

The tricentenary of the Gobelin's tapestry manufactory was celebrated recently by the opening of the exhibition of "three centuries of tapestry" in the galleries of the Grand Palace of the Champs Elysees.

In the present exhibition the specimens are almost exclusively of the periods of Louis XIV and Louis XV. Near the main entrance are two little gems—a decorative panel by Audran, woven in silk on a golden ground, representing Jupiter surrounded by arabesques, and a small gonzola rug, executed in 1664 at the Savonnerie.

Among the large tapestries is one representing Louis XIV entering Dunkerque in 1662. The design is by Le Brun. Louis XIV is on horseback pointing toward the town with his cane.

Another large tapestry represents the audience accorded the Spanish Ambassador by Louis XIV, when the ambassador, in behalf of his sovereign, recognized that upon all occasions precedence should be given to French ambassadors over those of Spain.

There is a superb series of tapestries representing the adventures of Don Quixote. They are designed by Coppel, and are exquisitely woven in pale rose color on a buff ground.

The exhibition contains a finely woven tapestry, measuring 25 by 15 feet, representing the reception of the Turkish special ambassador sent by the Sultan to congratulate Louis XV upon his accession to the throne.

There is a magnificent series of tapestries, including "Cupid and Psyche," "Triumph of Bacchus," "The Daughter of Jephthah" and "Moses Taken from the Bulrushes." These were made during the reign of Louis XV.

When Colbert organized the Gobelins he placed the painter Le Brun in charge of the works. Le Brun gathered about him the young artists of the day, and the national manufactory never produced finer tapestries than those called "Les Actes de la Vie de Roi"—fourteen pieces measuring 35 by 25 feet, illustrating memorable events of the reign of Louis XIV.

The decadence of the Gobelins in the nineteenth century is attributed to three causes. Chevreul was undoubtedly a great chemist, but his inventions were very unfortunate ones for the Gobelins.

The present exhibition of the Gobelins is honorable and encouraging. The present exhibition of the apotheosis of the Gobelins, and should not be missed by Americans visiting Paris.

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BRITISH MINISTER TO BE BEST MAN

Santiago de Chile, Aug. 24.—Norman Hutchinson, of California, secretary of the American Legation here, and Miss Janet Louise Davis are to be married here next Wednesday.

PERSONAL.

At a meeting of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin to be held next Tuesday Professor C. B. Van Hise, head of the geological department of the university, will be elected as president.

The appointment of the Rev. Fleming James, assistant rector at St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Philadelphia, to the rectorship of the American Church at Shanghai, China, is a high compliment to the youngest clergyman in the Pennsylvania episcopacy.

Cyrus Hall McCormick, the president of the newly organized International Harvester Company, is the son of the late Cyrus H. McCormick.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

A German has discovered, according to "The London Express," that on Saturday, August 2 in the early morning, at one minute and one second past 1 o'clock, a most interesting moment arrived.

OCTOPUSTIC OBSERVATIONS.

Peter Power had a Lamb. As wily as a leopard. "His sheep are changing spots," they said. "Until we find his shepherd."

Gates opposed the Denver crowd. And vowed that it was cruel. "I will be back in ten minutes," he said. "When he would corner Fuel."

Schwab is off for Europe now. Each artist works the faster. And his hair is in a ruffled style. To finish an old master.

Rockefeller's hair is renewed. His long hair is being cut. And his hair is all as old. To hunt for a hairfall well.

Morgan's home, and planning, too. He is going to the States. To think that he is planning how. To water the Atlantic.

Carnegie remains aloof. He is still in the States. And certain tax lists indicate. They also are expensive.

Linton still is talking yacht. He is counting on a yacht. He hopes that Lawson yet may prove. The Shakespeare to his Shakespearean.

More details of the "Yale Foreign Mission" are given in "The Yale Alumni Weekly." A house is now being built in Peking for the Yale men who will go there in the autumn for the first year of study of the Chinese language and customs.

Suture of the Heart—Cures by suture of wounds of the heart are becoming more and more common. Hitherto, however, all the cases reported have been of wounds caused by knives or swords.

Ancient muzzle loaders on warships or elsewhere should be more honored in the breach than in the observance, when it comes to a matter of salutes.

Two Americans were recently standing on the Prado watching with big eyes one of the grand funerals given in honor of Havana's citizens.

There's at least one ruling monarch who will never be in danger of shortening his life by adventures on a high speed automobile.

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The Middle-of-the-Road Populists can move along nowadays without danger of jostling each other off the highway.

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persons appear to consider as withdrawn from the money market, where it is needed.

AS TO STEEL ROADS. Steel plate roads are being enthusiastically advocated by many as the ideal highway.

Which may not be altogether judicious. Let us see. It is obvious that these strips of steel, say a foot wide, cannot be simply laid upon the surface of ordinary ground.

That is not all. Something must be done for the space between the tracks. It would be intolerable to have it left in its primitive condition, so that while the wheels were rolling upon steel tracks the horses would be stumbling amid pebbles or wallowing in dust or knee deep mud.

Manifold, then, something must be done for the road at each side of the tracks for a whole wagon's width. It must be so improved that it will maintain the same level with the tracks, and that it will always be firm and easily traversable, unaffected by water or frost.

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proposes, however, a most curious compromise. Two boards are to be created, one of public safety and one of public service. The former is to be a bipartisan body of four persons appointed by the Mayor, and will have control of the Police and Fire departments.

This charter seems to violate almost every principle accepted by scientific students of municipal government, but it must be confessed that theories have never produced good city government, and it is possible that this scheme is better fitted to actual conditions in Ohio than more scientific plan.

LYNCHING AND REQUISITIONS.

The Boston State House was visited the other day by a company protesting against the return of a negro to the authorities of North Carolina. Is the fugitive slave law again in force, and is the Massachusetts conscience once more aroused to prevent negroes, law or no law, from being carried into bondage?

There can be no doubt that the constitution enjoins the surrender of fugitives taking refuge in one State when charged with crime in another. The honoring of requisitions made in proper form is commonly regarded as obligatory. Yet there are precedents for refusing them.

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Business Notice.

All Wool, a Yard Wide, No Shoddy. The circulation of the New York Tribune shows a gain of over 100,000 copies in the month of August, 1902, and it is still growing.

New-York Daily Tribune.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1902. THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.

England to-day.—The Shah of Persia will leave England to-day. The family of the late Lord Beaconsfield will be in London, and an income of \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year is said to be equally well founded.

DOMESTIC.—The opinion was expressed in Washington that the President's speech at Trenton would be used for a campaign document.

CITY.—The steamer Sherry Allison, Captain Williams, reported on Friday she spoke the first Bismarck in the Atlantic.

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