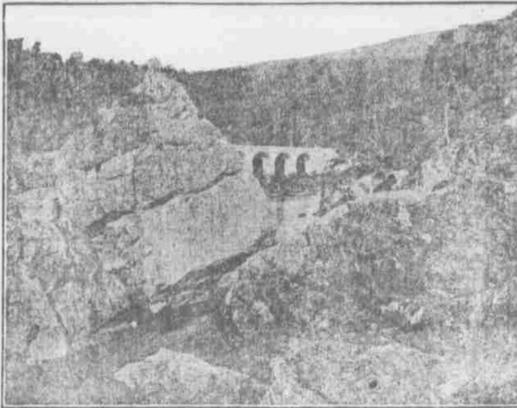


The World's Wonders

STRANGE THINGS FOUND IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE EARTH

Pass of Killiecrankie Sold



The Pass of Killiecrankie, one of the most famous and romantic spots in all Scotland, has just been sold under the hammer of the auctioneer as a part of the estates of Archibald Edward Butter, Esq. The historic road through the pass crossed the hill near Faskally House and descended to the ferryman's hut at the south end. Down this road many pageants of Scottish history passed. It was by this road that King Robert the Bruce, after the murder of Red Comyn, retreated from the battle of Methren where he had been surprised by the earl of Penruke. By the same road Mary, Queen of Scots, went with her gay cavaliers for the famous deer-drives in the forest of Atholl. Through the pass went General Mackay with Hanoverian soldiers of fortune to meet and be routed by the clansmen under John Graham of Claverhouse—"Bonnie Dundee"—who had raised the standard of King James against William and Mary.

It was through the Pass of Killiecrankie that nearly 1,000 Atholl men marched to join the earl of Mar in the rising of 1715, and this way in '45 came the Young Pretender before he went south on his great adventure, which ended in disaster, and forfeited estates, and blood on many scaffolds.

The Pass of Killiecrankie is, indeed, a high-road of Scottish and English history. Edward III. came here with his knights in his attempt to trample the spirit of the Scots into subjection. Highland reivers drove their cattle along this road, and wounded men crawled down the pass after many a fight between the clans. The tramp of armed men, the heroic shouts of battle, the wild pibroch that called to the Highland chiefs, still come echoing down the glen to those who have listening ears.

NOTABLE ENGINEERING FEAT

Recently a notable piece of engineering work was achieved in San Francisco, while the demolition of the old city hall was in progress. Between the violent earthquake and the fearful fire of April, 1906, the building was practically reduced to a mass of ruins. So it was determined to raze the shattered structure and construct a new and modern hall.

Surmounting the lofty dome a huge statue of the Goddess of Liberty has perched for more than twenty years past. The statue escaped unscathed both the heavy shock and fire. This immense metal statue is nearly twenty feet in height, and, with the pedestal, to which it is firmly attached, weighs about three tons. From the ground up to the pedestal the distance is about 350 feet, and to the apex of the Goddess, is 370 feet.

As it was very much desired to take down the huge statue undamaged and to place it in Golden Gate park, as a public souvenir of the great disaster, the contracting firm undertook to bring it to earth without damage. This proved a difficult and perilous feat in engineering, for to bring down, undamaged, 6,000 pounds of metal from a height of 370 feet was a ponderous task. However, the work was done very successfully. By means of a system of derricks, steel cables, tackle, etc., operated by several donkey engines, the big statue was loosened from its firm anchorage on the dome's crest, and gradually lowered to the earth. The work was done without the slightest accident to the statue, or to the force of men engaged in the task. Engineers declare that it is a notable feat along engineering lines, at least of that kind, and the contractors are being warmly congratulated over the success achieved.

"DEAD" MAN RETURNS HOME

A man named John Stevens, who was declared dead by a coroner's jury and whose widow afterwards married again, has reappeared in Preston, Eng., after an absence of nine years. A body found in the river was identified as Stevens' by certain marks on the arm. Certificates of death were issued, and Mrs. Stevens drew the insurance money. Stevens explains his long absence by stating that he has been tramping the country in search of work. She has lived happily with

BROTHERS' STRANGE MEETING

The long arm of coincidence was never more in evidence than in the case of a Leicester man, who has just returned to England from Australia, after twenty years' residence there. On the same vessel was a man of the same surname, but, as the two traveled in different classes, it was not till confusion in the delivery of letters at a port of call brought them face to face that they found they were brothers. The second brother had been in Australia thirty-one years, and they had not met nor communicated with each other for that period.

WHEN THE PYTHON DINED

That argument at meal time is futile and no aid to digestion, was illustrated the other afternoon at an amusement park when a great twelve foot python, waiting until its mate in the cage had devoured all the food in sight, calmly swallowed mate and food without as much as attracting the attention of the keeper. As a re-

MARRIAGE AFTER DEATH

The marriage is reported of two dead lovers from the Japanese village of Shizuoka. A young couple fell in love, and sought their parents' sanction to their union. For some reason this was withheld in the case of the girl, and the broken-hearted couple resolved to commit *shinju*; rather than be separated.

The two embarked on a fishing boat and when some distance from the shore bound themselves together with cloth brought with them for the purpose, and the matter was communicated to the police. The following morning the couple were missed from their homes, the police. Later on the bodies of the young couple were washed ashore, and, after the official examination, delivered to the parents. On learning of the tragedy, the mayor of the village was much affected, and calling upon the bereaved parents, proposed that the wedding ceremony be performed over the dead bodies, so that the deceased might be united in the other world. The parents agreed.

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"We are making one form of feather nearly two yards long in some cases, to be arranged round the crown of a large hat. Other large plumes are sold in sets of three. The most fashionable colors are shaded grays, chinchilla, which will be worn on chinchilla toques in the winter, and blues, from royal to navy. But the feathers now sent over are of a much better quality than formerly. There has been a great increase in the supply from ostrich farms. With the demand for feathers, ostriches, too, have become more expensive, and the farmer now has to pay \$5,000 a pair for birds.

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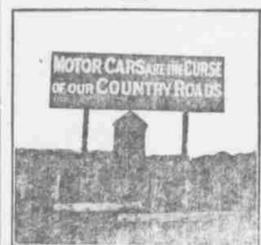
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DOESN'T LIKE AUTOMOBILES



In America the inhabitants of the rural districts not only have become reconciled to the automobile, but themselves own the cars by thousands and find them sources of delight as well as great conveniences. In England the rustic has not been so easily won over, as is witnessed by the sign here pictured. It stands by one of the main highways of the south of England and the man who put it up has kept it in repair for years.

Paying His Rent With a Flag



The duke of Wellington holds the manor of Stratfieldsaye on condition that each year, on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo (June 18), he presents to the sovereign a French flag, a sign that the estate is held by favor for his services. Generally, the reigning duke presents the banner in person; indeed, he used to bear it to the sovereign himself, riding on horseback. This year, the court being in mourning, a representative of his grace took the "rent" to Windsor, and saw it set in place. The duke of Marlborough retains the Blenheim estates by payment of a similar fee on the anniversary of the battle of Blenheim (August 13). In each case, when the new flag is set in position, the old flag goes back to the duke. Non-presentation of the flag would entail forfeiture of the estate.

MAYOR STANDS ON HIS HEAD

An entertaining variation on the methods usually employed for the collection of subscriptions has been introduced by the acrobatic burgomaster, or mayor, of Posen, Herr Wilma. Meeting at an evening reception a rich merchant who was not particularly distinguished for his generosity to good works, the burgomaster approached him with the remark: "I want you to give me \$1,000 for our town charities." With a gasp of astonishment the merchant replied:

LONG LIFE OF A SEED

A letter posted 75 years ago, before the days of postage stamps, came into the hands of the master of Belford Workhouse, England. The letter contained a number of cucumber seeds, which the writer of the letter had sent to a friend. For curiosity's sake the master had one of the seeds planted, and despite the fact that it was three-quarters of a century old, the seed fruited, and there is now a healthy, vigorous cucumber plant.

RAISE PLUME PRICES

Advance of 50 Per Cent. in Cost of Feathers.

Ornament Becoming More Fashionable and Last Three Years Have Seen Greater Demand Both Abroad and in America.

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GLACIERS INCREASE SPEED

Juneau, Alaska.—The great glacier in Rainy Hollow, near Haines, Alaska, is moving at the prodigious rate of 12 feet a day. Hugo Messers of ice are falling with thunderous noise over the precipice, at whose brink the glacier discharges.

This is a season of glacier advance over Alaska. Never before has such rapid extension of the ice rivers been known. The theory is that rivers caused by earthquakes are responsible for the increased flow.

The National Geographical society has an expedition in Alaska studying the phenomenon.

RATS WREAK RUIN IN CANADA

Manitoba Farmers Compelled to Use Drastic Measures to Rid Province of Pest.

Gretna, Man.—The invasion of rats is becoming a serious matter, and unless strenuous efforts are made to stop their northern trek, they will reach Winnipeg before the end of the year. For miles in both directions they have crossed the boundary into Canada, and now it is no uncommon thing for a farmer to kill 20 or 30 of the rodents in a single day without going on a special hunt for their scalps.

Reports show that they are doing a vast amount of damage along their line of march, and estimates sent to the department of agriculture show that the loss already incurred through them this year will total over \$5,000,000. Farmers have been supplied with liberal quantities of rat virus, but the

FAVORS RADIUM WATER CURE

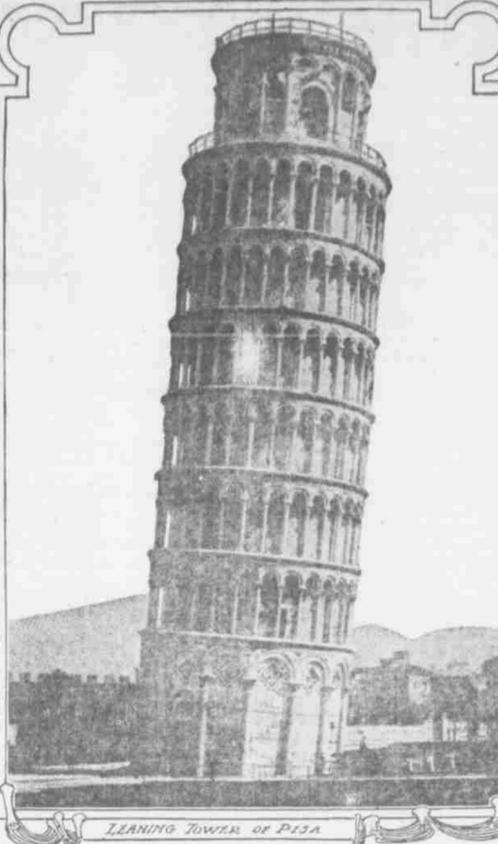
Austrian Government Will Build Sanitarium at Joachimsthal for Treatment.

Vienna, Austria.—In consequence of successful results obtained from the "Radium" treatment in Joachimsthal, Bohemia, the government has decided to build a first-class sanitarium there, supplied with 60 baths of radium water. The first authentic reports show that of 200 cases 169 were benefited greatly by the cure, while there was no change in the condition of the others.

The chief improvement noticed was in rheumatism, gout, neuritis and old exudations of various kinds. The radium did not seem to have any effect on senile weakness or radical diseases of the spine and of the hearing.

Scientists are convinced that the radium cure has a great future, especially because it is easily applied, both externally and internally, with remarkably constant effect.

IS PISA'S FAMOUS TOWER FALLING?



THE world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa has always been popularly supposed to have been built out of the perpendicular of set purpose, but that interesting legend seems now to be untrue. And, worse still, it is leaning more and more, to its assured and speedy fall, as the Campanile of St. Mark's crashed down to ruin. That is the finding of Italian royal commissioners, who state that it cannot remain upright much longer, and demand the taking of immediate measures for its safety. They have found also that the foundations of the tower are only 9 feet 3 inches below the surface, and that it originally stood but upright. Also they state that the base of the tower is immersed in a watery sub-soil. The tower, which was begun in 1170, is known to have been affected by earthquake shock. In 1329 the tower was 14 feet 4 inches out of the vertical line; it is now 15 feet 4 inches.

BRINGS ANT PLAGUE

Dry Summer Causes Little Insects to Thrive.

Especially Active in Attacking Flowers, and in Some Localities Invading Homes—Moisture is Chief Foe.

Chicago.—Following in the wake of the plague of tussock moths, though not as serious in comparison to the amount of destruction wrought but more of a nuisance, the plague of ants has settled upon the city to an extent that has created a widespread inquiry for means to get rid of the pest.

Experts say that the oversupply of ants is due to the unusually dry weather, or which has prevailed this summer, their favorite breeding places being in dry, sandy soil. While practically every section of the city has suffered to some extent from the busy little soldiers, localities adjacent to the lake along the north and south shores have been most annoyed by the visitation.

As a rule ants are not considered as a serious menace to growing things, and they have even been credited with destroying the parasites which infest

CHILD'S WRIST TELLS AGE

Prof. Rotch of Harvard Says It is Best Test for Development of Mind and Body.

Cambridge, Mass.—Prof. Thomas Morgan Rotch of Harvard University is working along the lines set by Dr. Maximilian T. E. Grossman to determine the actual development of a child's mind and body, not by his age, but rather by different tests on a child's wrists and arms.

Dr. Rotch believes that there should be an anatomic standard set for practical use in athletics and in the schools. Dr. A. W. George has found the most practical and reliable index of development is represented by the hand and wrist.

Professor Rotch believes that young children should be classified by their anatomic age rather than their chronological age.

"You can tell a horse's age by looking at his teeth, but in the child the truth is to be found in the wrist," he says. The formation of the many phal-

KRAUT OUTRANKS BEANS

Boston.—Sauer kraut is an ideal vegetarian diet. More people should eat it as a daily food. This is the health recipe of Dr. Samuel Wingersky, who has written extensively upon foodstuffs.

"Sauer kraut is an ideal vegetarian food," said Dr. Wingersky. "No, I should not advise every one to use this type of food, but when we are discussing a vegetarian diet there is nothing so toothsome as sauer kraut."

"It is tenfold better than any bean diet. Whatever good may be said of beans may be claimed likewise for sauer kraut."

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The Joker—What do you think of Paintem's painting of the ocean?
The Artist—I thought the water looked too calm.
The Joker—I guess it's the oil on it that does that.

Why He Was Sorry.
To impress on young children just what should and what should not be done and why, is among the most trying problems of parents, as evidenced by the recent experience of a West Philadelphia mother. Last Sunday she asked her small son, aged eight, to carry a chair for her from the dining room to the parlor. He started off willingly, but in the hall he tripped and fell. Amid the crash could be heard the boy giving vent to utter a pirate of ancient days. The mother aches that would have done credit to a pirate of ancient days. The mother was taken by surprise and was greatly shocked. She gave the boy a long and serious talk on the subject of profanity. This apparently did not make the right impression, for when she concluded the boy asked to her discomfiture by exclaiming, "I am sorry I swore, mamma, but I forgot it was Sunday."

Good Record Made by Women.

Through the activity of women in the anti-tuberculosis campaign, sanatoria and hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis have been erected, traveling libraries have been circulated, posters, circulars and other kinds of literature have been distributed to the number of millions of pieces, thousands of lectures have been given, large sums of money have been secured, hundreds of needy cases have been helped; tuberculosis work has been started in many communities where no movement had existed; and millions of women have learned the dangers and methods of prevention of tuberculosis. The work of the women extends from the drawing room of the rich to the homes of the poor, and embraces all classes, including the factory girl and millworker. During the coming year a special campaign of lectures to women will be carried on in all parts of the United States.

Little, but Oh, My!

Senator Smoot of Utah tells a story on the late E. H. Harriman, which sounds somewhat familiar. He says that when the Salt Lake cut-off was completed Mr. Harriman took a large party of big railroad men out to it. They had their pictures taken at the right spot scenically. Mr. Harriman stood at one end of the group. When the pictures were printed and the photographer brought them around the railroad men examined them.

"Why," shouted one of the guests, "where's Mr. Harriman?"

"Do you mean that little chap that stood at the end?" asked the photographer. "Why, I cut him off."

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