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The United States is rapidly forging ahead as a first-class maritime power.

A Chinaman who, after several years' residence in this country, returned to China, has been telling his countrymen that the Americans worship a mysterious being who is called All-Mi-Ti-Dol-Lar.

Says a New York expert in sporting matters: "There isn't a fight, wrestle, rowing match, running match, horse trot or sword contest on the square these days. Everything is 'cooked' beforehand, and 'cooked' to make money."

It is the opinion of wagon-wheel manufacturers that the day of the wooden wheel will be many years draw to a close, and that steel wheels will take its place.

As electricity will undoubtedly be substituted in executions for the rope, the Chicago Times suggest that a new branch of study is opened for young Anarchists.

New York City is said to support about six thousand lawyers, and it is claimed that the immense amount of litigation done there through the courts of private offices of counsel attracts and keeps there the highest legal talent of the State, if not the country.

The phonograph has reached such a degree of perfection that gaps and flaws are produced by it with great distinctness.

A Canadian judge fined a museum fat woman \$4 for refusing to pay her cabman, who apparently wanted to charge her in proportion to her weight.

Two Pittsburg tube workers have been hired at \$9 a day to go to England and instruct workmen there how to manufacture tubing.

Some idea of the strength of the great French copper "syndicate" may be had when it is stated that it has just agreed to pay the owners of the Anacondas mine, in Montana, \$900,000 for each month that it remains shut down.

Death by electricity was preferred in New York State to execution on the gallows because, "it was asserted that it would take away from the act its demoralizing influence on the public at large."

Over a Hundred Hindoo Dialects. One hundred and fifty languages and dialects, written and unwritten, are spoken in India.

The New York Herald's "Lounge" goes into raptures over Mrs. Russell Harrison, nee Miss Saunders, whom he justly says will be the beauty of the new Administration.

Mr. Allison offered some changes in the committee amendments as to Tagger's iron. Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, moved to tag Tagger's iron on the free list.

During a discussion between Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hawley, the former said that if the negroes could be expelled from Alabama the price of lands would go up 100 per cent.

The amendment proposing a duty on sugar made from beets, sorghum or sugar cane grown in the United States was then taken up.

The House then proceeded to vote on the Omnibus bill, as amended, and it was agreed to by a close party vote, after which the Senate bill so amended was passed.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOUSE AND SENATE.

Orn National Law-Makers Deliberate on Measures for the Public Good.

MONDAY—HOUSE—Under the call of the States the following bills were introduced and referred: By Mr. Davidson, of Florida, for the appointment of a special sanitary inspector in the marine hospital service.

By Mr. Blount, of Georgia, to punish buying and selling of votes. By Mr. Blount, of Missouri, for the free coinage of silver.

By Mr. Cowley, of North Carolina, a bill containing the internal revenue features of the Mills bill, and moved its reference to the committee on appropriations.

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ALL OVER THE SOUTH NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

NORTH CAROLINA. A second street car line was chartered by the city council of Asheville.

GOVERNOR POWELL was inaugurated with imposing ceremonies on Thursday, the 17th inst. The Legislature of North Carolina, will have about 1,400 justices of the peace to elect.

Wesley Austin has been appointed assistant keeper of the light house at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, vice L. G. Damerst, resigned.

There were started in North Carolina in 1888 no less than forty-one cotton factories, eight more than any other Southern State.

It is now said that George Vanderbilt will found a college for the education of women on the tracts of land that he has recently bought near Asheville.

A white man named Daniel Cameron was found early Monday morning near Keyser with a bullet hole through his head and one in his breast.

A large anti-slavery meeting was held at Vienna Wednesday. Russia will build three large men-of-war during this year.

Pope Leo has presented to the Irish churches gifts valued at \$50,000, including the stole which he wore at his jubilee services.

United States Minister Phelps, at the Fishmonger's Company banquet, London, responding to a toast, said: "The only complaint I bring against this country is that my experience here makes it more difficult to say good-bye than to perform any other duty which has devolved upon me since I came here."

Churchill county, Nevada, is in danger of breaking in two. A crack has recently appeared three feet wide, several miles long, and how deep no one can find out.

Both the house and Senate of West Virginia have held recent sessions. In the Senate four ballots were taken for president, but the dead-lock is still unbroken.

The largest mortgage ever placed on record in West Virginia was that of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company, made to the Central Mortgage company, of New York. It is for \$300,000.

Frye of Maine, Manderson of Nebraska, Hear of Massachusetts, and McMillan of Michigan have all been re-elected to the United States Senate.

In the United States District court at Baltimore Capt Robert Mill, of the oyster schooner Cleveora, was found guilty of brutally beating a black boy, and was sentenced to a fine of \$500 and one year in jail.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. Jay Gould were held at family residence, No. 579 Fifth avenue, New York. The services were of the simplest character, and were attended by the personal friends of the family.

Both Houses of the Delaware Legislature convened and proceeded to ballot for United States Senator. The ballot resulted: Anthony Higgins, 16; James L. Wolcott, 9; A. P. Robinson, 5.

A story has been going the rounds of the press purporting to give an account of Mrs. Harrison being snubbed by Mr. Blaine on a State occasion at the White House during Gen. Garfield's administration.

The American Colonization society was organized seventy-three years ago. During its existence it has sent over 16,000 negroes to Africa.

The owners of the Souge woollen mills, of Clarksville, Ga., have assigned to W. S. West. Liabilities \$30,000, assets \$35,000.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

In England there are 847 female blacksmiths. The very latest thing is the plaited muslin bodice.

Cornell has 174 students, 193 of whom are young women. Pale shades of blue are second in favor to the all prevailing greens.

The Presbyterians have decided to have an order of deaconesses. Long, fingerless mitts are a novelty. They are worn with dinner gowns.

Mme. Hess, of Paris, has refused \$1000 for her hair, which is six feet long. Cloth gowns are made up in combinations of cream white, brown and green.

A Brighton (Mich.) woman digs forty-five bushels of potatoes a day and comes up smiling. Mink-tail trimmings are used on garments of fur, seal, or seal-skin, furnishing an effective contrast.

Mrs. Annie Rives-Chandler is having a \$1000 gown constructed by a fashionable New York dressmaker. Ex-Emperor Frederick has bought a site at Tegitz for 100,000 marks to build a hospital for orphan girls.

A new trimming of dark green, blue or brown dresses is an embroidery of silver threads on bands of scarlet cloth. A new collar for the corsage is of the high military style, over which falls two broken points, usually in a contrasting color.

Black costumes are meeting with so much favor just now that they may be said to be restored to their old time popularity. Buttons in the form of a good-sized padlock fitted with a key were very conspicuous upon a recently imported costume.

Gray and fawn color was the color combination recently noted in a cloth costume. Although odd, it was very effective. Most of the new sleeves have transverse or longitudinal puffs, or are gathered into a deeply tinted cuff of velvet or embroidery.

The authorities of Vanderbilt University, considering the propriety of admitting women to the privileges of the University. Novel earrings are in the form of oyster shells, held together by a diamond or pearl, and having slender gold wires attached.

Bonnet strings are now attached to the lower middle portion of the crown, from whence they are brought around and tied under the chin. There are still living six wives of Presidents, viz.: Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Polk, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. Cleveland.

A new make of hosiery is double-faced, being of spun silk on the outside and Balbriggan underneath. They are said to be very durable. Whistling girls are springing up all over the country with promptness and spontaneity that indicate an appalling and altogether unsuspected amount of previous practice.

It is said that women have discharged the greatest part in the commercial business of France. Parisian trade in particular owes much of its reputation to the enterprise of business women.

Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, has become fascinated with the American game of poker. At her home in Paris she holds poker parties which are exciting enough to satisfy even an Arizona cowboy.

Something new in furs is the seal-skin pocket square and shirt at back, with its fringe of tails just reaching to the waist, and square and so long as to come near the knee, and give the effect of a stole.

The cause of women's rights in France has progressed to the point of the introduction of a bill to grant to trades women parities of license and right to vote at election of Judges of the Tribunal of Commerce.

In his speech at Edinburgh recently, Lord Salisbury, the Prime Minister, declared himself in favor of woman suffrage, and said he hoped the day was not far distant when women would be allowed to vote.

In collars and cuffs a pretty novelty is to have a double collar and cuff, the upper one narrow and encircled with a band of satin-stitched embroidery. They are sometimes in colors, pink turning over blue and so on.

A Spanish General of Barcelona has bequeathed \$20,000 to found a refuge for the orphan daughters of poor officers, a proviso being that each must be beautiful in body and form, because the more lovely a woman is the more she is exposed to danger in this world.

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HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Bound in calf"—Vell. Caught on the fly—Trout. Two physicians are a paradox. The burning question—Smoke. Fireside companion—The poker. A loan fellow—The pawnbroker. Unpopular preserves—Jim-jams. A writ of attachment—A love letter. Old maids know what a mis-spent life means.

The oldest and most inveterate smoker in history is Vesuvius. It is the astronomer who most frequently rises to observe. When a man doubles his fists you can hardly say he has four hands.

The man who lives from hand to mouth should not have far to go for his dinner. To make a Russian name—imitate the "itching" of a bull frog, give one sneeze and say "ski."

Horror and respect the busy bee. Once full, he makes straight for home. A young New England lady was named William after his father, who was bilious. —Harpur's Bazar. A barking dog is the most courteous of all animals. He makes his bow to every passer-by. —Binghamton Republican.

Money can slip through a pretty small hole sometimes. A Brooklyn man lost a considerable sum lately through a paw rent. All the street cars have a sign "no smoking," and yet any conductor will help a woman to a light. —New York World.

Good many of the cashiers who are settling in Canada are those who have neglected to do any settling over here. —New York Times. Woman (to tramp)—"How's the soup?" Tramp—"I ain't quite strong enough, ma'am. I wish you would wash a few more dishes in it."

Waiter—"You want frogs, eh?" Guest—"Not zee whole animal, I want zee waf you call him—zee drumsticks." —Philadelphia Record. Brown—"Did you dispose of that last lyric you wrote?" Young Byron—"O yes, I got it off on the publishers for a song." —Yankee Blade.

Duluth people say that that city is growing so rapidly that, sitting down in the suburbs, with the city against the skyline, you can see it grow. "It requires only two things to run a successful campaign," said the politician. "And what are they?" asked a bystander. "Dollars and sense."

Tramp, picking up a five-cent piece—"A bloody nickel, hum! Wasn't nobody but me 'a pick'd up that nickel and it 'a been a quarter, sure." (Sings.) Shakespeare was slightly mixed in his "seven ages," the "whining school boy" whom the maternal eye has detected in some flagrant act of disobedience that "shifts into the slipp'd pantaloon."

Leader of the Boggsville male quintet to editor of the Boggsville Herald—"What can we do to interest the public in our organization?" Editor (without looking up)—"Disband." —Burlington Free Press. A baby girl in Missouri has been named Rainbow. Sixteen years hence, when she is caught in a summer shower, she should feel very much at home, although she would then be a little rain deer. —Northwestern Herald.

They say the German Emperor is spoiling to pitch in: He harp on his spurs and long to make his six-months' stay: "Who wants to pitch a cock again?" The Emperor of Berlin! —Burlington Free Press. Lawyer—"So that is the entire list of your debts?" Insolvent Manager—"Oh, no; there are many other little items." Lawyer—"Don't you want me to add them in detail?" Manager—"No; just say, for further particulars see small bills." —Innocent.

An exchange wants the name of the man who invented the wheelbarrow; but what many more persons crave is the name of the man who lets his wheelbarrow stand in the middle of the sidewalk after dark. The latter is more deserving of death. —Northwestern Herald. "Did that lady buy anything?" asked the jeweler of his new buy, as the lady in question left the store, apparently in a temper. "He did not. She asked me for an old gold breast pin, and I asked her if she took this store for a junk shop. Then she went out." —Jeweler's Weekly.

He Caught the Drift. Don't know what they talked about: Anon they passed—now walked about: In motion slow and swift: But one declared, "You worry me, in vague conjectures hurry me; I do not catch the drift."

The other then began again To elucidate his plan again: And made the darkness light: But dense declared, "Now break me up If you say you can make me up; I do not catch the drift."

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