

FAMOUS LONDON BANK.

Depository for Money That Has Figured in English Romance and History.

If Londoners have any real sentiment to waste it should rather be directed toward the approaching demolition of the time-honored though frowning and repellent frontage of Coutts' bank.

It is understood that the building will not be wholly destroyed, and the most notable features of the interior will, of course, be preserved.

THE BRAINLESS MONKEY.

Interesting Scientific Experiment Shows the Effect of Loss of Gray Matter.

No convincing proof has yet been given that any particular portion of the brain is exclusively concerned in intellectual operations.

NEW WAY TO CLOSE WOUNDS.

An Invention That Causes No Pain and Performs the Work Expeditiously.

A novel and most useful instrument has been invented by Dr. Paul Michel, a well-known French physician.

The new instrument consists of a forceps or pincher, and of a case or sheath, which contains a number of nickel hooks or bands.

Dr. Michel has received congratulations from the most distinguished European physicians.

An Eighteen-Hour Recitation.

Prof. Arlini, of Naples, has just performed a remarkable feat. Some time ago he offered to make a bet that he could recite the whole of Dante's "Divine Comedy" by heart.

LIARS OF NINE LIVES.

Fabulous Tales About Snakes That Charm and Bank of England Arrangements.

A lie that nothing seems able to kill is the fable of the snake fascinating its prey. It is always bobbing up serenely.

The whole yarn is a complete myth. No snake has any power of fascination; not even a boa constrictor.

The great British bated-breath story is that the enormous wealth in the Bank of England storerooms is sunk under water every night.

HE WAS A SOCIAL LION.

But the Girls Were Disillusioned When They Learned He Was a Detective.

At a fashionable wedding reception recently given in this city the attention of a couple of girls was attracted to a rather fine-looking man.

A young man standing near, who couldn't help overhearing this conversation, laughed.

FRANCE CELTIC OR LATIN?

Argument of an Englishman That Appears to Admit of No Disputations.

An Englishman, writing to the editor of London Spectator, says:

In connection with the recent visit of the Italian fleet to Toulon there have been many references in the European press to a renewal of the entente cordiale between two Latin nations.

"I think that, although outside Provence the French have little or no Latin—i. e., Italian—blood in their veins, the explanation of their being described as a 'Latin' race is to be found in the fact that their language and civilization are both Latin.

A Thermometer Eight Miles Up.

The exploration of the air by means of balloons carrying self-registering instruments is pursued with much vigor in Europe.

WAITERS GET MANY TIPS.

One in Philadelphia Who Makes as High as Fifty Dollars in One Week.

Stories of big tips given in Chicago's fashionable restaurants are outshone by the radiance of the following recital of a Philadelphia waiter to a Record reporter:

"Sometimes," said the waiter, "I make as much as \$50 a week in tips." He stood in the palm roof of a fashionable cafe and said this without a blush.

"A percentage of my tips goes, of course, to the head waiter. A man, by the way, who isn't tipped half enough is the fellow in the hall who looks after the hats and wraps.

REDEEM MUTILATED DIMES.

Telephone Slots Are Taking Many Worn-Out Coins Out of Circulation.

"The telephone slot machines are doing an enormous work in the matter of taking worn-out dimes out of circulation," explained a treasury official to a reporter.

"Many druggists and others who keep public telephones make no objection to taking mutilated dimes any more, for the reason that they keep a supply on hand to do a telephone business with.

"After it gets in there the telephone companies do the rest. Every time they get a quantity on hand, for the government does not care to bother with sums of less than \$100, they send them to a sub-treasurer, and in Washington to the treasury department direct, for redemption.

AMERICAN TOURISTS AT POPOCATAPETL.

Americans Tourists at Popocatepetl Reach Its Brink and Are There Photographed.

A party of Americans touring in Mexico recently accomplished the unusual feat of ascending to the edge of the crater of Mount Popocatepetl, the famous volcano of the North American continent.

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AT THE VOLCANO'S CRATER.

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The bottom is a small lake of emerald green, surrounded by volcanic rocks and deposits of sulphur. At the top there is a ledge of rock at the crater's edge, from which we made our observations of the crater and upon which we were photographed.

Busy Days in Arizona.

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WAS A LIVING DEATH.

The Terrible Tortures That Drove Bresci to Suicide.

Had Been Removed from the "Living Tomb" to the Gallery on Land of Benetotene - Little Food and Endless Toil.

A peculiarly interesting interview was had recently with Gaetano Bresci, the murderer of King Humbert, who, it is reported, has just committed suicide.

Bresci was removed from the "living tomb" at Porto-Longone because the Italian government feared that anarchists might attempt to liberate him during the revolutionary uprising that is threatening the country.

"You are quite an old man, captain," he said, "but you will live long enough to see the revolution that is inevitable. Torture me all you will now; let the galley slave boss do his worst.

AN IMPARTIAL WOMAN.

Buried Two Husbands and Would Not Be Laid Beside Either One Herself.

"This is the grave of the most impartial woman on record," said the guide in Cave Hill cemetery to a party who visited the beautiful cemetery the other day.

GENEROUS STUDENTS.

Universities Receive in Tuition Fees Only About One-Third Actual Running Expenses.

Regarding Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$2,000,000 to provide education in the Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews and Aberdeen universities for Scotch students, and the fact that the students' fees, to the payment of which the gift is devoted, do not amount to more than ten pence a year for each student, while the university expends from £20 to £30 in educating him, Prof. Van Amringe, dean of Columbia university, said:

"In any well-conducted university the tuition fees do not pay anything like the cost of tuition. It is so with us, and so, I take it, with every progressive, first-rate institution. The plan, the things you must provide for administering the institution in the best possible way, cost more than would be feasible for the student to pay.

BIBLE SELLS FOR THOUSANDS.

Manuscript Copy Brings the Big Price of \$6,000 at a London Sale.

At Sotheby's, London, the other day a "Holy Bible, English translation of John Wycliffe and his followers," was purchased by Henry Sotherton & Co., the booksellers, for £1,200.

Telegraph Poles Not Needed.

Consul General Guenther, of Frankfurt, in a report to the department of state, says that, according to experiments conducted by S. Janssen on Mont Blanc, it is not necessary to erect poles for stringing telephone and telegraph wires in snow-covered countries.

A Question Book.

Minister Wu's book, says the Chicago Tribune, will contain all those questions he has not had time to ask personally.

STANDARD TIME.

Table of the Hour reckonings Used by the Officials of Different Nations.

The difficulty of appreciating the difference in time that prevails between different countries is very general, and the following list is printed for the purpose of a ready reference guide by which to calculate the time of any occurrence in another country.

Western European time, or that of the meridian of Greenwich, is legal in England, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Central European time, or one hour east of Greenwich, is legal in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Congo Free State, Denmark, Italy, Serbia, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland.

Eastern European time, or two hours east of Greenwich, is adopted by Bulgaria, Roumania, Natal and Turkey in Europe.

Eight hours east of Greenwich applies to the Philippines. Nine hours east of Greenwich is adopted by Central Australia and Japan.

Ten hours east of Greenwich is official in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

Eleven and a half hours east has been adopted by New Zealand. The United States, Canada and Mexico have adopted the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth hours west of Greenwich.

The Hawaiian islands adopt the meridian of 10 1/2 hours west. In Spain the meridian of Madrid, 14 minutes 45 seconds west of Greenwich, is legal; in Portugal, that of Lisbon, or 36 minutes 39 seconds west, and in Russia that of St. Petersburg, or 2 hours 1 minute and 13 seconds east of Greenwich.

WHY WE NEED HOBBIES.

Our Daily Occupations Will Not Alone Keep Fresh the Springs of Life.

Business is not inseparable from higher things, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Men may be born grocers, but need not live only as grocers.

Plato peddled oil; Spinoza, the philosopher, mended spectacles. Linnæus was a cobbler as well as a botanist.

"Well, sir, she didn't know what to do. Argued that if she should be buried by the side of her first husband it would not be fair to the memory of her last spouse, and vice versa.

England's Hope Is in Tailoring.

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"I practice law simply to support myself," said one of the greatest of St. Louis attorneys—an attorney-at-law, not an attorney-at-politics—"but my real life is at home in my library."

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FORMIDABLE BATTLESHIP.

United States Likely to Have Powerful Fighter of 16,000 Tons Displacement.

If the report heard at the navy department proves correct, says a New York Times special from Washington, and congress approves the recommendations of Rear Admiral Bowles and the construction board, the United States may have a battleship of 16,000 tons displacement, with corresponding armament, thus providing a warship of formidable proportions.

The largest battleship now owned by any naval power is of a little more than 15,000 tons displacement. It is related that the largest one present at the funeral demonstration in honor of Queen Victoria was a Japanese battleship recently completed and displacing 15,000 tons.

The British and Japanese battleships of 15,000 tons draw 27 feet of water or more. That would prevent their entry into many of our harbors, and the fact that many American harbors cannot afford water for vessels of such draught has led to the construction of battleships drawing the least possible water consistent with stability.

The idea is to produce a vessel that will not draw more than the displacement of 16,000 tons.

Some members of the construction board hope to secure designs promising a speed of 21 knots, which, if obtained, would make the new battleship equal in speed and superior in power to most of the armored cruisers now afloat, and make her a formidable antagonist of the most powerful battleship yet built.

GIVES ELEGANT NECKLACE.

James R. Keene Presents Finest Diamond String in United States to His Wife.

James R. Keene, of Wall street and racing fame, celebrated his recent phenomenal success in "the street" by presenting to his wife a diamond necklace for which he paid \$100,000, and it is said to be by great odds the finest ever turned out by jewelers in the United States.

The presentation was made to Mrs. Keene at her home on Long Island. She had been an invalid for a number of years, and while the gift and her husband's generosity appealed to her, she had no personal use for the necklace, and almost immediately, with her husband's consent, presented the glittering string of gems to her only daughter, Mrs. Talbot J. Taylor, whose husband is well known in "the street" as a broker, and in whose office Mr. Keene has his headquarters.

It consists of a single large strand of 90 diamonds of the purest water, so arranged that they may be wound around the throat of the wearer several times as pearls are usually worn. Suspended from the center of this glittering strand is a pendant composed of a cluster of eight magnificent diamonds and from this again is suspended a single diamond, which is said to be the largest and finest stone owned in New York.

WHOLE SCHOOL IMPERILED.

Newark Pupil Found Whittling a Cartridge Containing Enough Dynamite to Kill 100 Men.

Mrs. Georgia B. Crater, vice principal of the Lawrence street public school, Newark, N. J., suffered a severe fright when she had cause to reprimand one of her pupils, Leonard Schureman, ten years old, for playing with what she supposed to be a piece of lead pipe, which he had been cutting with his penknife. She threatened to call upon the janitor to administer a spanking.

Placing the cartridge gingerly on her desk, she summoned the janitor, William Wiggins, and gave it to him. He took it to the room of the board of education and the clerks there were thrown into incipient panic when he showed the cartridge.

Superintendent Reeves, of the building department, said there was enough dynamite in the cartridge to kill 100 men.

A superintendent of the contract company said it was a wonder that the cartridge had not been exploded by contact with the boy's knife and blown the teacher and all the children in the classroom into the next world.

GoULD to Build \$1,000,000 Castle.

Howard Gould has completed arrangements to erect the finest country mansion along Long Island sound on a tract of 700 acres at Sands Point. It will be known as Castle Gould, and will cost close to \$1,000,000. The house will be built of stone and will stand on an eminence, giving a magnificent view of the sound for miles. Mr. Gould has drawn all the plans and will superintend the landscape work. The grounds will be laid out in flower gardens, and there will be a series of artificial lakes and brooks and miniature waterfalls. Thus far 55,000 rare trees have been set out.

Has Great Provoocation.

Emperor William doesn't want to pay the members of the German reichstag, says the Chicago Record-Herald, and he can hardly be blamed, considering the trouble the reichstag gives him, for trying to make its members seek other jobs.