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The government of Japan desires to increase its navy by building four or five first-class ships every year, in order to be prepared for any emergency.

Dr. Lichtenberg of Hungary says that out of 250 railroad employes whom he examined, 92, or more than a third, suffered from ear disease.

The cold storage accommodations in the northern cities would largely increase the demand for southern fruits and vegetables, thinks the *Atlanta Constitution*.

A recent writer says that those nations which are given to the cultivation of vocal music are strong and vigorous, with broad, expansive chests.

A largely attended meeting was recently held at Birmingham, England, to protest against any further national expenditure for warlike purposes.

A glance at the annual report of the Imperial Patent Office shows that Germany performs her part in the present era of inventions.

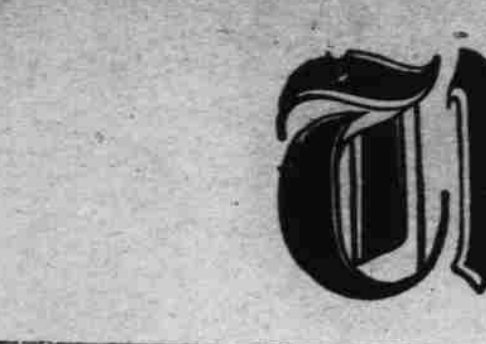
Mr. P. T. Bernum has presented the skeleton of his famous elephant Jumbo to the Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Major Pond, the lecture bureau man, says that some of his best lecturers are troubled with stage fright.

"What a shame!" Tears sprang to her eyes and she laid her cheek carelessly and soothingly against her lover's manly shoulders.

"Can a surgical operation be lawfully performed upon a wife without the consent of her husband?" This novel question has just been passed upon by the Maryland Court of Appeals and decided in the affirmative.

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The Lighthouse. Above the rocks, above the waves shines the strong light that warns and saves...

WON BY A DUCKING.

The sun was setting—in fact, its blood-red rim had just disappeared below the horizon—and chilly gray shadows were gathering in the nearby leafless grove in the rear of Beech Villa.

"Oh, Augustus, I'm so glad you've come at last! I've waited an age; but"—with a sudden anxiety, as she noted his grave expression—"what success have you had? Did papa consent to see you, after having so cruelly forbidden me to receive your visits?"

"For proposing to marry on six hundred dollars a year." "But papa has enough for us all, and I am his only child. Surely you reminded him of that?"

Augustus' head, adorned with algae and drooping weeds, soon reappeared above the surface of the water, and with hands and feet he commenced a desperate but futile attempt to surmount the slippery clay bank.



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Augustus nervously raised the tongue above his head bravely and prepared to defend his life. Light steps now ran along the passage, the key turned in the lock and the door flew open, revealing Mr. Hogan, his sister and the female servants.

"Mr. Tomlinson! My dear young friend! How can I atone for my late hasty conduct?—how thank you sufficiently for so heroically saving the life of my only and darling child!"

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Value of Jade. The tombstone of the conqueror Tamarae at Samarand—she died there in 1405—consists of an immense block of dark-green jade.

The emperor of China has a necklace of fine green beads of jadeite as large as cherries, strung at intervals between several of the finest coral. Pendant from this is a large ruby spinal.

A Solid Silver Wagon Road. "You may talk about nickel-plated railroads," said Vice-President T. L. Stanley of 904 Walnut street, "but what do you think of a solid silver wagon road!"

The Iron Crown. The iron of Lombardy consists of a broad circle composed of six equal plates of beaten gold, joined together by close hinges of the same metal.

ACRES OF FLAMES.

A Tremendous Fire Along New York's River Front. Five Immense Buildings and Other Property Destroyed.

One of the biggest fires known in New York city for many years broke out in the Wilcox Lard Refinery, at the foot of West Fifty-third street, at about 4 p. m. It destroyed the refinery, Rosette's stores and two immense grain elevators.

At a Famous New York Restaurant. A lady was taking luncheon with her daughters at a famous restaurant in the city. Her check amounted to something less than \$5.

NEWSY CLEANINGS. A BOGUS FAMINE IS GOING. FRANCE has 175 war vessels.

THE LABOR WORLD. SHOP labor is busy and well paid. There are about 7,000,000 workmen in England.

HEADLONG TO DEATH.

Sensational Suicide in the Presence of a Crowd. James Hogan, who had been staying at the Spain House, Chicago, became suddenly insane from an over-indulgence of liquor.

A FATHER'S FRENZY. Frank Hancock, of Addison, N. Y., kills his four children and himself. Mrs. Frank Hancock, of Addison, N. Y., in opening the bedroom door of her house discovered her husband's dead body suspended in a parlour in the middle of the night.

A WONDERFUL RECOVERY. A Bullet Extracted From a Wound-Boo's Skull by a Doctor's Brain. A year ago, while craned with drink, George Lucas, of Dubuque, Iowa, fired a bullet into his brain from a .32-caliber revolver.

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The Sinking Danmarks's Passengers Saved by the Missouri. The 272 people who sailed from Copenhagen on the Danish steamer March 9th, and who were feared to be lost, are all safe.

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