

**GIVES A QUICK HAIRCUT.**

**Ingenious Device Which Can Do the Work in Two Minutes.**

The labor required for the purpose of operating the hand-clippers used by the barber is not great, but in these times all unnecessary labor is regarded as lost labor, and an improvement has been recently made in this humble implement with the idea of further simplifying the device and for greatly facilitating the hair-amputating process. This improvement is nothing more than a combination of the clippers and a spring motor. The shape of the tool, which is more or less familiar to all, has been slightly altered to effect this union, but the im-

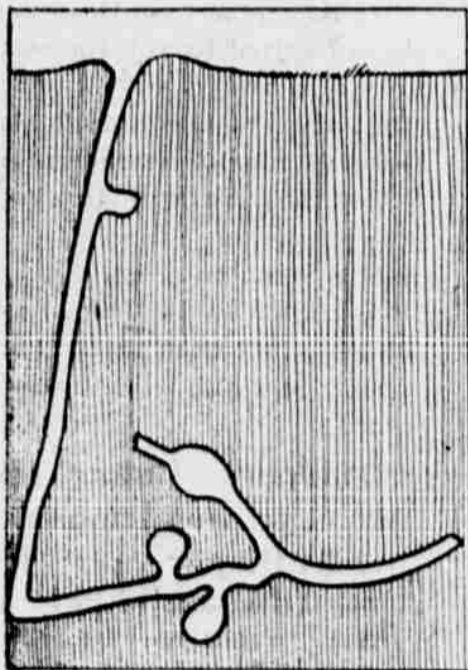


proved apparatus is not unwieldy for the reason that the mechanical end of the combination is disposed of in what might be called the handle.

The spring is contained in the large circular barrel, and is wound up by a crank attachment not large enough to be in the way of the barber while passing the cutter over the head of his patron. The device is supplied with the proper arrangements for adjusting the action of the reciprocating blades, the means of starting and stopping and controlling their speed being a lever which is located at a point at what might be called the waist of the device, where it is convenient to the thumb of the operator.

This combination emanated from the fertile brain of an inventive genius hailing from a Pennsylvania town bearing the euphonious name of Nanty Glo. He claims with the aid of this device the barber can go over the head of a client in two minutes without missing a hair and with a very small part of the labor heretofore required for the operation.

**Prairie Dog's Home.**



The diagram shows details of the burrow in which the prairie dog lives.

**Largest Three-Year-Old Filly.**

Oregon Queen is reputed to be the largest 3-year-old filly in the world. She is 19 hands high, weighs 2,260 pounds, is perfectly formed, a chestnut sorrel with silver mane and tail. She was bred and raised by Sol King of Cornvallis, Ore., and was 3 years old on May 20 last.

**DOG LEFT THE CHURCH.**

**Humiliated by Accident, Collie Abandoned All Religion.**

At the disruption in 1843 the bulk of the shepherds joined the Free Kirk. But one collie held by the Established principle, and refused to "come out." Every Sabbath he went alone to the Established church, where he had been wont to accompany his master. His master refused to coerce him. "Na, na," he said, "he's a wise dog; I'll no meddle wi' his convictions." The collie's adherence to the Establishment had, however, a disastrous end. He was accustomed to lie during the sermon on the pulpit stairs, no doubt better to hear the discourse. Below him were placed the long stove-pipe hats of the elders. On one unfortunate day he fell asleep, rolled off his step and managed to get his head firmly fixed inside one of the hats. Bitterly mortified, the dog fled from the kirk, and ever afterward, as his master said, "had nae trokings wi' releigion."—The Spectator.

**Vatican Bible.**



Facsimile of a page of the famous vatican Bible—the oldest in existence.

**Played His Own Dirge.**

A student named Anton Czernevics recently shot himself in dramatic fashion after playing the piano at a student's concert at Temesvar, Hungary.

Czernevics, who was a fine musician, had been in the best of humors all the evening, and had played a piece which was much applauded, when he suddenly turned to the instrument again and began playing the Dead March in "Saul."

The audience, amused at the freak, allowed him to play to the end, when he rose and declared that he had been abandoned by his sweetheart, and life was no longer worth living.

Mounting a chair, he then showered a handful of gold coins among the students, and, begging them to accept the money as a memento of himself, quickly produced a revolver and shot himself dead.

**Says the Sterk.**



THEY TALK ABOUT RACE SUICIDE—IT REALLY MAKES ME SICK IF STERKS WOULD JUST GO ON A STRIKE THEY'D HAVE SOME CAUSE TO KICK

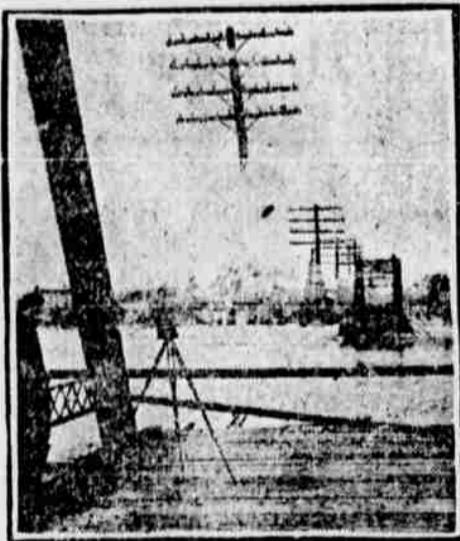
**Bear "Cached" Dead Deer.**

Warden Durgin reports that he ran across the tracks of a big bear in the snow up near the Forks, Me. Following them up he found where he had killed a buck deer, having probably crept upon the deer while it was lying down. He had eaten all he wanted, and had buried the rest of the carcass, by covering it with leaves and snow.

**WIRES SUSPENDED IN AIR.**

**Peculiar Happening Followed Washing Away of Bridge.**

Last March occurred the highest and most dangerous floods of water containing ice, snow and wreckage on the various rivers of the middle west that has happened within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It was owing to the unusually long and severe winter, which brought misery and suffering to thousands throughout the various central and northern states and in the spring brought havoc and danger to the people along the river bottoms. The Maumee river, in Ohio, crossed by the Detroit and Cincinnati line at Waterville, in that state, some six miles south of the town of Maumee,

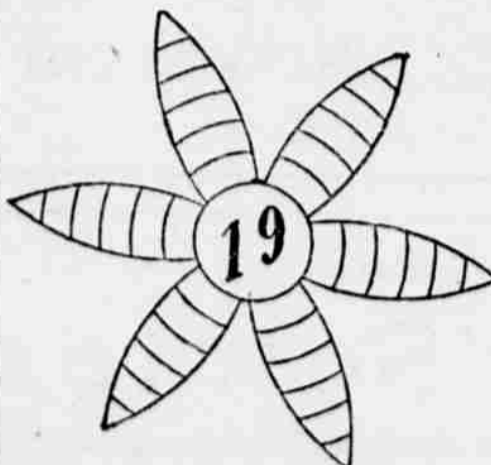


was a scene of unprecedented destruction, the swift running stream carrying all before it, even the strong iron bridge of the most modern pattern which makes four spans across the water and over which, with the poles strongly secured to the iron structure itself, run forty strands of No. 8 copper wire. Anticipating that the bridge would go down, a wrecking party was sent with cable ready to repair the break, but great was the surprise of all interested in the phenomenon when the crash finally came and the ponderous weight of iron swept down as if made of yellow pine; the huge poles, dragging at the forty wires above and drawing tons on tons as the bridge washed away, suddenly snapped—four of them—leaving every wire intact and the upper stumps suspended in midair.

**Use for Wornout Banners.**

The political banners, which have now disappeared from the streets, will not be recognized next summer in the handsome netting they make on the lawn tennis grounds for what they once were. To such uses some will descend. Some will also serve as netting for catching fish. That is all there is in the way of salvage from the banners. The bright painted parts are a dead loss. The best of these big netting banners cost not a little. That which the Republican national committee strung across Twenty-third street cost \$500. The amount of painting regulates the price. Flag banners are less costly, and those which swung so plentifully this fall will be found in the decorations of halls and of clubs.

**Plus 19.**



In the six spaces into which every ray of the star is divided put numbers whose sum in every ray, when added to the number 19 in the center, will give invariably the result 130. All the numbers must be different.

**FASTEST BIRDS THE BEST.**

**Purchase of Ostriches Always Preceded by a Race.**

"Have you ever seen an ostrich farm?" the sailor asked.

"No," said the druggist. "Then, of course, you've never seen an ostrich sale. I'll tell you a strange thing about that. When a dealer comes to buy an ostrich he always has two or three birds he likes best run a race.

"The ostriches are ranged in a line. A bunch of figs is shown to them. The man with the figs walks away about a quarter of a mile. Then the ostriches are let off.

"I tell you the big birds run. Those long, bony legs of theirs put the ground behind them in a way that is astounding. In the race I saw there were three ostriches and one left the others far behind him. As he ran he kept lookin' behind him, like a human racer, and when he saw that there was no chance for the others, he economized his strength by slowin' down and he reached the figs on a walk. He, bein' the winner, was, of course, the bird that the dealer bought."

"Why are these birds always raced and the fastest one purchased?" said the druggist.

"Because," replied the sailor, "the fastest is always the strongest and healthiest."—Chicago Chronicle.

**The Antarctic Expedition.**

The water-color drawings and photographs of the Antarctic expedition are drawing a large number of visitors to the Bruton galleries, says the Liverpool (Eng.) Mercury. "The Nansen exhibition had nothing like such an attraction in the graphic arts. Its interest was largely that of a museum. This has been subordinated in the present show, and the 400 pictures have, as they deserve, first place.



**The Antarctic Exhibition.**

The objects collected for exhibition, the photographs by Lieutenant-Engineer Skelton, the drawings, hardly less accurate, and not less careful, by Dr. Edward Wilson, of course possess scientific value; but one considers them, as well as the many things lent by members of the crew, from their pictorial standpoint, or from the point of mere human interest. The paintings are brilliant in color as well as accurate in detail, while the photographs provide charming studies of sunlight and shadow on snow, of seals, penguins, albatrosses, dogs and all.

**'Coon Will Not Hibernate.**

A well-known coon hunter of Leominster asserts that while coons usually hibernate during the winter months, he has had one as a pet for twelve years and he has never shown any tendency to do so. All sorts of experiments have been tried to induce him to go into this sleep, even to keeping food from him, but all efforts have been fruitless.