

## NEW YORK LIBRARY WORLD'S BUSIEST

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### WAR INCREASES PATRONAGE

Thousands Use Documents For Business Research—Foreign Newspapers Popular—10,384,579 Books Borrowed During the Last Twelve Months, Not Counting Those Read in Building.

The New York Public Library now leads the world in number of readers, according to the annual report for 1915. The large increase in the number of persons who use the library for research as well as for recreation has been due for the most part to the European war, according to E. H. Anderson, director.

As a result of the war the library has become an immense laboratory for scientific investigators, particularly those seeking information regarding new industries that have sprung up in this country. The report also says:

The newspapers are being consulted more than ever for statistics regarding the prices of securities and of merchandise. They are also being used by persons who wish to get first hand knowledge of the history of newspapers and of such subjects as advertising, headlines, cartoons and editorial articles. Writers of plays and short stories consult the older papers for local color. The war collection of newspapers from forty different European cities has been useful to newspaper reporters and a continuous source of interest to other readers. A test in December, 1915, showed the approximate daily average of persons entering the newspaper division to be 1,525.

"There has been a lively interest in the printed material relating to the technical side of the European war," according to the report. "Investigators have been studying opportunities for new industries, notably in the coal tar and petroleum products. Students came to find the cost of producing potash in Germany, the French standard gauge for nails, the effect of alkali on concrete, a method for spinning asbestos, a description of canal boats used on the river Arno, dimensions of German heavy artillery, etc. These are merely representative questions, taken from a great number of inquiries."

Many Newspapers Read. The report says the immediate interests of today appear to be in the reading rooms devoted to current periodicals and newspapers.

"The volume of work performed by the library," says the report, "and the number resorting to it show constant increase. The average number of readers is almost double the numbers using the British museum of London or the Bibliotheque Nationale of Paris."

The number of books borrowed last year was 10,384,579, compared with 9,516,482 in 1914, and in the year 2,558,717 persons used the library rooms for study and reading.

There were 996,574 books and 312,853 pamphlets, a total of 1,309,427 pieces, in the reference department of the central library at the end of 1915. The circulation department, including the branch libraries, had 1,100,952 volumes. The total number of pieces in the library was 2,410,379.

Reviewing the work of the library, the trustees say: "All of this, it must be noted, has been accomplished without any corresponding increase in the invested funds of the corporation or in its income. The income for circulation is almost entirely derived from an appropriation by the city."

"We have been able to make our income and outgo balance only by cutting down expenditures for books and binding and by ruthlessly eliminating from our budget a variety of items for purposes which were strongly urged as desirable."

### Safe Medicine for Children,

"Is it safe?" is the first question to be considered when buying cough medicine for children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has long been a favorite with mothers of young children as it contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. It is pleasant to take, too, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. This remedy is most effectual in relieving coughs, colds and croup. Obtainable everywhere.

### Price of Bibles Go Up.

The price of bibles has increased and is likely to advance still further because of the war. Statements issued by religious publication societies show that the expense of publishing prayer books, hymnals and other religious volumes is so much larger than heretofore that buyers have been obliged to pay nearly double prices of last year. This is due mainly to the advance in the cost of paper, ink, leather and glue.

### Do You Know That

There is no Federal institution in the continental United States for the reception and care of lepers?  
Plague is a disease of rodents?  
Malaria is spread by a special mosquito?  
House screening is a good disease preventive?

## WHY SUFFER SO?

Why suffer from a bad back, from sharp, shooting twinges, headaches, dizziness and distressing urinary ills? Grateful people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Could you ask for stronger proof of merit?

Mrs. A. P. Hester, 608 Hathaway St., Owensboro, Ky., says: "For five years I had kidney disease in its worst form. I suffered from rheumatic twinges and was laid up for weeks at a time. My limbs were badly swollen and I had pain in my left side. The kidney secretions were unnatural and I couldn't get proper rest. My body bloated. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mrs. Hester. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Fingers, flies and food spread typhoid fever?

Pellagra may be prevented by proper diet?

The United States Public Health Service believes that the common towel spreads trachoma, a disease of the eyes?

Children from sanitary homes advance more rapidly in school than those from dirty premises?

### A Spoonful Gives Results.

When your young chicks do not grow and thrive they need a tonic. B. A. Thomas' Poutry Remedy is not only a tonic but a specific for Bowel Trouble, Gapes, and other chick troubles. Get it today. We sell it on money back plan. For sale at Wedding's Drug Store.

## VANZANT.

Harry Lathan received a telegram last week announcing the death of his brother in Arkansas, who was killed while working at a saw mill. His body was sent here for burial.

Rev. Jarboe filled his regular appointment at Macedonia church Sunday.

R. L. Burnett and daughter, Miss Stella Burnett, were guests last week of Stylee Burnette and family.

Sunday school is progressing nicely at this place.

### SOME FAMOUS SAYINGS.

Many Much Quoted Phrases Not Always Well Authenticated.

Too few of the flashing phrases of history will pass scientific scrutiny. There is no certain authority for Wellington's "Up, guards, and at them." There is conclusive authority against Cambronne's "The guard dies and never surrenders," and against the Abbe Edgeworth's invocation on Louis XVI's scaffold, "Son of St. Louis, ascend to heaven." These were the inventions of the newspaper men.

Dr. Johnson maintained that the value of every story depended on its being true, but he was himself the author of "the atrocious crime of being a young man," which generations of young Americans have studied as an example of Chatham's irony. Johnson was not present at the debate when the real reply was spoken. Invention is probably responsible for Goethe's dying words, "Mehr licht," and Chesterfield's "Give Dayrolles a chair." On the other hand, there is solid evidence for Nelson's "Thank God, I have done my duty," and Pitt's "Oh, my country; how I leave my country!"

Excessive wit and inherent improbability militate against Louis Philippe's heartless phrase at the deathbed of Talleyrand. The king asked Talleyrand if he was in pain, and the latter replied, "Yes, like one of the damned." Louis Philippe murmured, "Already?" Certain historic phrases gain from judicious editing. "All is lost but honor," wrote Francis I. after the battle of Pavia, but that is not the end of the sentence, which runs on, "and my life, which is safe." When William III. landed in England he made the famous declaration, "We have come for your good," but did not stop there. Not quite a master of English, the Dutch ruler drove home the point—"for all your goods."—New York Post.

### The Proud Beggar.

"I should think a big healthy man such as you would be too proud to beg."

"I am, lady, I am. And when I approached you I said to myself there is a sympathetic, high minded woman who will instantly hearken to an unfortunate man's request and not humiliate him by forcing him to beg for the assistance he so sorely needs."—Detroit Free Press.

### Another Adage Smashed.

"I never put off till tomorrow what I can do today," remarked the self-complacent man.

"I tried that plan," rejoined the willing worker. "I got to crowding myself till I had to put in nights doing over what I had done badly the day before."—Washington Star.

### Might Move Him to Pop.

Ruth—They say that music inspires men to heroic deeds. Betty—You ought to play "The Wedding March" when Jack calls this evening.—Boston Transcript.

Life is a long lesson in humility.—J. M. Barrie.

## FIRST TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

It Was "Attention the Universe, by Kingdoms Right Wheel!"

A correspondent of the Youth's Companion, a son of Alfred Vail, whose very important share in making the telegraph practically successful has not been generally recognized, writes to say that the very first message to pass over electrically charged wires was sent early in 1838, when the new invention was exhibited first at Morristown, in New Jersey, where Vail lived, and later in New York.

On Jan. 11 at the Speedwell Iron works in Morristown a party of interested friends met to see the telegraph tried.

"It was in the upper room of the old factory building," wrote Vail in his journal. "A wire was hung round the room two miles in length. At one end of the wire was a battery; at the other was a small frame, on which was a sheet of writing paper. The battery communicated the contents of a note written by one of the ladies present through the wire by means of spaces and lines, which Professor Morse translated into English. At that time the registering machine printed signs that stood for the ten numerical digits, and these numbers were translated into words by means of a bulky dictionary compiled by Professor Morse, in which each word was represented by a combination of figures."

By Jan. 21 of that year, however, when the invention was shown in New York, the dots and dashes were arranged to signify letters, according to a plan of Vail's, and the cumbersome dictionary was discarded.

The first message sent that day, according to Vail, was, "Attention the universe, by kingdoms right wheel!" The original record is now at the Smithsonian institution in Washington. Each character has under it the corresponding letter written in pencil by Alfred Vail. It was five years before money enough could be got to show the telegraph on a really large scale, and during all those years Vail was active in improving the telegraphic instrument as a means both of sending and of receiving messages. Almost all the essential parts of the instrument in use today are the result of Vail's unusual mechanical ingenuity.

### WRITTEN IN GOLD.

Codex Aureus, the Most Wonderful of All Prized Bibles.

You are wont to think of the Bible as the King James version, with which you have been familiar from your childhood. Do you know what the bibliophile regards as the most wonderful Bible in the world?

It is known as the Codex Aureus, or golden codex, because the lettering is all laid on the parchment in pure gold. It is of value for a totally different reason, however. It is written in the Gothic tongue, and a notation on it which bears the date 840 A. D. calls it an ancient manuscript, even at that time. It consists of large portions of the four gospels and is of the greatest value to scholars because it has preserved so much of that long dead language.

A much more spectacular copy of the Scriptures is the one that is known as the "devil's Bible," one of the famous titles to see in the city of Stockholm, Sweden. It rests on a large table in the Royal library, and it is a remarkable work of art.

Its origin is enshrouded in traditions, no two of which agree in the least. It was brought to Sweden from a convent in Bohemia as a part of the loot after the thirty years' war and was probably the life work of dozens of consecrated monks. It is not on ordinary parchment, but the lettering was applied on the secretly treated skins of 300 asses, and the process of treating the skins is a lost art. The frontispiece looks like the portrait of the devil; hence the name.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Raising the Sons.

No mother raises her boy to be a soldier or a tanner or a salesman or an electrician. The utmost she can achieve (with the neglected father's help) is to raise her boy to be a man, and when he has reached man's estate he must do what his manhood authorizes. No other course is open to him. He is the captain of his soul and must answer to God and the state for the fulfillment of his duties as a human being and as a citizen.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Facts About the Pig.

Teachers, says a British weekly, often ask their classes to write an account of their holidays or to describe something that they have seen. One youngster chose the pig.

"Pigs," he wrote, "are very dirty and will eat anything but rhubarb. It has little, if any, ambition for itself."

### His Regular Job.

"That fellow over yonder is in for a day of reckoning," said Fluddub to Wombat as they ambled downtown to work.

"Been caught at something?"

"Oh, no. He's a bookkeeper, that's all."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Difficult Stunt.

"Lawyers must be men of wonderful self control."

"Why so?"

"They can refrain from offering advice until somebody comes along who is willing to pay for it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Too Large an Order.

He—When we were married you swore to love, honor and obey. She—I know I did, but at that time I didn't realize I was attempting the impossible.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Such tobacco enjoyment

as you never thought could be is yours to command quick as you buy some Prince Albert and fire-up a pipe or a home-made cigarette!

Prince Albert gives you every tobacco satisfaction your smoke-appetite ever hankered for. That's because it's made by a patented process that cuts out bite and parch! Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!



## PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

has a flavor as different as it is delightful. You never tasted the like of it! And that isn't strange, either.

Buy Prince Albert every-where tobacco is sold in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that corking fine pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such clever trim—always!

Men who think they can't smoke a pipe or roll a cigarette can smoke and will smoke if they use Prince Albert. And smokers who have not yet given P. A. a try-out certainly have a big surprise and a lot of enjoyment coming their way as soon as they invest in a supply. Prince Albert tobacco will tell its own story!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

# Big Furniture Sale

Having decided to discontinue my line of Furniture, I will close my entire stock at the most "Startling Prices" ever offered in this line, and bear in mind this is Up-to-Date goods and cannot be bought today for the money I am offering.

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| One large mahogany Dresser and Chiffonier to match; worth \$40, at \$28.00 | One oak Dresser, very handsome, heavy plate mirror 24x34; worth \$15.00, at \$12.50   |
| One mahogany Davenport, worth \$27.50; this is a beauty, to go at \$21.00  | One Dresser, worth \$13.50 at \$10.75   |
| One genuine quarter sawed oak Dresser, worth \$16.00, today at \$12.50     | One Mantle Folding Bed, worth \$14.00; at \$10.75; will put in cotton pad for \$12.50 |

And many other good things at the same cut prices, such as

## Rockers, Wash Stands, Dining Tables, Beds and Kitchen Cabinets

And don't forget my FLOOR LINOLEUM, there has never been anything like it for wear. It speaks for itself—right here on the sidewalk for 9 months before my store and is still good. Call and see for yourself. Ask to see it. Ringwalts Process Linoleum for, \$1.00 per yard, 6 feet wide

Call and see me. Your presence will be a pleasure whether you buy or not. Your friend,

J. T. HOBEN, Hardinsburg, Ky.

### AMMONS.

Mrs. H. S. English was in Louisville last week shopping.

W. H. Dutschke went to Lodiburg Sunday to see his mother, who is very ill.

W. L. Ballow and family visited Alvin Ballow Sunday.

Rev. S. H. English filled his regular appointment at New Hope Sunday.

Miss Laura Morgan spent Easter with her parents at Ammons.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ballow were the guests Sunday of Mrs. Ballow's parents.

James Pool was the guest Sunday of Miss Ethel Morgan.

Miss Ruby Gedling visited at Union Star Sunday.

Mrs. S. H. English leaves Thursday for Brevier, Ky., to accompany her little son, James, home. On their return they will stop at Louisville, where the little boy will undergo an operation on his eyes.

Sunday school is progressing nicely.