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Professor Culin, of the Museum of Archaeology of the University of Pennsylvania, states that football originated with the Chinese. The game was popular in China and Japan as early as the seventh or eighth century.

An Antikatzen Verein exists at Munster, in Westphalia, whose members are pledged to kill all the stray cats they find. The tails are brought as evidence to the society's rooms, and last year 1,223 were brought in.

All the street sweepers of New York are to be uniformed in white duck suits on and after May 1. Commissioner Waring has so ordained, and his order must be obeyed.

Paris has been excited recently by a realistic novel by A. Herment, in which a number of persons eminent in society are satirized. It has come out that one well known nobleman has made an arrangement with the owner of a would-be fashionable cafe, by which the latter not only charges him nothing for what he orders, but even tips his noble patron with 25 francs daily.

Before Henry Waterson would submit to an interview on the silver question in Washington he insisted on telling the story of the obsequies of Cripple Creek's leading citizen. As this gentleman was a wealthy mine owner his demise was sincerely mourned, and the preacher talked impressively about his virtues for an hour and a half.

From two hundred or more commercial men traveling over the West and Northwest, the Chicago Tribune collects statements in regard to the condition of business. The interviews are almost unanimously to the effect that, except in Colorado, Kansas and South Dakota, the spring trade averages 15 to 25 per cent better than that of a year ago.

Now that the secret of making rubies in the laboratory by crystallizing red alumina has been solved, a problem in ethics and logic revives, namely, whether an artificial ruby is a ruby or not. A paste diamond is not a diamond, but these rubies are not like that imitation; they are the real thing, except that they are made by man and not by Nature.

by engineers of the advisability of placing a dam across the Niagara river to deepen the water of the lakes. Good prices ruled at a recent sale of mediaeval books in London.

A Latin Bible of the thirteenth century from the Palatine Library at Mannheim, with miniatures by a French and an Italian artist, brought \$2,450; another of the same century, made in England, \$1,300; Metellin's 49 line Bible, 1466, the rarest of all the Latin Bibles, \$1,000.

The Connecticut Law and Order League had a triumph in the house yesterday. The debate on the bill extending its powers and giving it some financial support was a thorough and interesting one.

The Keely motor, which has occasionally been about to mope for the last quarter of a century or so, is once more "approaching completion." And this time it will really be finished, if nothing happens.

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these the blue birds, the purple martin, the robin, the house wren and several swallows are most frequently and seriously disturbed, because their nesting places are naturally coveted by the sparrow, and many other birds are driven from the vicinity of human dwellings where they naturally congregate.

And so forth and so on. The sparrow has not tried very hard to be respectable before this. But if what is now said of him is true he might as well give up and be thoroughly reckless.

The double decked cape of a season or so ago is rarely seen, and now the prettiest garments are very simple, made of rich material and with faultless cut, but they show little elaboration in the way of combination of materials or of colors.



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mand said, with a wink, "I suppose you're the new coachman?" "I've just stepped out of the situation. The merchant softly pressed a five-pound note into the peer's hand.

Absent-mindedness, it has been stated, is a sign of a great mind; but this statement, like the one which affirms that want of manners in the present-day drawing-room is an indication of the same thing, is somewhat open to criticism.

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The celebrated chief justice, Lord Camden, once had an amusing adventure while staying with Lord Dacre at his country seat at Alvely, in Essex. Lord Dacre was an extremely absent-minded man, and the pair were walking out together when they came to the village stocks.

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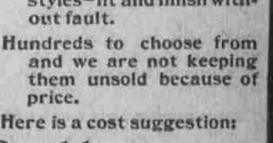
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