

While engaged in fishing off Low-stoff recently a fisherman landed in his net a unique piece of amber. It resembled a huge pebble, was oblong in shape, weighing eleven pounds four-teen ounces, and is the finest specimen of amber that has been discovered on the English coast for several years. It realized \$137.50.

The cattlemen are planning a movement to hold an annual cattle show at Kansas City, Kan., to be called the "American Royal." Four breeds of beef cattle, also hogs, sheep and Angora goats, will be included. It is thought that the show will win recognition for Kansas City as the cattle center of the world.

An electrically lighted clock is a new and useful device for home use. It is placed within sight of a sleeper's bed, and when he wishes to learn the time he touches a button at the bedside, and in an instant the clock is so illuminated that he can plainly see the dial. A little storage battery supplies sufficient electricity to last several months.

Portugal, being in estranged relations with Holland, emerges from obscurity long enough to get mentioned in foreign dispatches. A plucky little kingdom! With a home population smaller than that of Pennsylvania and an area less than Kentucky's, she bears rule over African and Asiatic dependencies which contain more than nine million people and cover nearly a million square miles.

The British government encourages inventors and scientists by extending financial assistance to those whose work is considered of sufficient value to warrant such development. The grants are made through the British royal society, and range in value from \$50 to \$2,500, according to the nature of the invention to be exploited. At the present time the society has in hand \$20,000 ready for distribution within the month of January.

It is said that several of the European general staffs are studying the feasibility of organizing special corps something after the Boer model. The principal difficulty lies in the limited supply of horses at the command of the various governments, with the exception of Russia. The last equine census in that country is stated to have shown considerably more than 10,000,000 horses fit for war purposes.

A lively spree was enjoyed a short time ago by some hogs and geese at the cider mills of William Smith, at Bloomfield Center, Mich. A mass of cherries which had been used to flavor brandy, had been thrown where the hogs could get it. Geese was what the hogs stuffed themselves with the berries, and soon they were squealing and squealing, squawking and "honking" in a high state of excitement, all comically fuddled.

Queer advertisements occasionally find their way into the Irish papers. A recent issue of a Limerick newspaper announces that "Michael Ryan begs to inform the public that he has a large stock of cars, wagnettes, brakes, hearse and other pleasure vehicles for sale or hire." This is the same paper which, in a glowing description of a funeral, declared that "Mrs. B. of G." sent a magnificent wreath of artificial flowers in the form of a cross.

The Christian names of the girls registered at a certain New England academy in 1850 were Abigail, Albina, Clarinda, Elizabeth, Esther, Louella, Myrtilla, Parthenia, Ruth and Sophronia. The names of a class of girls now attending a western high school are Fannie, Lulu, Marguerite, Pearl, Silvia, Thyra and Vea. Some of those in the earlier list sound curious old-fashioned—but the people of 1900 may find occasion to wonder and exclaim at names that are more or less popular in the year 1901. The one happy certainty is that our descendants will be perfectly satisfied, as each succeeding generation is, with the result of their own efforts at christening children!

Heredity does not determine courage, or its opposite, but the constitutional tendency may be clearly marked through generations. A recent rescue of shipwrecked persons off Grand Manan is the subject of a report from our consul at St. John, New Brunswick. During a period of more than seventy-five years, grandfather, father and sons of a certain family have repeatedly saved life or piloted vessels out of danger. It is said that the Canadian government is to give the rescuers suitable testimonials. The whole world is a debtor to its heroes of peace. To strengthen the courageous purpose of others by brave doing or enduring is to fulfil one purpose of living.

The condition of general business is pretty accurately reflected by activity or apathy in the New York stock exchange, so it need cause no surprise that during December the "record" price was paid for a seat in that body—\$50,000, exclusive of the initiation fee of \$1,000. Membership in the exchange carries with it life insurance for \$10,000, so there is a limit below which the price can hardly fall. But since the very seat that has just sold for \$50,000 less than two years ago, no one would dare to predict how high the "boom" may take it.

The United Italian societies of Chicago have chosen the plans and model for the monument to be erected to the memory of Garibaldi in Chicago. Victor Gherardi, the New York sculptor, is now at work on the monument. It will consist of a bronze statue of Gen. Garibaldi, mounted on a granite pedestal. The base will be about 12 feet and the statue nine feet high. The monument is to stand in Lincoln Park and will be sent there June 1, 1901, though it will not be unveiled until



\$350,000 FIRE.

Des Moines Has Worst Fire in Its History.

Frankel's Immense Building Completely Gutted and Adjacent Buildings Badly Damaged.

Des Moines, Jan. 29.—Fire totally destroyed Frankel's new store at Sixth avenue and Walnut street this morning and damaged adjacent buildings and stocks of goods. The damage and loss will amount to not less than \$340,000. The loss is estimated as follows: Frankel's building, \$200,000; Younger building, \$50,000; 215-515-525-535-545-555-565-575-585-595-605-615-625-635-645-655-665-675-685-695-705-715-725-735-745-755-765-775-785-795-805-815-825-835-845-855-865-875-885-895-905-915-925-935-945-955-965-975-985-995-1005-1015-1025-1035-1045-1055-1065-1075-1085-1095-1105-1115-1125-1135-1145-1155-1165-1175-1185-1195-1205-1215-1225-1235-1245-1255-1265-1275-1285-1295-1305-1315-1325-1335-1345-1355-1365-1375-1385-1395-1405-1415-1425-1435-1445-1455-1465-1475-1485-1495-1505-1515-1525-1535-1545-1555-1565-1575-1585-1595-1605-1615-1625-1635-1645-1655-1665-1675-1685-1695-1705-1715-1725-1735-1745-1755-1765-1775-1785-1795-1805-1815-1825-1835-1845-1855-1865-1875-1885-1895-1905-1915-1925-1935-1945-1955-1965-1975-1985-1995-2005-2015-2025-2035-2045-2055-2065-2075-2085-2095-2105-2115-2125-2135-2145-2155-2165-2175-2185-2195-2205-2215-2225-2235-2245-2255-2265-2275-2285-2295-2305-2315-2325-2335-2345-2355-2365-2375-2385-2395-2405-2415-2425-2435-2445-2455-2465-2475-2485-2495-2505-2515-2525-2535-2545-2555-2565-2575-2585-2595-2605-2615-2625-2635-2645-2655-2665-2675-2685-2695-2705-2715-2725-2735-2745-2755-2765-2775-2785-2795-2805-2815-2825-2835-2845-2855-2865-2875-2885-2895-2905-2915-2925-2935-2945-2955-2965-2975-2985-2995-3005-3015-3025-3035-3045-3055-3065-3075-3085-3095-3105-3115-3125-3135-3145-3155-3165-3175-3185-3195-3205-3215-3225-3235-3245-3255-3265-3275-3285-3295-3305-3315-3325-3335-3345-3355-3365-3375-3385-3395-3405-3415-3425-3435-3445-3455-3465-3475-3485-3495-3505-3515-3525-3535-3545-3555-3565-3575-3585-3595-3605-3615-3625-3635-3645-3655-3665-3675-3685-3695-3705-3715-3725-3735-3745-3755-3765-3775-3785-3795-3805-3815-3825-3835-3845-3855-3865-3875-3885-3895-3905-3915-3925-3935-3945-3955-3965-3975-3985-3995-4005-4015-4025-4035-4045-4055-4065-4075-4085-4095-4105-4115-4125-4135-4145-4155-4165-4175-4185-4195-4205-4215-4225-4235-4245-4255-4265-4275-4285-4295-4305-4315-4325-4335-4345-4355-4365-4375-4385-4395-4405-4415-4425-4435-4445-4455-4465-4475-4485-4495-4505-4515-4525-4535-4545-4555-4565-4575-4585-4595-4605-4615-4625-4635-4645-4655-4665-4675-4685-4695-4705-4715-4725-4735-4745-4755-4765-4775-4785-4795-4805-4815-4825-4835-4845-4855-4865-4875-4885-4895-4905-4915-4925-4935-4945-4955-4965-4975-4985-4995-5005-5015-5025-5035-5045-5055-5065-5075-5085-5095-5105-5115-5125-5135-5145-5155-5165-5175-5185-5195-5205-5215-5225-5235-5245-5255-5265-5275-5285-5295-5305-5315-5325-5335-5345-5355-5365-5375-5385-5395-5405-5415-5425-5435-5445-5455-5465-5475-5485-5495-5505-5515-5525-5535-5545-5555-5565-5575-5585-5595-5605-5615-5625-5635-5645-5655-5665-5675-5685-5695-5705-5715-5725-5735-5745-5755-5765-5775-5785-5795-5805-5815-5825-5835-5845-5855-5865-5875-5885-5895-5905-5915-5925-5935-5945-5955-5965-5975-5985-5995-6005-6015-6025-6035-6045-6055-6065-6075-6085-6095-6105-6115-6125-6135-6145-6155-6165-6175-6185-6195-6205-6215-6225-6235-6245-6255-6265-6275-6285-6295-6305-6315-6325-6335-6345-6355-6365-6375-6385-6395-6405-6415-6425-6435-6445-6455-6465-6475-6485-6495-6505-6515-6525-6535-6545-6555-6565-6575-6585-6595-6605-6615-6625-6635-6645-6655-6665-6675-6685-6695-6705-6715-6725-6735-6745-6755-6765-6775-6785-6795-6805-6815-6825-6835-6845-6855-6865-6875-6885-6895-6905-6915-6925-6935-6945-6955-6965-6975-6985-6995-7005-7015-7025-7035-7045-7055-7065-7075-7085-7095-7105-7115-7125-7135-7145-7155-7165-7175-7185-7195-7205-7215-7225-7235-7245-7255-7265-7275-7285-7295-7305-7315-7325-7335-7345-7355-7365-7375-7385-7395-7405-7415-7425-7435-7445-7455-7465-7475-7485-7495-7505-7515-7525-7535-7545-7555-7565-7575-7585-7595-7605-7615-7625-7635-7645-7655-7665-7675-7685-7695-7705-7715-7725-7735-7745-7755-7765-7775-7785-7795-7805-7815-7825-7835-7845-7855-7865-7875-7885-7895-7905-7915-7925-7935-7945-7955-7965-7975-7985-7995-8005-8015-8025-8035-8045-8055-8065-8075-8085-8095-8105-8115-8125-8135-8145-8155-8165-8175-8185-8195-8205-8215-8225-8235-8245-8255-8265-8275-8285-8295-8305-8315-8325-8335-8345-8355-8365-8375-8385-8395-8405-8415-8425-8435-8445-8455-8465-8475-8485-8495-8505-8515-8525-8535-8545-8555-8565-8575-8585-8595-8605-8615-8625-8635-8645-8655-8665-8675-8685-8695-8705-8715-8725-8735-8745-8755-8765-8775-8785-8795-8805-8815-8825-8835-8845-8855-8865-8875-8885-8895-8905-8915-8925-8935-8945-8955-8965-8975-8985-8995-9005-9015-9025-9035-9045-9055-9065-9075-9085-9095-9105-9115-9125-9135-9145-9155-9165-9175-9185-9195-9205-9215-9225-9235-9245-9255-9265-9275-9285-9295-9305-9315-9325-9335-9345-9355-9365-9375-9385-9395-9405-9415-9425-9435-9445-9455-9465-9475-9485-9495-9505-9515-9525-9535-9545-9555-9565-9575-9585-9595-9605-9615-9625-9635-9645-9655-9665-9675-9685-9695-9705-9715-9725-9735-9745-9755-9765-9775-9785-9795-9805-9815-9825-9835-9845-9855-9865-9875-9885-9895-9905-9915-9925-9935-9945-9955-9965-9975-9985-9995-10005-10015-10025-10035-10045-10055-10065-10075-10085-10095-10105-10115-10125-10135-10145-10155-10165-10175-10185-10195-10205-10215-10225-10235-10245-10255-10265-10275-10285-10295-10305-10315-10325-10335-10345-10355-10365-10375-10385-10395-10405-10415-10425-10435-10445-10455-10465-10475-10485-10495-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