

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Porto Ricans demonstrate their patriotism by shouting for freedom and feeding themselves.

It is a great misfortune for Spain that the war has not brought on a new set of men to the front to play parts in her politics.

In 1897 South Africa imported \$1,337,534 worth of bicycles. In the civilization process the wheel seems to take precedence of the railway.

And now the impetuous young German Emperor has become a fireman. At last he has a wide open opportunity to extinguish himself.

The feminine enthusiasm over Eshley surpasses that displayed toward Hobson to a degree which suggests an inclination to make a distinction between a Lieutenant and an admiral.

Spain says she will "insist" on certain interpretations, etc., etc. Well, there will be several American fellows present to take a hand in the interpretation business, so let the work go on.

Dewey was satisfied to only take up both ends of the Manila episode. The Spaniards ought to congratulate themselves that he did not conclude to take a play in the middle of the game.

"The only thing we can do now," says Dupuy de Lome, speaking for Spain, "is to repent and reform." Such things are quite possible, even to Spain, when she can't do anything else.

It will repay you now to watch how the word "protocol" will be overworked from now on in all the ordinary affairs of life. We will have protocols in family rows, in neighborhood rows and in politics.

General Augusti, of Manila, having bombastically boasted that he would hold out to the death, quietly escaped and left the odium of surrender to a subordinate. "Spanish honor" is fearfully and wonderfully made.

France has a law forbidding the slaughter of birds smaller than larks. Nevertheless, piles of such birds are offered for sale in the markets of many French cities. A movement is now under way for enforcing the law and saving the songbirds and the fields, which, it is said, they keep free from injurious insects.

Senator Vicuna, the new Chilean Minister, has signaled his arrival in Washington with the announcement that his mission is to foster the friendly and commercial relations between his own country and the United States. He could have no higher mission and it is to be hoped that he will meet with unqualified success.

It is now fully recognized that the first blow which that most sacred of British institutions, the peerage, has suffered during recent years is that which Mr. Hooley has inflicted by his bankruptcy court revelations. And yet there was nothing new in the general nature of his disclosures. It was known to every one acquainted with the ways of London that the use of some of the most aristocratic titles in England long has been a marketable commodity in promoting financial schemes. It is the official proclamation of the truth, more than the facts themselves, which has shocked and humiliated England.

This country is on the eve of an enormous extension of its foreign commerce. Not only does a great trade await us in Cuba and Porto Rico to secure which ships are already sailing, but all our Atlantic and Gulf ports—but ten new lines of steamers have been organized to trade with the Orient, and now an eleventh is announced from San Diego, Cal. These lines will sail some of them from the Eastern coast, and some of them from the Western coast. They will trade with Hawaii, China, Japan, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Manila, the West Indies and the Polynesian groups. Manila, in our hands, promises to become a rival of Hongkong in world-covering commerce, in the opinion of the New York World.

The Russian birth rate is so far in advance of the death rate that the increase of population has been prodigious. In 1774 there were 16,000,000 Russians; yet there were 20,000,000 in 1782; owing to conquests by Catherine II, the population jumped to 37,000,000; conquests in Finland and Poland account for the gain of 9,000,000 shown by the census of 1809. The prodigious increase, due simply to the excess of births over deaths, began for this date. With no important change in the frontiers, the inhabitant in 1847 numbered 67,000,000, an increase of 21,000,000 in less than forty years. In 1858 Russia had 74,000,000. In 1885 108,000,000; the census of January, 1897, counted 129,000,000, and it is estimated that the present population exceeds 130,000,000. The Russian race has more than sextupled since the day when Chappie prophesied its approaching end.

A curious echo of the czar's peace communication to the powers is the European rumor that Russia's autocrat, merely anticipated Germany's would-be autocrat—who, being on his travels in the Holy Land, attended to business just such an appeal for disarmament from the Mount of Olives, when he should have reached that point. Of course, Wilhelm entertained no such purpose; but since no one can prove that he did not, the event gives him a unique opportunity to "play to the galleries." The persistence with which this young man seeks to occupy the center of the stage, no matter who is enacting the star part, is amazing when it is not exasperating. How far he will be tossed over the mountains into the orchestra, with his hand through the big drum and his stick kicking a vain appeal for rescue, is the New York Mail and Express thinks.

The medical officer of one of the leading deaf and dumb institutions of England states that he has obtained material aid from the seemingly insuperable source of a loud-speaking telephone in the treatment of his patients. In the education of such deaf mutes as possess a fragment of hearing, the telephone being found to possess many important advantages over the speaking tube usually employed.

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ployed. In the first place, in arranging for this purpose, the wires from several receivers can be coupled up to one transmitter, and thus a teacher can instruct a group of children at the same time; then, again, it is not necessary for a teacher to apply his mouth close to the transmitter, so that the pupils have a full view of the facial expressions and lip movement, which is not possible when having to direct his voice into the mouthpiece of a speaking-tube or trumpet. While seeing the movement of the lips, the patient has the sound conveyed close to his ear drum—a most advantageous combination.

One of the Portland, Oregon, papers lately announced the arrival at Astoria of a magnificent ocean log raft which scaled between six million and seven million feet of lumber; a raft which, if made of sawed lumber, would contain about twelve million or thirteen million feet. It was 600 feet long, with beam of fifty-three feet and drew twenty feet six inches. Of cigar shape, it was protected by a heavy plank bulwark at each end, held in place by four steel cables of one and one-fourth inch in diameter. It was towed by a hawser six inches in circumference and 150 fathoms long, connecting with a chain seventy-five fathoms in length at the end of the raft, this chain being connected with another chain running through the whole length of the raft, in this way pulling the raft together wherever the strain came on the hawser, thus tightening the raft more securely when on the ocean.

It would seem from the official report of the United States Government timber tests that to determine the difference in strength values of specimens of the same kind of wood a large number of experiments are essential. Wood being a non-homogeneous material, and extremely variable in its strength and other properties, the range of its variation in these respects is of great practical importance to builders and others. It is stated that small differences—such as a few hundred pounds in values of 10,000 pounds or more—are too small to determine the quality in general; and the fact is made apparent that mistaken conclusions as to the relative values of various wood materials have arisen from differences in data which, according to this report, might fairly be considered within the range of variability of each material by itself. The result of the Government series of experiments in this line indicate how much uniformity may be expected in timber, and plainly show that differences of less than ten per cent. in ordinary wood testing with confers and fifteen per cent. in hard wood may be looked for in stock of the same kind, and must be regarded as a criterion for or against the whole.

The Western states, inclusive of Alaska, which have exhibits in the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, comprise in area more than two-thirds of the whole United States. The region is as large as France, Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Switzerland, Greece, Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, Turkey in Europe, Bulgaria, Roumania, and Serbia, together with Egypt and Japan, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, and Cuba; and, in addition, you must add all of New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and South Carolina. According to Harper's Weekly there were living in this region a half-century ago less than two million people, exclusive of Indians, three-fourths of the white inhabitants being in three states. To-day this population has been increased by over twenty millions of people.

A Descendant of Louis XVI. Society in Holland and Belgium has been a little interested in the recent adventures of the so-called Prince de Bourbon, who was for some time an officer in the Dutch army. The individual in question is the grandson of the watchmaker Naundorff, who claimed to be the legitimate representative of Louis XVI, and who was acknowledged as such by King William III, of the Netherlands. The watchmaker's grandson entered the Dutch army and rose to the rank of Lieutenant, but because he had taken a dislike to his profession or for some other reason he deserted and fled to France.

There he found some persons who believed in him as the true representative of the Bourbons, and who helped him to enter business as a wine merchant. In this he was not successful, and the next news heard of him was his arrest in the streets of The Hague, where he has just been sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the fortress of Groningen.—London Globe.

The Safety of Fast Trains. Thirty years ago, when the average speed of passenger trains was very much less than at the present day, accidents were of such frequent occurrence, that people declared that, to insure greater safety, it had become necessary to "hang a director." In 1806, out of upward of 1,000,000,000 passengers carried on the lines of the United Kingdom, only five were killed in the United Kingdom—whereas the number of persons run over and killed in the streets of London in a single year was 25, or about one in 1,000,000 of the population of the metropolis.

Supposing that each individual of the 5,500,000 of Londoners, walked abroad each day in the year, that would give a total of 2,207,500,000 walkers against 1,000,000,000 travelers by railway, and produces the remarkable inference that, for every mortal risk incurred by a railway passenger, the walker in the streets has to encounter twelve chances of violent death.—Blackwood's Magazine.

First Submarine Torpedo Boat. David Bushnell, of Saybrook, Conn., is said to have been the inventor of the first submarine torpedo boat. In 1776 it was of very primitive construction. The Government declined to second Bushnell in his efforts, and his own private fortune was practically wasted on the enterprise.

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The Mother Was Not Deceived. He was a tired looking young man as he leaned up against a shade tree on Miami avenue, and the patrolman who came along and halted to look him over finally queried: "Well, what are you doing here?" "Here or less t-tight," was the answer. "What's that paper you have in your hand?" "You can have it." "Bank check, eh?" said the officer as he scanned it under the light. "Have you been trying to work a confidence game?" "Oh, no," replied the young man as he yawned sleepily. "That was a little racket on my own account."

"How do you mean?" "Why, I'm going with a girl who loves me for myself alone, but her mother looks at the cash side of the question." "And you filled out this check to deceive her?" "That's what I did. I showed her that I had \$3,000 in the bank, but what did she do but post right down there and find out that I didn't have a hair pin's deposit." "Add what?" "Add what?" "Why, that's how I came to get tight. She showed me the door and I knew from the way she closed it behind me that the syndicate was busted, and so I went to ruin at the nearest saloon!"—Detroit Free Press.

He Was There. Some visitors in Virginia hired an old negro on a plantation to drive them to see the Natural Bridge. So says the Negro to Saturday Night. "Oh, hearing the bridge they asked the colored man his height and width, and if he really thought it such a wonder, after all. His replies were so vague that one of them said: "Now, Sam, confess; you have never been so near the bridge before." "Lord, sah!" he replied, "I member coming here to help de day dey lay de corner-stone; but I ain't tuck notice 'bout how high de bridge was built. Nor how far 'cross 'twix. Of co'se, I ain't come heah much sence; but dis nigger never goin' to forget dat day."

Stimulants in Accidents. In conditions of collapse and faintness the use of stimulants is important. When the face is pale and bedewed with a cold perspiration, the pulse faint and the breathing irregular, then and when the judicious use of some stimulating agent is necessary. Coffee, given strong and hot in small quantities, is a safe and useful remedy. Alcohol is more potent in its effect, and recovery is quicker. Brandy is the best of alcoholic stimulants and, falling this, rum or wine. Give a little at first and watch for returning color and quickened pulse, and if these fall withhold the alcohol entirely, for it is doing harm instead of good.

If the patient has been wounded and much blood has been lost the amount of stimulant given may be large, combining it with rest in a horizontal attitude and plenty of air, but if there be no loss of blood and only nervous shock the stimulant should be given cautiously. As soon as reaction sets in the stimulant should be immediately discontinued.

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The Major's Experience. From the Detroit Free Press. One of the staunchest supporters of the deep-water way from the Great Lakes to the ocean is Major A. C. Bishop, of 715 Third Ave., Detroit, a civil engineer of wide experience and considerable patronage in his profession. He was assistant engineer on the Hudson River Railroad in 1850 and has since conducted large engineering operations. He has been located in Detroit since 1851, and has a large acquaintance among the business men and citizens of this city.

Two years ago, for the first time, Major Bishop was in the hospital. For two months he had the best of medical attendance, but when he was discharged he was not like the Major Bishop of old. When asked regarding his health, he said: "When I had my last spell of sickness and came out of the hospital I was a sorry sight. I could not gain my strength, and could not walk over a block for several weeks." "I noticed some articles in the newspapers regarding the new 'Pink Pills for Pale People,' which convinced me that I was worth trying and bought two boxes. I did not take them for my own use, but for strength. After using them I felt better, and knew they did me worlds of good. I am pleased to recommend them to friends who have a tonic or to build up a shattered constitution."

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