

JOHN H. IMMAN, the richest man of the south, was a drummer boy in the Confederate army, and when the war was over he did not have a cent or a friend to help him.

The telephone company of Glasgow has completely failed to make any telephonic arrangement in Woodstock church, whereby the subscribers are enabled to hear the entire service with the utmost distinctness and ease.

The total estimated investment in electrical industries in the United States at the close of 1891 was \$700,000,000, one-half of which was invested in electric-light companies and electric railways.

ISAAC RICHARDS, of East Machias, Me., who lacks a few months of being ninety-nine years of age, is said to be the oldest pensioner of the war of 1812. He is slightly deaf, but otherwise his faculties are unimpaired. He lives in the same house with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The most unhappy period of marriage, according to French divorce statistics, is for the period extending from the fifth to the tenth year. After that the figures drop rapidly. Only 38 per cent of couples seek divorce between their tenth and twentieth years of union. One out of every three couples who are divorced after the period of over thirty and under forty years.

THERE were incorporated in the United States during the past few days 121 corporations, with total capital of \$121,222,380. Of the number 173 were mercantile and manufacturing concerns, capitalized at \$24,157,000; 11 were coal and iron mines, valued at \$90,475,000; and 23 were light, heat, power and transportation companies, with capital \$20,327,500.

It took four electric shocks to kill Jeremiah Cingo in the death chamber at Sing Sing recently, and all who were present agreed that it was a revolting spectacle. Yet it does not seem wholly impertinent to recall the execution of fourteen stabs with a butcher's knife for Mr. Catto to murder the man whose wife he coveted and for the slaughter of whom he had paid the penalty.

A DOCTOR in St. Louis says that melancholia with suicidal impulses, hallucinations, precursive symptoms of insanity, morbid crying spells, precursive anxiety, fears, and morbid reticence, beginning of impairment of memory and judgment power, and even the lowering of the moral tone are attributable to chronic tobacco intoxication. This may be cured by hitting the pipe with a sledgehammer.

ELLEN TERBY is mourning the death of her mother, who died recently. There was a more than a little sympathy between the two, and English theatergoers remember the sweet-faced old lady who was so regular and admiring an attendant at Sir Henry Irving's performances. Here she is, and Ellen looked for on first nights, and if it were its usual expression of loving pride the great actress was content.

The great bridge over the Mississippi river at Memphis is nearly completed. The formal opening will occur May 12, but trains will be able to cross before that time. The bridge and its approaches are three miles long, and the bridge itself is three-quarters of a mile long. One of its spans extends 794 feet, making it the third largest in the world. It cost \$1,000,000. May 12 will be a great day in that section.

MANY stories are told of Queen Victoria's dislike for tobacco smoke and her restrictions on its use under her aces, but her latest restriction, which amounts to an order, appears to be the most radical of all. Recently one of the cabinet ministers received a letter from her private secretary, Sir Henry Ponsonby, saying that her majesty begged that in future he would not send his dispatches saturated with tobacco smoke.

A FISH manufacturer in Ansonia, Conn., is about to utilize twenty barrels of iron scrap in building a sidewalk in front of his residence. The sidewalk is a small piece of sidewalk built of scraps from the pin factory, which by its nature has become so hard in a few years that it required much hard work in drilling and blasting to dynamite to make a hole large enough to set a telegraph pole, although it was but three or four inches thick. It bids fair to last as long as a sidewalk of solid brass.

Mrs. FRENCH-SHELDON, the woman explorer of Africa, spent many months in the dark continent, and returned with natives and surrounded by wild beasts and great serpents, without any show of fear. She was named "the master woman" by the native chiefs, who were ever ready to do her bidding. She returned from Africa with many trophies of her hunting expeditions where she faced tigers and escaped the coils of pythons but when she got back to England she was the center of a great excitement. She was the first woman to be honored with a regular license to preach, in 1851. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were her field prior to 1874, when with her husband she went to the Congo river. She has been twice married, and her second husband, Dr. J. H. Smith, died in 1874. She has five children, and she is now a full hundred years old.

The oldest woman in the country who is a preacher, it is thought, is Rev. Lydia Green, of Seattle, now 93 years of age. She has been in service about half a century. For a single year she was an exhorter before receiving regular license to preach, in 1851. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were her field prior to 1874, when with her husband she went to the Congo river. She has been twice married, and her second husband, Dr. J. H. Smith, died in 1874. She has five children, and she is now a full hundred years old.

The discovery is made that the Alaska soil and climate are peculiarly adapted to hop-growing, and the prediction is made that it will become one of the greatest hop-producing countries in the world. A Portland syndicate has purchased a large tract near Fort Collins and will plant hop plants. The sun shines with almost unbroken heat during the short summer, and hence the crop is sure of maturity. Landowners behind for the asking, labor is cheap and the soil needs little preparation. The hops can be raised on twenty-five cents a bushel, or about half the rate paid pickers in Oregon.

SINCE the advent of "Jack the Ripper" of London, this country has developed "Jack the Kisser," "Jack the Peepster," "Jack the Snipper" and several other "Jacks." The latest is "Jack the Smasher," who is now terrorizing Chicago. He breaks into the houses and destroys costly furniture, paintings, stationary, jewelry, carriages, etc., but does not carry anything off. Not a single article of value has been missed, though a great many have been rendered worthless. The "Jack" business has become a fact among the vicious and nothing short of a few doses of cold lead will cure it.

The national convention of the National Union will be held in Chicago on May 26. Any woman suffrage organization can send delegates.

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