

The New York board of education has taken a cautious step toward the introduction of the Froebel system by making an appropriation of \$30,000 for kindergarten classes in the primary schools of that city.

CARDINAL HOWARD'S death reduces the number of cardinals now living to fifty-one, all save ten of whom were appointed by the present pope. Since Leo's accession to the papacy no less than eighty-six wearers of the scarlet have died.

In the United States coat of arms there are 13 stars, 13 letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, 13 marginal feathers in each wing, 13 tail feathers, 13 parallel lines in the shield, 13 horizontal bars, 13 arrow heads in one foot, and 13 letters in the words "quarter dollar."

The prince of Wales' absence from the funeral of Lord Tennyson and his presence during the obsequies at the Newmarket races, is exciting no end of unfavorable comment in England. There was not a royal personage at the funeral, the royal family being represented by "two generals, two colonels and numerous splendid wreaths."

ONE of the most interesting features of the Columbian celebration in New York was the appearance presented by 823 young Indians, all direct descendants of the ancient red man, all well dressed in civilized costumes and all in line celebrating Columbus' great discovery. No well-drilled cadets from West Point ever presented a handsomer appearance.

The clay model of the statue of Gen. George B. McClellan, which is to be erected in Philadelphia, will be ready to unveil next May. Gen. Franklin, one of McClellan's favorite corps commanders during the war, will deliver the oration at the ceremonies, and it is expected that many of the officers who followed the general in those days will be present.

BUT one species of venomous bird is known to the student of ornithological oddities—the "bird of death," a feathered paradox of New Guinea. Persons bitten by the creature are seized by maddening pains, which rapidly extend to every part of the body. Loss of sight, convulsions and lockjaw are the other symptoms which follow in rapid succession.

LAST year the expenditures in the war department of the government were \$48,728,065. During the same year the federal government paid out for the maintenance of the Indians \$3,527,409, making a total for both war and Indian departments of \$52,255,474. Of course the great share of the \$48,000,000 war department appropriation went to the maintenance of the army.

AT the head of Holy Cross creek, near Leadville, Col., and at another place in the almost inaccessible defiles of Mt. Shasta, Cal., there are hundreds of square feet of ground continually covered with snow that is as red as blood. These two places are the only ones in the United States where red snow is known. The phenomenon is due to the presence of minute animalcules in the snow.

INVESTIGATIONS and tests of an encouraging nature have been made in London with petroleum in a solid state for fuel purposes, the crude oil being mixed with a chemical compound equal to about fifteen per cent of its weight and being then subjected to a moist heat of about 212 degrees, after which it is dried at a high temperature and compressed into the form of bricks by a powerful press.

A LONDONER lately patented an arrangement for "advertising in the clouds," and the necessary machinery, with powerful lenses, will soon be in working order. The apparatus can be operated whenever clouds are visible, and during misty and foggy weather almost any size or style of advertisement, including portraits, drawings, figures, with or without colors can be reflected.

THE whole of the fleet with which Columbus discovered America—or rather the West India islands—might be shipped on one of the ocean greyhounds of the present day and not be especially noticed. Not one of them was bigger than ordinary schooners that sail from every port on Lake Erie every day. The length of keel of the biggest one, the Sata Maria was only 62 feet, length of main deck 75 feet, and greatest breadth 22 feet, and registered only 75 tons.

FROM and after November 1 the people of Chicago, or a portion of them, at least, will be supplied with natural gas from Indiana. The gas is to be brought from Howard county, where the company claims to have an abundance of it. It is to be piped over one hundred miles, and the well pipes are now laid to the city limits and ready to be connected with the mains. Gas will be furnished to consumers at fifty cents per thousand feet. At this price it will hardly be less expensive than coal, though the saving in handling and labor will be an item.

NEARLY three-fourths of all the cases of cholera in southern Russia, or in the region between the Caspian sea and the Black, have proved fatal. In St. Petersburg, where better sanitary conditions exist, over half the cases have proved fatal. In Hamburg the ratio of deaths in cholera cases has been nearly one-half, while in northern Germany, in Belgium, and in France, it has been about one-third. About eighty per cent of the cases in Persia are thought to have proved fatal. A quarter of a million Persians are supposed to have perished by the Asiatic cholera this year.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Socks are darned free at some furnishing stores. HARVARD gives away \$87,000 annually in aid of its students. MR. GLADSTONE'S rate of speech averages 150 words per minute. BELGIUM is now declared to be the most temperate country in Europe. THE London zoological garden contains now no less than 3,100 animals. THE policy-shops of New York lost nearly \$60,000 on 4-11-44 the other day. AN Oregon farmer boasts of tobacco stalks which measure six feet in height. MONGOLIAN pheasants are being killed by the hundreds in Lane county, Ore. ABOUT twice as much power is required to stop an express train as to start one. THE costliest dresses in the world are said to be worn by the women of Sumatra. IN Samar beehives hang in the form of oblong globes from the branches of trees. VIRGINIA has just awarded a contract for a handsome state library in Richmond. THERE is room for just five more dead in the "poet's corner" of Westminster abbey. TO EVERY 1,000 men in the British army only eighteen are over six feet in height. FOR the first time in years in North Carolina there are no convicts at work on railroads. FRANCE is to have a new subsidiary coinage, which is to be of some metal besides copper. REV. ANDREW JONES, colored, is in Chicago prophesying the destruction of the city by flood. SOMEWHAT more than 1,000,000 Canadians have crossed over into the United States since 1881. BETWEEN the years 1882 and 1886 over two thousand persons fell victims to brigands in Italy. LORD TENNYSON married at the age of forty-one. His wife was a niece of Sir John Franklin. BY the law of Missouri a third conviction for larceny carries with it imprisonment for life. SOME New York people have taken to putting crape on the walking stick as well as on their arms. IN order to collect a pound of clover honey, bees must deprive 62,000 clover blossoms of their nectar. A PARTY near Tina, Mo., advertises pasture for turkeys, as he has a large lot of grasshoppers on hand. J. L. DOUGLAS, of Humboldt county, Cal., is the possessor of a beard reputed to be forty-seven inches long. AMONG the wealthy classes of Japan it is considered undignified to ride a horse going faster than a walk. A MARRIAGE by proxy, in which the bride was in England and the groom in Mexico, was a recent sensation. IN Hebron, Conn., is an apple tree that was planted 125 years ago, and still bears good fruit each year. THE Chinese are to have an \$80,000 tea house at the World's fair, with pretty Chinese maidens to serve the tea. ONE of the new cruisers will have a smokestack 110 feet high. An English mail steamer has funnels 120 feet high. A CHICAGO newsboy has been fined for crying sensational "news" that did not appear in the paper he was selling. SOME of the English journals are advising that the custom of appointing a so-called Poet Laureate be discontinued. POMEROY, Wash., boasts of a curiosity in the shape of a carrot. It "resembles a human hand having five fingers with nails."

IN China wealthy people buy their coffins long before they need them, and exhibit them as ornamental pieces of furniture. A DOCTOR in St. Augustine, Fla., owns the oldest house in America and lives in it, too. It was built in 1560 by a Frenchman. THE Japanese government is said to have provided for a visit of 2,000 of its middle class citizens to the fair in Chicago next year. IT will take three years to build the two next warships that the government contemplates, one being 9,000 and the other 8,000 tons. THE president has appointed H. C. Lanyon, of Kansas, an alternate commissioner from that state to the World's Columbian exposition. AMOS GINKS, who is 107 years old, lives at Wellingsborough, Northamptonshire, England. His age is verified by the registry of births. A PHILADELPHIA soft drink cafe displays a sign reading: "Try one of our Columbus egg phosphates and you will discover another world."

THE Marine City (Mich.) Magnet tells of a mushroom found in that town that filled a bushel basket and weighed fourteen and a half pounds. ASTRONOMER PICKERING reports Jupiter's first satellite, 2,300 miles in diameter, "egg-shaped and revolving end over end in the orbital plane."

A DENTIST in Elizabeth, N. J., has been directed by the local courts to pay \$150 damages to a woman whose jaw he broke while pulling one of her teeth. THE fastest train in the world is the Empire express, which runs between New York and Buffalo, a distance of 440 miles, at the rate of fifty-two miles an hour. IT is said that Corporal Tanner has cleared nearly \$200,000 from his business as pension claim attorney since he was bounced from the pension commissionership. A POSTAL card was sold in Paris for \$50 a short time ago. It had gone around the world after the person to whom it was addressed and bore seventy-two postmarks. IN celebration of the birth of his daughter the German emperor has decided to pardon all female prisoners now undergoing punishment for the first time for crimes committed through distress or anger. THE Pennsylvania's union depot in Philadelphia promises to be the most magnificent structure of the kind in the world. It will be modern gothic, granite and brick, ten stories high and a tower 240 feet high.

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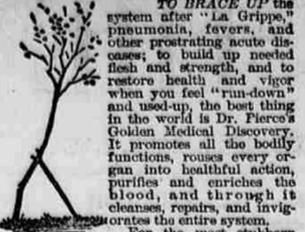
DOMESTIC.

OTIS GREY and H. H. Finley skipped from New York after swindling many persons out of \$100,000 in a Florida land deal. THE centennial celebration in Buffalo of New York's canals was largely attended, delegates coming from nearly a hundred organizations along the Erie canal. CHIEF OF POLICE O'MARA, of Pittsburgh, was indicted for kidnaping by a New Jersey grand jury for taking Frank Mollick out of the state on suspicion that he was an accomplice of the anarchist Bergman. THE bureau of statistics at Washington says that the exports for the twelve months ended September 30 were \$908,264,674. Imports for the twelve months, \$854,621,894. THE general manager of a New York life insurance company fled from the City of Mexico after embezzling \$80,000 of the company's money. NEARLY the entire town of Plain City, O., was destroyed by fire. SEVENTY-FIVE pounds of dynamite exploded on a government dredge boat near Chattanooga, Tenn., and three men were killed. THE steamer City of Paris arrived at New York from Queenstown, having made the quickest time on record—5 days, 14 hours and 24 minutes. BY the collapse of a stand where a rehearsal was taking place in West Winsted, Conn., 100 children were injured. THE great stallion Rayon d'Or, belonging to the estate of the late W. L. Scott, was sold at public auction in New York to August Belmont for \$33,000. IN the third of the nine games between the Cleveland and Boston baseball clubs for the national league championship, played at Cleveland, the score was: Boston, 3; Cleveland, 2. TOM BAILEY shot and probably fatally wounded two girls if a house of ill-repute at Des Moines, Ia., and then killed himself. THREE distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Martinsville, Ind., which caused a rattling of windows and shaking up of crockery that alarmed housekeepers generally. WILLIAM MCPHERSON was arrested in Detroit, Mich., on the charge of having twelve living wives. THE annual report of Gen. John M. Schofield, major general commanding the United States army, says the state of discipline and military instruction throughout the army is highly satisfactory and earnestly recommends that the regular troops and state militia be supplied with improved small arms. THE national guards, he says, are better disciplined and more reliable than ever before. IN the fourth of the nine games between the Cleveland and Boston baseball clubs for the National league championship, played at Boston, the score was: Boston, 4; Cleveland, 0. THE world's fair buildings in Chicago were dedicated on the 21st. Vice-President Morton accepted and dedicated the structures, Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, delivered the dedicatory oration, and Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, was the Columbian orator. THE Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis pay car was burned near Decatur, Ill., together with \$8,000 in cash. A CONVENTION of delegates from various states was held in Chicago and an organization perfected to be known as "The National League for Good Roads." THE object is to awaken general interest in the improvement of public roads. DURING a fireworks exhibition at Los Angeles, Cal., a 6-inch gas pipe loaded with gunpowder exploded, killing twelve people and wounding many others. THE Stewart stucco and cement works at Colorado City, Col., were destroyed by an incendiary fire, the loss being \$100,000. A HURRICANE near Sterling, Kan., wrecked many buildings and injured several persons. MR. AND MRS. JOHN SELLS were found dead in their home at Swedesburg, Ia., they having been suffocated by gas from a coal cooking stove. C. BURKHALTER & Co., wholesale grocers in New York city, failed for \$700,000. AN incendiary fire destroyed M. S. Williams' barn at Leadville, Col., and five valuable horses, wagons and an immense quantity of hay and grain were burned. THE four children of Joseph Matthews, living near Claremont, S. C., were burned to a crisp during the absence of their parents. MRS. EDWARD NEUNLIST was instantly killed in Louisville, Ky., by the discharge of a gun trap which her son Edward had set to kill a chicken thief. THE house of Michael Hansas, a mail carrier at Manannah, Minn., was burned, and two of his children perished. NON-UNION men in Carnegie's mill at Pittsburgh were set upon and terribly beaten by strikers, a man named Smith being fatally injured. DANIEL GRAVES, of Salt Lake City, was buried in a casket for which he planted and raised two walnut trees. A FIRE at Altoona, Pa., resulted in the destruction of a dozen buildings and causing a loss of \$100,000. IN a six days walking contest in Chicago the score at the close was: Hart, 479 miles 7 laps; Moore, 476 miles 14 laps; Conners, 475 miles 13 laps; Guerrero, 459 miles 5 laps; Campaña, 451 miles 1 lap; Dean, 403 miles 10 laps. THE piano playing contest in New York between James M. Waterbury and Miss Ada Melville resulted in victory for the former, he playing the instrument for seventeen consecutive hours. R. G. DUS & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "There is still no cloud in the business sky, unless the state of foreign trade be one. All home trade is of enormous volume, making an aggregate of bank exchanges thus far in October never equaled in the same month of any previous year."

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS COLE were found dead in bed in Chicago. Gas asphyxiation was the cause of their death. THE Danville express on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad was wrecked at Forty-ninth street, Chicago, and twenty-two persons were injured and Mrs. William McDonald was killed. Two farmers named Zimmerman and Strittmatter were killed by the cars near La Crosse, Wis. BOB WILLIAMS and Bob Cook became involved in a quarrel near Bonham, Tex., and killed each other. IT is the fifth of the nine games between the Cleveland and Boston baseball clubs for the national league championship, played at Boston, the score was: Boston, 12; Cleveland, 7. THE Sands Hotel at Roslyn, N. Y., owned by George Ehret, the brewer, was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$100,000. AN old grudge between James Patterson and Joseph Haines resulted in a duel at Greenwood, Ky., and both men were killed. JAMES MASON and a comrade unknown were fatally injured by a fall of slate in a coal mine near Macon, Mo. JAMES COBBETT, the pugilist, was arrested in Cincinnati charged with participating in a theatrical performance on Sunday. AN express train on the Chicago & Erie road was wrecked by an open switch at Leiters, Ind., and Engineer David Frederick and Fireman John Metz were fatally injured. EDWIN BOOTH has positively decided not to appear again upon the stage. He has a fortune of \$750,000, which he does not appear ambitious to increase. IN a head-on collision on the Reading road at Allenwood, Pa., three men were fatally injured and twelve cars wrecked. MRS. MARIE DELLES, aged 63 years, was found murdered on the old state road near McKeesport, Pa. THE steamers Jamestown and City of Erie and a private naphtha launch were burned at Jamestown, N. Y. FOREST fires in Atlantic county, N. J., have done damage to the extent of \$100,000 and are still raging. COMMANDER IN CHIEF WEISSERT, of the Grand Army of the Republic, announces the following staff appointments: Adjutant general, E. B. Gray, Milwaukee; quartermaster general, John Taylor, Philadelphia; inspector general, George L. Goodale, Boston; assistant adjutant general, J. L. Bennett, Chicago; senior aid de camp, Ford H. Rogers, Detroit. THE body of Emma Healey, of Fredonia, N. Y., 18 years old, missing since January 1 last, was found in a tree stump, where, it is supposed, she took refuge during a storm and was frozen to death. A GENERAL fight occurred at Hogtown, Ky., between the Tollivers and the Howards, in which Cal and Wiley Tolliver and Sam Howard were fatally wounded. A COLLISION between a freight and work train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road near Plymouth, Wis., resulted in the death of Thomas Fitzgerald and N. Ringle and the injury of eight others. IN the sixth of the nine games between the Cleveland and Boston baseball clubs for the National league championship, played at Boston, the score was: Boston, 8; Cleveland, 3. Boston having won five of the games secures the championship. AN accident on the construction line of the Great Northern road near Spokane, Wash., resulted in the death of seven men and eleven others were injured, five fatally. THE criminal charge of destroying public documents against Labor Commissioner Charles F. Peck was dismissed by Justice Guttman in the police court at Albany, N. Y. THE cotton compress at Temple, Tex., with 5,000 bales of cotton, were burned, the loss being \$315,000. A COLLISION occurred on the Reading railroad at West Manayunk, Pa., which resulted in seven persons being killed and fifteen others being injured. IN a quarrel over a roadway near Grayson, Ky., Sylvester Adams was shot and killed and his nephew, Oscar Adams, fatally wounded by J. D. Bennett.

ASABEL THORNBERG died near Muncie, Ind., aged 99 years, 10 months and 5 days. He had resided in one voting precinct since 1825 and was a republican. FOREIGN. THE total number of deaths from cholera in France since April is 3,184. BY the caving in of a sewer at Hamburg, Germany, fourteen workmen were buried alive, and it was thought that all of them had perished. A REVOLUTION has broken out at Santiago del Estro, the capital of the province of the same name—the central province of the Argentine republic, and the insurgents have captured the governor of the province. DURING the late riots which have taken place in Crete four Christians were killed and twenty wounded. Fourteen Turkish soldiers also lost their lives. OFFICIAL statistics show that the barley crop of France this year will amount to 17,626,433 hectolitres, against 26,523,873 hectolitres last year. NEARLY three-fourths of all the cases of cholera in southern Russia, or in the region between the Caspian sea and the Black, proved fatal. A STORM in Sardinia destroyed one-third of the town of Assimini and over 100 houses at Elmas. Several persons were killed. THE present tea crop in the Asam valley in India is the shortest on record, and the decrease in the output, compared with that of 1891, is 3,000,000 pounds. A RAILWAY wreck near Pensa, Russia, twenty persons were killed. MANY vessels were wrecked and over a dozen lives lost in wrecks caused by storms on the Spanish coast. IT was estimated that the total catch of the Canadian sealers this year would reach about 45,000 skins, which, as compared with the catch of last year, shows a falling off of 15 per cent. FIVE villages near Kutais, in Transcaucasia, were destroyed by an earthquake and many lives were lost. The bodies of twenty-seven persons had been recovered. THE greatest land deal ever made in northern Mexico was consummated at Monterey, the celebrated Cedros hacienda, embracing 1,200,000 acres of land, being sold to a syndicate. LATER advices from the floods in Cagliari, in Sardinia, show that hundreds of lives were lost and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed. PROF. ADOLPH SOETBEER, of Goettingen, Germany, died at the age of 78 years. Prof. Soetbeer was the foremost authority of the world on the subject of monetarism. THE new German military bill gives that country on a peace footing an army of 492,000 men. W. M. CONWAY, an English mountaineer, has succeeded in climbing to the top of one of the peaks of the Hindu Kush range, on the borders of Kashmir, to the height of 23,000 feet. ADVICES from Chinan Fu, in China, say that in a recent flood over 50,000 persons were drowned and that 1,000,000 would starve to death unless the Chinese government furnished them food from now till next spring. THE two Rodique brothers and a man named Moloi, South sea pirates, were beheaded at Manila for murdering the crew of a vessel. A LARGE portion of the village of Sainte Anne de Beaupre, Que., was destroyed by fire. A BOOKKEEPER of the Deutsche bank in Berlin was arrested on a charge of embezzling \$25,000. CHOLERA has made its appearance for the first time in Vienna, Austria. LATER. JACOB LEWIS, dealer in jewelry at Boston, Mass., assigned on the 25th to R. R. Gilman. His liabilities are estimated at \$70,000. A FIRE on the London docks on the 25th destroyed property to the value of about \$200,000. The corn and malt in the building of the Sheppard Maize Malting Company were burned and the four floors and roof of the building were destroyed. ON the 25th, Maggie Grinley, a scrub woman employed at the Ashland block, Chicago, Ill., fell from the seventh floor to the basement and was crushed to a pulp. AT Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 25th it was stated that there were prospects of a speedy settlement of the river coal miners' strike and an early resumption of work. It was said the sentiment among the miners in the neighborhood of Brown's Station is in favor of returning to work at a three-cent rate, a reduction of one-half cent from the old prices. A WESTBOUND passenger train on the Frisco road was wrecked by a broken rail near Phillipsburg, Mo., on the 25th. Baggage man Albert Dickerson and News Agent Floyd Harwood were instantly killed. About twenty passengers received cuts and bruises, but none of their injuries were serious. AT Loganport, Ind., on the 24th Barney J. Allen died in spasms. He made a statement prior to death to the effect that he had been poisoned by a drug placed in his coffee by his wife. The woman was placed under arrest. AT New York City on the 25th four cases of small-pox were discovered and the patients were removed to the reception hospital. PROF. WILLIAM SWINTON, the well-known author of school books, and brother of Editor John Swinton, died suddenly at New York City on the 25th from apoplexy. ON the 25th there were eight new cases of cholera and four deaths from the disease at Vienna. Great anxiety prevailed and the authorities were adopting the most stringent methods to prevent the disease from spreading. AT Homestead, Pa., on the 25th, President Weihe and President-elect Gurland, of the Amalgamated association, held a secret consultation with the advisory board officials, and it was unofficially announced that the strike would be declared off. THE grand jury at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 25th returned an indictment against A. H. Hosmer, supreme vice president of the Order of the Iron Hall.

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