

### DIFFICULTIES OF MAP-MAKING.

Government Officials Have Hard Time Securing Them.

For twenty years the government has been engaged in mapping the United States, and a report just issued by the geological survey shows that the larger part is still unurveyed, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post. In some of the western sections the work is attended with the greatest difficulties and dangers. Recently a party sent to map northern Montana was obliged by the severity of the weather to climb California mountain not less than eight times—the last 1,300 feet on foot—before an opportunity was presented to get a photograph of the surrounding country. The photographic method is employed in all such wild regions. When the negatives were finally secured it was after waiting all day in a driving snow storm; then there was a hail of a few seconds, during which six snapshots were made. During the other seven days the snow was unremitting.

### TO STOP A ROOSTER'S CROWING.

Simple Device Which Will Prevent Annoyance.

Mr. Val Prinsop has had the distinction of being summoned for allowing a cock to crow in the morning, to the inconvenience of his neighbors. He showed a common sense desire to avoid annoyance, though the said neighbor lived a quarter of a mile from the fowl house, and the magistrate evinced no desire to harass the artist.

But really it is quite possible to keep fowls and prevent them from crowing. All that is needed is a slight string over the neck and fastened to a foot. It is the habit of chancier to throw back his head when crowing, and he will not crow if prevented as he may be by the string from doing so.

The contrivance has the great merit of inflicting no pain whatever. The bird scarcely knows of the pressure of the string till he cries to crow, and a harmless jerk brings him to order.—Country Life.

### Military Honors for Woman.

The extraordinary case of a woman being buried with military honors was witnessed recently at Frankfurt, on the Oder, Germany. The deceased, a widow named Juliane Schlee, had been vivandiere to the 1st company of the 12th Grenadier Regiment, with which she went through the Franco-German war of 1870-71. Each company of the regiment was represented at the funeral by one non-commissioned officer and eight men, besides the eight men of the 1st Company, who were told off to carry the coffin. The ceremony was also attended by the regimental commander, Col. von Salisch, and a large number of his staff. A military chaplain held the funeral service at the grave, which was surrounded by costly wreaths sent by the separate companies.

### Salfour Follows Precedent.

Mr. Salfour is the fifth statesman since the union of Great Britain and Ireland, who, having been chief secretary for Ireland, has become prime minister. More than seventy years have elapsed since the last Irish secretary who subsequently became prime minister was appointed. In 1830 Lord Stanley, subsequently known as the great earl of Derby, was appointed Irish secretary and held that office till 1833. The other prime ministers who were previously Irish secretaries are the duke of Wellington, who, as Sir Arthur Wellesley, was Irish secretary from 1807 till 1809; Sir Robert Peel, who filled that office from 1812 till 1818, and William Lamb (Lord Melbourne), who was Irish secretary from 1827 till 1828.

### The Last Resort.

The mother of the three unattractive daughters stepped from the train, followed by the father.

"Unless we get the girls engaged here," she said in a whisper, "there is no hope."

Upon the ample lawn the pater counted ninety-eight girls. In the middle stood the lone summer man, answering eighty-nine questions at once.

The pater groaned, as he felt his depleted pocketbook.

"Yes," he answered, hoarsely, "I fear in every sense of the word, this is the last resort!"—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

### Judicial Duties Too Arduous.

Justice of the Peace F. W. Bleicher of Buttenburg, N. J., declares that the wearing of the judicial ermine in his district is no sinecure. He has written to Gov. Murphy of his state to this effect, adding that since taking office he has lost twenty pounds, is bothered by people throughout the day and unable to sleep comfortably at night because of the popularity of his front door bell. Justice Bleicher concludes by saying it is worse than pulling teeth to get his lawful fees, and what fees he does get just about keep in tobacco money. He therefore resigns.

### Wanted to Go Back.

An absent-minded elderly man entered the station at Rockville Centre, L. I., the other day. Nervously fingering a dollar bill, he approached the window and asked:

"What's the fare to Rockville Centre?"

The agent looked at him a minute, and then said, in a loud voice:

"This is Rockville Centre."

The old man with the far-away look in his eyes pushed the dollar bill under the grating and tick, calmly:

"Give me a return ticket."

### OLD CRADLE COMES BACK.

Wet Weather Compels Resort to Primitive Methods.

In 1855, which was before the modern reaper and binder had been invented, all grain was cradled, and by employment of that primitive method the loss to the farmers was considerably reduced. Now the soil is so thoroughly saturated with water that the heavy machines are rendered practically useless, and many farmers have gone back to the cradle to save, if possible, some portion of their badly deteriorating crops. It is a common sight to see farmers in rubber boots wading through the sodden soil, cutting their wheat with an old-fashioned cradle. The dealers here cannot supply the demand for these old implements for the cradle a score of years ago was stowed away with the spinning wheel and candlesticks. Not only have the old cradles been brought into use, but new ones have been ordered. The dealers here kept nothing of the kind, and have with difficulty found them among the jobbers of the state—Cleveland (N. Y.) dispatch.

### LEFT IN DEPOSIT BOXES.

Many Things Forgotten by Absent-Minded Persons.

It often happens that deposit boxes rented in bank vaults are opened on account of arrears in payment on the part of the renters, who cannot be found. Then strange are the revelations of a box's contents, says the Philadelphia Record.

A young woman had a box in a downtown bank and failed to pay its second year's rent. As she had disappeared from her former residence the box was opened last week. All it contained was a pair of baby shoes.

Another box, rented by a man, disclosed on being opened for the usual reason a diamond brooch worth at least \$400. The bank has held the brooch now for three months, in the belief that the man or his heirs will one day claim it.

Often these boxes contain interesting letters—letters from an aged mother to her son, from a young man to his sweetheart, from a grateful prisoner to his benefactor.

### Pelee Set Off by a Hot Box.

The Mt. Pelee disaster was taken as a text by one of the speakers at a recent nearby camp meeting of negro Zionists. He explained that the eruption was a rebuke to the greed of mankind along the following lines:

"De earf, my fren's, resolves on axels, as we all know. Som'fin suah an needed to keep 'em axels greased, so de good Lawd, in his wisdom an' foresight, put lots ob petrolum in de bowels ob de earf for dat purpose. De Stan'ard Oil company comes along an' 'strax dat petrolum by borin' holes in de earf. De earf sticks on its axels an' won't go 'round no more. Dere is a hot box, jus' as tho' de earf wuz a big railroad train—an' then, my fren's, dere am trouble."

### Lord Salisbury's Literary Talents.

Lord Salisbury comes honestly by his literary talents. His father was an eccentric character, who had a writing mania, among others. Abraham Howard records that the elder marquis used to "secrete a good deal of poetical matter." His method of securing a circulation was certainly original. This was by "slipping printed copies of his verses into the great coat pockets of the visitors at Hatfield, and by himself throwing them all into the market carts." It is rumored in England that one of the chief reasons for Lord Salisbury's recent retirement was his desire to leave a permanent record of his impressions of Queen Victoria, Bismarck, Gladstone, Lord Beaconsfield and other notables.

### Accident to French Submarine.

A serious accident took place the other day on a French submarine boat maneuvering off Cherbourg, the details of which have not been made public. The vessel is the *Silure* and when at the maximum depth several of the crew were seized with suffocation and were in so grave a condition that the boat had to return with speed to the naval port. An investigation is being anxiously held into the cause of this unpleasant affair, which in French naval circles is said to have somewhat shaken the faith which had been reposed in these craft. This is the first accident of the kind that has occurred to a French boat.

### He Comes From Cleveland.

Prof. Elliott, an Ohio scientist, was before the ways and means committee some time ago speaking upon the subject of the preservation of the fur seals of Alaska.

In the course of his statement Representative Tawney asked the witness what his business was.

"I am a pomologist, a horticulturist, viticulturist, an artist, and a naturalist," replied the professor.

The reply staggered the Minnesota representative for a moment, and then he said: "Oh, I understand, you come from Cleveland; that explains it."

### Indications of Nativity.

While crossing the Atlantic on the Lucania, bound for Europe, Henry C. Frick was accosted by a strange man, who called to him:

"Hello, Pittsburg! How are you?"

Frick looked at the man a moment, and then replied:

"Very well, thank you, New York! How do you know I'm from Pittsburg?"

"By the stogie you're smoking," answered the stranger. "And how do you know I'm from New York?"

"Why," replied Frick, "by your gall."

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Institution in Berlin, Germany, First of its Kind.

The school of housekeeping in Berlin was the first, and still takes the lead both in the plan of work and in its execution. It was founded by Frau Heilwig Heyl, with the active cooperation of the Empress Frederick. When people looked askance at the school and objected that the place for girls to learn housekeeping was in their own homes, Frau Heyl replied that if they wished to advance the standards of living, to make use of the investigations of the bacteriologist and sanitary chemist, to the end that the dwelling might be more healthful and the food more nourishing, then instruction from people who were making a life study of these subjects was indispensable. The Empress Frederick established a precedent by sending her own daughter as the first pupil, and various families of the court soon followed the example. The school now has the support of public opinion and in its different departments there are representatives from every class of society.—Good Housekeeping.

### SURVIVAL OF OLD TIMES.

Ancient English Custom Carried On in Present Day.

Frank Dent, an Arch street resident, knows a hundred quaint and curious corners of England that tourists never visit. He described one of them yesterday. "Back of Twyford, which is near Southampton," he said, "there is an old, old monastery, with an old and thick stone wall around it. In this wall there is a wicket gate, and by the gate a monk is always stationed. The monk is there to halt every traveler who goes by, and having halted him, he gives him a cup of ale, a crust of bread and a penny. Years ago, it seems, some one died, and in his will left to the monastery an endowment that was to ease the way of weary travelers by giving them this refreshment and small coin. As long, therefore, as the monastery stands a monk will stand by its wicket gate, and every traveler who passes will be cheered with a drink, a bite and a penny."—Philadelphia Record.

**Cured of Hallucination.**

A gentleman once contracted the mania of believing that his nose was growing to an enormous length, so that in the end he declared he was unable to go into any but the largest rooms. Doctors tried as best they could to shake his belief, but without avail. One medical man hit upon the idea of a deception. He told the man that he must cut off the imaginary extraneous growth, so he procured a basin of bullock's blood, which he produced only after the patient's eyes had been securely covered. Then he struck the man a blow upon the nose, smeared his face with a little of the blood, and removed the bandage from the eyes as he remarked to his assistant, "Take it away." The patient believed that a part of his nasal organ had been amputated.—"Household Words."

**A New Type of Steamer.**

A working model of a new and novel type of steamship, the invention of Herr J. Brohan, an engineer of Hamburg, has been on view in the Hall of Civil Engineer, Rue Blanche, Paris. The principal feature of this craft is that it is equipped with four propellers, one forward, another just before the rudder and two at the stern. The vessel is flat-bottomed, but there is a short keel in the center and two false keels forward, to keep the hull off the bottom in case of grounding, and between which the forward screw revolves. The inventor estimates that with a steamer 300 feet long, built according to his design, he could make the passage from Havre to New York in four days.—Scientific American.

**Hoard of Woman Miser.**

In an old chest of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Leary, who was found dead in her room, the other day, in Fort Wayne, Ind., were \$2,100 in cash and greenbacks, bills of exchange on a firm in Liverpool amounting to \$25,000, and many valuable jewels. It is thought that the drafts were worthless, as they are about seventy years old, and the firms have gone out of existence many years ago. Some of the greenbacks are valuable as curiosities, as they are originals. There was also several thousand dollars of "wild cat" currency. Mrs. O'Leary was eighty-three years of age.

**Woman and the Hairpin.**

A close student of woman has collected a few uses to which she can turn a hairpin: Pick a lock, as a button hook, draw out a nail, do up a baby, see if a joint is done, fasten a door, repair a baby carriage, put up a curtain, cut a pie, rake a fire, make a fish hook, make a fork, regulate a range, stir batter, whip cream, saw into shovel hobs, doctor an automobile, tighten windows, peel an apple, wake up a cat, heat an egg, serve as a toothpick. But the most precious purpose of all—lend it to her husband to clean out his pipe.

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