

**MODEL VILLAGES.**

**Excellent Plan Followed by a Mining Settlement in France.**

Consul H. Albert Johnson in a report from Liege gives details of coal mining enterprises in Belgium, one of which is planning to establish a model mining village, and has engaged as manager an engineer in charge of a mining plant at Bethune, in France, concerning which the consul writes: "These French mines employ a force of some 8,000 workmen. They possess 2,000 workmen's dwellings, that are rented to the miners at from \$1.15 to \$1.54 a month. The houses, with gardens attached, are arranged in attractive villages, with broad streets and boulevards. Churches and schools have been built. The water supply, sanitary arrangements and the electric light plant are all of the most modern and up to date class.

"A visit to Bethune proved highly satisfactory to the officials of the Limbourg region and has tended to strengthen their determination in building up their new organization to follow as closely as possible the model set by the French mines. Thus, according to the plans, this new mining settlement in the Campine will be a most beneficial innovation, and instead of the hitherto insanitary conglomeration of hovels, piled one against the other, without either symmetry or design, the new mining village will present an attractive and orderly collection of neat cottages, grouped on well laid out and broad streets, with a plentiful supply of good water and the most advanced system of electric lighting and sanitary appointments."

**Saving the Bait.**

"Fishing!" said a man who lives near us. "Why, I went fishing in Scotland and caught the biggest string of eels you can imagine.

"There is the tandem eel that you have all heard of. When they go down or up the stream from their quarters for the winter or summer they go in single file, one behind the other, like the primeval man. They leave exactly six inches of space between their noses and the tail of the eel in front. When an eel sees that the fellow ahead is lengthening this space, he springs forward and, seizing the tail of the offender in his mouth, pulls him back into place. I dropped my hook down right in front of a string of tandem eels, and the bait was accepted, and I jerked out the eel. The one behind, seeing that the fellow ahead was running away, obeyed his instructions and seized his tail to pull him back, and so did the one behind, and so on to the last one, and I pulled them out hand over hand till I had a great mass of slippery eels about me."—Strand Magazine.

**Our First War Vessels.**

The outbreak of the Revolutionary war found the patriots without a navy. Congress had to create one. Four merchantmen were first purchased, hastily equipped with guns and sent to sea as cruisers, but their defects as war vessels soon became so apparent that congress determined at once to set about the building of a navy. On Oct. 3, 1775, congress ordered two cruisers built, and on Dec. 13 the order was increased to five thirty-two gun ships, five twenty-eight gun ships and three twenty-four gun ships. They were to be ready for the sea by the following April. The names given to the thirteen vessels were Boston, Congress, Edingham, Delaware, Hancock, Montgomery, Providence, Raleigh, Trumbull, Virginia, Warren, Washington and Randolph. These were the first war vessels constructed in the United States. The first commander in chief was Ezekiel Hopkins of Rhode Island, a young brother of Congressman Stephen Hopkins. He was appointed to this high office on Dec. 22, 1775.

"St. Louis doctor sets sixty crazy women to shopping as a cure," she read from the paper.

"S'pose when they can shop all day without buying anything he'll regard them as cured," he commented.

Her only rejoinder was a look of contempt.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Sticking Up For Him.**



**Subterfuge.**



This is the cigarette fiend that promised his parents that he would never allow another cigarette to touch his lips.

**Exceptional.**

"It's strange," said the impatient man, "but I never seem able to get any answer from that telephone operator."

"That's so," answered Mr. Meekton. "She is the one woman in my experience who hasn't seemed to enjoy talking back."—Washington Star.

**Revenge, or the Cast Shoe.**



**Quick Sale.**

Clerk—So your little boy wants a drum, eh? Well, here's a bargain in one that's hard to beat.

Nervous Papa—The very thing! That's the kind I'll buy him at any cost.—Kansas City Times.

**No Takers.**

Geraldine—I hear that you made a bet that I would accept you.

Gerald—I tried to, but I couldn't find any takers.—New York Press.

Christmas eve is celebrated in Spanish homes by a family party and a supper chiefly of sweetmeats and wines. Instead of hanging their stockings the children in the country hide their shoes and slippers in the bushes, and they find them filled with fruit and candies in the morning.

**Don't Take the Risk.**

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by O. L. Erwin, Rosman.

**Chickamauga.**

The word Chickamauga, like a great many other proper names of places in this country, is of Indian origin. It is said to be a Cherokee name signifying "the river of death," and, according to a legend which had floated down among the Indians, the streams received its name from the accidental drowning of the people of a village by a sudden rise attributed to a cloud-burst.

Mrs. McSpatt—Isn't it remarkable how many men mysteriously disappear? Mr. McSpott—Oh, I don't know. Most of 'em are married.

**Rank Foolishness.**

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