

Farm Lost, Strayed or Stolen.
The Bangkok Times announces that a large floating island on the Mekong or Cambodia river, in Siam, recently eluded its moorings, and has not been seen or heard of since. There were a number of trees three feet in diameter on the island, and the land was under cultivation. The owner has been hunting diligently for his property, but has not been able to hear any tidings of it. It undoubtedly went down the river with a freshet and has either stranded or gone to pieces.

Coated

Look at your tongue. Is it coated?
Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are always constipated.

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Don't take a cathartic dose and then stop. Better take a laxative dose each night, just enough to cause one good free movement the day following. You feel better the very next day. Your appetite returns, your dyspepsia is cured, your headaches pass away, your tongue clears up, your liver acts well, and your bowels no longer give you trouble.

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March 20, 1899. Arrington, Kans.

PRONOUNCING BOER NAMES.

Fryburg is Called Frayburg, Kruger is Kreezer.

Of the four different ways of pronouncing Kruger's name which are current, No. 1, Kroeger, is a vulgar error; No. 2, Krooger, with hard g, as in "gold," is possible; No. 3, Kreegar, where the e is an attempt at the French vowel sound, is perhaps the most aristocratic; while No. 4, Kreer (rhyming with Freer) in which the g entirely disappears, is the one most frequently heard among the Cape Dutch themselves. The name of the other president, Steya, is pronounced "Stein," and the same sound is given to the diphthong st or st, and also to the vowel y, wherever these occur in Dutch words. Examples are Leyds (Laid), Reitz (Rates), Hofmeyr, and Graaffreinet (scented on the last syllable), Vryburg (Frayburg) and Vryheid (Frayheid). The last two also illustrate the sound of f, which is always given to initial v in Dutch, other instances of which are the family names Villiers (Fill-yes or Fill-see) and Viljoen (Fill-yone or Fill-june). It will be observed that alternative pronunciations are allowed of the j in both these names. In literary Dutch this consonant is like the English y, but at the Cape there is a strong tendency to give it the same sound as j in English. Cronje, therefore, may be called Cron-jay, or, preferably, Cron-ya, and Joubert either Jew-bear or You-bear. Spion kop, of doubtful fame, is called Spewn kop or Spune kop.—South Africa.

Both Wished the Same.
"I wish now," shrieked the angry young wife—"I wish now you had married Edith Macmahon instead of me! That's what I wish!"
"It would have married her, only she wouldn't have me, and you would!"—Stray Stories.

"MY OWN SELF AGAIN."
Mrs. Gates writes to Mrs. Pinkham, follows her advice and is made well.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For nearly two and one-half years I have been in feeble health. After my little child came I seemed I could not get my strength again. I have chills and the severest pains in my limbs and top of head and an almost insensibility to time. I also have a pain just to the right of breast bone. It is so severe at times that I cannot lie on my right side. Please write me what you think of my case."
—MRS. CLARA GATES,
Johns P. O., Miss., April 25, 1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as advised and now send you a letter for publication. For several years I was in such wretched health that life was almost a burden. I could hardly walk across the floor, was so feeble. Several of our best physicians attended me, but failed to help. I concluded to write to you for advice. In a few days I received such a kind, motherly letter. I followed your instructions and am my 'old self' again. Was greatly benefited before I had used one bottle. May God bless you for what you are doing for suffering women."
—MRS. CLARA GATES,
Johns P. O., Miss., Oct. 6, 1899.

That Little Book For Ladies, 77 cents.
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View of the Imperial Palace at Peking.

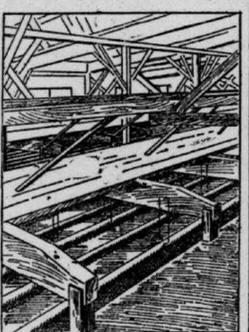


The Chinese imperial palace is the principal architectural feature of the Forbidden City, and is itself more forbidden still. To reach the palace it is necessary to pass three great walls. First, there is the great sixty-foot thick wall of the entire city. Within this is the wall of the Purple Forbidden City, six miles in circumference. Within this again is the wall of the Purple Forbidden City, which is sacred to the Emperor and his family. The Purple Forbidden City, or Tze-Kin-Cheng, is nearly square, its sides facing the four points of the compass. Two walls running from north to south divide the space into three parts. The central part contains the principal building. To this division the chief entrance is the Wu Mun, or Meridian Gate. Inside this gate is a large court, and running through it an artificial stream, spanned by five bridges of sculptured marble. Another gate at the end of the bridges gives admission to the Palace of Supreme Peace, or Tai-ho-tien, the principal hall of audience. Here the dignitaries of the empire meet and bow to the Majesty. The kow-tow is to kneel thrice and knock your forehead on the ground nine times. To the innermost palace no man is admitted. It is here that the emperor lives, surrounded by his uncounted wives.

The Modern State of the Salt Industry. Interesting Processes.

CONSPICUOUS among the natural resources of the State of Michigan are the forests which cover a considerable extent of its surface and the large deposits of salt which underlie a great portion of its area. In the vicinity of Manistee where the "salt blocks" which form the subject of the present article are located, this deposit consists of a stratum of rock salt, which is from twenty-five to thirty feet in thickness. Salt blocks are usually built in connection with sawmill plants, with a view to making use of the refuse as fuel, and for this reason the city of Manistee has of late years become such a large producer of salt that about half of all this commodity manufactured in the state is made at that point.

As soon as the site of a well has been selected, a cellar is excavated and planked up and a derrick, usually about eighty feet high, is erected and the work of driving commences. The first operation is to sink a section of ten-inch pipe, by means of a sand pump, to a depth of about 400 feet, from which point the well is continued by inserting an eight-inch pipe within the ten-inch pipe and driving it down



TOP VIEW OF A GRAINER, SHOWING THE BRINE RUNWAY, AND AGITATING PADDLES.

to the rock formation, the eight-inch pipe extending from the rock up through the ten-inch pipe to the surface of the ground. From the rock formation down, the rock is drilled without any pipe casing, except through such portions as are liable to cave. Salt well No. 5 at Manistee, which is described in the present article, is fairly typical of the wells in this vicinity. The ten-inch pipe reaches to a depth of 400 feet, the eight-inch pipe to a depth of 616 feet, where the rock formation is encountered. The bed of rock salt, which is thirty feet in thickness, reaches to a depth of 1088 feet, making a total depth of 2016 feet. The yield pumped from this well amounts to from 2000 to 2400 barrels of brine in twenty-four hours.

The accompanying diagrams and photographs represent the modern type of the art. As the brine is pumped from the well, it is delivered to the storage cisterns, from which it falls by gravity to the settlers, and from the settlers to the grainers. In the settlers it is heated to a temperature of about 170 degrees Fahrenheit. Upon being allowed to cool, the gypsum, which, if it were not removed, would form a coating on the steam pipes in the grainers, is precipitated, and as soon as precipitation is completed the brine is drawn to a long box running across the head ends of the grainers, and from the box it is fed to the grainers as required. The latter are long, shallow tanks, near the bottom of which, and extending throughout their full length, is a series of steam pipes. The brine being ad-

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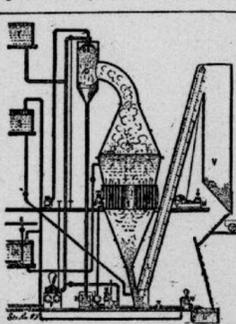
tion of the grains of salt, the surface of the brine is agitated at frequent intervals by means of a series of paddles which are operated by a lever at the end of the grainer. The salt accumulates at the bottom, until in the course of twenty-four hours there will be a layer from six to eight inches deep. The salt is lifted from the grainer by means of long-handled, perforated shovels, and is deposited on the runway. As soon as it is thoroughly



SALT PACKERS AT WORK IN THE STORAGE ROOMS.

drained, it is shoveled into carts, run out over the storage bin, and dumped. The plant under consideration consists of five wells, three cisterns each eighteen feet wide by 100 feet long and eight feet deep, and six settlers twelve feet wide, 175 feet long, and eight feet deep, capable of holding about 24,000 barrels. When these cisterns and settlers are all full, they hold enough brine to manufacture over 10,000 barrels of salt.

Part of the salt manufactured in this plant is made by the vacuum-pan process. In operating the plant the pans are first filled by gravity, after which the gravity supply pipe is closed, and the valve in the pipe connecting with the settlers is opened, the brine being drawn into the pans by the vacuum therein as the evaporation proceeds. The water and the air pumps are inserted, steam is admitted to the steam belt, and the process of manufacturing salt begins. The atmospheric pressure being removed from the surface of the brine, the latter boils violently at a temperature which seldom rises above 150 degrees Fahrenheit. The brine rushes upward through the tubes, and under



VACUUM PAN PLANT.

A, vacuum pan; B, steam belt; C, condenser; D, spray plate; E, air pump; F, cold water pump; G, steam pipe; H, heating tank; K, hot water pump; L, elevator; N, brine pump; R, brine settler; S, brine tank; T, water tank; U, brine vat; V, drainage bin.

the rapid evaporation the brine becomes so dense that it can no longer hold the salt in solution. Fine crystal grains are formed, as the liquid circulates through the large three-foot opening in the steam belt, and falling to the bottom of the pan they pass to the foot of the elevator, whence they are taken up and dumped into the drainage bins.



COMPRESSED AIR AUGER FOR LOOSENING COMPACT WALL OF SALT.

After the salt has remained in these bins for a period of sixteen to eighteen hours, it is drawn off into cars, where it is shoveled into carts and dumped.

is customary to use the pans for no longer than twelve consecutive hours at the end of which period they are emptied, boiled out with fresh water, and cleaned. One of the pans is run during the day and the other during the night, each pan making in a twelve-hour run from 600 to 700 barrels of salt, the combined production being from 1200 to 1400 barrels a day.

In the manufacture of salt it is a recognized necessity that a large quantity must be kept in storage, and for this purpose the salt is dumped into vast storehouses which measure from 200 to 300 feet in length, and the same in width; the amount in store frequently aggregated 400,000 barrels. As these rooms are from sixteen to twenty feet deep the salt becomes tightly packed, and has to be worked loose by packers with picks, shovels, grubbers, etc., who proceed to quarry, break up and pack the salt into barrels. With the coarser grades of salt made in the grainers this is not a difficult matter, but the finer compact, vacuum-pan salt becomes cramped and very hard, and the packer soon finds himself confronted by a wall of salt twenty feet in height and as white, if not as hard, as marble. To undermine and bring down this mass of salt is a dangerous operation, and involves long delays; and to overcome these difficulties, the companies have used a compressed-air driven spiral auger, which is ten inches in diameter and provided with a double spoon point. The auger is mounted on a truck and the back end of the shaft is attached to a three-horse-power rotary air drill machine. A row of holes is driven into the salt wall at a height of ten inches from the floor for a distance of six feet into the mass, the holes being drilled as closely together as possible. After an interval of one to three hours, a fall of salt takes place, a mass equal to 400 or 500 barrels of salt being brought down in each section. The saving of labor by the use of the compressed-air drill is shown by the fact that sufficient salt can be undermined and caved in this manner in one-half day to keep the packers at work for two or three days following.—Scientific American.



BRIDE WITH PASTED EYELIDS. One of the Odd Marriage Customs in Korea.

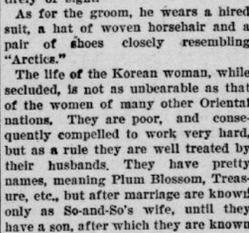
In Korea when a girl is married she appears at the wedding ceremony with her face painted a ghastly white, her lips dyed scarlet and her eyelids pasted together, so as to deprive her entirely of sight.

As for the groom, he wears a hired suit, a hat of woven horsehair and a pair of shoes closely resembling "Arctics."



BRIDE WITH HER EYELIDS PASTED.

Until the time of the Revolution children dressed precisely like their parents. This goes to explain their painfully mature air in their portraits. In the illustration reproduced of the



How Boys of 1784 Dressed.

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Why He Trekled. Johnny (entering parlor)—Oh, it's you, is it? Why, I thought—Mr. Sotleigh—You thought what, Johnny? Johnny—I thought it was one of them fellers from South Africa. Mr. Sotleigh—What made you think that, my little man? Johnny—Why, his said she was going to try and get rid of a Boer tonight. And Mr. Sotleigh trekled soon after.

Some men can't find words for their thoughts and some women can't. And thought is

MEN LIKE BARGAINS.

A Tailor Confesses Tricks of the "Mist" Clothing Trade.

A downtown tailor who charges large prices for his clothes has profited by the system of the mist clothing stores this winter, and on the strength of it he has had work enough to keep his employees busy all winter, says the New York Sun. "Just after the holidays," he said, in explaining his scheme, "my business is usually dull, I have a lot of good hands whom I didn't want to discharge, and I thought I would employ them in making up overcoats that would fit the average man and take my chances of disposing of them. I have a lot of regular customers who did not get new overcoats this year. I had the measurements of a number of such men in mind when I had the coats cut out. When one was finished I dropped a note to a man whom I knew it would fit, telling him I had a misfit coat which I thought would suit him. He came around promptly and bought it for \$65. I would have made him the same coat to order early in the season for \$70, but that wouldn't have pleased him half so much as getting a misfit that just fitted him. Men are just as full of bargains as women. I could afford to sell the clothes which I made in this way cheaper than if they had been made to order during the rush season. The men worked on them between regular jobs. Nearly all the clothes which I have thus far manufactured on speculation I have sold for good prices. Men who wouldn't order a coat have bought coats which they have thought were misfits, but which, in reality, were made after their own measurements. Each of these customers has felt that I was doing him a favor in notifying him of the misfit."

Silk Waist Did It. "I wonder why Crimper's wife withdrew her suit for divorce?" "Crimper promised to buy her a pink silk waist."

The American Working Man. Much comparison has been made between the endurance of the Chinese and the American working man. Those with authority to collect all news and information in America is as superior to the Chinese as Hooper's Stomach Bitters is to any other dyspepsia cure. The Bitters does not claim to cure everything, but it does cure constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, liver and kidney troubles, and prevents malaria, fever and ague.

One of the baffling mysteries of nature is the fact that a brick in the stomach—Detroit Journal.

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"My wife always has the last word."—Mine doesn't; at least, she never has come out with it yet.

If you want "good digestion to wait upon your appetite" you should always chew a bar of Adams' Tuff Fruit.

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Unless a man has a reputation for truthfulness he need not hope to become a successful liar. It is folly to lie if no one will believe you.

"Do you know the children have trained our cat to box?" "Oh, well, we've got a cat that can fence, without any instruction at all."

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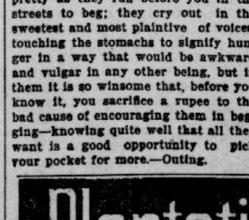
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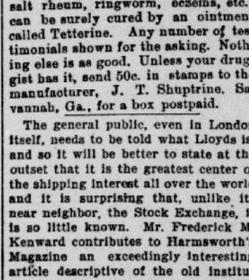
A fox having been pursued by a hound (Vt.) hunter and two hounds, escaped in a novel manner. The animal was being closely pressed by the dogs, when it dashed across the railroad track in front of a fast moving train. The fox barely succeeded in reaching the other side of the track ahead of the approaching locomotive, but the dogs were not so fortunate. The hounds were so eager for their prey that they did not heed the train, and both were killed.

West Point correspondent New York Herald: Residents of Rutgers, a suburb of the post, are interested in a weird concert which was given one night this week in the parlor of the home of Andrew Kuhn, a private of the army service detachment. The performance did not begin until just as the old clock in the tower of the academic building had struck the hour of midnight, the artist was invisible, and ghostly sonatas, symphonies and the like were rendered in wonderful style. It seems that Kuhn, who is an old resident of the post, had retired with his family for the night, when they were aroused by very loud and thrilling piano playing. The sound seemed to be coming from the parlor. Upon their entering the room they found it quite deserted. The piano lid was closed, but some invisible agency was sounding the keys. They were badly frightened. It might have been a cat, but the piano was closed, or it might have been rats nibbling the strings, but the strings have been found to be uninjured.

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The general public, even in London itself, needs to be told what Lloyds is, and so it will be better to state at the outset that it is the greatest center of the shipping interest all over the world and it is surprising that, unlike its near neighbor, the Stock Exchange, it is so little known. Mr. Frederick M. Knauer contributes to Harmsworth's Magazine an exceedingly interesting article descriptive of the old institution. Lloyds owes its name to its founder, a Mr. Edward Lloyd, the proprietor of a coffee house at Tower street, the earliest mention of which is about 1668. It was to this coffee house that persons connected with shipping used regularly to resort; and Mr. Lloyd, who seems to have been a man of considerable enterprise, took care to collect all news and information he possibly could in connection with his customers' business until his coffee-house gradually came to be looked upon as the headquarters of all maritime business, and especially of marine insurance.

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