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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 Chronicie, a good one. The training will be of more service in physical development than the regular drill.

According to Bradsfreet's the consumption of fruit in the United States, as of many other products, exceeds that of any other country. Although large producers and exporters, we are still dependent to a considerable extent upon foreign countries for supplies.

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. It belongs to the lily family, and is a developed tropical lily, from which by ages of cultivation the seeds have been eliminated and the fruit for which it was cultivated greatly expanded. In relation to the bearing qualities of this fruit, Humboldt, who early saw the wonders of the plant, said that the ground that would grow ninety-nine pounds of potatoes would grow thirty-three pounds of wheat, but that the same ground would grow 4000 pounds of bananas, consequently to that of wheat is 133 to one, and to that of potatoes forty four to one.

Since 1874 twenty-two deaf mutes have been killed in this country while walking on rathway tracks. An old Eric locomotive engineer, whose trains ran over five of this number, says "A deaf mule was never known to look back while walking on a railroad track, and he is generally discovered in places where it is almost an impossibility to stop in time to save him. The air brakes have saved a good many deaf railroad pedestrians since they came into use. It is an old saying among railread men that a deaf and dumb person will go two miles out of his way to walk on a railroad track, and it isn't far from the truth. I would like to have some one give some explanation of this strenge phase of afflicted human nature. There is no doubt whatever of its existence."

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. The conduit then laid, as well as those laid since for the fire and police service, had the advantage of the experience of David R. Walker, who has been connected with the Electrical Bureau attached to the Department of Public Safety for thirty-five years. There is no evidence of impairment, and as a consequence Philadelphia has, so far as its police and fire service is concerned. escaped the nuisance of overhead wires, and has been spared the evils of torn-up streets that would have followed less efficient work than that of Mr. Walker's. At present the city has 71.04 miles of underground conduits in successful operation, and during the current year nearly \$28,000 will be expended in extending

How the populaties 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. The prairie States and the grain-producing States of the Northwest are located on the interval between 500 and 1500 feet. East of the ninety-eighth meridian, 1500 feet is practically the upper limit of population. The area between 2000 and 3000 feet constitutes almost everywhere the debatable ground between the arid region of the Cordilleran plateau and the humid region of the Mississippi Valley. In the altitude of 3000 feet irrigation is necessary for agricultural operations. The occupation of the people living above 6000 feet is mining. The movement of population is towards the higher altitudes, and is most marked between 1000 and #600 feet. The greatest density is on the seaboard, and increases uniformly until the altitude of 2000 feet is reached. At this point it becomes quite sparse.

OUTWARD BOUND

Out upon the unknown deep, Where the unheard oceans sourd, Where the unseen islands aleep, Outward bound. Following toward the silent west,

O'er the horizon's corved rim On to islands of the blest, He with me and I with him, Outward bound.

Nothing but a speck we seem In the waste of waters round, Floating, floating like a dream, Outward bound.

But within that tiny speck Two brave hearts with one accord, Past all turnult, pain and wreck, Look up calm and praise the Lord, Outward bound.

-Dinah Muloch Craik. OVER THE GRADE.

BY JOHN F. BARNES.

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 Christo mine.

One of these cabins-the best of them all-was occupied by the superintendent of the mine. He was Doctor Green, and he had been a successful surgeon in an Eastern city. Iil health had compelled him to remove to these parts, and he had

taken up the occupation of mining. Down the mountain, to Gaylord's station on the Pacific Railroad twelve miles it. away, led a narrow cart-path, called a "grade" here. It was wide enough for only one wagon, except in two or three places where turn-outs had been cut into the side of the mountain.

In such places a wagon might wait for another to pass; and teams going up had the right of way. There was very little travel on the road.

The descent from the outer edge of this path was often almost perpendicular. One bend, where the road wound around romontory, was called Dead Man's Point, because tradition had it that a man and a horse and wagon had gone over the grade here, and had been dashed to pieces on the rocks below.

There was employed about the mine a Mexican boy, called Pete. He was a faithful and hard-working boy, and had but one enemy in the world. That was "Old Lightning," an unusually large unile .- heavy, bony, and extremely vic-

This mule was used to haul the refuse from the mouth of the mine to the dump, and was generally attached to a heavy and very strong two-wheeled cart. Most of the men employed about the mine were much afraid of the animal, for he was always ready to use his teeth or

He seemed to bear a particular spite toward Pete, and had at one time, indeed, bitten and kicked him so severely that the boy's life was despaired of. Pete certainly would have been killed if Dennis McCarthy, the owner of the mule. had not interposed just in time to save

As it was, Pete was badly hurt, and might not have recovered if Mrs. Green. the superintendent's wife, had not taken him to her cabin and nursed him back to The grateful boy had the deepest affection for Mrs. Green after this, and the deadlest fear of Old Lightning.

One day in May, when the supply wagon from Johnson's Flat returned from Gaylor i's with a load, a telegram from the East was brought to Mrs. Green. It stated that her niece, an invalid, had been taken worse, and had been ordered to go to California immediately; and that she would arrive at Gaylord's on the following Monday.

Preparations were made at once to meet the invalid young lady at the station and bring her up the mountains as comfortably as possible. The campwagon was stuffed with mattresses and pillows, and a safe team of mules pro-

Pete was to be taken as driver. He was an excellent driver, understood the use of the brake, knew the road perfectly, and was afraid of nothing except

The train from the East was due at eleven o'clock in the forenoou, but was seldom on time, and had lately been many hours late on account of a washout. Arrangements were made, therefore, for Mrs. Green and the invalid girl to remain at Gaylord's over night; and no one at Johnson's Flat expected them until

Dennis McCarthy worked all day on Monday at his usual occupation of hauling refuse to the dump with his big mule and cart; and though he was generally unwilling to admit that Lightning had faults, he was heard occasionally to grumble, and to make remarks indicating that the mule was more than usually

The day's work was nearly done. The sun was approaching the tops of the mountains across the deep gorge to the west of the camp, and the last load for the day was put into the cart to be hauled to the dump.

Just at this time one of the men, in

passing, made a playful motion toward the old mule. Quick as a flash he sprang at the man, dragging the heavy cart, and before Dennis could reach him, he was

going at full speed down the grade. The man saved himself by quickly running up the hillside into a clump of bushes; but the mule had become frantic, and urged on by the loade I cart behind him and frightened by the noise it made, dashed furiously on down the grade, with Dennis in fu'll pursuit at an ever-

w dening distance behind. The men, who were just leaving the mine, eathered at a place where the gravle was plainly visible all the way to Dead Man's Point, nearly two miles be-

"Sure," said one of the miners. "I hope there's no one on the grade about 'I would be a bad day for 'em to meet Old Lightening, with all that load of rock in the cart, too. They'd all go

to the bottom of the canon together." "Never fear," said another, "there's nebody on it at this time. There'll be no danger to any one but Old Lightning, and I'm thinking he'll never cart any

more tailings." Among the others who stood looking down the grade was the superintendent, Doctor Green. The flying cart and mule were momentarily lost sight of at a slight curve, and most of the men were looking at the figure of Dennis far behind, but running as if his life depended upon it.

Suddenly the superintendent uttered an exclamation of horror, and he and several others rushed forward to the edge

precipice was at its very wheel, was the amp wagon. In it were Mrs. Green, the invalid girl, and Pete; and the mule and heavily loaded cart were almost upon them.

There was barely enough room for one wagon. They must go over the grade, fall the dreadful distance and be crushed below.

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 niece was tired of travel, and as I snew 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 up the

"As we were driving away, Mrs. At wood 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.

"We took it, although I hardly thought it would be necessary to spread

"The mules kept along at the rate of about three or four miles an hour, so that at five o'clock we were approaching Dead Man's Point. "Alice, lying back upon her pillows, had been much charmed all the way by

the scenery. So, as we came to Dead Man's Point, and stopped to allow the team to take breath, I called her attention to the grandeur of the view here. "But she could hardly look at it, she was in such fear of the deep chasm of

the canon on our left hand, which we seemed almost to overhang.
"While we looked, and I assured her that there was not the slightest danger, heard an exclamation from Pete. Look ing up the grade, I saw, coming like a whirlwind around a little bend, Old Lightning, with his heavy cart bounding

behind him. "I saw it as one sees objects revealed by a flash of lightning in a dark night. Instantly I thought of our fate, for nothing could stop him, and when he struck us we must be hurled over the precipice.

"I was paralyzed with fear; everything turned black before me. wild desire to escape, but I knew that escape was impossible. Even if I could have climbed from the wagon, it would have done no good; and what of the sick

"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 creature but faintly understood their notch, and locking the wheels so that it language he would have been overimpossible for them to turn. Then he thrust the reins and whip into my hands.

'Keep the team steady, ma'am,' he 'you must do it!' said.

"He seized something under the seat, and before I could speak, he was good 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.

"While I looked, unable to turn my eyes, and knowing that surely he must be killed, I saw him make a stand in the path, and suddenly spread the big blue unbrella directly in the face of the mule I saw the mule as suddenly swerve a little toward the edge of the precipice. "In that instant the off wheel of the heavy cart went over the grade, and amid a cloud of dust everything vanished from my sight, leaving only in view the winding mountain road, with poor Pete lying with torn clothing and bleeding face in the middle of it.

"Then I heard the crashing of the cart as it bounded from rock to rock to the bottom of the cauon.

"I was so frightened, so dazed that I did not know what to do. I did not dare to leave the wagon to go to Pete's assistance, for the mules were much excited, and I had hard work to

keep them from trying to turn around. "Fortunately, Alice had not realized the situation, for her view toward the front was obstructed; and when she anxiously asked what was the matter. I was able to quiet her, by assuring her

that the danger was past. "While I was trying to think how I could get to Pete, who had saved our lives, perhaps at the sacrifice of his own, I saw Denuis McCarthy coming around the bend. He was without hat or jacket; one shoe was gone, and he seemed to be

quite out of breath. ... The Lord be praised! he gasped, when he saw us; 'ye're safe, for sure, but where is me mule an' me cart?'

" 'Over the grade,' I answered. "He said nothing more, but bent over the body of poor Pete.

" 'Is he dead?' I asked. "'No, ma'am,' said Dennis, 'he is not, but the breath is mostly knocked out of him, and I'm thinkin' he's dreadfully hurt. We must contrive to lay him in the wagon and get him to the

camp as soon as we can. "It was well we had such a stock of blankets and pillows; and we easily made a comfortable place at the back of the wagon, where we laid the bruised and wounded boy, and then started on.

This was the faithful account of what happened which Mrs. Green told her hus. band later. He himself could have told with what emotions he met the little procession on its way up to the camp.

His services as a doctor were needed by all three of the people in the wagon, by poor mangled Pete, who lay unconscious; by the sick girl, now fainting, and by his wife, upon whom a nervous reaction had fallen.

But his skill was equal to the need. One of Pete's legs was broken, and he had suffered other injuries. The bone was set and the wounds dressed; and Mrs. Green, who soon recovered her own strength, nursed him carefully and tenderly. Before long he was again on his feet. Within a year's time Doctor Green

sent him to San Francisco to school, with the intention to train him thoreveral others rushed forward to the edge ough as a mining engineer.

The young girl gained rapidly in Just coming into view at Dead Man's strength, too, in the healing, invigorat-

Point, and turning the curve so that the | 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 Mc-Carthy 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

When they reached the place where he went over the grade, they were astonished to see Old Lightning, only a short distance down the side of the canon, wedged in between two fir-trees -the only ones to be seen far of near

along the precipice.

The heavy shafts of the cart had broken off like pipestems, and the vehicle was smashed literally to kindlingwood at the bottom of the ravine.

A windlass and tackle were brought down from the camp, and with great difficulty Old Lightning was drawn up, groaning badly, but apparently not much injured.

Before long he was at work again on the dump .- Youth's Companion.

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. Upon approaching one of the settlements of these people, the natives, fearing that the Arabs were upon them, hastily retreated to the depths of the jungle, leaving in the village one of the young children. He was an ungainly little creature, and from Saleh's description had an enormously big head, protruding lower jaw, lean frame and ungainly fat body. The Zanzibaris sat about in dejected groups, complaining of their present hard existence, and the sad contrast of to-day with their joyous life in their island home away in the

Indian Ocean. The little Teki-Teki (pigmy), although not more than three years old, was busily searching for so nething in the dry leaves. The Zanzibaris were attracted by the child's activity. Presently the sparkle of his eyes and the increased earnestness of his hunt showed that he had been successful; and, indeed, he returned to the camp-fire carrying a lot of pods like enormous beans. These he scraped to a fine powder, which he damped, rolled in some big leaves, and then toasted in the ashes. When cooked to his satisfaction he opened the dainty package and the whole camp became tilled with the pleasant odor of this new dish. The men of the expedition then closed around, and, much to the young Teki-Teki's d's gust, helped themselves to a tasting pinch. The Zanzibaris knew the tree quite weil; it was "inakneme." This new discovery brought a gleam of hope to the hearts of those hungry beings. The capture of the tiny woodsman was a godsend, and Saleh said that had this unhappy little whelmed with the heartfelt blessings showered on him. A few days after ward another tribs of these same small people was met, and the child was handed over to them to be returned to

The Scarcity of Dimes.

his parents .- St. Nicho'as,

So unusual is the demand from all the arge cities for dimes that Director of the Mint Leach has ordered the mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco to stop coining all other noney and devote themselves entirely to the manufacture of dimes. It is almost impossible to realize the demand for this Within the past three years no less than \$3,176,470 was coined, which means 31,765,760 coins. So far this vear \$1.500,000 or 15,000,000 dimes as been struck off, find now the demand has become so great that as stated all three of the United States mints will devote themselves entirely to turning out limes. It is estimated that there are seing turned out now at the rate of a hundred thousand a day. Mr. Lench is using for this purpose all the uncurrent silver coin available, and has started on \$3,000,000 of uncurrent haif dollars, a coin which seems almost absolutely impossible to force into general circ :lation. While the size and convenience of the time makes it a general favorite it is supposed that the sudden craze for the dimes savings banks is the cause for this sudden craze just now .- Baltimore Amer-

The Smallest American City.

Many people have been told that Ver-Vt., is the oldest city in the Unon. But they are misinformed. Vergennes took out her charter in 1788. Hartford and New Haven, Conn., took out theirs in 1784. 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 cityhood, of 1773 souls, and covers is territory of only 1200 acres. Her bou d daries are a mile and a half one way and a quarter the other. She has a Mayor, a City Council, a full Board of Aldermon 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 Fesaler took out of his claim a short distance above Alleghany one day last week a piece of gold weighing thirty pounds. Mr. Fessier 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 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

Cyclists' Gout.

A French doctor has discovered a new form of gout, accompanied by a defor-mation of the foot, which he has observed in cyclists. He says it is much served 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 log was also affected by the form of gout.—Chicaro Tians.

A Quaint and Cu lous Toy. The grotesque little brownies which Lewis Carrol 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 covered bonnet-wire.

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ered with the stockinet; the legs and arms are made of wire: the upturned feet are encased in tiny brown kid shoes, long and pointed at the toes; the jacket is brown satin, and fastened at the chin with tiny gilt buttons.

The head is covered with chamois leather, the wide mouth and big ears are painted in water-color; pointed



BROWN: B.

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

When the brownie is finished he may be fastened to three or four pinked out leaves of felt for a pen wiper or he can be set upon a solid paper-weight, where he looks very funny with one hand raised to his head as if in salute.

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