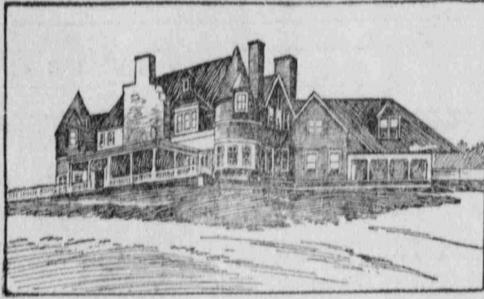


WHERE SIGNOR MARCONI WILL CONDUCT HIS FUTURE "TRANSATLANTIC WIRELESS" EXPERIMENTS.



It was characteristic of Alexander Graham Bell, eminent inventor of the telephone and millionaire man of science, to offer Marconi his Cape Breton residence for the purpose of continuing his experiments when the Italian genius was threatened with expulsion by a monopolistic corporation in Newfoundland.

THE TRUMPET VIOLIN.

This queer looking instrument, recently introduced, has been voted a success. It consists really of a violin and a trumpet mounted upon a common stand, which has nothing to do with the tones produced by either.



Lever supporting the bridge oscillates laterally upon the body of the instrument, the end being attached to a diaphragm of aluminum by a small connecting link.

THE WALTZ KING'S MEMORIAL.

An original and striking memorial monument, shown in the accompanying illustration, has been erected over the grave of Johann Strauss, the waltz king. It was recently unveiled



In the presence of many representatives of musical societies and numerous Austrian composers, who assembled to pay homage to the memory of one who had reflected so much honor on their country.

The scabbards worn by Russian officers are made of papier mache.

SNOBISH AMERICANS ARE AFTER HIM.



There comes a whisper from over the ocean that trouble is brewing for the Duke of Norfolk, master of ceremonies at the forthcoming coronation of King Edward VII., on account of his having refused certain rich American choice observation seats at the ceremony.

It was only a few weeks ago that the Duke of Norfolk assembled the various dressmakers and milliners and gave them a serious lecture on the terrible responsibilities of their positions.

AROUND THE WORLD.

There is one savings bank in New York city which has deposits of more than \$68,000,000 and a surplus of more than \$7,000,000.

seven millions sterling. During a busy month they accommodate about 4,400 guests every night and find employment for 4,500 servants.

THE OLDEST MEMBER OF CONGRESS, WHO WAS ONCE THE YOUNGEST.

I HAD often seen a brisk, white haired old man, erect of figure, and always with two or three books under one arm, stepping like a "three-year-old" across the capitol plaza before I knew him for the Hon. Galusha A. Grow.

It is a long look backward to the time when this man, now the oldest member of congress, first took his seat in that august body. It is more than half a century, in point of fact, for he celebrated his semicentennial of official life in March of last year.

Imagine a man who has met and familiarly conversed with Presidents Van Buren and Fillmore, Daniel Webster, Thomas A. Benton, John P. Hale, William H. Seward, Ben Wade, Salmon P. Chase, Henry Wilson, Charles Sumner, Lyman Trumbull, W. Pitt Fessenden, Stephen A. Douglas and all those great men who constitute the galaxy of congressional gods long since departed, but not forgotten.

"Yes, I met Webster, the godlike Daniel, the first winter I was in Washington," said Mr. Grow, with a merry twinkle in his eye.



HON. GALUSHA A. GROW.

great friend of young men, and my acquaintance with him was as intimate as that with any public man I have ever known.

I asked Mr. Grow about the most striking personality he had met in congress, and he answered, with one of his inimitable twinkles, that he thought it must have been the member from a southern state who smote him one day on account of a difference of opinion.

Mr. Grow has always been a hard hitter in debate, but he was not muscular or athletic in his early days, being forced to retire from the law business in which he had early engaged and take up outdoor pursuits, such as lumbering and surveying.

Representative Grow served twelve successive years after his first election, or from 1851 to 1863. He was chosen speaker of the house on the 4th of July, 1861, and is therefore the oldest ex-speaker living.

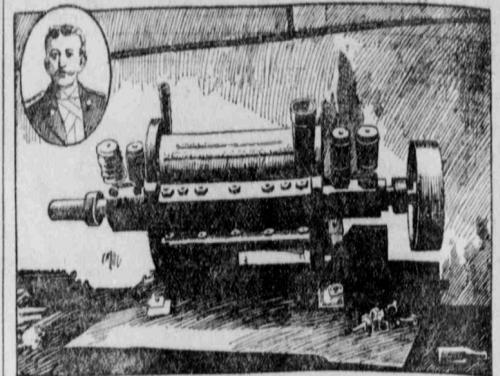
THE MOST UNIQUE SANITARIUM IN THE WORLD.



The famous Vaksenkollen sanitarium of Christiania, Norway, which is also one of the most beautiful of mountain retreats, has a unique reputation on account of its peculiar prohibition against invalids.

of the Carpathian lakes. It is expected to be ready for the tourist season next year. The Swiss military authorities have determined that this year the training of military balloonists shall be systematically taken in hand.

THE GRAYDON TURBINE ENGINE WHICH MAY REVOLUTIONIZE THE SPEED OF OCEAN TRANSIT.



The inventor of the Graydon engine, shown in the illustration herewith, claims that it will soon be possible to cross the Atlantic in less than three days.

PREECE, THE FAMOUS ELECTRICIAN.

A famous electrician is Sir William Henry Preece, the gentleman whose portrait is presented herewith. Now that Marconi has made wireless telegrams, it is greatly indebted to Preece, who has been interested in



space telegraphy for many years. A native of Wales, he is now sixty-seven. For more than thirty years he has been engineer and electrician to the general postoffice of Great Britain.

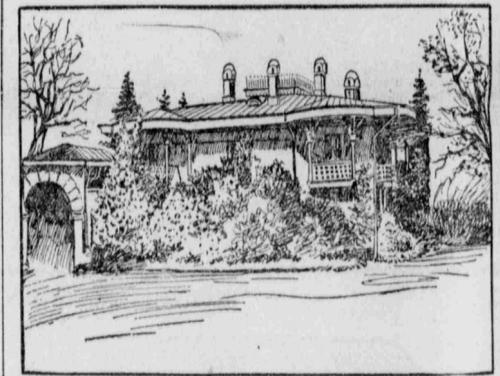
ANCIENT PLAGUE COSTUME.

The ancients may not have known quite so much as the moderns, but they were more quaint and picturesque, as indicated in the accompanying illustration, showing a physician of Venice in the "plague costume" worn about 200



years ago. As the old painting from which this was taken shows, the medico wore a hat, mantle, breeches, gaiters and boots of morocco leather, while his headgear, also of leather, came out in front in the shape of a bird's beak, which was filled with aromatic gums to protect the wearer from infection.

THE CZAR'S WINTER PALACE AT LIVADIA.



The accompanying illustration is of the czar of Russia's winter palace at Livadia, Crimea. The climate of Livadia is dry and bracing during the winter, and as the scenery is picturesque the place is a favorite resort for those who, like the czar, have weak lungs and a frail constitution.

BEAUTIFUL MISS WACKERMAN.

As one of America's famous beauties, the subject of this illustration, Helen Vanderbilt Wackerman, consented to pose for Professor Herkimer's recent academy picture, entitled, "Seeing, I



Saw Not; Hearing Not, I Heard," which attracted much attention and was greatly admired, yet by a refinement of cruelty the lovely original of this picture was driven insane by slanderous reports about herself at the time the canvas was on exhibition and was found wandering about the streets in a state of mental collapse.

JULES VERNE'S LATEST PORTRAIT.

It was recently reported that the celebrated French writer, Jules Verne, who is known the world over for his many wonderful books, was suffering from cataract and will be obliged to suspend his work as an author.



performed in the realms of electricity, aeronautics and submarine navigation. It would be difficult for even Jules Verne to invent any fiction more strange than actual fact.

Only fifty-four in every 100,000 deaths are really due to old age.

States, with 1,250,000 shareholders and total net assets of more than \$450,000,000.

In 1890 the area of the national domain occupied by the Indians aggregated 116,000,000 acres. Today it aggregates 85,000,000 acres, which is about as much land as we have in the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

There seems to be no longer any doubt that Italy will within a few years turn from a sugar producing to a sugar exporting country. The past

two seasons have witnessed a remarkable development of the beet sugar industry.

There are in the United States 2,000 lighthouses on the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico and lakes exclusive of beacons, whistling buoys and fog signals operated either by steam or clockwork.

The highest salary paid to governors is \$10,000 by New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Oregon and Vermont pay only \$1,500.