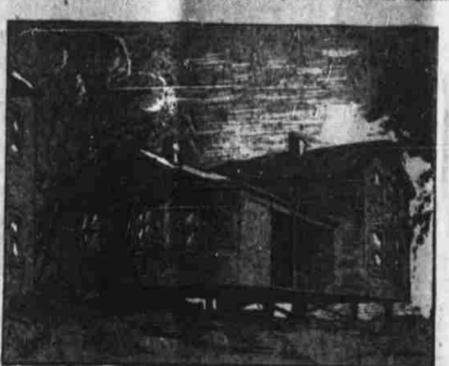


# OLD MCKINLEY HOME IN INDIANA

The historic residence erected two miles northeast of Mishawaka, Ind., about the year 1840 by James and Mary McKinley, grandparents of the late President William McKinley, has been saved from demolition by the...



Within a few hours of each other in adjoining rooms in the same house on the same day—Aug. 20, 1847, they remained were interested in a country near South Bend, where the graves were long unmarked. Some eighteen...

generosity of a Mishawaka man. He will have the structure moved to town and will preserve it. James and Mary McKinley, the grandparents of the late distinguished President, were in destitute circumstances during their residence there. They passed away...

## CIVIL WAR RELIC FOUND IN TENNESSEE

The illustration shows the design on a ring found in a field eight or ten miles from Shelbyville, Tenn., being unearthed from a slight depth below the surface. During the civil war soldiers were encamped in the neighborhood, but the nearest fighting was about twenty-five miles away, at Stone's River. The ring was evidently lost by one of the encamped soldiers. Within the ring appears the following legend, engraved in script: 'One of Nineteen, July 4, 1863.7 From...



had sold all the copies of the preceding one. Lara Noeller is the name of the editor and publisher of this little Greenland newspaper. He has made his paper very useful because it has stimulated a desire among the natives to learn to read. For some years past the paper has been printed as a monthly publication, but it is now appearing once in every two weeks.

Electric car service in Paris has proved very profitable. It is said that the loss so far represents \$300,000.

## Steepest Street in United States

Chester, Ill., boasts the steepest highway in the state, if not in the country. It runs up the face of the hill on which the town is situated, a climb of 350 feet in a quarter of a mile, and is so nearly perpendicular that the people of the town built a flight of steps that pedestrians might reach the top. Chester is the capital of Randolph county, and is on the Mississippi river.



Forty feet or so above the average stage of the water runs the first level of the town. Of course, it was founded in St. Louis, just as it has been denied in Camden and Philadelphia that tetanus germs were introduced with the serum, but not only has the presence of the germs been proved, but the source of the infection has been disclosed.

With nearly \$3,000,000,000 worth of property destroyed by fire in the United States during the last quarter of a century, the need of an increased supply of fireproof building material and more stringent laws enforcing its use would appear to be in order.

Pope Leo is a grand old man, from whichever side of the religious fence you look at him. The venerable pontiff works hard six or eight hours every day and smiles tranquilly when they remind him of the valley of the shadow so near at hand.

Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay are destined by nature to become one country and their inhabitants one people. They will come to this end at last, but in a manner comfortable with their political and racial instincts and quite different from that which we of the United States would naturally expect.

"Keep an eye on Shaw!" exclaims the Cedar Rapids Republican. Is that a nice way to talk about a man who has just been appointed to the secretaryship of the treasury?

## Real German Thrift Shown by Krupp

Krupp's great steel factory at Essen, in Rhineland Prussia, employs over 100,000 men, and disburses between \$200,000 and \$250,000 weekly in wages. Yet, to save \$1,000 a year, it manufactures its own pins, and has done so ever since 1872. When it was discovered that the firm was buying 1,500 marks for the same quality of pins it could produce itself for about 300 marks.

At first the pins were made by the process which is even now generally in vogue, but a year or two back a novel method was introduced by a workman. The pointed bit of wire is placed vertically, and the lower end is fused by a current of electricity, to just such an extent that a drop of metal hangs there. This, when cold, forms the pin head. By this ingenious expedient thousands of pins can be made simultaneously, and the cost of their manufacture has yet again been materially decreased.

## Much Gold in Australian Mines

Western Australia is one of the richest territories in the world, as "man counts riches, and his wealth lies in that which mankind has been striving after ever since he made it an article of value—gold. There is gold in abundance in western Australia, scattered in irregular patches all over the state. Some of these patches are 100 miles in length, by thirty or forty in breadth. Today it is said that the total area of the gold fields of western Australia is over 324,000 square miles, or just one-third of the area of the colony itself.

## Is Both First and Last House

The building shown herewith is generally known as the first and last house in England. It is situated at Semmer, a village at Land's End, Cornwall. The swinging sign informs the tourist walking toward the coast that the inn is "the last house in England." Strictly speaking, it is now neither first nor last, for the proprietor has built a cottage a quarter of a mile nearer the cliffs. Probably at the time the inn was erected its position justified the inscription on its signboard.



The incident shows how the English landlord takes advantage of any and every situation to advertise his inn. As interesting as any romance would be the story of the names of England's famous taverns.

## Toothsome Acorns in Spain

In reference to the excellent and nutritious flavor of the acorns of the oak, which the men of the Golden Age were supposed to have lived upon, and which have none of the bitterness of the common oak's fruit, the writer is informed by one who has a wide knowledge of old Spain and especially of Don Quixote's country, that there is an oak-half inch long of most admirable flavor. These are the acorns which Sancho Panza's wife sent to the duchess, as a specimen of the "nutritional commodities" of her neighborhood. It is on these acorns that the pigs are fattened which supply the celebrated Spanish hams, said to be the very best produce of the pig in any shape or country. We always wonder why England so seldom seem to settle in Spain, a country full of fine scenery, with most interesting possibilities in the way of growing cattle, swine and sheep, and absolutely the finest sporting country in Europe, except the Carpathian side of Hungary. Perhaps now that it is becoming the fashion for tourists to go there some may stay to settle, and Anglicize a portion of the peninsula.—London Exchange.

## Great X-Ray Machine

Dr. R. T. White of Allegheny has just had constructed the largest X-ray machine in the world. It has twenty-six revolving plates 20 inches in diameter, and is driven by a two-horse power motor. The voltage is 1,000,000 and the spark is a solid 2 1/2 inch in length. The next largest machine is in Bellevue hospital, New York, which has 16 plates with diameters of 28 inches. The cost of the entire plant was about \$5,000. Dr. White expects to reduce photographic exposures from a half hour to three or four minutes, and will make original researches in skin diseases and cancerous affections.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

## Army Shoes and Coats

"If a law could be passed," said the choroidist, "prohibiting the wearing of any shoe in this country except the pattern army shoe, our occupation would be gone. That war was, for the time, the greatest corn-eradicator ever known. I never knew a single case of a soldier in that war who suffered from corns a month after he began wearing his regulation army shoe, and I was four years a soldier in it myself. That shoe seemed to be made just right for comfort."

## Growth of Russia's Budget

During the last forty years the yearly expenditure of Russia has increased enormously. Thirty years ago its budget was less than \$50,000,000; twenty years ago it was \$50,000,000 (\$450,000,000); ten years back it amounted to 1,000,000,000 (\$500,000,000), and at present it has reached nearly 2,000,000,000 (\$1,000,000,000). These figures explain the misery of the peasantry and the industrial classes, who form 90 per cent of the whole population and who alone have to bear this burden.

## Beecher and His Salary

An old member of Plymouth church, who knew Henry Ward Beecher and his family, has this to say about the great preacher: "No one ever knew what he did with the vast sums of money he carried as a lecturer," he said. "I used to give money away with both hands, and he was as likely to give a street beggar a twenty-dollar bill as a dollar. But his salary from Plymouth church went direct to Mrs. Beecher, intact. He never drew any money from the church until the end of the year. Then he received a check for \$20,000, his full year's salary, and handed it to his wife. When he died he did not leave much of an estate, although he had earned millions of dollars in his life, but Mrs. Beecher had always received her \$20,000 a year and she lived in comfort and even luxury in Brooklyn Hill she died. 'He was a great man—Henry Ward Beecher, and I am glad there is a good statue of him in Prospect park, as well as the monument in front of the borough hall, in the city that he served so long and so well.'

## Some Excuse for the Old Gentleman

The elevated train came to a stop at Solley Square with such suddenness that an old man with a silk hat and three big bundles was hurled down the side as if from a catapult. The bundles and the hat took various directions, and the old man brought up against a stout young woman, who promptly measured her length on the floor. "The young woman picked herself up and gasped: 'This is outrageous!' The old man said, as he groped about for his bundles: 'I—confound it—I—confound it—couldn't help myself—confound it.' Then she left the car, he glared at the guard and indulged in this final outburst: 'Confound it all, I say!'"

## Portrait of Dandy of Bygone Age

Dandies have flourished in England almost since the conquest, and the picture shows one of the time of good Queen Bess. His title was Lord Russell of Thornhaugh. He was the son of the second Earl of Bedford, and learned the art of foppery as a courtier of Elizabeth. He was in the vanguard in Venice, Germany, Italy and Hungary. He fought in Ireland and the Netherlands, and succeeded his friend, Sir Philip Sidney, as Governor of the Netherlands. He was a great favorite of Queen Elizabeth, and she honored him with the title of Earl of Bedford.

## Reply Neat and Effective

In the smoking room of a Swiss hotel a discussion recently took place between a German and an American as to the merits of their respective armies. The former believed in discipline and trained troops as he believed in the berserker. The American believed in training, too, but held that a lot depended upon the material trained. "Given," quoth he, "that brains are lacking, no amount of physical training will make up for them. Take the American troops, comparatively untrained, and see how well they fight. It's because of their brains." "Nonsense," rejoined the aroused German. "Untrained troops can never stand against well-drilled ones. Take your own country, for example, with practically no drilled army. What would you do?" He paused impressively, and then said: "What would you do if Germany landed an army of 200,000 perfectly drilled and perfectly equipped men on your shores?" "Bury them," was the quiet but complete rejoinder.

## Made Profit on Christmas Gifts

A recently married couple who received on Christmas day a great many pieces of silver, each in the regulation satin-lined box, profited by their gifts in a way that donors may not have suspected. They collected all their boxes on the following day and returned them to the silversmith from whom they had been purchased. Some of these cases cost almost as much as the silver that they contained. The dealers were willing to take them back at their own prices and give silverware in return for them. It is the custom of most of the big jewelers and silversmiths to change the style of their boxes each year.—New York Sun.

## Gen. Andre's Speech Has Roused France

General Andre, whose sensational speech at the Gambetta celebration causing talk in Paris, is the minister of the French Republic and a fierce type of the soldier-scholar. An orator of high power, he is also one of the best strategists in Europe, a fact brought out when he was commander of the Polytechnic School from 1892 to 1894.

## Yoting Made Compulsory

A bill to make voting at elections compulsory, which is to be introduced into the French chamber by M. Georges Berry, provides that any person abstaining from voting at elections shall have his name displayed on the door of the town hall, by a flag of from five francs to ten francs, and be disfranchised and rendered ineligible for any public office.

## Stations for Wireless Telegraph

There are now in Europe forty stations equipped for wireless telegraphy and five in America. Each of Lloyd's stations throughout the world will soon have a plant. About sixty vessels have put in the necessary apparatus.

## Berlin's Chamber of Commerce

An order of the Prussian minister of commerce authorizes the establishment from April 1 next of a Chamber of Commerce with thirty-six members, for the city of Berlin and suburbs.

## Roads in British Army

Since the commencement of the war in South Africa, Scotland has sent to the front 15,000 noncommissioned officers and men and 330 officers—total, 15,330.

## Device for the Automobile

A new device is a spring in the question of the automobile driver's seat, which throws off the power the instant he rises or is thrown from his seat.

## Wagon of German Ypsentiers

The weekly wagon of operators of type-setting machines in Germany vary from \$4.25 to \$14.25.

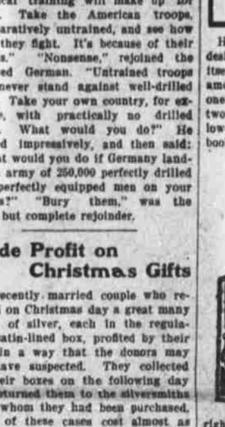
## Telephones for Use on Moving Trains

A device known as a "telephone for trains" has been patented by Prof. M. Ruesch of Aar of Germany and is said to have stood a practical test with satisfactory results. The invention consists of a system of telephones by which the inventor says the engineer and conductor of a moving train can communicate with another moving train on the same track or with a station agent or guard along the line. A successful experiment is said to have been made with the invention at Marburg-Grosshau, Germany. Under the system it is declared that an engineer of a train running at a high rate of speed can keep in perfect communication with every one connected with the running of his or other trains on the same track.



## Convenient Writing Desk

Here is a desirable green writing desk, plain and inexpensive. The table itself is broad and affords a generous amount of room for the arrangement of one's belongings. In the left side are two rather deep drawers and a shallower one in the center, while two book shelves take up the space on the right side. On top of the table on the right-hand side is a nest of pigeon holes, and on the left a set of six small drawers. Above these is a case containing a drawer for telegraph forms and compartments for reference books.



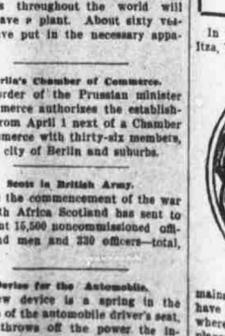
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## Table with a History

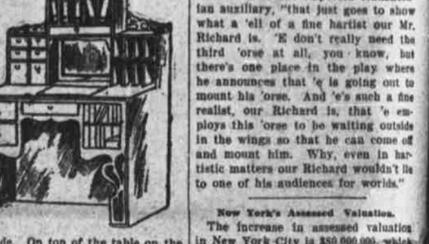
What appears to be only an old-fashioned table, marble-topped and with sprawling legs of iron, occupies a conspicuous place in the club house of the Monookin club, of Chicago. But in addition to its venerable appearance the table has a history. On this table, which was presented to the Monookin club by Senator Mason recently, most of the great statesmen...



of America, from Franklin Pierce's time down, are said to have eaten, and, presumably, over its unpretentious marble top many a national issue has been discussed which has since become a part of the nation's history, for the old table with this quaint legend attached to it occupied a place in a cafe in Washington which was frequented by the nation's legislators and executives for nearly half a century. The cafe was operated in connection with the house of representatives and congressmen and senators and presided to relegate the eating place and it was accordingly dismantled of its furniture and the tables and other old-fashioned fixtures were consigned to the junk heap. Senator Mason, however, when he learned the history connected with the particular table, to which the head waiter invariably assigned the presidents of the United States when the executives and their guests sought refreshments, determined to rescue it. Accordingly he secured it and had it shipped to Chicago to the Monookin club.

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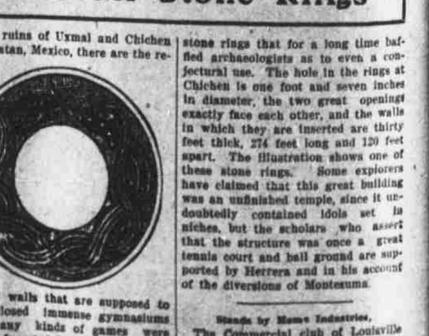
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