Not Unenviable.

Mrs. Gadabout—That Mrs. Hardhead next door doesn't seem to have many friends.

Hostess (wearily)—No-o; I wonder how she manages it?—Judy.

A West Indian Hurricane

Recently traveled up the coast at will, and acted in an entirely different manner from any other storm. Sometimes dyspepsia acts the same way. It refuses to yield to treatment which has cured similar cases. Then Hostetter's Stomach Bitters should be taken. It has cured stomach trouble for half a century.

A train running from New York to Boston made over 80 miles an hour recently.

In France advertsing posters must bear revnnue stamps varying in value according to size of the poster.

"Circumstances Alter Cases."

In cases of scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, nervousness, catarrh, rheumatism, eruptions, etc., the circumstances may be altered by purifying and enriching the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the great remedy for all ages and both sexes. Be sure to get Hood's, because

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Never Disappoints

An Oddity in Railroading.

"The craze for fast time on railways is taking a new feature," observed a prominent railroad official to a Star writer recently. "It is the shortening of lines and reconstruction of surveys in order to make a given line as straight as possible between two points. It is, in fact, a scheme to make time by saving distance. A railway without a curve or a cutting is, of course, a splendid thing from an engineering standpoint, but it is a very tedious affair to the passenger. To thoroughly realize how extremely monotonous a long journey on a railway without a curve or cutting is, one must travel on the road from Buenos Ayres to the Andes. That railroad beats all known records for having 200 miles of track almost on a line, such as mathematicians describe as the shortest distance between any two points. No one who has not seen this remarkable stretch of road, straight in front and behind as far as the eye can reach, even when aided by a field glass, can grasp what it means or what an amount of wearisome monotony it involves and entails."—Washington Star.

At Kansas City the following is the scale of wages being paid the different trades: Tile and bricklayers, $4; stonecutters, $3.60; plasterers, $3.50; plumbers, $3.50; steamfitters, $3.25; masons, $3.20; lathers $3; gasfitters, $3.25; painters $2.40; carpenters $2.40.

Electrical Workers' Union No. 31, of Baltimore has secured the conviction of several parties for violation of the municipal eight-hour ordinance in compelling members of the union to work longer than eight hours on a city contract. Fines of $25 and costs were imposed in each instance.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The Betrothal Kiss.

First Boarder—Did you hear the report of the engagement of our landlady's daughter?

Second Boarder—I should say I did. I was sitting in the next room at the time, and it was a pretty loud report, let me tell you.—Richmond Dispatch.

Bostonians' Manners Abroad.

Fuddy—The Hulcums are very discreet. Duddy—In what way. Fuddy—They never smile when they are in public together. They are afraid people will think they are not married. They both of them hate a scandal above all things.—Boston Tanscript.

The largest mass of pure salt in the world lies under the Province of Galica, Hungary. It is known to be 550 miles long, 20 broad and 250 feet in thickness.

London annually consumes 40,000 tons of imported meat.

Germany manufactures 70 per cent of the world's production of coal-tar colors.

The New York Varnishers' Union reports that all its members are busily employed, and its business agents have applications from employers for more men. All union varnishers receive not less than $3 a day, and some are getting $3.25 and $3.50 for eight hours' work.

An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, cleansing the system effectually, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently yet promptly and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

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NEVER TASTE WATER

QUEER FACT ABOUT HAWAIIAN HORSES AND CATTLE.

They Roam Over a District Where There Are No Wells or Streams, and Slake Their Thirst by Eating the Native Grass.

The proverbial horse which can be led to water, but which cannot be made to drink, exists in great numbers in the Hawaiian Islands. Among the cattle he has thousands of cousins of the same proclivities.

It is a surprising statement to make, and yet one that is literally true and so commonplace that no one there thinks anything about it, and there are hundreds of horses and thousands of cattle which never take a drink of water throughout the whole course of their lives.

On all the islands the upper altitudes of the mountains are given up to cattle ranges. The cattle run wild from the time they are born until they are rounded up to be sent to the slaughter house. Except during possibly two or three months of the rainy season, there are no streams or pools of water in any part where the cattle range.

But everywhere there grows a recumbent, jointed grass, known by the native name of maniula. This is both food and drink. Horses and cattle grazing on it neither require water nor will they drink it when offered.

Our first experience with this fact was on a trip to Haleakala. A party were mounted on horses which had just been brought in from the range. The journey they made was fourteen miles, in which distance they ascended about 9,000 feet.

The party started in the afternoon, and about sunset halted for supper. They thought it strange that the horses should leave a feed of grain to nibble the scanty grass which grew near by, but were willing to trust their instinct in the matter.

However, before starting they insisted that they be given water. The native guide demurred to this, saying they didn't need it, but, with the good-natured complaisance of his race, yielded to requests, and led a detour of about a mile, which brought the party to a ranch house, where there was a well. But, to the utter amazement and stupefaction of the travelers, the horses would not drink.

They took it as another case of instinct, and assumed that the water, for some reason, was not good, and so refrained from drinking it themselves. It was not until the return, the second day, to Kawaapae, that the travelers learned the secret of the wonderful maniula grass.

IKEY IS SADDER AND WISER.

Eye-Opening Experience of a Smart Man from New York.

"You know my brother Ikey, of course?" said the New York man. "Ikey and I have been partners in business for twelve years. He has always stuck to the desk, while I have done the traveling. Ikey had an idea that New York couldn't run a day without him. He also thought himself the cutest, smartest man in the big town. Other New-Yorkers who never get ten miles out of town have the same idea. Things happened to me on the road now and then, and I told Ikey about 'em, but I never could get him to believe that there was a man outside of Gotham who knew enough to rake in a poker pot with a straight flush in his hand. A few weeks ago I got hurt, and Ikey had to go out or lose customers. When he finally concluded to go he went with his hat on his ear and a pocketful of 50-cent cigars. He was prepared to dazzle everybody.

"'Ikey,' says I, as he was ready to go, 'look a little out for gum games. You'll run across chaps who know a crowbar from a clock.'

"'Bah!' says Ikey, as he picked up his grip and started off with a smile of contempt on his face.

"Well, I'm near dead of laughing over his adventures. He got off at Albany and was lugging his grip uptown, when a boy steps up and says:

"'Hello, Senator! Glad to see you. I'll carry that grip and make no charge.'

"It tickled Ikey to be taken for a Senator, and it tickled him to save a dime, but the boy got away with the grip, and Ikey was hung up for two days until the police found it. At Rochester, as he was standing around the station, a stranger fell against him and said:

"'Beg pardon, but ain't you the man who is going to build the Panama canal?'

"'I'm thinking of it,' said Ikey, sober as a judge, but three minutes later he finds his watch gone.

"In Buffalo, as he came out of his hotel, a stranger asked him if he wasn't the Governor, and then added: 'Excuse me while I knock that fly off!'

"Ikey rather carried the idea that he was the Governor, but the stranger had got his diamond pin. In Cleveland one of our old customers set out to make things pleasant for my brother, and after dinner said to him:

"'Say, Ikey, we've got a new game out here, and maybe you'd like to take a hand in? It's called poker, and there's a great chance to show your nerve by bluffing.'

"'A new game!' says Ikey, as he throws up his hands. 'Why, we've been playing poker in New York for the last 200 years!'

"And Ikey took a hand in, and when the Buckeyes got through with him he was $70 out of pocket. Getting along to Toledo a man worked $25 out of him on a bogus check, and in Detroit he was let in as a sure winner on a horse race and lost $35 more. That same night a thief entered his room and stole all his clothes, and he had to telegraph me to get others to go home in. While he was on the way a pickpocket got his last dollar, and he couldn't even pay car fare home from the station. It's a sore subject with Ikey, and you fellows must handle him gently, but it will do him a heap of good in the end. The swelling in his head has gone down by a third already, and he is almost ready to admit that he isn't infallible."

Watered with Blood.

On the old homestead farm of Peter Turner, in Monroe, N. Y., there is an apple tree knotted and gnarled with age, but of a variety seen nowhere else in Orange County, nor perhaps in the country. The apple is about the size of a winter pippin and has a like flavor. It is golden in color and speckled with crimson spots, which penetrate the blood-red fruit to the core. This apple is called the Indian Princess.

Tradition gives it the following romantic origin: When the Indians were in possession of Ramapo Valley one of their villages was located where the Turner farm is situated. The daughter of the chief was loved by a warrior, and as the old chief did not favor the suit the maiden met her lover in secret. When her father discovered this the lovers fled to escape his wrath, but were overtaken by the chief, who bade his daughter return to the wigwam. This she refused to do and stepped to her lover's side, at which the chief was so incensed that he drew his bow and sent an arrow to her heart. She expired on the spot, where a wild apple tree was sprouting, and her life's blood saturated the roots of the young tree.

Such is the story that has been handed down from generation to generation. The old tree in Peter Turner's orchard is a lineal descendant of the original Indian Princess and the last of its race.—New York Tribune.

New Thing in Kissing Bees.

A novel custom, started in the days of the civil war, prevails in the eastern part of West Virginia. At Shepherdstown they have a picnic called "soups." Each person invited brings a dressed chicken, the host providing the vegetables. Poultry and vegetables are placed in large kettles holding from ten to twenty gallons, and the combination is cooked over open fires for several hours, or until it is almost reduced to a jelly. Pepper and other seasonings are introduced. The girls and young fellows stir the soup with long-handled iron spons, keeping up a march or walk around the kettles as they do so. When a girl's spoon clicks against the spoon of a young man he is at liberty to catch and kiss her. Of course, there are many lively skirmishes and a great deal of fun in the game. When the soup is done it is ladled out into plates and eaten. It is said to be delicious. The custom owes its origin to a company of Stonewall Jackson's men who were recruited in that part of the State. These ex-Confederates keep up their organization. They have a reunion once a year, at which they celebrate with a grand "soup." It is said that a "soup" properly gotten up should be made of stolen chickens, but the veterans had to give up foraging after the war and made a compromise by going around in squads and robbing each others' roosts by mutual understanding.—Boston Transcript.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Tyndall's plan for purifying water by means of electric currents has been tried successfully in the Bruges Canal in Belgium. After being subjected to a current of 1,000 volts the water became pure and palatable.

The acids of apples are exceedingly useful through their stimulating influence upon the kidneys, whereby poisons are removed from the body and the blood and tissues purified. The acids of apples are all highly useful as a means of disinfecting the stomach, since the ordinary germs that grow in the stomach, producing biliousness, headache and other troubles, will not grow in fruit juice or fruit pulp.

Attention is called in medical journals to the desirability of testing railroad employes for defective hearing as well as for color blindness. A recent examination in Europe developed the fact that out of eighty-two firemen and engine drivers only three possessed perfectly normal hearing. It is suggested that there should be a standard of hearing power for the examination of employes who have to depend upon sound signals.

According to Prof. Moritz, writing in a German medical periodical, the most speedy absorption of a drug into the human system is secured by administering it with water on an empty stomach. In many cases, he says, a definite effect will thus be produced, when no effect would be perceptible from the same dose administered shortly after the taking of food. Food taken immediately after medicine retards the absorption of the drug.

Scotch and Austrian pines have only two needles to a cluster. These tres, not being native to this country, are found only as ornamental foliage in parks and gardens. The Norway spruce so generally liked for Christmas trees has needles that do not grow in clusters, but singly along the short stems, and are not more than an inch or two long. Their great virtue is in being slow to fall; often the needles hang on a growing tree for six or seven years.

Among the places visited by the German exploring ship Valdivia, recently returned from the Antarctic Ocean, was Bouvet Island, which, although discovered in 1739, was only known to have been sighted twice since its discovery, and until the Valdivia's visit had not been seen for more than seventy years. The island is the summit of a volcanic mountain rising 3,000 feet above the sea. Its crater is entirely covered with ice, which caves down in a steep wall to sea level. It is situated about 1,800 miles west of south from the Cape of Good Hope.

The sky of Italy is noted for its clearness. The blue is deeper, not because the dust there is finer than in the northern countries, but because in the countries of the north, due to the greater coolness of the air, the vapor more readily condenses upon the dust particles. The dust particles thus become larger, and consequently not so effective in turning back the blue rays alone, but others are also reflected and a grayish effect is produced. In a single location the blue of the sky may appear bluer at one time than another. The sky is oftentimes said to be very blue when some white cumulus clouds are outlined against it. The sky is then a deep blue by contrast with the brilliant white. After a shower, when the lower stratum of air is washed of its coarse dust particles, a deeper and purer blue is the result.

Pioneer Greek Letter Society.

The first Greek letter society—Phi Beta Kappa—was originated at William and Mary in 1776, and among the charter members were John Marshall, Chief Justice, and Bushrod Washington, associate Justice, of the Supreme Court; Spencer Roane, who was considered the ablest jurist ever produced in Virginia; John Brown and Stephen T. Mason, Senators from Virginia; and William Short, Minister to Spain and Holland.

Annoyed by Cook's Singing.

A lady on Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, who was suffering from a severe headache one day last week was annoyed by the loud singing of the cook in the kitchen. Going to the head of the stairs, she said: "Bridget, I have a frightful headache and I do wish you would stop singing that song." "All rolght, mum," was the answer. "Pfat song shall Oi sing?"

More Safety for Poor Jack.

Twelve years ago one sailor out of every 106, on an average, lost his life by accident. Now the proportion has been reduced to one in 256.

PRINCELY GIFTS.

Large Sums Donated to Educational Institutions This Year.

In no previous year has the cause of education in the United States been so enriched by donations and bequests as in 1899. The institutions of learning have received $28,720,617, which is $15,634,467 more than they received last year. There have been twenty-four individual donations this year ranging from $100,000 to $15,000,000. The list is as follows:

Mrs. Leland Stanford to Leland Stanford University	$15,000,000
Estate of John Simmons for female college, Boston	2,000,000
Henry C. Warren to Harvard College	1,000,000
G. W. Clayton for a university at Denver	1,000,000
P. D. Armour to Armour Institute	750,000
Maxwell Somerville to University of Pennsylvania	600,000
Edward Austin to Harvard College	500,000
Lydia Bradley to Bradley Polytechnic Institute	500,000
Samuel Cupples to Washington University	400,000
Jacob Schiff to Harvard College	350,000
Marshall Field and J. D. Rockefeller to University of Chicago	335,000
Edward Tuck to Dartmouth College	300,000
J. D. Rockefeller to Brown University	250,000
Caroline L. Macy to New York Teachers' College	200,000
Edward Austin to Massachusetts Institute of Technology	200,000
R. C. Billings to Massachusetts Institute of Technology	150,000
O. C. Marsh to Yale College	150,000
Andrew Carnegie to University of Pennsylvania	100,000
Unknown donor to Wesleyan University	100,000
George R. Berry to Baltimore Female College	100,000
J. D. Rockefeller to Denison College	100,000
W. K. Vanderbilt to Vanderbilt University	100,000
Unknown donor to Princeton College	100,000
R. C. Billings to Harvard College	100,000

These twenty-four donations aggregate $24,385,000, or $11,298,850 more than the total of 1898.—Chicago Tribune.

TWO GRANT MARRIAGES.

Wide Contrast Between Those of the President and His Granddaughter.

When General Grant took unto himself as a bride Miss Julia Dent of St. Louis he went to the altar, as it were, straight from the battlefield of Mexico. Then by the orders of the war department he was sent away to other scenes, finally going in 1852 to do soldier duty in California, where the monotony

ASTOR HOUSE, NEWPORT.

grew so heavy that the young officer resigned from the army and returned to St. Louis, where whatever he had of a honeymoon was spent. He had been unable to take his bride with him to the camps and the barracks of the South and West. After his return to St. Louis his father-in-law presented him with a small farm, a house and three negroes. The farm was just outside St. Louis. It was in the cabin on this farm that the honeymoon of U. S. Grant was passed. The period had its troubles, though, for the great leader failed to make farming pay and he dabbled in the real estate business in St. Louis as a side issue. Some St. Louis historians assert that the house in which General Grant was married is still standing in St. Louis, but none seem able to point it out. But one of the illustrations shows the honeymoon cabin on the Missouri farm.

Julia Dent Grant, born in the White House, Washington, has recently become the bride of Prince Cantacuzene

U. S. GRANT'S MISSOURI COTTAGE.

of Russia. The marriage, of which so much has been written, was solemnized in the palace of one of the Astors at Newport, which is under lease to Potter Palmer of Chicago. Of course the ceremony was a brilliant one. But after it there was no hurrying away of the bridegroom to battlefields or dreary frontier posts. The honeymoon began in a palace in America and will continue on the vast and beautiful estates of the prince near Moscow.

"Cordially Yours."

Interesting conclusions are drawn from a study of the different ways writers subscribe themselves. The curt "Yours" and "Yours truly" are found not only in business letters, but in personal notes as well, for there are plenty of correspondents who don't believe in gush, and who think that "Yours truly" or "sincerely" means about all they wish to convey. Opposed to these sensible and essentially practical persons is that class of writers made up usually of young and enthusiastic individuals, as a rule of the gentle sex, who throw words about as carelessly on paper as they do in conversation, and who sign themselves "affectionately yours" even when writing to casual acquaintances. "Cordially yours," by the way, is seen more and more frequently now in notes between acquaintances who are on distinctly friendly or cordial terms. After all, "Your friend," when it can be used truthfully, is a simple and satisfactory way of ending friendly letters. Some people have the habit of not prefacing their names with any set form of words at the end of letters. They stop when they get through, and simply write their signatures, this being an easy way out of the difficulty.

Criticism of the Fool.

Ridicule is the criticism of the fool—the stock argument of men who lack the sustained force of logic. It is the natural expresion of resentment felt by inferior souls when they see or hear something which they can not grasp or appreciate. Ridicule never did any good. It never made any man better, wiser, more prosperous in any sense. It has often scorched the germs of goodness and nobility in timid souls, by arousing false shame. It is close akin to cruelty. Most of us possess fault-finding propensities, but have the grace to be ashamed of them. Few of us care to cultivate, much less glory in, a power which blasts and sears, but helps no one. Worse still, ridicule tends to destroy all principle in the man who exercises it. Nothing is sacred to one who looks always for evil. Such a man can have no real friends, for although those who may listen to him, laugh, they secretly distrust and fear him.

The stage prompter might be appropriately termed a theatrical poster.

Followed Her Doctor's Advice

Mrs. G. W. Palmer, of Jonesville, Vt., said: "Two years ago I was afflicted with stomach and bowel trouble. My case puzzled the doctors. I subsisted only on the lightest kind of diet. My stomach would not retain solid food. The pain in my stomach and bowels was so intense that I cannot describe it. I continued to grow worse. I lost 45 pounds, my nerves were completely shattered, and I was very weak. Dr. C. W. Jacobs, of Richmond, advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I began to use the pills, and the first effect was the restoration of my appetite, and the quieting of my shattered nervous system. I began to regain my lost strength, and in one month after commencing to take the pills I was able to do my housework. I have gained 30 pounds and to-day am in good health."

From the Free Press, Burlington, Vt.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are never sold by the dozen or hundred, but always in packages. At all druggists, or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, 3 boxes $2.50.

Not Always.

Bertha—"It's a curious expression, 'She went in bathing.' Why is it not enough to say, 'She went bathing?'"

Bobby—"Sure enough. When a girl goes bathing she doesn't usually go in."—Boston Transcript.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

At Tacoma tinsmiths and men skilled in regular tin an sheet iron work are hard to get and are getting $2.50 a day.

At Dawson City eggs cost 50 cents a dozen.

The number of mining firms using coal-cutting machines in 1898 in the United States was 36 per cent greater than in 1897, and the gain in Pennsylvania was about 50 per cent.

Men buried in an avalanche of snow hear distinctly every word uttered by those who are seeking for them, while their most strenuous shouts fail to penetrate even a few feet of snow.

The distance from the farthest point of polar discovery to the pole itself is 460 miles.

The animal that lays the greatest number of eggs at a time is the white ant of tropical countries, which, according to a high authority, produces 86,400 each day during the season.

Analyses made recently by the agricultural department in Germany showed that of 557 samples of fertilizers, 198 were adulterated, and of the samples of bran 74.1 per cent were adulterated.

A War-Time Mistake.

In a Missouri court recently a rather novel case came up for decision. During the civil war a certain Northern soldier went into the service, leaving a young wife at home. In due time the news reached him that his bride had died and when the war ended he did not return to his old home, but settled out West. He married again, and with his second wife accumulated a large amount of property in Pratt county. Not long ago he learned that his first wife had not died, but, supposing him to have been killed, had married another man. This man died, leaving her a widow. When the Pratt county man learned these facts he brought suit for divorce, and the woman in the East heard of it and went out and fought the case, asserting a claim to part of the Pratt county man's property. However, after the lawyers had made a great fight before him, the judge granted the divorce and left the Pratt county man free to marry the woman who has been living with him for many years as his wife.—N. Y. Tribune.

Conscripts in Cologne produced symptoms of heart disease by taking pills recommended for that purpose by local doctors. Several of the physicians have been arrested.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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A small boy was one day asked by a clergyman if he knew what was meant by energy and enterprise.

"No, sir, I don't think I do."

The clergyman said:

"Well, I will tell you, my boy. One of the richest men in the world came here without a shirt on his back, and now he has millions."

"Millions!" replied the boy. "How many does he put on at a time?"—Spare Moments.

While in Washington women are in disfavor as government employes, they are in creasing in number in the British civil service.

Jonas W. Thompson, of Pine Plains, N. Y., found a black snake milking one of his heifers. He struck the reptile with a stick, and it attacked him, sinking its fangs in his leg. Thompson finally killed the snake, but it is thought that his leg will have to be amputated.

The city council of Akron, O., recently passed an ordinance requiring the union plumbers' label to be affixed on all city work.

Telegraphic communication will be established between the Scottish islands of Muck, Egg, Canna and Rum. They are all to be connected with the mainland and with the Isle of Skye.

So great has been the improvement of the storage batteries of late that, according to an English engineer, a car now requires 500 pounds of cells that two years ago needed 1,600 pounds.

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Coffee tobloids or lozenges are coming into use in Brazil. One of them dropped into a cup of boiling water produces excellent coffee in three minutes.

The Compania General of Manila, the largest cigar making concern in the world, employs 10,000 hands, and turns out every year 80,000,000 cigars, 40,000,000 cigarettes and nearly 3,000 tons of cut tobacco.

Hereafter bells that can be heard a distance of 500 feet must be attached to all private scavenger wagons in Chicago, and these bells must be rung continuously while the wagons are in service, which may be between sunset and sunrise.

The authorities in Algeria gave $40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the place where eggs had been deposited.

In the ship bulding and engineering trades of Belfast, Ireland, 270 out of 8,000 members of the union are employed; in the linen trades, 60 out of 1,012; building trades, 43 out of 2,168; furnishing and wool-working trades, 20 out of 880; printing trades, 43 out of 958; miscellaneous, 36 out of 1,864.

In the United States 390,000 cubic feet of pine is used annually in making matches.

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I know that my life was saved by Piso's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1895.

Arcola, Ill., with a population of less than 3,000, leads the world in the broom-corn industry.

The machine shops of the Northern Pacific railroad are compelled to run half a day overtime every other night in some departments in order to catch up. All the engines of the railroad company are in service.

There are 850,000 men in the world who gain a livelihood chiefly by fishing, making an annual catch of $225 worth of fish for each man. The fisheries of the United States supply 800,000 pounds annually, and those of Europe 1,800,000 puonds.

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