No Miner Was Permitted to Hold More Land Than He Could

The mining code devised by the men first in the Western gold fields whether by unwritten agreement be-tween partners or less formal conclu-sions of a miners' convention—was most "democratic," says the Detroit News. The universally recognized prin-ciple allowed every man the usufruct of as much land as he could work to of as much land as he could work to advantage, and the dimensions of a claim varied from 10 to 100 feet square, according to the quality of the "dirt," the science than one looking back over the difficulty of working and the numerer of the bar was, however, entitled to first choice to double the usual por-

A man's title held only so long as he worked the claim. A certain amount as lancets, probes, knives and forceps, of earth must be taken out each week, and an absence of five consecutive the latest centuries need not take and an absence of five consecutive days might entail forfeiture. The claim, if proved valuable, was staked out and a notice of ownership posted. But a tool left on the spot was suffcient evidence of occupation. Originally no man might hold more than one claim, but purchase made possible the ownership of considerable tracts.

OLD LIBRARY IN NEWRORT

Redwood Institution, That War Founded in 1747, One of the First in America.

One hundred and twenty-seven years ago, the Pilgrims landed on the "stern and rockbound coast" of New England and Redwood library was incorporated. The idea of this library had its inception in the Philosophical society, organized in 1730, of which Bishop Berkeley was the leader. A similar society of Philadel phians, known as the American Philosophical society, was, according to Benjamin Franklin, its founder, the mother to all North American sub-scription libraries, says the Detroit News. The Phifosophical society at Newport developed into a library Redwood, who placed at the disposal

of the society £500 for the purchase of standard books in London.

At the time the Redwood library was organized there were only two similar institutions in America, the Library company of Philadelphia, already referred to, and the Loganian library in the same city. Part of the present building, completed in 1750, was the second library built in the country, and is at the present time the oldest library building in use in the United States. It was designed by Peter Harrison, the first profesnal architect in America.

Village Smithy in Africa. Working in iron is an art practiced in Angola, or Portuguese West Africa, from time immemorial. The rude bel-lows consist of terra-cotta chambers, covered loosely with goatskin, with long upright sticks attached to the middle of the skin for handles, says the Detroit News. Connection with the charcoal fire is made through a separate terra-cotta pipe and a considera-ble blast is produced by a rapid move ment of the goatskin covers up and down. Sometimes even ore is melted

in this way. The natives have a few rough tools age to turn out very good work in knives, bush hooks, hoes, tomahawks, ètc., and metal to repair their flintlock

"I love you," said he,
"Bosh. You never saw me before

this dance," said she.

"After the dance is over will you give me a kiss?"
"I don't mind that."

"Marry me, girlie."
"Look here," said the girl, now thoroughly aroused, "you're a fast worker. But if I'm gonna marry you we'll have to be properly introduced."

Oh, He Made Good. Willis How is the efficiency pert coming on at your office?
Gillis—Fine. He was such a s

Gillis—Fine. He was such a success for the boss that we employees hired him for a week.

"Did he make good?"

"Did he? He showed us a new way to beat the time clock, taught us a lot of brand new excuses for being late and how to hook the boss' cigars without being caught."

His Handicap

Pilot (preparing for sky-writing)—on't strap the helmet too tightly uner the chin. I can't write unless I in put my tongue out!—Passing

England's Oldest Toll Gate

CODE OF MEN IN GOLD FIELDS Ancient Books Show Surgery an Old Art

The practice of surgery goes back as far as the time when man first began to hurt himself or to be hurt by others. Mediche and surgery were flourishing in the Orient some four centuries B. C. Accounts in ancient books tell of more than a hundred instruments of steel, 14 varieties of bandages, splints made of hambon, the bandages, splints made of bamboo, the sewing of cuts on the head and face; and there was even an operation for remaking the nose by using a piece of skin of the cheek for that purpose. So it would seem that the Hindu had

suspect.
The figures of patients undergoing operations are carved on Egyptian monuments and among the antiquities of that people are such instru credit to themselves for the invention of artificial teeth, for that triumph of the dentists' art has been found in

The surgical skill of the Orient seems to have been bottled up for a time, or, at least it was in no hurry to cross over to Europe, where for a long period the barber was the usual surgeon. The lives of two of Eng-land's greatest kings might have been saved for longer usefulness had a little wisdom been shown in their treatment, Henry V died of a malady which could have been cured by the knife; Richard the Lion Hearted met his death from a wound in the shoulder caused by an arrow which an ignorant sur-geon aggravated by twisting about in his efforts to remove, thus inducing

Make Today Count as No Previous One Ever Did

Make this resolution every morn-Make this resolution every morning: I will play the life game today as I have never played it before. I will play it with more energy, more determination. I will play it with firmer decision, with better judgment. But while I will try not to make so many mistakes, I will not be so caused. tious as not to act at all, for I know that he who hesitates in irresolution that he who hesitates in irresolution or wavers is lost. I am going to make myself felt today as never before. I am going to filing my life into my work with all the energy I can master. I am resolved not to grope along in a picayune way any more. I am going to put some more dare into my efforts. I am going to take more chances because I know that people with vig-I am going to take more chances be-cause I know that people with vig-orous initiative can afford to make waverers, the balancers. I am going to make this day count as no previous day of my life has counted.—Inspira-tion. more mistakes than the hesitators, the

No one who has ever seen a tropica sunrise will forget it; from darknes the world bursts into light. The su on the Amazon usually rises without clouds and floods everything with radiance; the sunsets are sometimes beautiful, but there are seldom clouds, and the color effects are not as fine as in northern climes. The banks of the river are full of

interest to the canoe voyager, who has every opportunity for observation, as one always paddles close to the shore. cance; at times in some little bay, where the current has no influence, great masses of water plants are in full bloom, bright tillandsias perch in the branches above his head, and or-chids look out from the branches, or many times swing in midair. Large patches of "aninga," which looks like a tall-stemmed, giant calla lily, full of the great white flowers, make beautiful pictures and over all is a bright blue sky with the cool breeze, which from nine till four always draws up

Her First Taxi Ride.

It was the dear old lady's first ride in a taxi, and she watched with growing alarm the driver continually putting his hand outside the car as a signal to the traffic following. At last the driving and watch where you are going. It tell you when it starts raining."

Not When He Wanted it.

An aged colored man, clad in two or three suits of old clothes and an overcoat of ancient lineage, was feebly breasting his way against the winter's chilling blasts.

"Wind," he was heard to apostrophize after a particularly ferocious gust, "wind, whar wuz yo' las' Angust"

A Public Barometer.
Flatbush—He is a high exponent of that old adage, "One good turn deserves another."

Annuities Were Issued in Early Babylonian Times

Historically annulties antedate life insurance by far. It is thought that the great development of banking facilities in Assyria and Babylonia must have provided annulties. The first definite mention of them, however, was 40 B. C. in Rome, and is of sixth a character as to justify a belief that they had been long in use.

In the Middle ages, kingdoms, manicipalities and bankers obtained money by selling annuities for life or terms of years. It is said that England's hational existence during the wars of William of Orange was largely maintained through the money obtained by selling annuities. At first the values of such contracts were determined without scientific calculation; after a while the Northampton mortality table was compiled and used as a basis, and later the Carlisle table, but both these bases were far too favorable to the annuities.

Several British companies took advantage of the very low price at which their government granted annuities and purchased many on the lives of

vantage of the very low price at which their government granted annuities and purchased many on the lives of sturdy farmers, but payable to their corporate selves, and thus made large profits. In 1819 an English actuary warned the government that it was losing £8,000 a month, but he was not heeded until 1827, when another, according to the large warned that the was not heeded until 1827, when another, according to the large warned that the large was not headed until 1827, when another, according to the large warned that the large warned that the large was not headed until 1827, when another according to the large was not headed to the large was not head to the large was not headed to the large was not head to the large was not head to the large was not headed to the large was not head to the large was not head to the large was not head to the large was not headed to the large was not head to the large was not head to the large was not headed to the large was not headed to the large was not headed to the large was not head to the large was not h tuary announced that the government was losing £4,000 a week, and then the sale of annulties was stopped af-ter an estimated total loss of £25,000, 000.-World's Work.

Why Blinks Had to Reach Home on Schedule Time

mptly as the office clock struck

Promptly as the office clock struck five Blinks with unusual rapidity prepared to start for home.

As he hustled into his overcoat and made for the door his desk materalsed a surprised head. "What!" he said, "in a hurry again tonight? It's six nights now you've rushed home like this and haven't waited for a soda at the old stand. I'm beginning to think, I've offended you, or something like that."

"No." Blinks laughed. "You have "to the start of the start

"No," Blinks laughed. "You haven" hurt my sensitive soul, but the fact is this, we've got a cook up at the house now, and while the missus didn't mind my rolling in late the cook won't stay unless I arrive every evening on time."

The Old Alman

Advertisement was not always the chief function of almanaes. They were first of all, calendars of the days and months, the changes of the moon, and of other astronomical happenings. They supplied a widespread demand for weather lore, its truth or untruth heins of minor consideration. To that being of minor consideration. To that were added literary and informative features. "Poor: Richard" enjoyed wide popularity and was famous by reason of his hemely wisdom. Last, reason of his homely wisdom. Last, but not least, it held high place as the but not least, it had high place as the family joke book, the excellence of its witticisms being often proved by their longevity. In many a backwoods ploneer home the annual almanac was the sole literary refuge, taking the place of all other books, and herer, was any other books, and never. perhaps, was any other book or odical so read, re-read, and dis

Have to Let Himself In

Bridget and Michael had been mur-ried barely three months, and already Michael had on two occasions arrived home in the early hours of the more home in the early not.

Ing. This did not suit Bridget, as on each occasion she had to come down to admit him.

Michael was looking forward to spending the evening of this particular day in having a "few sociable ones."

day in having a "few sociable ones with the boys," and this Bridget knew. "Now, look here," she said to her husband at the breakfast table, "it

was two o'clock the following m when ye came home the other a bit since. It was two o'clock following morning when ye came her last night. But I want to be tell ye that if it's two o'clock in the morning when ye come home tonight—any other night in the morning—you have to get up and let yourself in it.

Prancis Bacon, the philosoper, another self-medicator. Wheat it may be would ride out in an open o with bared head to receive the aft of irrigation, as he put it.

To Prevent Accidents

Most accidents are not nec-isn't luck which prevents if just being careful. Keep yon the job and don't let it won what you did yesterday you are going to do tomorro

Why do they call it a shipment when it goes in a car, but a cargo, when it goes in a ship?—New York, Evening Post.

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IN ADVERTISING TO PEP
UP BUSINESS! NO PARIMER'O
GIT ON A STOOL IN THE PASTURE AND EXPECT THE COMS
TO BACK UP TO BE MILKED. NO YET MANY MERCHANTS EXPECT TRADE TO COME TO THEM, WHEN THEY TO. NOTHING TO ATTRACT IT



The Largest Waterfall

Kaieteur falls towers 741 feet from brink to kettle; and is taller than Niagara falls and the Washington monument together. It is the largest waterfall in the world and is hidden away in a jungle in the heart of British Guiana. The Potario river, which tumbles over this drop, is 360 feet wide and slopes off St. feet more below Kaieteur. Few white men have seen Kaleteur. Few white men have se this "Sight for the Gods."—Scien

Too Ambitio

The colonel, was delivering an address to junior officers up for examination. He dwelt with much emphasis on the fact that each officer should devote the intervening time to prepare for the final examination. "The examination pepers are now in the hands of the printer. Are there any questions to be asked?" Silence prevailed Suddenly a solce from the rean quietle inquired: "Who's the printer, sir?"

Cincinnati, which believes that it is one of the most beautiful cities in the western world, calls itself "The Queen western world, calls their The Quee City" and "The Paris of America, while to others it is known as "Port opolis." Chicago, among other name has "The Windy City" and "The Stoc Yards City." Washington is "The Fee eral: City" and "The City: of Magn floent Distances."

Absent-Minded People

Speaking of absent-minded peop re unearth the fact that Adam Smi the political economist, was also absent-minded. One Sunday moraing he walked 12 miles along the king's highway and presented himself in a crowded church clothed solely in his night shirt.—Alice Mason Johnson, in Brook-

"The Pottery City"

American cities in great number their nicknames from their printing their printin River, "The Cotton City"; Akson, "The Tire City"; Hellywood, "The Movie City"; Paterson, "The Silk City"; Wa-terbury, "The Brass City," and Dan-bury, "The Hat City."

As soon as man's eyes are opened to the fact that honesty in thinking and acting pays the highest rewards to heart and soul and body, that honesty is the tap-root of all efficiency, and that no efficiency is possible without a fearless desire for an honest measure of values in all things, we diall start on a new era in our land.

Wise Judge. "I hear you were judge at a baby ow." snorted Hoffy's friend Cuth

"I was," admitted Hoffy.
"If I have heard you say once, I have heard you say fifty times that all bables look alike to you," said.

"They do."
"They do."
"Then how could you tell which
was the prettiest baby?"
Hoffy rolled a cigarette with one
hand and then answered:
"I judged by the mothers."

Not long ago a woman called or hysician who is noted both for diciency and his bluntness. This wo m's baby was indisposed and this d

INDIAN VALUED THE BUFFALO

"In 1879 Stone Chief, a celebrated chief, assured me that he knew ex-actly where the caves were, though he had never seen them; that the 'Good God' had provided this means for the constant supply of food for the Indian; however recklessly the white man might slaughter, they could never exterminate them. When I last saw him the old man was beginning to waver in this belief, and feared that the 'Bad God' had shut the entrances and that his tribe must starve."

HIS TESTIMONIAL TO HOTEL

August Hofiday Seeker Writes in Guest Book How His Stay Im-

In previous years Smith had always In previous years Smith had always taken his holidays in May, but this year he decided to make a change and go away in August. As you can guess, even if you are not a habitual August holiday maker, the charges at the hotel were very high in comparison with what he was in the habit of paying in May, and the hill gave him rather a May, and the bill gave him rather

"I hope you have enjoyed your holl-day here, sir," said the landlord on the day on which he was due to return home. "I hope you will write something in our visitors' book."

"What shall I write?" inquired

"What shall I write?" inquired Smith, rather at a loss.

"Oh, anything," said the landlord.
"Your impression of your short stay here, for instance."

After a few minutes thought Smith took up the pen and write:

"I came here for change and rest. The waiter took the change and the landlord got the rest."—Chicago Newa.

King of Rome. The title king of Rome was bestowed at the time of his birth upon Napoleon Francois Charles Joseph, son of Napoleon I and Marie Louise. After the fall of Napoleon in 1814, the king of Rome was taken in charge by his grandfather, the emperor of Austria, and carefully educated as an Austrian prince. His title was changed to that of the duke of Reichstadt, in-1818. He died at Schoenbrunn, near Vienna, July 22, 1882, in his tweny-second year. It is thought that this title was given in imitation of Charlemagne. If so, it was a blunder; Charlemagne was never "king of Rome," but he was "patrician of Rome," but he was "patrician of Rome," In the German empire the hele-apparent was "king of the Romans," not "king of Rome." This latter title was expressly conferred on the German kings, and sometimes on their heirs, by a coronastion at Milan. The German title

ation at Milan. The German title equivalent to "dauphin," or "prince of Wales," was king of the Romans."

—Reader's Handbook (Brewer).

Laughter Benefits Children.

Laughter is beneficial and American children are better at it than English youngsters, Dr. C. W. Kimmins, Glichrist lecturer at the University of London, said at a tuncheon in New York. Doctor Kimmins remarked that children in this country have the advantage of the Mark Twain and Bret Harte traditions and are more faithful readers of Dickens than English children. He said that his studies of London children show that they begin to laugh at the age of seven, when they begin to sense superfority over some of their companions, and improve until eleven, but that from eleven to thirteen these is no development of the sense of humor.

Rainfall In America.

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A vivid picture of the amount of rain that falls upon the United States is given by a Washington scientist. It is equivalent, he states, to ten Missisppi givers flowing constantly. Otherwise measured, it equals thirty inches of water for the entire area, making a total volume of 152,000,000-000,000 cubic feet. But this is only half the amount that would be necessary to maintain the full productivity of the soil of the whole country. One third of this amount runs down to the see and rivers. The problem for mainteers to solve is the utilization to the atmost of the supply that nature, furnishes.

U. S. Department Urges More Houses for Birds

With Aimost Everything That With Aimost Everything That He Needed.

Gen. Richard Irving Dodge, United States army, in his work on the big game of America, says: "It is almost impossible for a civilized being to realize the value to the plains Indian of the buffalo. It turnished him with equipment—almost everything," reports the Detroit News.

"Every plains Indian firmly believed that the buffalo were produced in countiess numbers in a country under ground; that every spring the surplus swarmed, like bees from a hive, out of the immense cavelike opening in the region of the great Liano Estacado, or Staked Plain of Texas.

More Houses for Birds

Birds may be gathered about us in all seasons of the year with ease and certainty, according to a bulletin from the Department of Agriculture, merely by offering what they desire. In winder they are often pushed for food, and if we supply this need they will be to relieve the tedium of our indoor life.

In summer they care less for food provided by their human friends, and other means must be sought to attract them about the home. They appreciate fresh water for bathing and drinking. A shallow pool of varying depth, if only a foot across, becomes on hot days a center of attraction for all the birds in the vicinity, and it may be made with little effort and material; only a small quantity of cement is reonly a small quantity of cement is required, or if that be lacking, a pan with stones in it set in the ground will be equally serviceable.

Birds are desirable about the premises not only on account of their beauty and song, but because of their economic worth, says the builetin. They are especially useful during the breeding period as insect destroyers, when they have to work early and late to obtain sufficient food for their nestlings, and their movements at this time are more interesting than during furnished in which birds can rear their young comfortably, most of them will be occupied. If feathers, bits of wool or twine are put out, a dozen birds will make use of them. The practice of erecting bird houses

in this country, while now nation-wide, is not so common and uniformly distributed as it should be, and more extended provisions of this nature cannot fail to result in a largely increased number of house birds, says the de-

An Honest Opinion

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A business man, on retiring, wrote a book which he sent to a publisher. The latter promptly returned it.

Considerably incensed, the author sent his work to a friend in a newspaper office, writing on a top corner of the manuscript: "What do you think I ought to get for this?"

The friend returned the manuscript with the laconic reply written in the opposite corner: "Five years!"

Education Invaluable

Laws for the liberal education of youth are so extremely wise and use-ful that, to a humane and generous mind, no expense for this purpose would be thought extravagant.

Portrait Hidden in Ring

Rare indeed were the rings worn by Stuart partisans in England after the execution of King Charles I. Un-der a large diamond, in a hidden cap-sule, was concealed a miniature por-trait of the king.

The Shiftless Boss

Nothing is more discouraging to a good man than a boss who is not on the job, and who does not know whether things are going well or badly.

Sidney Herschel Small



He went to San Francisco with his parents about twenty-five years ago. The family business being connected with the Orient, during the last ten years he alternated considerably between California and Asia.

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Coming from a race in which the art instinct predominated, it was natural that he should have it in some form. In his case it was the writing form. He is making a name for himself with Oriental tales—tales in which Japanese are frequently but not always "tricky," Chinese not always "wily" and East Indians not always "trusty," nor "inscrutable"; but this does not prevent him from investing his subjects with their natural poetry, romance and charm. In his latest novel, "The Lord of Thunder Gate," an American man and woman are deeply involved in a Japanese intrigue. Read it scrially in this paper.

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reflect the melody of the inst to the ears of the auditors. In the Khari hills of India

The three-wheeled automot growing in popularity in I There are today in Europe seven There are today in Europe seven facturers of the three-wheeler, machine is not to-be mistaken for side car, from which it differs hing a roomy body like an orautomobile, the difference being one wheel at the rear supplie tractive power. The three-whee one wheel at the rear supplie tractive power. The three-wheel competition with the motorcycle bination and four-wheelers, has 23 gold medals, and 15 silver m in meets. It holds an economy motor of 67.1 miles per gallon, also a record of 82.2 miles an hour-tific American.

Why He Laughed

Why He Laughed
"Is there anything the matter with
that plece of bread?" asked Mrs.
Flapjack, as her new boarder examined the bread very carefully.
"I don't see any butter on it."
Mrs. Flapjack placed a plece of
cheese on the bread, whereupon the
new boarder began to laugh.
"Why do you laugh?" he was asked.
"Because now that I look at it
through my eyeglass, I can see the
butter through the cheese."

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"Yes, in dodging the automobile modern man's activity has been greatly increased."

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