

RISK LIFE FOR FREEDOM.

Convicts Offer to Take Dangerous Chances in Their Efforts to Gain Freedom.

Climbing 60 feet up a perpendicular wall by the aid of a water pipe is a feat which strongly reminds one of the redoubtable Jean Valjean, of Victor Hugo's story.

Itiquia, a city of South America, is subjected to frequent earthquakes, so the buildings are mostly one-storied, of adobe, or sandstone clay.

Michael Flaherty, a convict in the Beach city prison in California, had a 15 years' term to serve, but behaved so well that he was awarded some liberty.

Somewhat similar was the performance of an Italian prisoner at Turin. He was a long sentence man, but his conduct had been so good that he was permitted the privilege of doing work about the prison.

Working one day on the roof, he used his paint brush to seek good purpose that he turned his convict garb into a suit of blue overalls.

A prison visitor was made the unwitting means of helping a burglar, named Carey, to escape from the goal in New Orleans a few years ago.

A few days later Carey had vanished. The bars of his window had been neatly cut out with a steel file.

The goal at Toledo, O., had a large, dilapidated chimney about 30 feet high, one side of which abutted on a cell occupied by a prisoner named Miller.

But, though he could see the sky above, he found that alone he could not possibly climb the perpendicular shaft. It was too wide. He therefore took six other men into his confidence.

DEER THAT BOTS ON MUSIC.

Charmed by Violin Playing, They Manifest Preferences for Measured Strains.

Col. J. M. Drennan relates an incident of his recent fishing trip at Moosehead which presents a story to rank with both the tale of Orpheus and that of Robinson Crusoe.

The deer had grown wonderfully tame and came daily to crop the sprouting vegetation in the newly-planted fields.

Campania near the Masterman place was Mr. Lougee's well-known violinist and leader of an orchestra in Bangor.

The music was played softly at first. At the sound of the first few measures the effect on the deer was magical.

Finally the measures of a march were sent gliding off the strings. The deer became the soul of stately action at once.

It was the march that pleased the deer, evidently, for he was more than pleased to trip off its measures.

WORLD'S COAL IN 1901.

Standing of the Various Producing Countries in the Output of Last Year.

The forthcoming volume of the Mineral Resources of the United States for the calendar year 1901, United States geological survey, estimates the world's production of coal in 1901 at 664,166,340 short tons.

Discontented American Women. The American woman is restless, dissatisfied. Society, whether among the highest or lowest classes, has driven her toward a destiny that is not normal.

BITS OF HOUSEHOLD LORE.

A Variety of Information Selected from Various Sources for the Domestic Department.

Egg froel is made as follows: To the yolk of the egg, well beaten, add one teaspoonful of sugar, and pour over it one cupful of hot water, beating very rapidly.

For oatmeal gruel pound one cupful of the meal until fine. Pour over it a cup of cold water and let it stand until it settles.

Four over the meal another cup of cold water, stir well and strain. Repeat this operation four times.

A St. Louis physician maintains that the banana makes one of the best foods for a typhoid patient.

Almost every housekeeper has her own pet formula for polishing her floors, but here is one that is especially satisfactory.

This same encaustic may be used with good effect on furniture by beating in one gill of alcohol.

Contrary to general opinion, eggs, though a perfect food, are not always to be commended to people of weak digestion.

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NEGLECT OF THE EYES.

Special Attention in Children Should Receive the Benefit of Early Treatment.

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Every oculist has seen case after case of these various conditions promptly relieved by the correction of the ocular defect.

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Millinery Novelties. Millinery is as varied of shape as it is in coloring. Some toques have hardly any trimming, but the brim is deep and much draped or applique.

Lobster and Watercress Salad. Prepare lobster in the usual manner for salad, mix with mayonnaise dressing, then just before serving stir in a few sprigs of the cream, garnish the salad with the claws of the lobster and small bunches of the cress.

FITTE AND POINT.

Proposition is what people think they have when they say: "I could you so."—Chicago Daily News.

The world is full of people who would break their necks any time rather than wait for the next car.

First Citizen—"Do you believe in signs?" Second Citizen—"You bet I do. I make my living painting them."

Lady (engaging a maid)—"Was your last mistress satisfied with you?" Maid—"Well, mum, she said she was very pleased when I left!"

Another Matter—Cholly—"Me bill for clothes amounts to over \$1,000 a year." Charley—"But how much do they cost you?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Hogarty—"I'm not ashamed to say that my wife made me what I am." Bertin—"Had a grudge against you, eh? Before she took hold of you, I suppose you were a decent sort of fellow."—Boston Transcript.

The Greatest Yet—"What," we ask of the librarian, "do you suppose is the greatest library book in the world—the book that is in most demand?"

"These Americans," cries the affronted Tagal, "are canapilala!" "Whatever gave you such an idea?" asks the Moro.

"And when you marry," she softly said, "I hope you'll remember to invite me to the ceremony." He looked thoughtful.

CHRISTMAS ON HUDSON BAY.

The Winter Holidays Are Celebrated with Much Joy and Considerable Splendor.

Christmas day is welcomed at the northern fur posts of the Great Hudson's Bay company, by a firing of cannon from the snow-muffled bastions.

Before the stars have faded chapel services begin. Frequently, on either Christmas or New Year's day, a grand feast is given the tawny-skinned inhabitants of the fort, who come shuffling to the main messroom with no other announcement than the lifting of the latch, and billet themselves on the hospitality of a host that has never turned hungry Indian from its doors.

A great jangling of bells announces the huskies (dog trains) scampering over the crusted snow drifts.

Dogs unharnessed, in troop the trappers to the banquet hall, flinging packs of tightly roped peltries down promiscuously. To be sorted next day.

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BEAUTIFUL BANNER.

Falls Into the Hands of the Post Office Authorities.

Sent from Philippines to Address in Brooklyn, Which Was the Home of a Decorator and the Postage Goes Unclaimed.

A wall in the private office of the first assistant postmaster general at Washington is decorated with a silk panel about six feet long by three feet wide, on which is worked in the most intricate and beautiful weave of colored silks and gold the shield of the United States, surmounted by an eagle with outstretched wings and open beak.

A visitor from the coast happened in the other day, however, and instantly remarked that the banner had been worked in Japan.

The banner will be sold at the regular auction of the dead letter office and should bring about \$100.

MANILA UP TO DATE.

The Philippine City is to Have a Modern Electric Street Car System.

Manila is to have an up-to-date street car service operated by electricity, and a modern electric lighting plant, provision for these improvements having been made in an act passed by the United States Philippine commission.

The route of the railway will be 25 miles long and will cover the important streets in Manila.

After 25 years the rates of fare are to be readjusted by arbitration and the city will then have the privilege of purchasing the entire plant at a price to be fixed by arbitration based on the net earnings.

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A French genealogist has made the strange discovery that Emperor William of Germany has French blood in his veins, starting with the assertion that the emperor is descended from the French Admiral Gaspard II.

What Wu Ting Fang really thinks of us is a private matter, but, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, we can judge by what he has said to us that, while he admires our ways, he is not quite certain that our taste is the best.

FOR DISAPPEARING CARRIAGE.

Mechanism Opposed by Gen. Miles is to Be Used Even for the Smallest Horse-Drawn.

Secretary Root has approved recommendations that the disappearing gun carriage be used in connection with guns of six-inch caliber as well as with those of larger bore.

This action marks the close of a contention lasting many months among the fortification authorities of the war department.

Congress at its last session, because of the differences, authorized the appointment of a special board to pass on the merits of the invention.

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PRIZES TO SERVANT GIRLS.

The Prizes of Gold Pieces Kept Democratic at New York in One Kitchen Fry Dinner.

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Each recipient of these premiums held held the position found further by the society two years, and at of them had been in the same place for four years, and thus received their second premium.

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