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Well, so long, Mr. Long.

Wonder if Henry has slept it off yet?

If Kitchener don't watch out the Boss 'll get him too.

Hope the permanent census bureau will give us a correct count.

It is only a question of time when it will be a Roosevelt cabinet from top to bottom.

The baseball season has not yet begun but a great many men have been called out on strikes.

It is noticeable that while cabinet officers go one after another, with deep regrets and kindest wishes, they go just the same.

When times are good strikes are most numerous. The workman can't afford to indulge in that luxury when he doesn't know what day he will lose his job.

"Buffalo Bill," leading 5,000 Swedes to be colonists in the Big Horn Valley in Wyoming, takes a new and interesting role. Irrigation farming is on the program, and Col. Cody will do it with the same dash with which he saved the mail or organized cowboy shows.

Have we been tricked by this visit of Prince Henry? He acknowledged he had a secret mission, and no sooner was he gone than Ambassador von Halleben is charged with intrigue and the announcement is made that the prince is to return here incog. What is Bill up to, anyway?

The people will be more impressed with the cry of duty for Cuba when the cane-sugar trust proves that the Cuban planters will actually reap the benefit of any reduction of the tariff. The advocates of the beet sugar interests have challenged the opposition to prove that the profits from tariff reduction would not go into the pockets of the cane-grower trust instead of to the sugar growers themselves, and the challenge has not been answered.

The census bureau has completed its tabulation of the acreage, production and value of the cotton crop of 1899, showing a total of 24,175,092 acres in cotton, producing in 1899, 9,584,876 commercial bales. This cotton fibre had the value on the farms of \$327,527,178. In addition to this fibre grown there were 4,566,091 tons of seed, worth \$46,950,525, exclusive of the seed sold by the farmers with the fibre before ginning.

Booker Washington is making a mistake going around and getting colored office holders to pledge themselves to deliver Roosevelt delegations in 1904 as a prerequisite for reappointment to the places they now hold. Roosevelt will not be helped by such dragooning of colored office holders as Booker Washington is represented as doing in the case of J. W. Lyon, of Ga., register of the treasury; and, as for Booker, he will kill himself and the cause of negro education.

The Democratic congressional campaign committee met Friday night and for over two hours discussed plans of re-organization. Thirty-four States were represented. It was decided that inasmuch as there were a number of States without representatives in the Democratic party in the house, the organization should not be considered until the next meeting of the committee to be held two weeks later, when chairman, secretary and assistant secretary will be chosen. In the meantime it was agreed that the present chairman, Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, should continue to act as temporary chairman and a committee was appointed consisting of Representative W. T. Zanon, of Indiana, and James L. Norris, of the District of Columbia, in connection with the temporary chairman, to correspond with executive committees of the states not represented on the committee with the view of having them suggest members of the committee. The result of the action in postponing the election of a chairman is regarded as a defeat for Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, who was a prominent candidate for the office. Those favoring a postponement of the election of a chairman were strongly of the opinion that he should be a western Democrat.

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ARTIFICIAL BUILDING STONE

It is Being Used More Extensively Every Year.

Artificial stone is coming into use more and more widely every year, says the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post. For pavements it is rapidly supplanting all other materials, including brick and the natural article, and much of it is being utilized nowadays in the building of houses, newly discovered processes having so far improved the product as to render it actually more durable than real stone and in some cases quite as handsome.

There are several patented processes for the manufacture of sandstone, the raw materials employed being chiefly sand and lime in one shape or another. Granite is reproduced artificially by grinding ordinary granite to a powder, mixing it with clay and then subjecting molded blocks of it to the action of intense heat.

Imitation marble is obtained by mixing oxide of magnesium with chloride of magnesium, the former being obtained by burning the mineral called "magnesite" and the latter by treating the oxide with hydrochloric acid.

Artificial marble is also produced from ordinary plaster of paris hardened by an admixture of borax and certain other ingredients and agreeably colored with mineral oxides. For this purpose the oxides of iron and copper are sometimes employed.

TO PREVENT COLLISIONS.

Jamestown Man Would Make Use of the Sound Waves.

Captain F. P. Cobham of Jamestown, N. Y., announces an important invention of his own, which, he claims, has been thoroughly tested, that promises to do away with signal towers and wires for signaling trains along railways. The invention makes use of the sound waves as discovered by Marconi.

The signal is a small and inexpensive instrument carried in the cab of the locomotive. The instrument has a lever by which the engineer can adjust his locomotive to the tracks on which he is traveling. If it is a one track road, all instruments are adjusted alike; if there are two or more tracks, the engineer adjusts his machine to the different tracks by moving a lever.

When the instrument is properly adjusted, Captain Cobham claims it will give notice of any other locomotive on the same track which approaches within 2,000 feet of it by the ringing of a bell, and it will also indicate in which direction the engines are running or whether one of them is standing still.



The evidence that all colds are infectious and that without the presence of infection it is impossible to catch a cold is probably far stronger than most medical men realize, says Dr. H. W. Gardner in the New York Journal.

Colds are almost unknown in the arctic circle, not on account of the action of the continuous cold, but because the greater part of that region is uninhabited. When Sir William Conway and his men were exploring Spitzbergen, though they were exposed to great privations and were almost constantly wet through they never caught a cold, but directly they came down to Andree's settlement on the coast, where some forty men were living in almost constant intercourse with the mainland, they all developed violent colds.

On the other hand, that ordinary colds are in the highest degree infectious is now becoming a matter of common knowledge, and any medical man, if he goes about with open eyes, can collect evidence for himself. I have watched a cold pass from house to house and have even traced it from one village to another and have listened, not without some amusement, while the different sufferers from it have explained to me just how they caught it, ascribing it to some open window, change of garment or other fancied imprudence. I know houses where all the members of the household, including visitors and children, are constantly catching colds, and they are not the airy or even the drafty houses, but stuffy, grimy, badly ventilated and dark ones.

To Keep Eyeglasses Clear.

Every wearer of eyeglasses has noticed how they become dim with moisture when subjected to a sudden change of temperature. A German scientific paper says that this may be prevented by rubbing the glasses with soft potash soap every morning. They may be polished bright after the soap is applied, but an invisible film is left on them that will prevent the deposit of moisture.

An Appliance For the Deaf.

A new Russian apparatus for restoring hearing consists of a light rubber shell, furnished with a miniature microphone, which is connected to a small galvanic battery. It is claimed that the microphone causes even the softest speech to react on the auditory nerve of the deaf when the apparatus is placed to the ear.

London Fog Weighed.

The solid matter deposited by a London fog has been found by Sir W. Threlton-Dyer to reach six tons in a week on a single square mile. Injurious hydrocarbons were included, as well as soot.

How Far Feet Walked? Snow is an effective material for military defense. In late tests a wall four feet thick was proved against the very penetrative rifle used by the Norwegian army.

WHEN BUYING LINEN.

Suggestions as to the True Inwardness of Tablecloths and Towels.

The present time witnesses the stocking up of the linen closet in many households, and this is too often done at a disadvantage through lack of knowledge as to what really constitutes good linen.

A lady goes into a shop and buys towels, afternoon tea-cloths and other items under the name of linen, possibly of damask, which she is sometimes told is "made in Germany," but is more often left to form her own judgment about. The material looks nice when new, for it is very cleverly dressed, and is so cheap that if she paused to consider she would know it could not really be pure linen woven of flax yarn, but it is white and fringed or hemstitched, woven in a graceful design, and she thinks it comes under the genuine name of linen. When it has been washed, she observes that it does not get up well, has a rough surface and easily creases. Then she discovers, or some one more experienced



DOILIES WITH LACE BORDERS.

tells her, that it is a mixture of flax and cotton. Some enlightening hints from The American Kitchen Magazine are subjoined on the buying of table linen.

The comparative merits of bleached and unbleached damasks depend upon the use to which the cloth is to be put and upon the opportunity for bleaching at the command of the housewife. For rougher or commoner use and in the country the unbleached has advantages. The city housekeeper has no suitable opportunity for bleaching.

A tablecloth made in one piece is more satisfactory than one bought by the yard. There is not a great difference in the prices, and the greater beauty of the patterned cloth is worth more to the user.

If damask is stiff and crackles when bent, it has probably been starched, to make it seem of a better quality than it is. Good damask has an elastic texture.

Unbleached damask may be bought for about 50 cents a yard. From that as the lowest point prices range to \$4 or \$5 a yard for the finest pieces.

Weight is the standard of price. It is not wise to buy anything for the table that weighs less than four and a half ounces to the square yard.

The German linen is not so snow white as the Irish, and lacks the variety and freshness in patterns, but it is durable.

A dozen and a half or two dozen napkins should be bought with each tablecloth.

Straight bands between center and border are troublesome in ironing. Fineness is not a safe guide either for durability or lasting beauty.

Patterns usually can be duplicated within two years. Never buy a mixture of cotton and linen. Avoid extreme size in napkins.

How to Cut Bread.

The proper thing in cutting bread is noted thus by the Boston Cooking School Magazine:

Bread for luncheon and breakfast should be cut from one-fourth to one-third of an inch thick, then cut in halves from top to bottom. Pile evenly on a plate with the cut edges close together. Place only six or eight layers on a plate.

Dinner bread should be thicker than that used for breakfast and luncheon. Cut slices of bread three-fourths of an inch thick and trim them until they are three and a half by three and a half inches. Cut in halves and place a piece in the folds of each napkin.

If the bread must be cut long before serving, it may be kept fresh by covering with a napkin that has been dipped in water and wrung nearly dry.

Novelties In Furniture.

A style of furniture with something of the free grace and natural beauty of the rustic in its rounded curves and



CRADLE AND BABY'S CHAIR.

solid fashioning finds favor just now. It is not beyond the capabilities of the amateur woodworker, as may be seen by the quaint but beautiful cradle and baby's chair in the sketch.

His Recent Fount of Tears.

There are funny incidents in the life of a photographer. A man came in the other day and looked over all the samples, asking the price of each.

"Do you want a sitting?" I asked. "I don't see nothin' like what I want," he replied.

I told him if he would indicate what he wanted I might arrange it. "You see, it's like this," he began. "I had a girl that I loved, and we was going to get married. She had her things made up, and we was all but ready, when she was taken ill and died. And what I wanted was a picture of me sittin' on her grave weepin'."

I was touched at the homely story of grief and told him I could send a man with him to the grave and have the picture taken as he desired.

"It's some distance," he said. "It's over in Ireland. I expect it 'ud cost a lot to send over your traps for what I want?"

I said it would. "I thought," he answered, "that maybe you could rig up a grave here in your shop and I would weep on it and it would do just as well. It's no trouble for me to weep anywhere."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

The Ring of Cheops.

Cheops was the builder of the pyramid which bears his name, and, as if to make the structure perpetuate his deeds for all time to come, the very stones and bricks of which it is composed are stamped with his name. Cheops lived nearly 2,600 years ago, his great pyramid being an antiquity in the days when the great nations of old were in their youth, and yet we of this twentieth century can have the satisfaction of looking upon the very ring he wore so proudly upon his finger! The hieroglyphics on the ring are minutely accurate and beautifully executed, the ring itself being of finest gold and weighing nearly an ounce. The oval signet bears the name of Cheops, which is in hieroglyphics in perfect accord with the stamp on the bricks of the great pyramid. This remarkable antiquity was found in a tomb at Ghizeh. It now resides in the museum of the New York Historical society.

A Couple of Jokers.

Judge Joseph Aspinall's reputation as a humorist on the bench is proverbial, but when off the bench he rarely jokes. Hence it was that Assistant District Attorney Martin W. Littleton, the after dinner spellbinder, was taken by surprise when the judge calmly inquired:

"Martin, you are interested in athletics. Tell me the name of the champion shot putter."

"I'll have to pass that, judge."

"Well, then, what's the matter with cannon?"

Mr. Littleton reeled from the impact, but, quickly recovering, replied:

"Ah, yes, very neat. But, by the way, I see you are one of the entries in the big paper chase."

"Paper chase? What paper chase?" said the judge unguardedly.

"The chase for greenbacks, judge. Good day. Glad to have met you."—New York Times.

The Nantucket Dialect.

A family circle in Nantucket was once discussing the use of nautical phrases when the mother said, "Girls, I never use them."

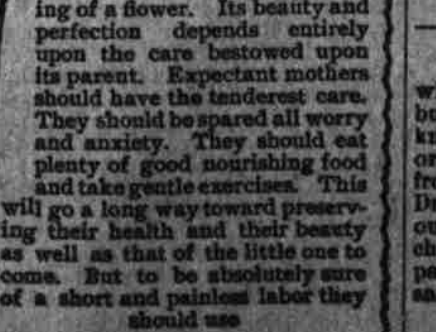
"Yes, thee does, mother."

"Well, watch me and see if I do."

Shortly after she said to one of the children, "There, take this and carry it to Cousin Phoebe and tell her that this squares the yards with us, and thee must send, for it is almost schooltime."—Boston Christian Register.

Fill the New Page With Good.

The improvement to come in any life from the "turning of a new leaf" is not to be based upon the turning of the leaf so much as upon the constant and resolute filling of the new page by dint of unremitting and often strenuous effort. An evil habit is not changed in a moment, but is supplanted by the good which is cultivated into a habit.—Nashville Banner.



A Baby's Birth

is very much like the blossoming of a flower. Its beauty and perfection depends entirely upon the care bestowed upon its parent. Expectant mothers should have the tenderest care. They should be spared all worry and anxiety. They should eat plenty of good nourishing food and take gentle exercises. This will go a long way toward preserving their health and their beauty as well as that of the little one to come. But to be absolutely sure of a short and painless labor they should use

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