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It looks as though all sealing had been effectually stopped for the present in Behring Sea.

It has been found that certain mines in Japan produce as good coal for steamship purposes as the best Welsh variety.

The number of buffaloes now in the Yellowstone National Park is nearly five hundred, showing a slow rate of increase.

A street car that can be instantly changed from an open to a closed car is in use in San Francisco and said to be a great success.

A recent count shows that there are still 2675 of the giant trees left standing in California. One of these will be sent to the World's Fair.

The Adrian (Mich.) Times suggests the idea of dynamite in criminal executions, as the condemned would not know what hurt him, and it would save burial expenses and coroners' inquests.

The State of New York supports seven schools for deaf mutes, in which there are about 1,000 pupils. The schools have graduated many thousands, and most of them, states the Chicago Herald, are doing well.

M. Jaansen, president of the commission instituted by the aerostatic congress in 1889, has asked the French war minister to define the status of aeronauts in time of war.

"It is a noteworthy fact," remarks the New York News "that only about five per cent. of the foreign immigration to this country has settled in the South during the last fiscal year, and yet there has been a large movement into the South of persons of American birth from the North and West.

The woman suffragists of Wyoming are nothing if not practical, muses the Boston Transcript. At least they are credited with the enactment of the law imposing a tax of two dollars on bachelors.

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"Savin' Molker." The farmer sat in his easy chair, between the fire and the lamp's glare.

At last, between the clouds of smoke "There's taxes to raise, an' interest to pay, And of there should come a rainy day, 'T would be mighty handy, I'm bound to say, 'T have sumpthin' put by. For folks must die."

"I'd sell off the best of the cheese and honey, And eggs is as good, nigh about, 's the money. And as to the carpet you wanted new, I guess we can make the old one do; And as for the washer an' sewing machine, Them smother-tongued agents, so pecky mean, You'd better git rid of 'em s'low 'n' clean."

Dick and Edward and little Joe Sat in the corner in a row, They saw the patient mother go On ceaseless errands to and fro;

SAVED BY A DRESS. Miss Callie McGee of America had an experience a short time ago that she will not forget and in which she showed rare courage and presence of mind in the face of the greatest danger.

America is a small hamlet situated in Lee County, in the wilds of Eastern Kentucky, and consists of two dwelling houses, a country store and postoffice.

Miss Callie had been teaching school in the "Bear Creek" district, which lies on the waters of Bear Creek. In going to and returning from school each week she is obliged to pass over Bear Wallow Mountain—so called by the early settlers on account of the great number of bears that formerly made it a resting-place in their migrations from the Cumberland.

The road between Bear Creek Valley and America is lonely even for a mountain road, and from the base of the mountain on the one side to the foot on the other—a distance of three miles—there are no signs of human habitation.

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Miss McGee said that at sight of this she instantly recovered presence of mind, and coolly began to calculate on her chances of escape and her best method of procedure. She knew that the nearest house in which she could seek safety was still nearly two and a half miles distant, and the chances of meeting any one able to assist her on that lonely mountain road were very few.

She had gained perhaps two hundred yards on the bear, when upon looking around she discovered him again starting in pursuit, having succeeded in demolishing the hat. She now rapidly proceeded to divest the child of its sash and threw it down in the road. Upon reaching the spot in the road where the garment was lying the bear again stopped and proceeded to destroy it before continuing his pursuit.

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado is simply the channel worn by the action of running water to a depth of 5000 or 6000 feet. The sides of the canyon are perpendicular cliffs fifteen miles apart.

It has been concluded that whatever preservative is to be applied, the timber for piles, subjected to the action of seaworms, should first be charged, so as to kill any germs near the surface, open the pores of the wood for the antiseptic and destroy the nutritive matter upon which the worms live.

In India the flaxseed grows up to the altitude of 6000 feet is oil yielding. Much has been done by the Indian Government to foster flax culture among the peasantry, but with little success. Jute holds the place of flax in popular favor. The great enemy of the flax plant in India is the rust. The flax fiber, seed, and oil are so little in favor that the bulk of them is exported.

The enormous mass of extra weight due to the carrying of the boiler, fuel and water in the old locomotive will be entirely unnecessary in the railways of the future, which will be propelled by electricity. Unquestionably the future electric-locomotive will show a motor on every axle, or, at any rate, upon two axles of each car, and every car running as a unit, in which case they can run coupled together in a train or not, as may be convenient.

It is a curious fact that musical sounds fly farther and are heard at a greater distance than those which are more loud and noisy. If we go on the outside of a town during a fair, at the distance of a mile we hear the musical instruments, but the din of the multitude, which is so overpowering in the place, can scarcely be heard, the noise dying on the spot.

The voice of man is endowed with purity of tone, in a higher degree than any of the vocal animals, by which, in a state of nature, it enables him to communicate with his fellows at a distance very remote. Providence has bestowed upon children a power of voice, in proportion to their size, ten times greater than the adult.

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Making the Most of Opportunity. "Suppose you come dine with us tomorrow?" "Wouldn't the day after do just as well?" inquired the poor relation.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Butter made from coconuts is said to be healthful. Linnaeus, the Swedish scientist, wrote during his lifetime 184 volumes.

Recent experiments by German physicians indicate that cancer is contagious. The new Argentine Pacific Railroad has one stretch of road 211 miles long without a curve or bridge, and no cut or fill deeper than three feet.

Experiments in Chicago with emmetite and gelbites show them to be one and the same thing, more powerful than dynamite and as safe to handle as pig iron.

For a good solution for removing the blue from steel so as to leave as clean as before coloring, try acetic acid, or solution of chloride of tin (stannous chloride).

A number of thoroughbred Marino sheep have been introduced in the Cape Colony, from the United States, in order to improve the quality of the South African wool.

The serious effects upon the eyes of miners from the use of the modern safety lamp has been a subject of investigation in England, the result being that increased lighting power in such lamps will cause such troubles to disappear.

By means of a powerful jet of compressed air a German engineer drives dry cement down into the sand or mud at the bottom of a stream so that the water immediately fixes the cement and it becomes like solid rock, suitable for foundations.

A three foot vein of lead ore has been discovered on the farm of J. Halburg, near Breda, Carroll County, Iowa, at a depth of 300 feet. Expert miners at Carroll report that the ore is of the finest quality and can be mined to good advantage.

What seems to be an infallible remedy for the poison of snake bites is a solution of nitrate of strychnine in 240 parts of water, to which a little glycerine is added. This is used hypodermically in doses of twenty minims, at intervals of ten to twenty minutes, depending upon the condition of the patient.

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"BROTHER JONATHAN'S" DAY.

An Event in a Conspicuous Revolutionary Town. June 15 is an event in the history of the Revolutionary town of Lebanon, Conn. It is "Brother Jonathan's" Day, and on the last anniversary,



under the auspices of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Connecticut Historical Society, distinguished people gathered from all parts of the State to celebrate with patriotic exercises the restoration of the old war office of Con-



necticut's war Governor, Jonathan Trumbull, or "Brother Jonathan," as Washington called him. The war office, a little one-story, gable-roofed structure, in which there were more than eleven hundred meetings of the Connecticut Council of Safety during the revolution, stands at the north end of the mile-long green.

An Equal Adjustment. Young Nicely—Yes, I know I'm a great flirt; I suppose, Miss Smilax, that you think I'm a hard hearted wretch? Miss Smilax—Yes, but your head brings the average out all right.—Boston Courier

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