

TOBACCO STRIPPER AT 93.

Oldest Woman at Voc a Cheerful Type of Industry.

York, Pa.—Oldest of all the tobacco workers in a town with more than 100,000 people...

Plans Long Yacht Tour.

Pittsburg Man Building Boat to Take Him Around the World.

New York.—W. Harry Brown is to build the largest three-masted fore-and-aft schooner yacht in the world.

Recognizes Voice, Marries.

New York.—The marriage of Miss Marjorie Conley and D. Perry Wilson, just announced, was the result of another of the many romances that have begun in the surf.

EQG BEGINS A ROMANCE.

Wanted, Conn.—Emil Lauritzen, a baby of Manchester, while breaking eggs from a crate to make a batch of sponge cake in Charles Biecher's bakery...

Into the Last Wilderness.

Montreal.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has just let a contract for the first hundred miles of its line west of Edmonton.

Mail Order Aids Prohibition.

Washington.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order which has a direct bearing upon the prohibition movement.

New Books in 1907.

London.—The record of new books published in 1907 is appalling or encouraging according to the point of view.

TOLL OF THE SEA

YEAR OF 1907 MOST DISASTROUS ON WATER.

Over 1,250 Lives Lost in Dozen Marine Horrors—Appalling List of Missing Vessels—Ships Burned at Sea.

New York.—Gideon Young, the statistician of the Maritime exchange, has completed his annual table of wrecks at sea and in it he announced that the year 1907 was one of the most disastrous to life and property on the deep in his recollection of several decades.

A total of 130 members of the French battleship fleet were killed in an explosion which destroyed that ship at Toulon March 22.

The wreck of the Great Northern Steamship company's steamer Dakota, March 3, cost the insurance companies more than \$3,500,000.

The wreck of the Norwegian steamer Freydsdale was worth \$55,000 before she stranded on the Maine coast.

Some fine ships were burned at sea. Among them were the steamers Thornhill, Silver Slip, Milos, Thistle, Sophia, Fortunata, the latter worth \$300,000, and the Telfer Maru.

Warships sent some of the craft to their last accounts. The French cruiser Klobner ran into and sank the Hugonot, drowning seven of the latter's crew.

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Cold Storage Without Ice.

New Albany, Ind.—The Corydon cold storage plant that has just been sold to F. B. Horseman of Louisville is a unique affair.

Loudest Organ is Planned.

New York.—The Ocean Grove (N. J.) camp meeting ground is to have the most powerful organ ever built.

GET EGGS FROM AUSTRALIA.

Fresh from the Antipodes, 13,000 Miles, for the English Table.

London.—South Australia has just embarked upon the export of new laid eggs to England.

Maj. A. E. M. Norton, commercial representative of the south Australian government, says his government hopes before long to be sending millions of these eggs to Great Britain annually.

"The secret of our success," he said, "is that all the eggs sent over are fertile, and, whereas fertile eggs go bad, these, never go rotten."

"They are collected mostly in the neighborhood of Adelaide, are graded, packed and chilled, but not frozen. They will keep forever."

"A great point about the supply is that in winter, when eggs are so dear in London, the Australian product can be sent over in any quantities and sold at half the price of home new laid eggs. And they are quite as good."

TOKEN MONEY IN OHIO.

Wages Are Paid in Ax Handles, with Hammer Handles for Change.

Connellsville, O.—One week's wages at eight dollars a week—33 ax handles. Change to the amount of \$3.50 after purchasing tools—23 hammer handles.

This was the solution of a problem, like unto y old time high finance, which confronted John Mitchell when the currency stringency was at its height.

Mitchell was employed in a small wood working factory in East Springfield, a small village east of here, but quit his job to come here to work as a machinist.

At the general store he purchased the necessary machinist's tools and having no money, tendered the bundle of 32 ax handles, valued at 25 cents apiece, in payment of the bill of \$4.50.

With his tools and 23 hammer handles Mitchell came to town.

GREATEST CONCRETE BRIDGE.

Just Finished at Washington and Remarkable for Several Reasons.

Washington.—The largest concrete bridge in the world has just received its finishing touches at Washington.

The structure is remarkable for several reasons. In the first place it is built entirely of concrete without being reinforced with steel.

It is 1,421 feet long, with a 52-foot roadway and a walk on either side. The floor of the bridge is 135 feet above the ground.

Work was begun about seven years ago on the foundations, though the plans had already taken about two years to complete.

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OLD IRONSIDES DEAD

FAMOUS MOUNTAIN RAM AT LAST SLAIN BY A HUNTER.

Seemed to Bear a Charmed Life and Was Long Impervious to Bullets—Reward of \$180 Offered for the Horns.

Spokane, Wash.—Old Ironsides, for years the undisputed leader of a big band of mountain sheep in the Tobacco Root range, east of Spokane, has gone the way of his forebears and as a result Henry Tidball of Silver Star, Mont., nature lover and sportsman, has earned a reward of \$180, in addition to becoming the owner of a wild trail.

The ram, which was coal black and weighed 300 pounds, was known to every sportsman who ever invaded the range. Many at various times tried their luck and missed their lives in following the animal, but it was of little or no purpose, as Old Ironsides, as the ram was dubbed by the pursuers, seemed to bear a charmed life.

The animal was wary and few could say they caught it unawares or off guard sufficiently to obtain a shot, and these were disappointed, as the ram seemed to be able to shake off lead as a duck sheds water.

Tidball located the ram's band near the head of Hartbut canyon during the Christmas holidays and got close enough to ascertain that Old Ironsides was still master of the bunch.

He made a long detour to get leeward of the sheep, lest they become alarmed. After several hours passed in scrambling over cliffs, across gulches and through ravines he came within sight of the sheep.

The black ram was standing alone on a projection of a cliff, with his head up, as if scenting danger. Tidball, behind a screen of rock and scrub pine, with the wind dead in his favor, crept slowly up within easy range.

At the crack of the rifle the noble animal arose in the air, turned a complete somersault and landed on its back several feet below, gave a few spasmodic kicks and died.

Tidball was obliged to return to civilization for a team and wagon with which to bring his trophy out of the mountains. When weighed the ram tipped the scales at 302 pounds, the largest ram, it is believed, ever killed in the Rockies.

Huntmen in various parts of the northwest, from time to time defeated in attempts to bag Old Ironsides, offered a standing reward of \$150 for the horns and this Tidball has claimed.

MAXIM INVENTS MOTORITE.

New Explosive to Replace Steam and Gasoline in Driving Ships.

New York.—A new motive power known as "motorite," which is expected to revolutionize torpedoes and torpedo boats and possibly in the future replace steam as a motive power for ocean-going vessels, has been invented.

It is announced by Hudson Maxim, the inventor, it is said that Mr. Maxim has already made extensive tests with models of torpedoes and torpedo boats and has notified the government of his invention.

"Motorite," the new motive power which is the basis of the torpedo and torpedo boat, is said to be a combination of certain powerful explosives and by means of it torpedoes and torpedo boats are propelled through the water at great speed.

Mr. Maxim says that an ordinary-sized torpedo can be sent through the water at a speed of 60 miles an hour, while the best of the present gasoline-driven projectiles do not travel faster than 25 miles an hour.

STARTS FOREST FROM SEED.

Oklahoma Now Has 80,000 Catalpa Trees Growing on Sand Hills.

Pond Creek, Okla.—J. W. Bird's venture in starting a catalpa forest has proved very successful for the first year.

He planted to get about one-fourth that number of plants. He now has between 80,000 and 100,000 vigorous, healthy young trees.

Next spring he will transplant and if the trees come through the winter well expects to have about 80 acres in trees.

As an illustration of what remarkable growth the tree will make in this soil and climate Mr. Bird has in his office a tree cut by W. H. Farmer, who lives one mile from the former's catalpa farm.

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FAMOUS GEM SOLD

ISABELLA DIAMOND NOW OWNED BY NEW YORKERS.

Jewel Said to Have Been Pawned to Aid Columbus on His Voyage—Was Once Property of Senator Tabor.

Denver.—The recent sale at auction of the famous Isabella diamond, alleged to be one of the original gems pawned by the queen of Spain to pay for the voyage of Columbus which resulted in the discovery of America, has brought to light some interesting details of the history of this and other gems.

The jewel, valued at \$25,000, was one of a collection that has figured in western courts more than any single lot in existence.

Mrs. Tabor was the second wife of a man whose career reads like a page from some romance. Once a prospector for gold, he discovered the Matchless mine, near Leadville, which made him many millions.

The collection of jewels, which has passed out of the hands of the Tabor estate, was part of the gifts made by the senator to his second wife. The Isabella diamond was the principal one in the collection.

Among the jewelry in the collection was a belt, valued at \$5,000, which was the only one of the kind in the world. It was made in almost perfect imitation of a big snake and was of 18-karat gold.

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Now Sees with Blind Eye.

Ohioan Shoots Himself in Good Optic and Makes Odd Discovery.

Cleveland, O.—After 11 years George H. Harpst discovered by shooting himself that he is not blind in his left eye.

Harpst shot Mrs. Mary Cook and attempted suicide. The bullet destroyed the right optic nerve.

Shirts Unite Divorcees.

Brookfield, Mass.—Agreeing to change shirts twice a week, Frederick Chambers and his wife Jennie, from whom he was divorced two years ago, are to be remarried.

At the time of the divorce Mrs. Chambers testified that her husband was in the habit of donning a new shirt and keeping it on continually until it was worn out, when it would be discarded like an old porous plaster.

Long Beach, Cal.—In a game of "button, button, who's got the button," at the house of Mrs. J. J. Tomlinson, the button was most successfully concealed by little Mary, the eight-year-old daughter of the hostess, in her ear.

The search for it became so earnest that a physician had to be sent for, who was the successful finder, but only after placing the little girl under the influence of an opiate.

Lamed by Penny in Heel.

Portsmouth, N. H.—Prisoners on the United States prison ship Southern, at Portsmouth navy yard, have been working an ingenious dodge to avoid routine work.

It has been discovered that the men have been putting copper cents in their stockings under the heel of the foot, producing a sudden swelling of the leg after a few days' walking.