

Tables of the Russian Imperial family are usually christened in the Winter palace at St. Petersburg, where specialists can see the baptismal font, a piece of pure, solid crystal, 24x22x18 inches in size, with a basin chiseled in the center and heavily embossed on the outside with gold filigree representing lilies and olive leaves.

The city council at Marshall has ordered an official directory and a census to be taken at the same time.

It very often happens that when a ship is late they dock it.

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Last year the municipality of Berlin derived a profit of more than \$1,000,000 from the city gas works, which represent an investment of about \$15,000,000. Much of the profit came from such by-products as coke, tar, ammonia—in fact it may be said that the entire expense of maintaining the gas works was paid from the manufacture and sale of these articles, so that the direct receipts from gas were almost clear gain.

It shouldn't offend a butcher to be given a steer.

WHAT SETTLERS IN SASKATCHEWAN VALLEY HAVE TO SAY.

Formerly from the United States. Rosthern, July 5th, 1900. Frank Pedley, Esq., Superintendent of Immigration. Sir:—We, the undersigned settlers in Saskatchewan, Township 43, Range 6, beg to submit the following letter. We came from Springfield, Bonhomme County, S. Dakota, in the spring of 1899, and settled where we now reside. We had considerable crop last year, we put in on new breaking, and it was very good, and this year, 1900, our crop is excellent. Our wheat will yield about twenty bushels to the acre, the oats and barley are also very good, and our potatoes and root crop all that could be desired. We consider this a fine country and are glad we came, as our prospects could not be better. A poor man will get a start in this country much quicker than in Dakota.

We are, yours respectfully, John H. Schultz, H. A. Goshen, S. Gors, B. H. Dirks, C. D. Unry, P. Unry, and A. Ratzlief, All from South Dakota, U. S. A.

It's not only the poor people that can't keep servants.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured unless the cause is removed. The cause of deafness is inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running ear or "hot ear," and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. It is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness cured by our method that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. **J. CHENEY & CO.,** Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The discovery has been made that the metropolis does not possess a public statue of the king. The omission is to be repaired, for it is proposed in the city to celebrate the coronation next year by the erection of an equestrian statue of King Edward in a leading thoroughfare.—Liverpool Courier.

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And It Will Cure You. If you are troubled with Kidney or Bladder troubles, such as Dropsy, Bright's Disease, Catarrh, Gravel of the Bladder, Albumen in Urine and unhealthy deposits, or too frequent discharge of the urine, pain in the back and bladder, dropsical swelling of the feet and legs, etc., we guarantee that by using Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, a complete cure will be effected. Price 50 cents. For sale by all Druggists.

"Pegotty's house," one of the most interesting features of Yarmouth, as described by Dickens in "David Copperfield," is in the market. Portions of the wood and the two windows of the old boat are still in possession of the present owner.

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OPIMUM WHISKY and other drug word cases. Habits cured. We want the best. **B. M. WOOLLEY, Box 37, Atlanta, Ga.**

Agents Wanted Your car runs 75 per mo. handling your Ford and other frames. Write for terms. **C. B. Anderson & Co., 572 Elm St., Dallas, Tex.**

PROTECTING CABLES

Dangers That Threaten Sub-Marine Telegraph Lines

Unexpected perils await submarine cables, even in the depths of the ocean. Though the largest waves in a storm probably do not appreciably disturb the water beyond the first 100 fathoms, if indeed they go so far, currents are sometimes strong enough to fray the cable against some submarine rock and various living creatures will do a mischief. Among them fishes have long been suspected, and now the charge has been proved in a cable connecting Sydney with Nelson. A defect was detected, and on examining the piece a shark's tooth was found imbedded in the sheathing. As that consisted of the usual thick iron wires and their outer covering the aggressor must have given a hard bite. The motive is not easily divined. Could the shark have mistaken the cable, in the imperfect light, for a new species of conger, or did it, which seems more likely, blunder against it at a place where it did not touch bottom, and relieve its temper by a vicious snap?

A swordfish will express its resentment against a vessel by driving the bayonet at the end of its nose into the plank, and a narwhal will use its lance of ivory in similar fashion; each, like the shark, to its own detriment, for it illustrates the maxim, "Can't you leave it alone?" by losing the weapon of offense.

Living creatures will follow the ocean slopes downward to very great depths. Sponges, at least certain kinds, go far below the thousand-fathom line. A hydrozoan two yards long was

dredged up by the Challenger from 2,900 fathoms, and occasionally a coral or some near relation may be found at as great a depth. A well-known species of the former was brought up on a telegraph cable from more than 1,100 fathoms, and Dr. Carpenter obtained a mollusk, generally found in shallow water, from not much less than 15,000 feet. Even at depths as low as Mount Everest is high, living creatures have been obtained, but they are comparatively low in organization. Still, fishes have been captured at the lowest depths, in which case they are often blind.

Sharks in general keep near to the surface, a habit which makes them such a terror to bathers. Still, one kind of a shark, more nearly related to the dog-fishes than to the dreaded blue shark, is brought up from depths greater than those mentioned. The genus, which contains several species, has a wide range, and spearlike teeth, one of which may have done the mischief. Off the Portuguese coast there is a regular fishery for a species of this fish, which is about five feet long; it is caught with lines, at depths of 400, and occasionally 500 fathoms. As it is accustomed to live under a pressure of about eighty atmospheres, it is dead, and practically suffocated—when brought to the surface.

The raisin crop of California for the year 1901 is said to be 72,000,000 pounds, a decrease of over 20,000,000 pounds, as compared with last year.

IRRIGATION IN THE WEST

Much Good Work Being Done By United States Government.

The spread of irrigation in the northwest and the increasing dependence upon it for the utilization of vast areas of land which are now of little or no value has stimulated the hydrographic division of the United States Geological Survey to undertake a systematic search for water for development and distribution.

Fortunately the arid sections are seamed by numerous lofty, forest-clad and often snow-capped mountain ranges, from which flow the purest streams. Thus the streams and rivers and the underground or artesian-well waters where they exist have become the pivotal factors on which rest the agricultural development of immense sections of the west; their waters must be brought to the land before it can be productive.

In the search for water for irrigation two parties are now engaged. Already discoveries of value are reported. Prof. Isaac C. Russell, who has been working on the great lava-covered section of southern Idaho, reports the discovery of an artesian basin over 100 miles in length, whose western limit, though undetermined, lies in the

Oregon border. The land which can be supplied with water from this basin lies along the Snake river and in Bureau valley, a tributary to the Snake on the south. Several flowing wells exist in this locality already and there are indications of artesian water also near Shoshone.

The other party, under F. H. Newell, chief of the division of hydrography of the geological survey, says the New York Times, made an extended reconnaissance of northern Oregon with reference to the water supply of that section. They penetrated into the wilderness of central Oregon, along and to the head of the Deschutes river and, turning to the eastward, skirted the northern portion of the great Harney and Malheur deserts, into which the mountain ranges to the north send many streams.

The party was much impressed by the opportunities of development in central and eastern Oregon.

Henry I. of England was called "Beauclerk," because he was one of the few kings of his time who could read and write.

Songs and Their Singers

Fortunate People That Have Leaped to Fame in a Single Bound

The actors who have made their fame on one play, the authors whose reputation rests upon one book, or the orators whose celebrity is connected with one speech, are not nearly so numerous as the singers who have become known through one song. The recent "gratification" of the "Great Moberly" who will go down to posterity as the singer of "By Jingo," "Jingolism," a familiar term in the English language, recalls the story of many of these one-achieved individuals.

A song will sometimes be sung by a music hall singer which will seem to have in it no more of the elements of popularity than any other song. Yet suddenly it will become all the rage, and will be hummed and whistled by thousands of people all over the country who never heard the name of the singer, and perhaps never put their foot in the music hall.

It was Miss Lottie Collins who first sang "Ta-ra-boom-de-ay" in a London music hall. Few thought it was a song out of the ordinary, even those who heard it, yet within a few days all London was humming it, and it was

not long before it had become as familiar as "God Save the Queen."

It is said that there are at least a dozen singers of comic songs who are known in the profession as "one-song men." For instance, Charles Coburn, the man who sang "The Man That Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" made more money out of other songs, but for one person who knows one of his other songs probably a hundred know this one.

Other familiar instances of the one-song success are Anna Held's "Won't You Come and Play With Me?" and Ernest Hogan's "Who Said Chicken in This Crowd?" Both of these have sung many another song, but none of the others has had such extreme popularity. The authors of "Little Annie Rooney," "After the Ball is Over," and other equally well-known songs are almost unknown, yet in many cases their one song carried them to temporary fame.

The first submarine telegraph wire in this country was from Governor's Island to the Battery in New York, laid in 1842.

HOW A LOCOMOTIVE BLOWS UP.

Old Engineer Describes the Bursting of a Huge Machine.

"I am one of the very few persons who ever saw a locomotive blow up," remarked an old railroad man to a reporter of the Baltimore Sun the other day. "Generally the men who witness the explosion of a steam engine are so dead when the smoke has cleared away that they are never able to give an account of the disaster. 'Like many other accidents, the one I saw was the result of carelessness—low water in the boiler, for the engine had just come from the shops and was in complete repair. It was on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in West Virginia a number of years ago. I was on a locomotive some distance behind the one which exploded, and was looking ahead out of the cab window, so that the ill-fated engine was immediately before my eyes. Suddenly I saw the machine rise in the air; it seemed to me to be about as high as the telegraph poles in the city. Then came a cloud of dense black smoke and dust, which hid the engine from view, and almost simultaneously I heard the roar of the explosion. 'Both the engineer and the fireman were killed and the locomotive was fit for nothing much but the scrap heap when it fell to the ground. The crown sheet over the fire box had blown out. The strange thing about the explosion was that no white steam was seen. You know that perfectly dry steam is

Historic Mirror.

The clerk of the senate committee of the District of Columbia, Charles Moore, has resurrected from the lumber room of the capitol a mirror that every vice president of the United States is said to have looked into. It is a small one in a gilt frame and was bought by John Adams for use in the vice president's room. He paid \$40 for it, and there was a long debate in the senate as to whether the sum should be allowed, but the bill was finally paid. The mirror was handed along from vice president to vice president until it reached Garret A. Hobart. After Mr. Hobart's death the mirror was taken to the lumber room of the capitol. This last summer, after Mr. Roosevelt had left Washington and before he came back as president, Mr. Moore got out the mirror and had it regilded, intending to give it to Mr. Roosevelt.

Protestants in Russia.

There are some 6,000,000 Protestants in Russia who enjoy religious liberty with the stipulation that they must be born of Protestant parents and must not proselyte. Preaching in nine languages is heard every Sunday in St. Petersburg in the Protestant churches.

The Arctic summer is brief, and for weeks together there is nothing to distinguish day and night. Once, at Dvornik, two naturalists had left their ships at different hours. When later they met, one said "Good morning," the other, "Good evening." Both agreed that the hour was 7, and while one traveler held that it was 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, the other maintained that it was 7 o'clock last night. On returning to the ship they settled that it was last night, so they dined and went to bed again.

No fewer than 587,884 prisoners were in the prisoners of British India in 1899-1900, an increase of 92,064 over the number for 1891. Of this huge total only 24,555 were females, which is a smaller proportion than in western countries.

Aluminum has just been employed for the construction of a new fireproof theater curtain. The curtain is sixty feet wide by fifty-four feet high and is composed of sheets one-twentieth of an inch thick.

WHAT CAUSES DANDRUFF?

Greatest European Authority on Skin Diseases, Says It's a Germ.

The old idea was that dandruff is scales of skin thrown off through a feverish condition of the scalp, is exploded. Prof. Tausch, Hamburg, Germany, European authority on skin diseases, says dandruff is a germ disease. The germ burrows under the scalp, throwing up little scales of cuticle, and sapping the vitality of the hair at the root. The only hair preparation that kills dandruff germs is "Newbro's Herpicide." Destroy the cause, you remove the effect. Not only cures dandruff, but stops falling hair and causes a luxuriant growth. Delightful hair dressing.

"If I had not been brought up a dean," says Dr. Hole of Rochester, "there are three other vocations I should have liked to have followed: Master of a pack of hounds, head gardener in a large nursery, or a book-seller. I think the last is the best office of the three."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Attached to the door of the parish church of Seale, near Farnham, England, is the following notice: "Be in time. Come straight into church. Kneel down. Do not look around every time the door opens. Stand up directly. Thanksgivings are given out. Do not whisper to your neighbor. Keep your thoughts fixed."

WHEN YOUR GROCER SAYS

he does not have DeLancey Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it, until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. DeLancey Starch is not only better than any other Gold Water Starch, but contains 10 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

In a new church at Fairview, Ky., a marble tablet set in the wall has this inscription: "Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, was born June 3, 1808, on the site of this church. He made a gift of the lot March 10, 1856, to Bethel Baptist church, as a thank offering to God."

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

"Every Cuban must have his helper," says an army officer who has been serving in the island. "You can not hire a carpenter for an hour unless you provide him with a helper to hand his hammer and nails and talk to him."

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Eschler, Vancouver, Ind., Feb. 10, 1894.

A building in a Georgia settlement displays this unique sign: "School of learning. Lessons given in poetry writing and novelty. Also will teach music to you, and dramatics. Hides and wool taken for cash. Also, as the winter season is coming on, oak wood and kindling."

Senators Pettus and Morgan are the oldest members of the upper branch of congress. The former is 80 and the latter 77. Bailey of Texas, who is only 38, is the youngest.

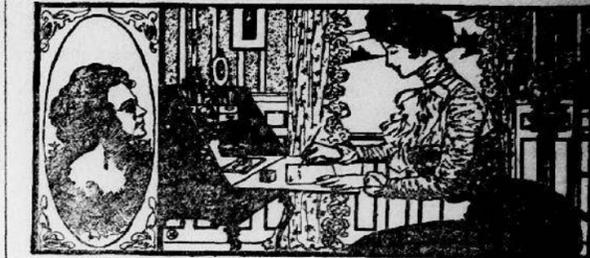
Can a telephone girl make the welkin ring.

Generally a son can fool his father but a father seldom fools his son.

Germany owns twenty-four of the sixty-one palatial ocean racers afloat.

Attorney Isidor Rayner, one of the oldest members of the upper branch of inquiry, was once interrupted by Thomas B. Reed, while making a speech in favor of a reduction of the tariff, with the remark: "Did not the gentleman hear my speech Saturday?" "No," replied Rayner, "I was at home preparing a speech of my own."

Mr. Simms has over 1,000 acres of land in cultivation nearby and the store was established for the purpose chiefly to supply his tenants.



Miss Marion Cunningham, the Popular Young Treasurer of the Young Woman's Club of Emporia, Kans., has This to Say of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Your Vegetable Compound cured me of womb trouble from which I had been a great sufferer for nearly three years. During that time I was very irregular and would often have intense pain in the small of my back, and blinding headaches and severe cramps. For three months I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and aches and pains are as a past memory, while health and happiness is my daily experience now. You certainly have one grateful friend in Emporia, and I have praised your Vegetable Compound to a large number of my friends. You have my permission to publish my testimonial in connection with my picture. Yours sincerely, MISS MARION CUNNINGHAM, Emporia, Kans."

\$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone," and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues, and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for adv. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

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15 magnificent earliest maturing
25 beautiful late maturing
15 superior best seed
45 gorgeous beautiful Flower Seeds
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A Representative High Grade American Institution. Seating capacity 400. Matches in its ability the thoroughness and up-to-date facilities. **CLARK, President, Alamo Insurance Building, San Antonio, Texas.**

Various new industries, which have arisen in New York of recent years, have called for the addition of new terms to the language. In electricity, the result has been bewildering. Now, what did he say? Class—Go way back—and sit down!—Baltimore American.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

