

SWIFT NEW BOAT. New Motor Power for Boats Which Will Make Possible Cruising of Ocean in Two Days.

The Emerson launch, built for Commodore Edwards, of the Royal Yacht club, in Canada, is to be tested at Detroit and is expected to make a mile a minute. "To cross the ocean in two days" is the result the inventor expects to achieve with the new method of propulsion.

"SPIT" CARDS AT NEW YORK.

Street Car Conductors Surprise Men with Bits of Pasteboard When They Expectorate.

New York street car conductors are surprising many men by stepping up and presenting them with yellow tickets about three inches long by one and a half wide. They are "spit cards." Every time a person spits on the floor of the car it is the duty of the conductor to step up, without a word, and hand him or her one of the cards.

AN AGED NEW YORKER.

Gothamite Who Is 101 Years Old and Has Been Out of the City But Once in His Life.

NEW STAR LOCATED.

Harvard Astronomers Find Heavenly Body Discovered by Mme. Ceraski, of Moscow.

Rare Bible Brings \$3,050.

One of the rarest Bibles in existence was sold at London the other day for \$3,050.

MOUNTAINS AT POLE. Lofty Peaks Rear Their Snowy Heads in Antarctic Circle.

Valuable Discoveries Made by the Explorers Who Were Members of the British Antarctic Expedition.

President Markham, of the London Royal Geographical society, commenting on the achievements of the British antarctic ship Discovery, says it has been proved conclusively that the greater part of the antarctic region is a vast continent.

E. B. Baldwin, the arctic explorer, who is in Boston, was interested in the report. He noted particularly the statement that the expedition lost all of its dogs from an intestinal disease, because 250 of the 400 dogs which Mr. Baldwin had with him last year on the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition died from the same cause.

LONDON SMART SET ANXIOUS.

Queen Alexandra Sets Fashion for High-Necked Dresses at Theater.

London's smart world is exercised by Queen Alexandra's initiative in setting the fashion of wearing high-necked dresses at the theater.

Anyone who has frequented London theaters can understand what a transformation would be occasioned by the confining into rags of high-necked dresses.

MAY LEARN HISTORY.

Scientists to Visit Arkansas, Where Relics of Ancient Race Were Recently Found.

Prof. Warren K. Moorehead, instructor of archaeology and curator of the archaeological museum at Phillips academy, Andover, is of opinion that the remains discovered in the Ozark mountains in Arkansas will have an important part in determining the relative age of man in America.

Paul Diet Kills.

A St. Paul man nearly killed himself chewing toothpicks.

"WHITE COAL" OF FRANCE. Glacial Streams of the Alpine Region Are Brought Into Service as Power Paradoxes.

There has been quite a great deal of activity in the past few years in the development of the glacial streams of Alpine France, says the Philadelphia Record, and the torrents which until recently flowed aimlessly through that country have in many cases been put to useful labor and the engineers have designs on a number of others.

In most cases the method of making use of the water has been to divert it and conduct it to a point where it can economically be availed of.

DYSPEPSIA AND DIVORCE.

From This Account It Appears That There Is an Intimate Connection Between Them.

Bad cooking and slovenly house-keeping were the direct causes of 400 divorces in Chicago last year.

DELAWARE VALLEY INDIAN.

The Peaceful Lenape Said to Have Been the First Inhabitants of the Land.

When the Europeans first entered the Delaware valley they found it occupied by tribes of Indians differing quite markedly from the aborigines of New England.

Chance to Pay Up.

"Why," asked the old man, addressing his son-in-law, who had failed in business, "do you think I should get you on your feet?"

A Wealthy Swiss Town.

Within 15 years the wealth of Basel has increased \$60,000,000 and the population has almost doubled.

PERSIAN ETIQUETTE. The Host and His Guest Go Through a Sort of "Alphonse and Gaston" Contest.

In Persia the slightest transgression of the rigid rules of etiquette is deemed rather worse than a crime.

Persian houses are, as a rule, very simply furnished. There are neither tables nor chairs, but only cushions placed on the carpeted floor all round the room.

When you and your host are at length seated, you bow to one another and once more ask after one another's health.

COMING OF THE ST. BERNARD.

How the Breed of Noble Dogs Came to Be Introduced into This Country.

Early in the year 1800 the St. Bernard dog was hardly more than a myth to most Americans. In Sunday school literature he figured occasionally, to the joy of the ever-loving children, and the real live dog of Alpine fame they would not have recognized had they seen him.

Pretty Girls in Demand.

"Pretty girls were never in such demand as they are to-day," said an advertising agent recently.

Uncle Rastus Says.

When Uncle Rastus comes ober to my cabin an' I git him by de neck an' buck him up agin de wall I kin make him admit dat de whale swaltered Jonah, but de trouble am dat as soon as he git out doahs he goes back to his old argumants an' believes agin. A man convinced wid a ebh allus coughs up de splinters.

BRITAIN'S ORDER OF MERIT. Origin of the Victoria Cross, the English Soldier's Most Coveted Prize.

Thursday, January 29, is the anniversary of the institution of the soldier's most precious decoration—perhaps the most precious decoration in the world—the Victoria cross, for it was instituted by royal warrant, the Queen Victoria, on the 29th day of January, 1856.

There are not many who are unfamiliar with the appearance of the cross, but for the benefit of those who have only seen it in photographs or pictures, it may be said that it is about an inch and a half wide and has in the obverse center a crowned lion, underneath which is an scroll bearing the words, "For Valor!"

It is strange to have to record that the first Victoria cross was won by a sailor for it had come to be looked upon as almost entirely a military decoration, yet such is the case—and it is still stranger that the deed which gained it was performed a year and seven months prior to the institution of the decoration.

Old De Witt's.

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His Teacher.

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A CITY HUNTER'S LESSON. Met with Something of a Surprise While Out in the Woods Stalking for Deer.

"I've been a deer hunter all my life and a guide in the Wisconsin woods for a quarter of a century, but I never took advantage of one of the animals," said one Alvin Thompson, who came down from the pine forests recently for a short stay in Chicago.

"Last November a Chicago party came up to my lodge to hunt deer for a week. They were all good sportsmen, but one fellow, and he had never been out of the city before, or acted as he hadn't. After we had hunted one day and failed to bring down a buck or a doe, this fellow, who had heard a few hunting stories, wanted to go stalking with a bull's-eye. I told him I wouldn't stand for anything like that, but he was anxious, and we told him to go ahead.

"The other members of the party knew he was going, and they asked me if there was any way of playing a trick on the new hunter. I told them to take a piece of stovepipe and put two lighted candles in it. They did so, and we took it out into the bush and fastened it between the forks of a sapling. When I got back to the lodge I told the fellow where to go to find a big buck at night. He took his repeating rifle and the bull's-eye lantern and disappeared in the night, but not until I had told him to fire a little below the two lights, which he would know were the deer's eyes.

"About half an hour later I heard the cracking of a rifle and the other men laughed and said the stalker had got his bull's-eye at work. Before they had finished the sentence the rifle cracked again. Then came a dozen shots in rapid succession. As soon as the man could load the rifle the rattling fire was resumed. He kept this up until all his ammunition was gone. A few minutes after the firing ceased he came running at break-neck speed to the lodge. He was seared half to death, and his breath came in gasps.

"There's a whopping big buck or something out there in the brush," the fellow said, between gasps. "But I couldn't touch him. I don't know how many times I shot at him, and I didn't!"

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