

NEW THINGS: STRANGE & CURIOUS.

JUGGLES WITH HIS OWN HEAD.

There have been a number of "head" jugglers, but most of them have used a duplicate or a number of heads, which are suspended into the air. The juggler has seven exposures of his head. The trick is as simple as the picture. He places his head over his plate without resorting to a dark room. The only apparatus that is necessary is a piece of clear

glass, black paper and a certain amount of patience. Fill the piece of clear glass, the size of your camera, directly in front of the camera, with black paper. Then hold the glass in your left hand, and with your right hand, holding the camera, expose by peeling off, piece by piece, and raising it back again until the plate is exposed, the picture being taken through the clear glass.



World's Oldest Ring.

Recently a ring has been discovered which is said to be the oldest in the world. It was found in the tomb of a Pharaoh of Egypt. This wonderful relic is the work of a Pharaoh of Egypt, who died nearly 3,000 years ago, making it the



oldest ring in the world. Its owner is said to have founded the great University of Alexandria, near the city of the Pharaohs. The history of the ring has not yet been discovered, but the discovery of the ring will lead to the discovery of his tomb.

The ring was authentically proved to be the work of the King by the royal inscriptions on the ring. It is of pure gold, and weighs 1.5 grams. It is engraved with the name of the King, and is said to be the work of a Pharaoh of Egypt, who died nearly 3,000 years ago. The ring is said to be the work of a Pharaoh of Egypt, who died nearly 3,000 years ago.

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LOOP THE LOOP RAILWAY.



There are many miles of mountain tracks which closely resemble the "loop the loop" system. The distance between stations is frequently three or four times the actual distance. The tracks are built on a steep slope and feature a unique 'loop the loop' design where the tracks cross themselves. The surrounding landscape is rugged and mountainous.

places the grades are steeper than anything we are accustomed to in America, but the trains are so light and the running so slow that there are few accidents. In one place, known as the double loop, the railway actually turns twice on itself, describing a complete figure 8. The circles are of a diameter of less than the length of most of the trains which traverse it. Were an American train of ordinary length to attempt to make this double loop at speed and at such a grade it would undoubtedly be itself in a knot.

OIL WELLS UNDER THE OCEAN.



Probably one of the most curious sights to be seen in the West of America is presented by the submarine petroleum wells at Santa Barbara, in Southern California. Along the coast there for a considerable distance are many derricks which look like windmills without sails; these support the drills which bore into the oil-bearing stratum stretching out under the bed of the Pacific Ocean. Even at the lowest state of the tide all the derricks are in the water, and at high water they are entirely surrounded. Wharves have been built to support the

drilling and pumping machinery. So far, the derricks have not experienced the severe test of a violent southerly storm, but it may be expected that some damage will be done when one occurs. The photograph is taken from the shore end of the wharves looking out over the Pacific Ocean.

AN ODD BEAUTY CONTEST.

Milan intends to hold an international exposition in 1905, and as a special attraction, proposes to give very large prizes to those women who shall be adjudged the most beautiful in the entire world. All unmarried women will be allowed to compete in this novel beauty contest, and the claims of each will be duly weighed in the balance by persons who have won an international reputation as authorities on this most difficult subject.

To the woman who is pronounced the most beautiful a first prize of \$250,000 will be awarded, and for the other women who shall win the approval of the judges will be set aside four second prizes of \$100,000 each, eight third prizes of \$50,000 each, 20 prizes of \$20,000 each and 55 prizes of \$10,000 each. In order to cover expenses, a lottery will be organized, and the man who draws the winning ticket, no matter whether he is young or old, wealthy or poor, rich or handsome, will receive as his reward the most beautiful woman and the \$250,000 which she has won. It is supposed that he will be only too glad to marry her, but if for some reason or other he prefers to remain a bachelor he will receive \$100,000, which apparently is to be deducted from the amount won by the incomparable woman.

ALASKA INDIAN TRAVELLERS.



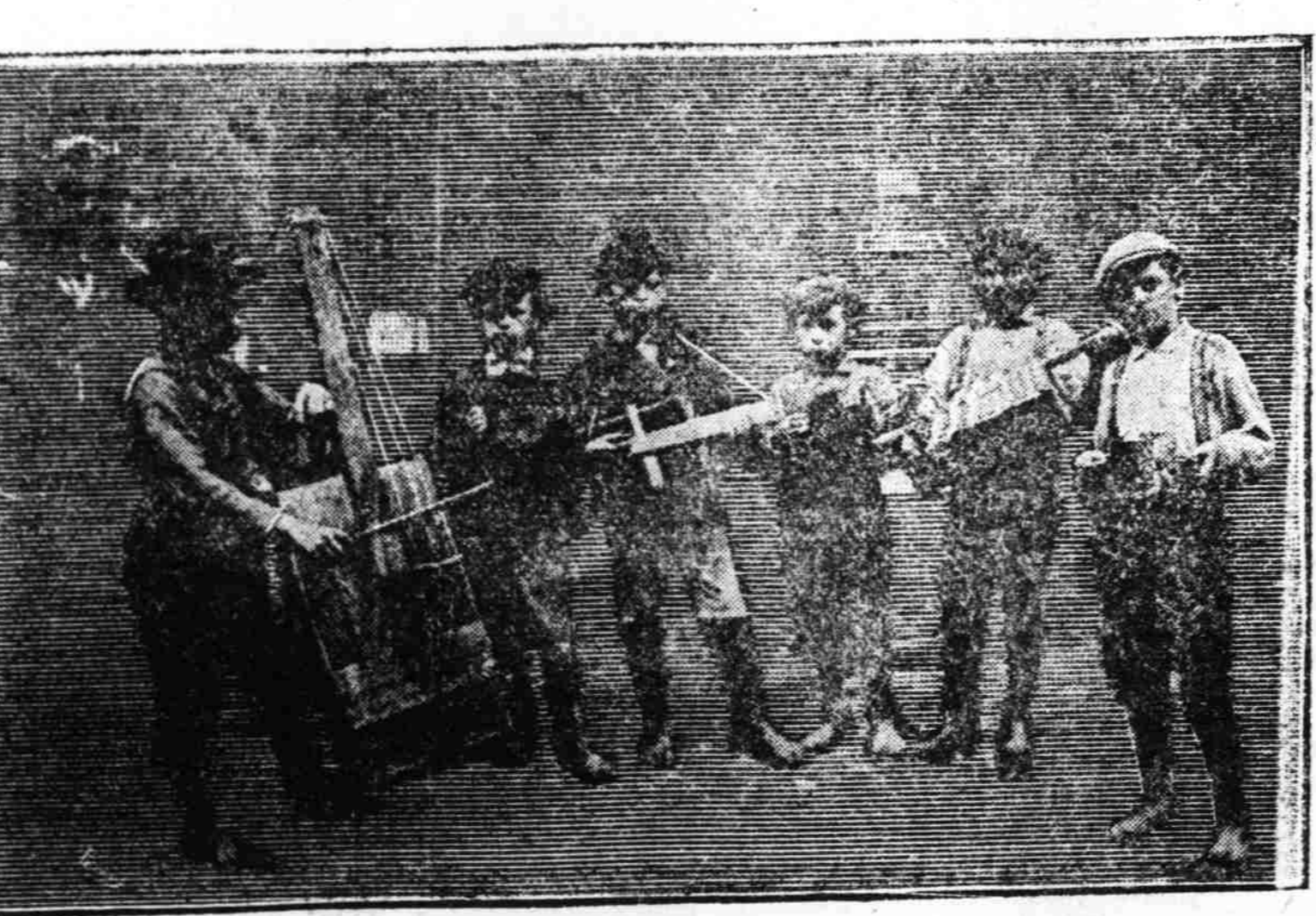
Indians of Northern Alaska travel only in the spring before the warmth of the short summer has broken up the ice on the rivers. These Indians belong to the Porcupine River region, and are paying a visit to a party of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey at Camp Columbia, near the one hundred and forty-first meridian of longitude and on the edge of the Arctic Circle. The Indians' possessions are carried in the sled drawn by the dog team, but, as the season is spring, and the ice on the rivers may break up before their return, they carry on the sled a birch bark canoe, which, while water tight, is very light.

On the return journey, if the river is free from ice, or "open," as the term is, the Indians will not take their sled and snowshoes, but will paddle home. In Northern Alaska the natives rarely get far from a river, as there are no roads, and they depend for food for themselves and their dogs mainly upon the salmon supplied by the river. In the background of the picture is seen the thermometer box, raised on a platform, of the American surveyors in the foreground, to the left, just behind the Indian man and his sled, stand the leader of the United States survey party, and the captain of Rampart City, a small settlement on the Porcupine River.

"SPASM BAND," OF NEW ORLEANS.

The most bizarre musical instrument ever recorded in the Spanish land, of New Orleans, is composed of six members who divide their time equally between mischief and selling music in the day time, but as soon as night falls they become with an (if) of members, managers and active players of the "Spasm Band."

As I was going down below, Wild a heavy team and heavy wild bed. I caught the lines and in my eyes. And while you caught in the wizen (ougar) oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

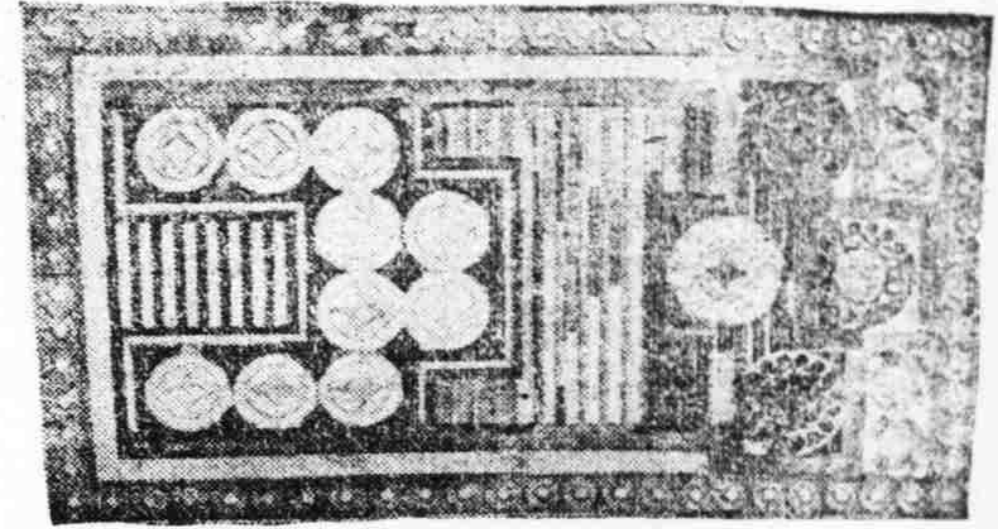


Perhaps the smallest members will supplement the verse with a double shade or a few

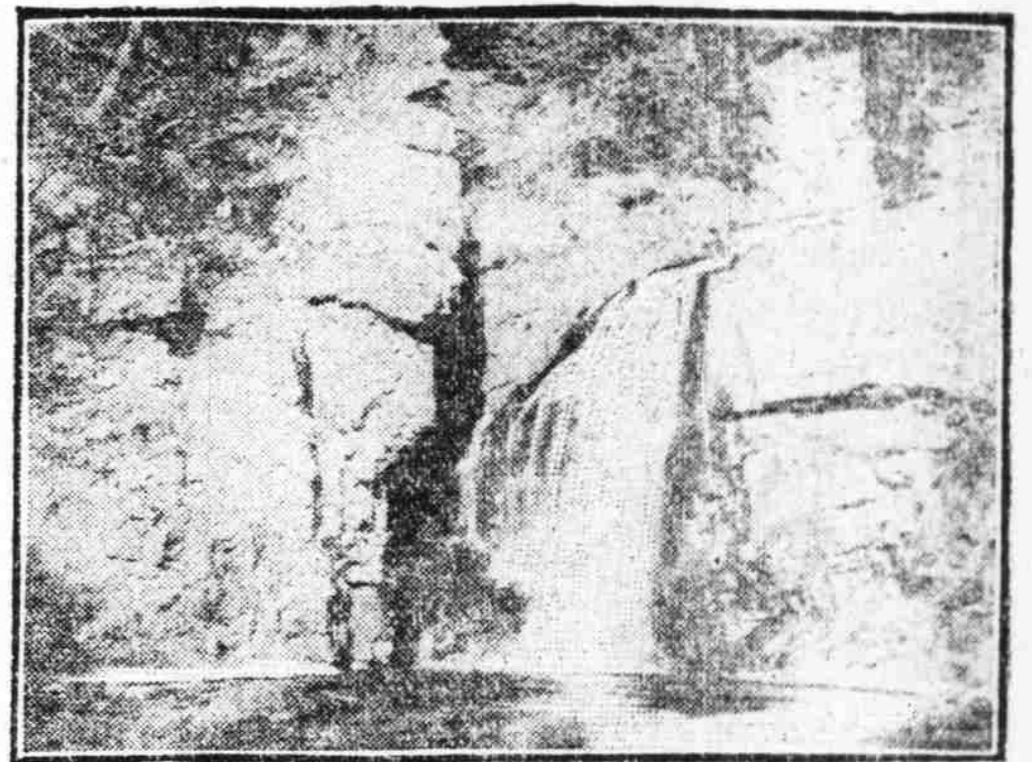
OLDEST GAMING BOARD IN THE WORLD.

One of the most interesting finds which has been brought to light while excavating the immense prehistoric palace of King Minos, on the island of Crete, is the royal gaming board, which is the oldest in the world. From the precious and valuable material used in its construction it was indeed a royal treasure, and affords striking evidence that the gaming table was one of the indispensable possessions of this great ruler of the Homeric age, some thousand years ago. This remarkable archaeological trophy was found by Mr. Arthur Evans, a British excavator.

In a corridor several feet below the surface the workmen threw up some fragments of crystal and ivory from the earthy deposit. On examination these were found to belong to the end of a kind of inlaid board, the most of the pieces of which were largely in their original position. The framework of the board consists of pieces of ivory and bars of gold plate. It also contains a mosaic of strips and disks of rock crystal, the crystals being also backed with silver plaques. The outer framework contains a border of dashes or marginettes, with disks of rock crystal. The leading feature of the top of the board is a group of four beautiful medallions inserted upon crystal bars, backed with silver plates. Below these follow four rows of ribbed ivory and crystal. The chief design of the lower part of the board is the two wing compartments, which include in circular openings in the center, having a design of a crystal disk. The space above and below the medallions is filled with alternating flat bars of ivory and gold plated bars. The medallions of the lower divisions clearly indicate that it was used as a gaming board of some sort, where dice probably were employed.



OLD MAN OF THE FALLS.



Westfield Falls are situated about one mile from East Berlin, Ct., and have always been of interest to sightseers on account of the "old man's head," which stands

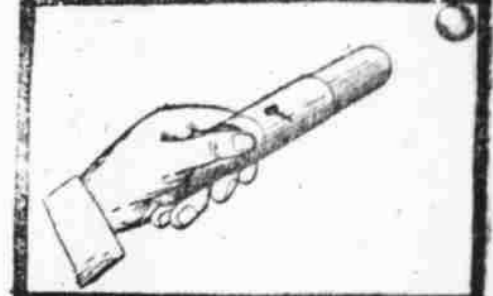
out in bold relief overlooking the falls. Except the Joppa Gate, all the entrances to Jerusalem are closed at sunset.

New Phonograph.

Phonographs of the near future, thanks to a new invention, promise to be instruments far superior to the best machine now in use. They will produce correctly the sound of the human voice, of which so much is lost in the ordinary reproduction from a record cylinder, and there will be little, if any, of the buzzing and metallic noise which has been such an annoyance hitherto.

New Toy Gun.

For many years boys have delighted in toy guns, but here is one which differs in many respects from any which have heretofore been manufactured. As the accompanying picture shows, it consists of a tube or barrel, inside of which is an opening and at one end of which is a



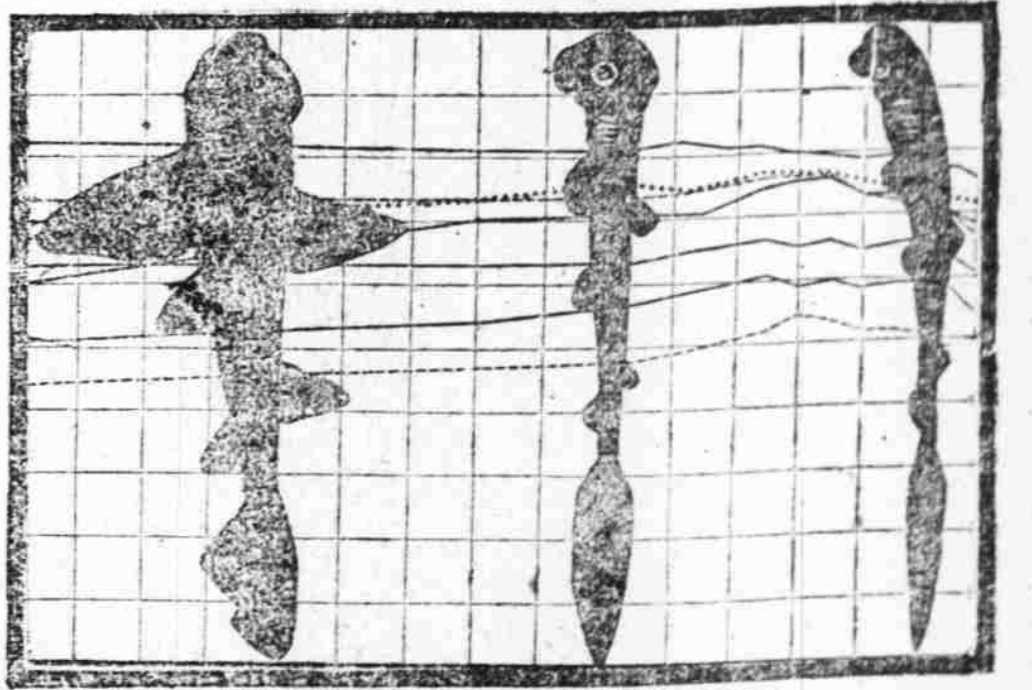
Theoretically, the stylus of a phonograph on the cylinder a furrow which represents the sound communicated to the phragm, but in reality the record itself is imperfect. Most of the overtones are lost, and in the reproduction is obtained a metallic noise which is attributable to the employment, so to speak, of the sound. Only a small part of the harmonics being given back by the instrument, the effect, even apart from the buzzing, is imperfect and unnatural.

handle. Moreover, loosely mounted on the tube is a collar or sleeve which is capable of movement and the opening in which registers with the opening of the tube. One advantage which this gun possesses is that it does not easily get out of order, and for this reason alone young sportsmen are likely to be pleased with it.

This difficulty is to be overcome by the use of a multiple recorder. The cylinder will be made four times as long as is now the case, and there will be four styluses, with as many diaphragms to actuate them.

The Portuguese attempted to establish cattle farming in Newfoundland in 1553, but all traces of the animals they imported have been lost.

PETRIFIED FOSSIL FISHES.



Recent geological research has discovered a series of wonderful fossil fishes among the shale deposits of Wyoming. Their original forms have been somewhat flattened and distorted. They measured from 2 1/2 to 20 feet long, and were in life a very strong and powerful creature. They were in life a very strong and powerful creature. They were in life a very strong and powerful creature.

These formidable creatures are found along with others in what are known as the "Red Limestones" of the West. This whole series of fossils are a great deal of interest, and are a great deal of interest. They were in life a very strong and powerful creature. They were in life a very strong and powerful creature.