

According to the Chicago Tribune southern cities have progressed wonderfully during the last two or three years.

New Orleans has shown improvement in many lines in cotton, grain, coffee, sugar, rice, and lumber; in foreign imports and exports; in receipts of produce and in return trade; and in the coastwise traffic. Financial prosperity has been even greater than commercial. The output of manufactures has been largely increased, more has been done in building than for many years past, and a great system for draining and purifying the city has been inaugurated, which has been made possible by the public spirited women of that city. During the year two railroads have established terminals there. It has become the cotton center of the country; has regained the coffee trade of the Mississippi Valley; doubled its flour trade; gained over twelve per cent. in the foreign export trade, and thirty-two per cent. in bank clearings, which were \$859,472,855 for the year closing September 1st.

Galveston tells the same encouraging story of advancing prosperity. It has moved into third place among exporting cities of the country. Its customs receipts increased 116 per cent. over last year, and its export value \$5,000,000 over 1902 and \$7,000,000 over 1901. Its coastwise trade has more than doubled. Its elevator capacity has increased to more than 4,000,000 bushels, and it has 53 lines of steamships to foreign ports. One of the most remarkable illustrations of its enterprise is the manner in which it has recovered from the disaster of September 8, 1900. It was the general opinion at that time that it was doubtful whether Galveston could ever recover, and that the attempt should be abandoned, as the city was liable to an inundation at any time. The people of Galveston did not share the general opinion. They not only resolutely set to work to rebuild on the old site, but to make a safer city by taking precautions against another invasion of the sea. A great sea wall is being constructed to extend a little more than three miles along the ocean front of the city. It rests upon a concrete bed laid over piling driven down to clay foundation, sixteen feet thick at the base and five feet at the top, with a riprap of granite rocks to protect the foundation. The wall will rise seventeen feet above mean low water and nearly two feet above the highest point reached by the water in the hurricane of three years ago. When it is finished the city will be graded up to the height of the wall and will then rise seventeen feet above the ocean.

New Orleans and Galveston are not the only fortunate southern cities. Cheering reports of prosperity comes from all the industrial centers—Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Savannah, Mobile and Charleston. They are making great strides ahead, which of itself must invite closer commercial relations with the north and larger investments of northern capital. This may conduce toward better social and political conditions.

**WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE GOATS?**

Government reports tell us that importation of goatskins into the United States are now running at the rate of 25 million dollars per annum, and that a large share of these are brought from India, China, Arabia, and south-eastern Russia. The increasing popularity of certain classes of kid leather for footwear, as well as gloves, has increased very greatly the demand for goatskins in the United States within recent years.

The following table shows the value of goatskins imported from the several countries constituting our principal source of supply in 1902:

COUNTRY.	DOLLARS.
British East Indies.	7,577,616
France.	2,611,880
Mexico.	2,081,697
Chinese Empire.	1,823,273
Russia.	1,595,307
Brazil.	1,495,358
United Kingdom.	1,138,646
Aden.	1,094,367
Argentina.	1,055,040
Germany.	752,850
Turkey.	720,836
Venezuela.	412,275
Austria-Hungary.	399,916
French Africa.	337,019
Netherlands.	265,268
Peru.	228,562

The report further shows that of the 25 millions of dollars spent for goatskins 7 million dollars went to India, nearly 2 millions to China, 2 millions to France, 1 1/2 millions to Russia, 1 1/2 millions to Brazil, 1 million to Argentina and another million to Arabia. From India, which took less than five million dollars' worth of merchandise of all kinds from the United States

last year, and has increased her purchases from us less than 2 million dollars in a decade, we have increased our importations of goatskins alone from 2 million dollars in 1892 to 7 1/2 million dollars in 1902. From Brazil, which has reduced her imports from the United States from 15 million dollars in 1895 to 10 million dollars in 1903, our purchases of goatskins last year were 14 million dollars. France, Russia, the United Kingdom, Turkey in Europe and Turkey in Asia, Arabia, China, southern Africa, Argentina, and Mexico also contribute liberally to the supply of goatskins to make up the 25 million dollars' worth of that product brought into the United States annually.

Now, if there is so much money to be made from the raising of goats why should that industry be spurned? Goats are not hard to raise: for they are reputed to be able to digest anything they run across.

While the farmer is looking out for a money making occupation he should not pass lightly over the goat industry.

**DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.**

Miss E. A. Hardy is treasurer of the Grand Opera House, Boston.

Mrs. M. L. Wadleigh of Topeka has been appointed as examiner of insurance companies by State Insurance Commissioner Luling of Kansas.

Princess Metternich, who is now approaching her ninetieth year, has just completed her memoirs, which are not to be published until after her death.

Miss Pauline Astor will be the only American girl who owns an English castle. Her father, William Waldorf Astor, has presented his recent purchase, Hever castle, to her.

Mrs. Douglas Robinson of New York, a sister of Mrs. Roosevelt, has offered financial assistance to William Pickens, the Yale negro student who won the Ten Eyck prize for oratory.

The Countess of Warwick, who has done considerable writing in the past, is now giving the finishing touches to a history of Warwick castle. She has been at work on the publication for five years.

Miss Celeste J. Miller has just returned to Chicago from her third trip around the world. She goes alone and unattended and says she finds that courage and determination invariably secure her good treatment.

Gisela Elbuschitz has been awarded a certificate of competence by the Watchmakers' guild of Vienna. She is the first woman watchmaker to be recognized in the Austrian capital. The innovation is said to be regarded with disfavor by the men in the trade.

Mrs. Minnie M. Belcher is head of an Albany (N. Y.) company which does a large business in subscription books and newspaper premium works. Mrs. Belcher took up business upon the death of her husband, R. S. Belcher of Pittsburg, succeeding to his interest in the company that he organized.

**THE COOKBOOK.**

All meats intended for soups should be put over the fire in cold water, as the object is to extract the juice of the meat.

If a sugary crust is desired on meringue, sift powdered sugar over it before it is placed in the oven and have the latter cool.

A very good substitute for cream can be found in milk brought to the scalding point, but not boiled. It imparts a rich, golden color to coffee.

Salmon is as satisfying as a beef-steak, though not as digestible. It may be cooked in various ways, but is especially good baked with cream sauce.

Many vegetables are served alone—that is, as a separate course following the meat course. Among these are cauliflower in some fancy form, globe artichokes, asparagus, spinach or stuffed eggplant, tomatoes or bell peppers.

**THRONE LIGHTS.**

Queen Caroline of Saxony is preparing an edition of her husband's poems. Among them will be "Le Coup de Canon," which has been set to music by the Princess Amelie.

Though Emperor William is but forty-four years old, he is beginning to show quite a bit of age. His hair is fairly well sprinkled with gray, and lines on his face tell of strain and worry.

The Prince of Wales has a passion for white roses. An old variety has been discovered at Sandringham, and the blossoms are being sent to London. His royal highness is creating a big business.

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**CHARMED A DUKE.**

Miss May Goelet, Who is to Wed His Grace of Roxburgh.

Miss May Wilson Goelet, the American heiress whose coming marriage in November to the Duke of Roxburgh was recently announced, is the daughter



MISS MAY WILSON GOELET.

of the late Ogden Goelet of New York, from whom she inherited a vast fortune.

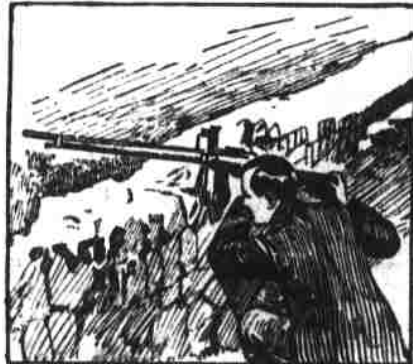
Miss Goelet is now about twenty-five years of age and is a petite brunette, with natural and simple manners and a vivacious temperament.

The Duke of Roxburgh, who is a Scottish peer, is the eighth holder of the title and succeeded his father in 1892, when he was sixteen years old.

**CONCEALMENT IN WARFARE**

How the Hyposcope Enables a Soldier to Shoot Unseen.

Warfare in the future will be shorn of most of its perils if a new device, called the hyposcope, comes into the general use that its merits seem to



SIGHTING THROUGH THE HYPOSCOPE FOR LONG RANGE FIRING.

warrant. By the use of this device a soldier may be entirely concealed from view of the enemy and yet fight effectively. The hyposcope is an arrangement of mirrors enclosed in a light and strong metal case, easily attached to a rifle, by which the marksman is enabled to shoot with accuracy from behind a bank or other protection while remaining invisible to the enemy. The field of view exposed to the topmost, or object, mirror is reflected around the necessary corners and down to the level of the eye.

**MAYOR OF NEW YORK.**

Seth Low, Who is Again to Lead the Opponents of Tammany.

Seth Low, mayor of New York, who for the third time has been chosen the standard bearer of the opponents of Tammany Hall in the fight for the control of the municipality, has for many years been in the limelight of publicity and has always shown himself to be a man of the strictest integrity.

Mr. Low is a native of Brooklyn and a graduate of Columbia university and is in his fifty-fourth year. He studied law, but turned from that profession to enter his father's tea importing house. In 1881 he was elected mayor of Brooklyn and re-elected two years



SETH LOW.

later. Subsequently he was chosen president of Columbia university, and his successful administration of its affairs made him conspicuous in the educational world. He was nominated for mayor of New York city in 1897 by the Citizens' party, but was defeated. Four years later, as candidate of the fusionists, he was elected.

**Circus Guera.**  
It has been estimated that no less than 25,000,000 people annually attend the circuses of America in one season.

**Beds in Old England.**  
In olden times in England a pile of straw or rushes or a tick filled with chaff or a lot of hemlock boughs was thrown down in a corner of the living room to sleep on.

**An Arcuate Bridge.**  
The covered bridge at Pavia, over the Ticino, was built as early as the fourteenth century. Although 500 years old it is in a perfect state of preservation. The roof is held in place by 100 gigantic granite columns.

**Lemons.**  
When a lemon is large enough to fill a test ring two and five-sixteenths of an inch inside it is picked, and if it is still green it is stored until it ripens.

**The Mississippi.**  
That the low lying territory of the Mississippi should at times be overflowed is not surprising if one considers that the "Father of Waters" draws supplies from twenty-eight states, draining one-third of the area of the United States.

**Butter and Hay.**  
One hundred dollars' worth of butter bears off from the soil less of its valuable elements than 5 cents' worth of hay.

**In a Fox's Lair.**  
At Acle, a village near Folkestone, a vixen fox and three cubs were dug out after six hours' work. Their lair contained the remains of one lamb, fifty rabbits, one hare, two fowls and some rats.

**English Coins.**  
England marks the values of her copper coins that don't amount to a rap and doesn't put the value mark on her coins of gold and silver.

**Women in India.**  
In northern India it is still considered not genteel for a woman, even when veiled from head to foot, to walk on a railway platform to get into the cars. She has to be carried in a closed palanquin right up to the window of her compartment.

**Flank and Tenderloin.**  
A dime's worth of flank beef furnishes 284 pound of sustenance, but the same value in tenderloin furnishes less than one-fourth as much.

**Cacao in Nicaragua.**  
Nicaraguans use up about 500,000 pounds of cacao a year. Chocolate, hot or cold, is used twice a day in every well to do household. Cacao grows in large pods containing from fifteen to twenty-five beans each on trees from ten to twelve feet high. A yield of \$400 an acre is not unusual.

**Salt Freshens Ink.**  
To prevent a mold in ink infuse a piece of saff size of a hazelnut in each quart.

**Charcoal and Yellow Jack.**  
Dealers in charcoal in Havana are said never to have yellow fever, while in lay circles it is advised always to have it about during its prevalence, because of its absorbing properties, it is presumed.

**Corot and Watteau.**  
Artists are often accused of conceit, but some of the greatest of them have been beautifully modest. Corot asked his friends to retouch his pictures. Watteau sometimes drove his friends to despair by destroying work which they thought above criticism.

**Fire Escapes.**  
Paris, in 1761, was the first city in which fire escapes were used.

**Quick as Thought.**  
"Quick as thought" is not very quick. While a light wave would travel around the equator in a second, a nerve wave makes only about a hundred feet a second.

**Offerings to the River God.**  
Lamps filled with coconut oil were formerly set afloat on the Ganges as an offering to those at sea. If they sank immediately it was ominous, but it was a good sign if they floated until out of sight.

**A Spinster.**  
Women were prohibited from marrying in olden times until they had spun a full set of bed furnishings on the spinning wheel. Hence, till married, they were spinsters.

**How Silk is "Watered."**  
The satin weave throws the fine warp threads all upon the right side. Twills have the warp in three sheets, whereof one is drawn down and the other two are left on the top. Watered silk is made by passing the fabric, double, between hot rollers under pressure.

**He'll Steal No More.**  
In Stararosta, Galicia, a peasant, thinking it contained money, stole a box of dynamite, which exploded at the first blow of a hammer, blew the man and his wife to atoms and wrecked their home.

**The Amethyst Among the Romans.**  
The amethyst, so called from the Greek amethystos, meaning "not drunk," was a favorite stone among the Roman ladies. Its principal virtue was to draw away the vapors of inebriety from the brain. It also drove away evil thoughts and attracted to its possessor the favors of princes.

**The Oldest Library.**  
The oldest library in the world is that of Nisapur, from which emanated books antedating Abraham have been

**SCROFULA A DISEASE WE INHERIT.**

Scrofula manifests itself in many ways. Swelling of the glands of the neck and throat, Catarrh, weak eyes, white swelling, offensive sores and abscesses, skin eruptions, loss of strength and weakness in muscles and joints. It is a miserable disease and traceable in almost every instance to some family blood taint. Scrofula is bred in the bone, is transmitted from parent to child, the seeds are planted in infancy and unless the blood is purged and purified and every atom of the taint removed Scrofula is sure to develop at some period in your life.



Scrofula appeared on the head of my little grandchild when only 18 months old, and spread rapidly over her body. The disease next attacked the eyes and we feared she would lose her sight. Eminent physicians were consulted, but could do nothing to relieve the little innocent. It was then that we decided to try S. S. S. That medicine at once made a speedy and complete cure. She is now a young lady, and has never had a sign of the disease to return.

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