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| <p>God keep you safe, my little love, All through the night. Rest close in his encircling arms Until the light. My heart is with you as I need to pray: Good-night! God keep you in His care alway. Thick shadows creep like silent ghosts About my head; I lose myself in tender dreams; While you are The moon comes stealing through the bars, A silver circle gleaming 'mid the stars. For I, though I am far away, I feel safe and strong To trust you thus, dear love—and yet— The night is long; I say with sobbing breath the old, fond prayer Good-night! Sweet dream! God keep you everywhere.</p> | <p>Cement for steam pipes. A quick-drying cement for steam pipes can be made by mixing one part sal ammoniac, two parts sulphur and eighty parts iron dust, and sufficient water to form a paste.</p> <p>An oil for belting is recommended, which consists of nine parts of linseed oil and four parts litharge, ground in water. These, boiled by an addition of turpentine, furnish an oil which possesses, it is said, many admirable qualities.</p> <p>To write on steel, first clean the steel with some oil and cover the surface with a layer of molten beeswax. A sharp-pointed stick is used to write on the wax, so as to lay bare the parts of the metal which have to retain the writing. The parts thus exposed are covered by means of a brush with a mixture of six parts nitric acid and one part muriatic acid. After five minutes the metal is placed in water in order to stop the further action of the acid mixture.</p> <p>Two methods are in use in Philadelphia to prevent chemical obstructions in water pipes. One is to coat the interior of the pipes with coal tar pitch, which does well enough for large mains and keeps the passage tolerably clear for more than a quarter of a century. The other method is the one called "over-barf," which consists in subjecting the pipes at a high temperature to the action of steam or air, so that there is a film of magnetic oxide acquired by the metal, which insures a clean surface for a long time.</p> <p>The following simple and easy test for glue is given in <i>Tischer Zeitung</i>: A weighed piece of glue (say one-third of an ounce) is suspended in water for twenty-four hours, the temperature of which is not above 50 degrees F. The coloring material sinks and the glue swells from the absorption of water. The glue is then taken out and weighed; the greater the increase in weight the better the glue. If it then be dried perfectly and weighed again, the weight of the coloring matter can be calculated from the difference between this and the original weight.</p> <p>About the most remarkable piece of engineering work that has come under our notice lately, was a steam boiler set in sandstone. The blocks of stone were neatly dressed, and the work looked very fine outside, but the furnace and pier supporting the back end of the boiler seemed to be in about the same condition that the eggs were in at a certain hotel, when a guest ordered them poached and the waiter strongly advised him to have them scrambled, "for," said he, "them aigs ain't very fresh, boss, and dey look better scrambled!"</p> <p>A writer in an English technical journal, having explained how cold air is the cause of smoke, which may be greatly reduced by care, remarks that in the open fire grate the existing fire ought to be drawn to the front of the grate, allowing the fresh coal to be placed behind or on the back of the fire; thus, the fire in the front will burn more rapidly, warm the air above and so prepare the rising gases for combustion. In this way the amount of smoke is diminished, as the gases from the coals at the back rise much more slowly than when placed upon the fire and the air partly warmed. For stoves and boilers, warm air may be produced for the entire combustion of all the gases, a result which is beneficial in various ways.</p> <p>Another fine specimen of a Roman pavement has been unearthed at Bridewell Lane, Bath, England, in the course of some excavating work. The pattern is composed of octagons two feet seven inches each way, the intermediate being filled in with squares. In the centre of each octagon is a double quarterfoil with a circle in the centre, and at each end are pointed leaves.</p> | <p>Over 5,000 patents on churns have already been granted by the Government.</p> <p>A bed of oyster shells as large as dinner plates was discovered by a Talahassee, Fla., man while digging a well.</p> <p>The total production of cigars in this country, as estimated by one of the largest manufacturers, is about 3,000,000,000 a year.</p> <p>The scent of sassafras is said to be destructive to grain weevils. A few leaves of it scattered through the grain bins will, it is said, destroy the weevils.</p> <p>A curiosity for the museums is said to have been produced in Nebraska by cutting off the ears of a calf and quickly adjusting a pair which had been removed from a mule.</p> <p>It does not seem to follow that in order to be long lived we must have long lived ancestors. Sir Moses Montefiore aged one hundred, says that his father died at forty-four years.</p> <p>Recent decisions in Illinois are to the effect that a liquor seller cannot shield himself behind the plea that he did not know the customer was drunk or a minor, but he must know that he is sober, or of age, as the case may be.</p> <p>Venement which had almost 100,000 children in her common schools in 1840, has now less than 73,000 children in them, though the number of those of the population under 20 years of age is only five per cent. less now than in 1840.</p> <p>Campanini, in his rich retirement in Italy, is a cattle-raiser, wine-maker, miller, silk-grower, tenor singer, Sunday-School teacher and farmer—exhibiting a vast versatility, not particularly characteristic of Campanini in his opera days.</p> <p>Paper from the yucca, a hairy plant found in Arizona, New Mexico and Lower California, is becoming popular in Great Britain. It is readily bleached and has a fibre almost as strong as hemp. It can be manufactured at about the same cost as paper made from mixed cotton and linen rags.</p> <p>In a recent sermon at St. Paul's London, Canon Liddon told a story of the late Sir Robert Peel with quiet dignity ordering his carriage when at a dinner party Christianity was denied, saying that he was sorry to retire, but that he was still a Christian.</p> <p>According to a vulgar error, current in bygone times, the elephant was supposed to have no joints, a notion which is said to have been first recorded from tradition by Ctesias, the Cnidian. Sirs Thomas Browne has entered largely into this superstition, arguing from reason, anatomy and general analogy with other animals the absurdity of the error.</p> <p>About 400 streets and 23,000 houses were reduced to ashes by the great London fire of 1666. The city was rebuilt in a very little time, and care was taken to make the streets wider and more regular than before. London became more healthful after the fire. The plague which used to break out twice or thrice every century almost entirely disappeared.</p> <p>Canadian merchants and manufacturers who have large mails save a third in their postage expenses. It is said, by sending their mail matter in bundles to the nearest Post Office on the United States side of the boundary line, where they mail it at the two-cent rate, whereas they would have to pay three cents if the matter were mailed on the other side.</p> <p>Lace is lavishly worn again, but in this century the demand for it is confined to women, whereas in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries men, too, expended huge sums on ruffles and wristbands. In 1690 the expenditure of William III. for lace was \$8,015; in 1694, nearly \$12,000.</p> | <p>White lies—pillow shams. Free trade: Exchanging kisses. Pretty small fry—Oysters at a hotel. Chorus of roosters—we are a merry crew. A slow match: Sparking, but never popping. Good game is always expensive, but it is not always dear. A promising young man—One who gets his clothing on credit. It is better to give than to receive. This applies particularly to advice. Men are like wagons—they rattle prodigiously when there is nothing in them. A boy with a mustache does not feel down in the mouth. His down is not long enough. It is charged that some of the old girls consider a baseball player better than no match at all. A rural obituary relates that "the deceased had accumulated a little money and ten children." "What is laughter?" asks a philosopher. It is the sound that you hear when your hat blows off. Yellow is now the fashionable shade. This will make twenty dollar gold pieces very stylish. Large ears are said to denote generosity. We have noticed that mules give away their hind legs. Mas. Ingalls says that woman is a silent power in the land. That will be news to thousands of husbands. "There is living in those tones," shouted the girl who had been listening to the sweet whisperings of her lover. One of our Aldermen was struck thirteen times yesterday by different men, and wasn't hurt. Each time it was for a dollar. "If he refuses to pay for it, I will," said a bystander in a saloon. The first man refused to pay, and so did the speaker—as he had said he would. "No one will grieve for me!" cried a man, as he jumped into the river to his death. And yet the coroner grieved because the body could not be found. "What is the name of this picture?" asked a visitor at a private gallery. "A Policeman on his Beat at Night." "Ah, I see—a study from still life." "You want to aim low when you are hunting the bison," said an old hunter. "How low?" asked a tenderfoot. "Buffalo," replied the hunter, without a struggle. That was a terrible threat of a Chicago pugilist to his antagonist: "I'll twist you around your own throat until there's nothing left of you but the ends of your shirt-collar sticking out of your eyes." Billy's little sister had fallen and hurt her nose, and she cries a great deal over it. Hearing his mother tell her to be careful lest she'd spoil it next time, he said: "What's the good of a nose to her? She never blows it." What a poetess practically refers to as "warm paleness" is almost identical with the hue of a man's face who struggles wildly on the perilous edge of an orange peel, reclining at length on the sidewalk, and is too plous to swear. "I held her tiny hand in mine, and clasped her fairy form, and told my tale of ardent love, in language sweet and warm. And when I passed for want of breath, she raised her dimpled chin, and whispered low, 'I don't catch on, please sing your song again.'" A telegraph company cannot move a man's house in order to set a telegraph pole on the site, but they can send along a lawyer who will make you believe that it is your duty to do it and pay all expenses in order to make this a glorious country.</p> | <p>Florida will raise 3,000,000 boxes of oranges this season. In politics the loser gets the same returns as the winner. Kircher originated the germ theory of diseases 200 years ago. The word Mugwump came originally from George Elliot's Indian Bible. Illinois has 222,471 farms, Ohio 257,189, and New York 241,058. Opium increased 25 per cent. in price since the Chinese war. Frank Chanfrau, the actor, left a hundred and sixty thousand dollars to his wife. Australia wants a new harvesting machine, and offers \$1,000 reward for an invention. A hundred thousand dollars are left in charity by the will of the late Baron Rothschild. Infant mortality in France is computed at from 20 to 23 per cent. of the population. The proprietors of the Century magazine prints 150,000 copies of the December number. Three hundred arrests have been made in connection with the latest plot to murder the Czar. The Health Exhibition recently closed in London achieved sure success. Its profits were £30,000. General John Newton asks \$880,000 for the defence of Boston Harbor by the construction of turrets. The drinking habit is greatly increasing in Germany, and saloons are multiplying with fearful rapidity. The culture of salmon in Maine is a success. Over 100,000,000 eggs will be taken there for propagation. The fruit crop of this country, according to Mr. Marshall P. Wilder, is worth a hundred and forty millions a year. There are over 6,000 miles of overhead wires in New York city, and 123 miles of streets are defaced by them. Paris is to have an elevated road in time for the exhibition of 1889. Fifteen miles will be in operation by that time. St. Paul's Church, London, is said to be in a filthy condition, and is worse kept than the smallest village church in Italy. Ten years ago clams were unknown in California waters. Now there are millions of them dug on that coast annually. The population of the United States increases at the rate of 32 per cent. every ten years. It will be 88,000,000 in 1900. This year for the first time, it is said, the Zulus have had the whole Bible translated for them into their own language. A drug trade journal is advertising a new patent medicine which is declared to be "the only specific for the fear of lightning." The amount of money now in the United States, both paper and coin, has now reached the comfortable sum of \$1,800,000,000. The Baroness Coutts is loaning distressed Irish fishermen money for the purchase of boats, thereby saving them from starvation. One hundred miles in seven hours and eleven minutes, the fastest bicycle time yet made, is the record of Mr. George Smith, of London. The Seckel pear was a seedling on the ground of a farmer of Burlington, New Jersey, of the name of Seckel, some seventy-five years ago. The Russians are to substitute the residuum of naphtha for coal as a fuel. It has much more heat giving properties and is easier to handle and transport. It is 3,023 miles from New York city to Mexico by one line of railway and 3,729 by the other. By water it is nearly twice that distance.</p> | <p>Charleston, S. C., has 5,000 more children than can be accommodated in the city schools. A three days' convention of the Iowa School-teachers association was begun Monday at Des Moines. The Duke of Connaught is to succeed the duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the British army. A committee has been selected at Berlin to raise a fund for Bismark, as a national expression of confidence. At Ballyduff, Ireland, a private vault was broken open and the coffin of Mrs. Hilliers was thrown into a glen. The California Treasury is in an impoverished condition, and the state has \$800,000 worth of warrants out. Jno. C. Eno, the defaulting New York banker, entered a billiard tournament at Quebec, and won a gold medal. In searching the barracks at Paris the government found evidence that anarchism is spreading among the soldiers. The opening of the Mackey-Bennett cable for business was the signal for a reduction by all the lines to 40 cents per word. A Nevada miner and capitalist, recently returned from Alaska, reports the finding there of a remarkable rich marble quarry, in which, strange to say, were both red and white marble of the finest quality. Cartridges of giant powder were recently thrown into the pond belonging to the San Jose, Cal., water company, the result being that all the trout in the pond were destroyed. Nearly a ton of the fish were taken out dead. Fifteen republics of Spanish America have exhibits at New Orleans. The London financial journal Money says the past year has been the most disastrous commercially on record in England. A report from Ishpeming, Mich., says there is a great disappointment regarding the Ropes gold mine, principally because too much was expected. The liabilities of the Bohemian Land Credit company, which recently suspended at Prague, are 23,000,000 florins, and its assets are in excess of that amount. Reports from Odessa state that Turkish atrocities upon Bulgarians at Macedonia continue, and that 200 christians have been assassinated in the last few weeks. Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, of New York, invited nearly 800 children to a public hall and distributed among them clothing and toys to the value of \$1,500 on Christmas. Christmas dinners were given to the inmates of every hospital and charitable institution in Chicago. Seventy children in the Cook county hospital found their stockings filled with toys. Several hundred poor families were provided with poultry or meats by Julius Jona, no person who applied being refused. Samuel J. Tilden has engaged rooms at Willard's hotel, Washington City for a week beginning March 1, and the fact causes much speculation among politicians. The tug Frederick Ives lost eleven loaded coal-barges while endeavoring to enter the harbor of New Haven, and two other tugs with similar tows have not been heard from. A wager has been laid between Mr. McLaughlin, the engineer, and Paul Hines, the base ball player, that the latter cannot catch a ball dropped from the top of Washington monument. It is estimated that six feet from the ground the ball will have a velocity of two miles per minute.</p> |