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Japan has now 2000 newspapers, where twenty-five years ago not a single journal existed.

The growth of horse racing in the last ten years is illustrated by the fact that in 1880 the money added to prizes by the racing associations amounted to \$180,000. Now it reaches \$1,000,000.

The plan of forming an athletic association from members of the New York National Guard is, declares the San Francisco Chronicle, a good one.

According to Doubtless's consumption of fruit in the United States, as of many other products, exceeds that of any other country.

It is not without good reason, maintains the New York Tribune, that the banana has become so popular in recent years. For it is said to possess in itself all the essentials to the sustenance of life for both man and beast.

Since 1874 twenty-two dead mules have been killed in this country while walking on railway tracks. An old Erie locomotive engineer, whose trains run over five of this number, says: "A dead mule was never known to look back while walking on a railroad track."

Underground conduits for electric wires for various purposes have been a perfect success in Philadelphia. The first experiment with them was undertaken six years ago.

How the population of the United States is distributed according to altitude is indicated in a census bulletin recently issued. Below five hundred feet line are the people engaged in manufacturing, foreign commerce, and most of those engaged in the cultivation of cotton, rice, and sugar.

OUTWARD BOUND. Out upon the unknown deep, Where the unheard oceans sleep, Where the unseen islands slumber, Outward bound.

OVER THE GRADE.

Half-way up a great California mountain, upon a shelf or level space called Johnson's Flat, a few sheds and cabins clustered about the shaft of the Monte Cristo mine.

Point, and turning the curve so that the precipice was at its very wheel, was the camp wagon. In it were Mrs. Green, the invalid girl, and Pete; and the mule and heavily loaded cart were almost upon them.

The people at the mine did not know exactly what happened until Mrs. Green was able to tell her story; and this is what she said: "As soon as we reached Gaylord's we learned that the Overland train had been telegraphed as on time, greatly to the surprise of every one; and at eleven o'clock it arrived with my niece, Alice, on board."

"We took dinner at Mrs. Atwood's, where we had arranged to stay over night; and as Alice was tired of travel, and as I knew that the accommodations we had prepared for her at home were better than she could obtain at Gaylord's, I made up my mind to push on to the mountain."

"As we were driving away, Mrs. Atwood called to us, and came running out with a large blue cotton umbrella. 'You'd better take this,' she said; 'you are going just away from the sun, and it will shine in at the back of the wagon and make the poor girl uncomfortable if you don't have something to shade her.'"

"While I looked, and while these thoughts flashed through my mind, I saw Peter throw all his weight on the lever of the brake, forcing it down to the last notch, and locking the wheels so that it was impossible for them to turn. Then he thrust the reins and whip into my hands."

"Keep the team steady, ma'am," he said, "you must do it!" "He seized something under the seat, and before I could speak, he was gone from the wagon like a flash."

"For one moment I basely supposed he was going to save himself by climbing the almost perpendicular side of the mountain, which no doubt he might have done—he is so quick and agile. But the next moment I saw him rushing toward the on-coming mule and cart, and wondered in a stupid way why he showed so little fear of his old enemy."

ing mountain air, and before many weeks was well on the way to recovery. Perhaps the most wonderful part of the story is to come. After Dennis McCarthy had walked up to the Flat with the little party who had gone down to meet Mrs. Green and poor Pete, he set off again down the mountain, with two companions, to find the remains of his mule."

The Pigmies of the African Forest. During the very hungriest time spent by Stanley's expedition in going through the dense forest, it happened that the discovery of a little child of the dwarf tribe proved truly providential."

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The Scarcity of Dimes. So unusual is the demand for all the large cities for dimes that Director of the Mint Lusk has ordered the mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco to stop coining all other money and devote themselves entirely to the manufacture of dimes. It is almost impossible to realize the demand for this coin. Within the past three years no less than \$3,176,470 was coined, which means 31,765,700 coins. So far this year \$1,500,000 or 15,000,000 dimes has been struck off, and now the demand has become so great that as stated all three of the United States mints will devote themselves entirely to turning out dimes. It is estimated that there are being turned out now at the rate of a hundred thousand a day. Mr. Lusk is using for this purpose all the uncurrent silver coin available, and has started on \$3,000,000 of uncurrent half dollars, a coin which seems almost absolutely impossible to force into general circulation. While the size and convenience of the dime makes it a general favorite it is supposed that the sudden craze for the dime savings bank is the cause for this sudden craze just now.—Baltimore American.

The Smallest American City. Many people have been told that Vergennes, Vt., is the oldest city in the Union. But they are misinformed. Vergennes took her charter in 1783. Hartford and New Haven, Conn., took out theirs in 1781. Vergennes, however, can truthfully claim to be the smallest and most quiet city in the United States, as she has a population, after 103 years of citizenship, of 1773 souls, and covers a territory of only 1240 acres. Her population is a mile and a half one way and a quarter the other. She has a Mayor, a City Council, a full Board of Aldermen and a complete city government. There are offices enough so that nearly every man in the town may have one. In this way the political squabbles and selfish struggles for power common to most cities are entirely overcome. There are offices enough to go round and everybody is happy.—Boston Herald.

Thirty-pound Chunk of Gold. It is not often that gold is taken out by the pound, but such finds occur occasionally. The report is that John Fessler took out of his claim a short distance above Allegheny one day last week a piece of gold weighing thirty pounds. Mr. Fessler has been working in this claim, which is what is known as a pocket ledge, for a great many years, and profitably. On the day of the find Mr. Fessler noticed a place in the roof of his tunnel that showed signs of coming down. He went outside to get a post to shore it up, and when he returned he found that the place had fallen, and in the midst of it was the thirty-pound chunk of gold.—California Mountain View.

Cyclists' Gout. A French doctor has discovered a new form of gout, accompanied by a deformation of the foot, which he has observed in cyclists. He says it is much more general than he had suspected at first, and with the development of cycling it would become much more frequent. He has sent a number of cyclists to a hospital for treatment. The muscle of the calf of the leg was also affected by this form of gout.—Chicago Times.

A Quaint and Curious Toy. The grotesque little brownies which Lewis Carroll called into existence by the use of his facile pen and pencil may be made to materialize if one have deft fingers and a knack of shaping things. There is needed but a few scraps of brown satin, a piece of stockinet of the same color and some colored bonnet-wire.



leather ears are fastened to the sides of the head, which is adorned with a little jolly hat cap. A small bell that tinkles whenever the creature moves is tied about the neck.

FRIDAY in Presidential records: inaugurated on Friday: J. Q. Adams, Pierce and Garfield. Born on Friday: Washington, Madison, Monroe, Pierce and Hayes. Died on Friday: Tyler, Polk, Pierce and Arthur. Lincoln was assassinated on Friday.

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