream, which proves that there are worse things than death.

A MISER at Rutland, Vt., starved his wife and was fined $1,000. There was a natural impulse to hang him, but a fine was looked upon as being more severe.

EUROPE may not adopt the bullet-proof coat for its soldiers, but for prime ministers and others in posts of danger it would seem to be only a proper precaution.

AN aged lady in Glassboro, N. J., rejoices in the possession of 180 grand children. If they spend the Fourth of July with her she is entitled to widespread sympathy.

THREE years ago a boy was sent to Sing Sing for six and one-half years for having stolen $1.50. Now it turns out that he was innocent, the real culprit having confessed, and a petition for the boy's pardon has been started. The failure of the court to treat the boy with justice being thus demonstrated he ought to receive indemnity from the state.

YOU can trace a resemblance between the merchant who, when hard times bear him down, seeks safety by withdrawing his name from the public gaze and the ostrich who, when it is in danger, considers itself safe when its head is buried in the sand. The man who buries his business prospects by refusing to advertise should bury himself and have done with it.

THE Boston Transcript under takes to prove that "the basis of a sea power is still ours" by counting in all the coasting and inland vessels. It admits that our tonnage in foreign commerce has fallen off more than half since 1860 and that we pay foreign ships $120,000,000 a year for freights. The basis may be ours, but the superstructure is decidedly European.

THE national prison congress confesses itself appalled that the tide of criminality is growing greater, yet it can expect nothing else as long as penal reformers bend every energy to make criminality a light and pleasant occupation.

"WILL they reach the pole?" is the interesting question propounded by a current magazine. A still more interesting question to many patriotic citizens just now is, will the pole be long enough to reach the persimmon?

NEGROES HONOR A WHITE MAN.

Colored Odd Fellows Entertain Grand Master Hate, of England, at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Monday witnessed for the first time a public entertainment by Negroes in honor of a white man. The affair was a big celebration over the visit to the city of Captain Richard Hill Hate, Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of England, who was driven through the streets in a carriage, in which three colored men rode with him. The vehicle was drawn by four white horses, and headed by Negro lodges and boards from all parts of the state. At the exposition grounds there was speaking and a banquet. At the latter the English visitor quaffed the sparkling fluid with the dusky denizens of Virginia. The governor and the mayor had been invited to be present but declined.

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