#### Is Pleased with the Experiment and Will Next Time Haul Ten Loaded ... Wagons Instead of Five as at First.

A. J. Wakefield has found a new use for thrashing engines which promises to revolutionize the present method of transporting grain from the farms of South Dakota to the nearest market points.

As an experiment, he tied five wagons together, and after loading them with an aggregate of 490 bushels of wheat, coupled the thrasher engine, with which he had garnered the grain, to the string of wagons, and started for Faulkton. The trip of 15 miles was made in six hours. Wakefield had but one assistant. During the trip of the curious train along the country roads the farmers living along the route temporarily abandoned their work in order to watch the strange sight. When the unusual procession entered Faulkton it attracted the attention of hundreds

of townspeople. Wakefield carefully noted the manmer in which the engine hauled its load, and is satisfied that the capacity of the engine is sufficient to haul above the number of loaded wagons transported on the experimental trip. It is therefore his purpose to haul about 1,000 bushels of grain on the next and subsequent trips. Several good results are noticeable from the experiment

Notwithstanding the consumption of coal, the employment of the thrasher engine makes, in Wakefield's opinion, a considerable saving both in time and money over the usual method of hauling grain to market with horses. Fifty bushels of grain is an ordinary load for a team of horses. Thus the 490 bushels hauled by the thrasher engine on the experimental trip would have required ten trips if hauled by team.

### MRS. CLEVELAND AIDS FAIR.

Starts a Guessing Game on the Name Given to a Big Doll at Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland has caused quite a flurry by starting a guessing game for a doll in the fair at Princeton, N. J., at Odd Fellows' hall for the benefit of St. Paul's Catholic church. The doll is about as large as little Richard Cleveland and is dressed in a pink china silk mother hubbard, with braid trimmings, and has white stockings and shoes. On its breast is pinned the notice: "Named by Mrs. Cleveland; guess the Name-10 cents a guess. The first person to guess the name Mrs. Cleveland has given will be presented with the doll and the dress, which was

made by Mrs. Cleveland. Although Mrs. Cleveland has allowed her name to be used on all of the patronesses' lists at the dances given by the students and other functions connected with the Princeton university, this is the first time that she has taken an active part in any of the charitable affairs put under way by the churches.

### A LUCRATIVE BILLET.

Admiral Watson Cables Navy Department for Officer to Manage Civil Nautical School in Manila

Some retired officer of the navy stands a chance of getting a good civil billet in the Philippines. Admiral Watson has cabled the navy department that he desires the services of an officer on the retired list who will discharge the duties as head of the civil nautical school in Manila. The compensation for such an officer is paid out of the military fund of the island collections by the governor general. It is not often retired officers of the navy have an opportunity to secure lucrative details in the army. There is a system of detailing retired officers as professors of military science and tactics at colleges in different parts of the country, but the services of few naval officers are utilized once they are retired, except in time of war.

#### TEST NEW SUBMARINE BOAT. Goubet No. 2 at Toulon Dives 280 Feet and Stays Down Half

an Hour.

The new submarine boat Goubet No. 2 was put through its preliminary trial at Toulon the other day, under the direction of the inventor and in the presence of a committee of experts. In spite of a heavy sea the Goubet made two descents to a depth of 190 feet and 260 feet, and then remained submerged for half an hour unseen by those on the steam launch that accompanied it. but who were following all its movements from the launch by means of an optic tube. The trial was satisfactory to the experts.

Triumph of Engineering. One of the latest triumphs in the engineering world consists in the construction, shipment by steamer and subsequent transfer to railway transportation of a steamer of 4,200 tons displacement, which was finally put afloat in Lake Baikal, Siberia, not less than 5,000 miles from St. Petersburg.

Ostrich Hatched in an Incubator. A Florida man has just succeeded in hatching an ostrich egg in an incubator. This is the first successful effort of the kind in this country, though it has -often been tried in California. It took 43 days for the bird to come through. Now let the Florida man try billiard :halls.

Buddhists. The number of Buddhists is computed to be 455,000,000.

### MODERN CASE OF TALENTS.

Novel Campaign Inaugurated by & New Jersey Pastor for the Raising of Church Funds.

With the Bible parable of the ten talents as a model, Rev. G. H. Neal, Jr., pastor of the Pitman Methodist church at New Brunswick, N. J., has begun a novel campaign for funds with which to pay off the church debt. Recently the officials of the church at Dr. Neal's instance made a purse of \$50, but this was far too small to wipe out the indebtedness. Then the pastor's idea unfolded itself. "We shall give to the members of the church each a dollar. of this fifty you have subscribed," he said, "as the master in the parable gave the talents to his servants. We shall make those receiving the dollars the stewards of the church money, and they shall be responsible for its in-

"He or she may invest that dollar as seems best, and on the first Sunday in February next each shall render an account of the talent received and the increase it has made."

Enthusiasm greeted Dr. Neal's scheme. One woman forthwith put her dollar into dough, and, selling homemade bread, has already increased it many fold. Another woman bought the materials for a crazyquilt and has been promised for it much more than the original investment.

#### QUEEN AND PRINCE TO WED. Rumor to the Effect That Wilhelmina

Will Be the Bride of Emperor's Son. The New York Journal correspond-

ent cables from Berlin: After the return of the kaiser to Berlin a report originating from the lobby of the reichstag was spread that Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands is to be married to none other than Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany.

The report of her engagement is vouched for by members of the reichs. tag, who are not gossipmongers, but earnest diplomats, whose statements in diplomatic affairs are usually accepted as authentic. Diplomats here are already speculating on the vast political importance of such a match as reported. It would probably mean the adding of another country, small yet of powerful influence in the European body politic, to the great German em-

Queen Wilhelmina is a year and nine months older than the German crown prince. She was 19 years old on August 31, and he will be 18 years old on May 6. Crown Prince Frederick William is greatly beloved at court and by his college chums in the Bonn university.

#### INDIAN EDUCATION.

Miss Reel, General Superintendent of Indian Schools, Urges an Exclusively Industrial Training.

Miss Estelle Reel, general superintendent of Indian schools, in her annual report makes a strong plea for compulsory education and advocates strictly industrial training for Indian children. She says the industrial branch of the work should be forced to the front and that literary instruction be narrowed to the simple, practical elements. The educational outlook for the Indians is painted as very encouraging and better buildings and more facilities for industrial training have been provided this year. The report urges a course of cooking, nursing and economic housekeeping for girls, making them homemakers in the highest sense, and farming, stock raising and the useful trades should be added to the common branches taught the boys. During the year 23,378 miles were traveled by Miss Reel in her field work.

# WOMAN'S ASHES.

Are Scattered to the Four Winds from the Torch of Liberty Statue at New York.

The ashes of the body of Mrs. Clara Karl, who died early in October at her home, 607 East Eleventh street, New York, have been scattered from the torch of the statue of Liberty, according to her last wish. It was accomplished on Sunday forenoon quietly. Except for an unforeseen incident the fact might never have reached the public. The metal cylinder which held the ashes contained several fragments of bone that the fire had not pulverized. When the ashes were scattered these fragments fell to the ground and one of them struck the watchman.

Big Royal Family. The Bourbon duke of Parma, who was obliged to quit his duchy in 1859, has a larger family than any other royal personage in Europe. By his first wife, a princess of Bourbon-Sicily, he had nine children, all of whom survive except the eldest, the late princess of Bulgaria. By his second wife, who was a princess of Braganza and a sister of the hereditary grand duchesa of Luxembourg, he has nine more children.

A Telephonic Convenience. The completion of a telephone line 1,700 miles long and reaching from Detroit to Houston, in Texas, should prove a great public convenience, says the San Francisco Bulletin. By going to Detroit anyone having a row with a Texan can tell the latter just what he thinks of him with satisfactionand safety.

Aid to Church Building. The Methodist Church Extension soclety has furnished aid to build churches at the rate of two a day for several years.

Swift Railway Trais. The swiftest railroad train manages to go from Algiers to Biskra, a distance of 400 miles, in 86 hours.

### MAKE GOOD FODDER

Process by Which Corn Stalks Are Utilized as Food.

Ground to Powder and Then Mixed with Blood or Molasses or Both and Pressed Into Cakes-Convenient for Armies.

A series of experiments which have been carried on for some time past by the agricultural department, have recently developed a new use for cornstalks from which a very valuable horse and cattle food can now be made. The department has done a great deal of work with cornstalks in the past year, and has developed several valuable uses for them, namely, cofferdam packing for warships, a high grade of writing paper, the basis for a smokeless powder superior to the picric acid powders and several other uses. The new cattle food is made by grinding the dry corn stalks, leaves and tops to a powder and mixing it with blood or molasses or both. This is pressed into cakes under a hydraulic press, and can be shipped as easily as bricks or cordwood. For feeding, it is broken up and mixed with water. Actual tests have been made at experiment stations, and samples have been sent to agricultural stations in Europe. The reports from all sources are very encouraging. It is said at the department that this food will be particularly valuable for our cavalry in the tropics, and that the food cakes can be made at a minimum cost in Cuba and the southern states, where thousands of tons of low grade molasses go to waste annually, and where the cane refuse ground fine forms almost as satisfactory an absorbent base as cernstalks. The cost of making the food cakes under favorable conditions would be from ten to twelve dollars per ton, and their value on a nutritive basis would be from \$22 to \$25.

### THE HESSIAN FLY.

Prof. Herbert Osborne, Noted Entomologist of Iowa, Gives Interesting Facts Regarding Pest.

Prof. Herbert Osborne, a noted entomologist of Iowa, who has made frequent investigations relative to the habits of the Hessian fly during its damaging raids into the state of Iowa, says: The Hessian fly is so called because it is supposed to have been introduced by the Hessian soldiers during the revolution and brought by them in straw used for packing. The supposition is probably true. Its attacks are on wheat, rye and barley. The flies multiply at the rate of five or six broods a year, and rank next to the chinch bug as the farm pest of the United States.

"The rate of progress of 20 miles a year seems to be about as high speed as is admissible from purely natural means, as with plants at hand for the deposition of eggs there is little tendency on the part of the insect to leave the field where it emerges, especially for the autumn brood. The greatest danger is in the transmission of straw, and then only in warm weather. There need be but little fear of an alarming sperad of the insect, for it is not likely to survive in this region, except in small numbers, and only occasionally multiplies sufficiently to attract attention.

"The prevention of the spread of the insect is so simple that if farmers will only recognize the characteristic breakdown of wheat due to its presence and in years when it is noted proceed to burn the stubble or plow it under and roll the ground they can prevent its multiplication and the damage that might follow the succeeding year."

# TO SAVE INFANTS' LIVES.

The Device of a Cincinnati Woman for the Home for the Friendless.

Mrs. J. J. Gest, of the board of lady managers of the home for the friendless at Cincinnati, has suggested a plan whereby the lives of infants abandoned by their parents may be saved. It is that a receptacle be placed in the entry of the home, in which will be comfortable clothing. The receptacle will be connected by electric wires with an alarm bell in the inside of the house. The slightest pressure will cause the bell to ring. In this way the nurses will receive immediate notice of the arrival of an applicant for admission. No attempt will be made to discover the identity of the person who left the in-

fant in the receptacle. Mrs. Gest passed several years in Paris during the education of her children, and the idea is in accordance with a plan in operation at Notre Dame hospital, in the French capital.

# SHOOTS A CURIOUS ANIMAL.

George Ross, a Resident of Nebraska, Secures a Queer Specimen-A Red Rabbit.

George Ross, who lives in Butler county, Neb., brought in a curiosity the other day. While hunting on Buck island, in the Platte river, a few days ago, he fired at what he spuposed was a mink, but when he picked it up he found it was a rabbit, blood-red in color. It is the size of an ordinary cotton-tail, or brush rabbit, but the fur or hair is much finer. The eyes are of an amber yellow, and some who have examined it pronounce it an albino. Ross has refused \$20 for his find, and says he will have it dressed and mounted, when he will present it to the State Horticultural society. Nothing like it has ever been seen in Nebraska before.

Cape Town's Tall Constable. Cape Town enjoys a certain distinction in respect to the height of its constables. The tallest is 6 feet 81% inches, while there are 38 others over six feet

### USE OLD VEHICLES.

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New Members of Congress Shun Fancy Rigs in Seeing the Sights of Washington.

Upon arriving at Washington about the first thing a new member of congress does, after registering at a hotel or boarding house, is to hire one of the most disreputable looking carriages to be found and begin to see the sights. Just why they invariably engage a vehicle which has seen service for years and is about to be placed on the retired list is a mystery, except for the expectation of securing a cheaner rate. This is not accomplished, however, as the law regulates rates, and a first-class vehicle can be rented at the same price as an old wreck.

The chances of being overcharged are greater in these instances, as the drivers of the worn-out vehicles are often unscrupulous, and are not slow in discovering that their passengers are new congressmen, and do not hesitate to take advantage of them. This is particularly true of the country members, who are generally known by their attire, and who have not visited Washington until sent to congress. This is a good season for the cabbies, and they are now reaping a harvest. Before the newcomers are in Wash-

ington many months most of them devote more time and money to their elothing, and in a remarkably short time are so well dressed that their constituents would not recognie them. Some of them get to be real dudes, but endeavor to keep this fact from their constituents, as it is liable to create the impression that they are coming into too close contact with the money devil. This would lose votes for the congressmen. When they return to their districts they usually don the garb of the farm. There are others, however, who are so wedded to their old ways that they become conspicuous among their colleagues on this account and are frequently given the sobriquet of "farmer."

# LBARNING TO SHOOT.

Women of New York City Taking Up the Use of the Revolver-The Latest Fad of Society.

It is no longer "the men behind the guns," but "the men and women behind the guns." The truth is, the women of New York city are just as well armed nowadays as the men, and some of them can shoot just as well. In the better walks of life the pistol is fast becoming a common thing in women's hands. The women don't want them for revenge or killing people they have grudges against, but to protect themselves and their homes.

"There doesn't a day pass," said a dealer in military equipments, "that some woman doesn't come in here for a revolver. Only to-day one asked for

a gold-mounted army revolver." So great is the demand now that the big jewelry stores are keeping gold and silver mounted revolvers, and some inlaid with pearls. Some of them are beautiful pieces of the jeweler's art and cost up into three figures. The average price of these fancy shooting irons is from 50 to \$75, though it runs as high as \$250.

Society has taken up revolver practice as a fad, toc. Miss Greta Pomeroy is a crack shot, and so is her friend, Miss Marion Fish, daughter of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish. Mrs. Adolph Ladenburg is another handy one with the revolver.

# RELICS FROM COLONIES.

War Department Officials Making & Systematic Effort to Obtain Articles of Historical Value.

War department authorities have decided to obtain as many relics from the new possessions as possible. Many interesting articles have been received from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines from officers who have picked them up, recognizing the value they will have in a few years. Gen. Schwan last week sent a bolo, a Filipino weapon, to Adjt. Gen. Corbin, and innumerable flags, trinkets and other interesting articles have reached Washington from various officers. The first step to collect things systematically has been taken by Gen. Brooke in Cuba, who has issued a circular to officers in that island as follows:

"Officers of the army serving in Cuba are requested to procure, wherever practicable, any subject of historical, ethnological, or artistic interest it may be possible for them to obtain in a proper manner for shipment by government transports, to be deposited among the government collection in the Smithsonian institution in Washington."

# CHINATOWN INNOVATION.

New York Postmaster Proposes to Establish a Subpostal Station for Convenience of Chinamen.

Postmaster Van Cott, of New York. said that he was seriously considering the project of a postal substation in Chinatown, under the charge of a naturalized Chinaman. He said that Chinamen had a great deal of mailing to do, and that they were compelled to go to the general post office to transact their business. Mr. Van Cott said that there were a half-dozen naturalized Chinamen in the city, and that one or more of them could be fully instructed in the methods which prevail in the service, so that they could give to Chinese applicants that information which they were debarred from obtaining at the general post office and substations, because no one could speak their lan-

Palestine's Population. Of the 60,000 population of Palestine, 43,000 are Hebrews, 9,000 are Christians and 8,000 are Mohammedans, who, although numerically in the minority, are in authority.

### PUZZLE FOR CUPID.

Interesting Romance Involving Twin Sons of Gov. Lowndes.

Young Lady of Chillicothe, O., Fell in Love with Dick and Became the Wife of His Brother

Margaret Quinn, of Chillicothe, O., fell in love with the son of Gov. Lowndes, of Maryland, wedded the son of Gov. Lowndes, of Maryland, and yes is not the wife of the man who won her heart. It is a story of confused identity in which twins figure, and the dispensation whereby Miss Quinn became Mrs. Lloyd Lowndes, Jr., is satisfactory to all concerned. The wedding took place in Chillicothe the other day.

The Lowndes brothers, Dick and Lloyd, who are over six feet tall, were striking figures at Yale five years ago. They were often mistaken for each other. After graduation Dick married a Clarksburgh, W. Va., girl and to them came the first son born to a member of Yale '95—the trophy cup baby.

Dick took a business trip through Ohio three months ago, leaving his wife and the class baby at home. As he passed through Chillicothe Alvin Nipgen, a classmate, met him and greeted him as Lloyd. Dick protested, but Nipgen insisted that he could not be mistaken and influenced the supposed Lloyd to remain in Chillicothe over night.

That evening Dick met Miss Quinn, daughter of the president of the First national bank of Chillicothe, and when he said good-night they had pledged to correspond.

After leaving Childcothe Dick wrote to Lloyd that he had by proxy met Miss Quinn, of Chillicothe, and must correspond with her. Diek went back to his wife and the class baby, and Lloyd took up the correspondence.

This went on for a few weeks, Lloyd became much interested, and finally visited Miss Quinn. She failed to perceive that he was not the man who had originally made love to her.

The night before the wedding Lloyd told the girl that it was his twin brother she had fallen in love with. Miss Quinn pouted for a moment and then laughed and said she loved the whole family.

#### NEW CURE FOR LEPROSY.

Experiments Made in the Hawaiian Islands with a Venezuelan Shrub -Alleged Cures.

Experiments are to be made at Honolulu with a new cure of leprosy, which is said on reliable authority to have actually accomplished cures. The cure is a Venezuelan shrub of which samples were forwarded here by Surgeon General Wyman, of the United States. The shrubs are growing in Hawaii under the care of Dr. Carmichael, of the United States marine hospital, who was askedby the department at Washington to make experiments with them.

The shrub which is credited with the power of eradicating the malady heretofore found incurable is known in Venezuela as the tantra, the botanical name being Jatropha cossypifolia. The active principle is violently toxic. Several accounts of alleged cures in Venezuela have been received here.

# PECKED OUT HIS EYE.

Would-Be Tamer of a "Pile Driver Pays the Penalty of Too Great Confidence in a Bird.

Robert Gerlach, a resident of Sag Harbor, L. I., may lose his left eye as the penalty for his too great confidence in a bird of which he tried to make a pet. The bird known as a "pile driver," is about the size of a crow, and possesses a long, slender bill. Gerlach purchased it of a sportsman, who had broken its wing. After obtaining it he tied the bird to his waist by a string and set it upon his shoulder. The pile driver, unappreciative of the confidence it received from its new owner, darting out its long bill with lightninglike rapidity, striking Gerlach's left eye and inflicting a dangerous wound. Dr. C. E. Wells regards the prospects of saving the wounded eye as doubtful. The pile driver was killed.

### HOWELLS' THANKSGIVING. Verses Are Sent to His Boyhood

Home at Request of Rev. Miss Martha A. Bortel, William Dean Howells recently vis-

ited Hamilton, O., his boyhood home. At a public reception tendered Mr. Howells Rev. Miss Martha A. Bortel. pastor of the Hamilton Universalist church. asked the author for his autograph. "I will mail it to you," he replied. The other day she received these verses, inscribed to her over the signature of the eminent literary man:

THANKSGIVING.
(Hamilton, 1863—New York, 1899.)
Lord, for the wicked will Betrayed and baffled still; Lord, for the evil thought Not into evil wrought, In the heart from itself kept— Our thanksgiving accept.

Washington's Soldiers' Home. It is not generally known that the

soldiers' home in Washington for veterans of the regular army and navy was established with money obtained from Mexico after the war with that country. Twelve and a half cents is deducted every month from the pay of every regular in the army and navy for the support of the home.

The Trade in Lamps: The manufactuer of lamps has inereased to a wonderful degree. There are to-day exclusive large lamp stores in almost every city of any size, and the manufacture and proper use of chimneys have developed into a science which few persons understand.

### FAST TELEGRAPHY.

Good Work of the Pollak-Virag System from New York City

to Chicago. With weather conditions unfavorable, the inventors of the Pollak-Virag system of telegraphy made a successful test from New York to Chicago the other day—the longest distance yet attempted in their experiments thus far-A message of 200 words was transmitted over the distance of nearly 1,000 miles at the rate of 65,000 words an hour. It is the first time in this country, moreover, that a message thus transmitted has been automatically and accurately

recorded by the receiving instrument.

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Inventor Pollak operated the Chicago end of the apparatus, and his colleague, Virag, was at the New York instrument. When they began to prepare for the test early in the morning misgivings were held as to the outcome. Snow and rain had affected the wires to a considerable extent, so much so, in fact, that telephonic communication between the two cities was fitful and unsatisfactory. Since the principles of the telephone enter largely in the Pollak-Virag system, it was feared that failure would attend the experiment. But after some preliminary tests the recorder began to copy the original message as it came across the country. and in a short time it was translated from the code and found to have been set down accurately. Then a man in New York told Chicago through the system that New York was having fine weather and wanted to know how it: was in Chicago. When this was made out the man at the Chicago end sent word back that it was snowing in Chisago, but that it was pleasant Chicago snow. Whereupon the last test to be made in this country for the present was declared a success, and the inventor prepared to leave for New York. He and his copartners will sail at once for Paris to continue their experiments.

#### TO APPEAR IN HOUSE PLAY.

Mrs. George Gould, Who Was an Actress Before Marriage, Will Take Part in Private Theatricals.

Curiosity among the residents at Lakewood has been piqued to the utmost by the report that Mrs. George Gould will once more appear upon the stage during the Christmas holidays. Before her marriage to the head of the Gould family Mrs. Gould was Miss Edith Kingdon, of Augustin Daly's company. She left the stage before her marriage, and has never since then taken part in theatricals.

Details in regard to her return to the stage are being carefully guarded in order that the surprise in store for . her guests may be the more complete, but it is said that the duke of Manchester will appear as leading man in the play that is to be presented.

George Gould said that it was true that Mrs. Gould was to take part in private theatricals for the amusement of a house party at Georgiana court, his house here, during the holidays, but he added that the plans were not yet complete, and that he preferred not to discuss them until everything had been settled.

It is understood that the play will i be presented on an elaborate scale, and that none of the theatrical accessories will be lacking.

It is said that after the holidays Mrs. Gould, with Lady Mary Sackville, who will visit the countess: of Minto in the government palace in Ottawa.

# JEALOUSLY GUARDS HER EGGS

Strategy Employed to Separate a Great Python from Her Nest in New York Zoo Fails.

Strategy was employed the other day in the reptile house of the new zoological garden at New York with a view to separating the big royal python from her nest of 67 eggs, the largest number ever laid by a snake in captivity. Attendants say that without sand and the heat of the tropics the snake never will be able to hatch the eggs, but she guards them fiercely, and seems confident of success. Edibles known to be in high favor

with pythons have been used to tempt the reptile away from her embryonic family, but, while willing to gobble the good things, she displays danger signals when a reach is made for the eggs. The eggs were first discovered on Monday morning, and the attendants were astonished by their number. Ever since the python, usually of a more or less gentle disposition, has shown signs of ugliness.

The snake is 22 feet long and weighs 150 pounds. The eggs are pear-shaped and weigh about a pound each.

Woman Suffrage in Oregon, A woman suffragist amendment is to be submitted to the voters of Oregon in June next and an association of women. has been organized to oppose it. These women say in their protest that only a small percentage of the women in the state desire the ballot, as is proved by their neglect to use it in school elections, and that, therefore, it should not be forced on the others, with its attendant privileges of sitting on juries and running for office.

Why Called Tumblers. Drinking glasses called tumblers owe their name to the fact that they are the successors of the little round silver bowls, so perfectly balanced that, whichever way they were tipped about on the table, they tumbled into position again and there remained, with rard.

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