

### SEASICK CIGARS.

Some Goods Lose Their Flavor in Crossing the Ocean.

"Since our troops have been in the Philippines my friends among the officers stationed there have at frequent intervals been remembered with boxes of Manila cigars," remarked a member of Uncle Sam's fighting force, who was severely wounded at El Caney and is now on the retired list, to a Star reporter. "I have learned to prefer the tobacco of the far east to the domestic brand, and do not see how I could now get along without the fragrant Manillas. Recently I received a shipment of cigars, but they proved a sad disappointment. In fact, they seemed to me to be entirely worthless. I puffed at one after another, but they simply could not be smoked. In despair I finally consulted a well-known tobacconist. The situation was no problem to him. He promptly told me to lay the cigars aside for a few weeks, after which I would find them all right. He was correct. When I sought an explanation the tobacconist assured me in all seriousness that the cigars had been seasick from the voyage across the Pacific and needed rest. I have since learned that wines and liquors are affected in a similar manner by ocean shipment."—Washington Star.

### Fortunes Accidentally Found.

"In the sure knowledge that man does not turn to his Bible until he is in the greatest distress, I have placed \$500 in notes between pages 141 and 142—Hamburg, 1873." The curious and welcome letter was found by a Hamburg shopkeeper when, in dire misfortune, he had determined to sell the family Bible that had been in his possession for many years. Looking through it before taking it out of the house, he found the letter and bank notes. At such a critical time a fortune would not have been more welcome. The shopkeeper had failed in business, his wife had long been ill, and consequently he was much in debt. The discovery of over \$50,000 was the result of a game at hide-and-seek. Some children were playing near the ruins of an old mansion in the Canton of Argovore, Switzerland, when one of them, hiding from the others, found a large box partly buried. It was almost filled with money, jewelry and other valuables. The father, on behalf of his children, claimed \$5,000 as a reward for their find. His claim was contested, however, and the Swiss courts eventually awarded \$500 to the children.—Answers.

### TUNE WAS TOO SUGGESTIVE.

Automatic Musical Chair That Married a Funeral's Solemnity.

Mr. Black, a wealthy resident of Brooklyn, who died recently, was a man of many fads, chief among which was a mania for "machine" music—that ground out by the hand organ and the music box. As a visitor entered his house some secret connection with the door started the flustering strains of "Hail to the Chief," to the accompaniment of which the astonished guest was ushered into the reception room. Clocks of every sort sounded fitting music to the passing hours; in short, every piece of furniture in the house seemed in some way to be connected with a hidden orchestra. Mr. Black's death was untimely; a hand organ with a new and wonderful combination of every orchestral instrument that blares, suddenly began a concert in front of his house. In his eagerness to examine this new musical marvel, Mr. Black tripped and fell down the long staircase, and his life paid the penalty of his final pursuit of his ideal. Before the funeral extreme care was taken to silence all the harmonies of the house. For two days the servants labored diligently disconnecting wires and removing offending furniture. At last they rested from their labors and the last sad hour arrived. The exercises were conducted in the house, and as the minister was concluding his panegyric on the departed a belated mourner entered and was shown to the one empty seat, a chair in an obscure corner. Silently the late comer tiptoed to the chair and quietly sank into its depths. Instantly there pealed forth a loud chord and then without interruption there came forth the loud, strident notes of "There'll be a hot time in the old town to-night." All efforts to silence the music were futile. In notes that drowned the minister and were plainly audible for blocks the music continued and not until the last strain had died away was the minister able to conclude his remarks.—Chicago Chronicle.

### Oldest Man in Illinois.

Frank M. Anthony of McLean county claims to be the oldest man in Illinois, and his friends say that he has the documents to prove the fact. Mr. Anthony is now in his one hundred and second year, and there is every ordinary indication that his lamp of life will burn brightly for some time to come. The centenarian resides with his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Freeman, on her fine farm three miles south of Bloomington. He was born in Mayo county, Ireland, on May 8, 1800, and consequently has been so fortunate as to have lived in three centuries. At the age of 20 he emigrated to this country with his parents, who themselves lived to be over 80 years old. Mr. Anthony served as a Captain in the French rebellion of 1837 in Canada. He first came to Illinois in 1873, and was so favorably impressed with the country about Bloomington that he resolved to stay there. He possesses all of his faculties, and talks entertainingly of the days when the republic was in the beginning of its life.—Freeport (Ill.) Journal.

### Forty Years Master of Hounds.

By the death of John Lawrence, at the advanced age of 94, a notable figure in the English hunting world disappears from the scene. For upwards of forty years he was sole master of the Langibby hounds. An exceedingly keen sportsman, he began his hunting career as master of the Cwmbran hounds, and later on he hunted both the Langibby and Chepstow countries until they were again divided in 1866. At the age of 84 Mr. Lawrence was out with his hounds twice a week, and would remain in the saddle throughout a long day's work.

### Devoured by Wolves.

Edward Connors was devoured by a pack of wolves a few days ago in the Gatineau district in Canada. He had left the camp near Bark Lake in the evening and gone back for his ax to have it ground for the next day's work. A party started to look for the missing man, and had not gone far before it became evident that the worst fears had been realized. The hungry animals had overpowered the poor fellow and literally torn him to pieces, his boots and clothing torn to shreds and soaked with blood, alone being found.

### Arithmetic Holds to the Truth.

At a school in Kent an inspector was examining a class of children in arithmetic, when the inspector asked the following question: "Now, John, supposing I gave you two rabbits and another kind friend gave you one more, how many would you have?" John—Four, sir. Inspector—No, my boy; two and one don't make four. John (quickly)—Please, sir, I've got one old leopard 'en at home.—London Spare Moments.

### Open Air Cures a Cold.

Parisians are much interested in Grand Duke Vladimir's cure for a cold, which is the seasonal complaint. But it is doubtful whether many persons will adopt his remedy. A visitor of the grand duke the other day was surprised to hear him send his carriage away. "You see, I've got a cold, so I will ride on the top of a tram car," he said. "That is my un-falling remedy."

### Sioux Indians Are Shiftless.

Referring to the difficulty of civilizing Sioux Indians, Miss Annie B. Scoville writes: "The government tried to civilize these Indians by issuing wagons, and they used them to feed the ponies from; stoves, and they knocked off the tops and used them over the camp fire; cows, and the Indian saw in them what he had in the buffalo—meat—and ate them up."

### Malamutes of Alaska.

Alaskan dogs are called malamutes and are a cross between a dog and a wolf. About two months after birth they are trained to draw little wagons, and soon become very useful. They do not bark, but utter a melancholy howl. They have long hair and can sleep in the open air with the thermometer 60 degrees below zero. They are fed once a day, usually at night.

### A Scotchman's Literary Choice.

An English bishop says that recently he came upon a Highlander in Scotland who was several miles from neighbors, and must spend the winter months alone. The bishop offered to send him some magazines, but he replied, "I have no wish for light stuff such as that; but, sir, could you get me a copy of the sermons of Jonathan Edwards?"

### The Keel Throne.

The English king may be said to have three thrones, of which the finest and most splendid is perhaps that at Windsor Castle; the most frequently used one is that at Buckingham Palace, and the true English throne (so designated because, seated on it, the sovereign receives the ambassadors in state) is the one at St. James' Palace, London.—Lady's Magazine.

### Washington's Great Potato Crop.

An immense potato crop has been raised this season by irrigation in the Yakima Indian reservation in the state of Washington. The quantity for export is 2,000 carloads, and one farmer will clear \$10,000. It is estimated that the crop will be 40,000 tons, worth \$1,000,000.

### Many Were on Pass List.

About 130,000 passes into the Pan-American exposition were issued. Exactly 8,304,073 admissions to the exposition were recorded, and, since many of the passes were used several times at least, it is seen that the free admission constituted a considerable per cent of the whole.

### Kerosene for Hardwood Floors.

Kerosene is the best thing for making hardwood or stained floors look bright and glossy. The odor disappears quite rapidly if the window is opened for a short time and any disagreeableness in the handling is obviated by having a mop with a long handle just for this purpose.

### Whaling Business Declining.

The total catch of whales this year is stated to be only twenty-eight, and the industry seems to have almost reached the limit of nothingness. Half a century ago the American whaling fleet consisted of over 700 vessels. The catch of 1846 was valued at \$21,000,000.

### Souvenir Postal Cards.

Souvenir postal cards are used at the rate of 1,446,338 a day in Germany, according to a count of them maintained by the government every day for a week. The postage paid on the cards averaged \$17,250 a day.

### ONCE IS ENOUGH TO SEE.

Gustave Dore's portrait of Dante is worth seeing—once. But once is enough. Some such look you notice on the faces of those who have suffered, and still suffer, much physical pain; people subject to rheumatism, gout, neuralgia, periodic headache, lumbago, or pain from some old lesion. This painful habit puts its marks on them, as the custom of handling ropes crooks a sailor's fingers; or as too much riding of a bicycle stamps a worried expression on certain faces. No wonder people said of the Italian poet as he passed along, "There goes

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Attention is directed to the new train service of the C. B. & Q. between St. Joseph, Mo., and Chariton, Iowa, via the new line lately completed between Grant City and Albany Junction.

In addition to trains 111 and 112 between Chariton and Kansas City via the old main line, there are new trains 113 and 113 running as follows:

No. 114 daily except Sunday from Chariton to St. Joseph via Bethany Junction, Grant City and Albany Junction, leaving Chariton 5:45 a. m., arriving St. Joseph 12:30 p. m., making connections at St. Joseph with south bound train of the K. C. St. J. & C. B., No. 20.

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### Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of Jerry Markt, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of June, 1901, by the Probate Court of Holt County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred. LUELLA MARKT, Administrator.

### School Children of Mississippi.

The annual report of the superintendent of education in Mississippi shows the total enrollment of the schools for the year as 337,488 pupils, as against 359,546 for the session of two years ago, an increase of 27,342, and of this increase 15,978 were negro pupils, and 11,964 white pupils. Of the total enrollment 179,142 were whites and 208,346 were blacks, the latter forming about 56 per cent of the total school enrollment. The government census of 1900 credits the negro in Mississippi with forming 59.1 per cent of the total population.

### Use Knives in Quarrels.

In Burma in Ceylon, and, though fortunately in a lesser degree, in Madras, quarrels are constantly occurring in which knives are brought into play and serious wounds inflicted, resulting more often than not in death. The knives used in Ceylon are sheath knives, and for long the law-abiding portion of the community has been trying to get the authorities to insist on these knives being made with a button on the tip. They would be thus rendered harmless for stabbing, while still available for legitimate use.

### Only Colored Mayor in the Land.

Isaiah T. Montgomery of Mound Bayou, Miss., is the only colored mayor in the United States. He is the wealthiest man in the city named and indeed owns nearly the whole place. At the convention of negroes in this city some months ago he gained prominence because of the clearness of his views on the negro question. Montgomery was born a slave on the plantation of Jefferson Davis.—Chicago Chronicle.

### Mice Aboard Submarine Boat.

Mice will hereafter be part of the equipment of the submarine boat Fulton on her trial trips below the surface of the water. They are expected to protect the crew from asphyxiation by detecting gas, by which they are affected twenty times more quickly than men. They are expected to give warning of its presence. This gas comes from the fumes of the engine. Half a dozen white mice have been secured.

### An Odd Mexican Custom.

Among the peculiar customs of Mexico is one which makes it particularly incumbent upon engaged young men to go shopping for their sweethearts before the ceremony takes place which unites them as one. Young men go up to the City of Mexico from interior towns and lay in a stock of finery for their prospective wives in the most natural and matter-of-fact way.

### The Bulgarian Army.

The Bulgarian army is composed of thirty thousand men, well drilled equipped in the German style, and organized by Russian officers upon the Russian system. Every man between the ages of twenty and twenty-four years is obliged to do military duty for five years, although Mussulmans may escape service by the payment of a special tax.

### First Geography in this Country.

The first geography printed in this country was compiled by Jedediah Moes, and published in 1789, for the use of schools. The attempts at maps in this publication were extremely crude, and gave a very imperfect idea of the outlines of the countries, they were supposed to represent. It is said that only twenty-five or thirty copies of this work are now in existence.

### Magnetic Observations.

On February 1, 1902, an international system of magnetic observations will be established. There will be several stations in the United States, from which periodical circulars will be issued, giving the variation of the needle at certain dates. The main purpose is to ascertain the law of magnetic variation and minimize errors in navigation and land surveying.

### Good Health Dispenses Happiness.

It is a pleasure to be with people with sound health. They take such a hopeful and wholesome view of life and of things in general that they have a bracing, tonic effect on those around them. As a rule they are bright and good-natured and their abounding vitality seems to make the world in general happier.

### Jordan Not Navigable.

The Jordan, during its course, falls over 1,200 feet. At no point is it navigable, even by a small craft, to any considerable distance, and presents the unique spectacle of a river which has never been navigated flowing into a sea which contains not one living creature.

### Preaching in Nine Languages.

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.

### Combines Preaching and Hunting.

Rev. W. W. Howe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Mackinaw, Mich., does not neglect the duties of his charge, but also finds time to go hunting. On a recent expedition he brought down a fine buck and a wolf in the same day.

### Automobile Service for Lapland.

Lapland is to have a regular automobile service. The borough of Lipka has petitioned Stockholm for government permission to arrange a regular automobile service to the nearest railway station.

### I WAS DEAF FOR YEARS UNTIL MOST FRANTIC WITH HEAD NOISES

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