#### TWO BATHS IN TEN YEARS

lowa Woman Seeking Divorce Says That One Plunge Was Caused by Fall Into the River.

Des Moines, ia.—Because her husband took but two baths in ten years, one of them being occasioned by an accidental fall into the river, Mrs. Isola Harvey has brought suit for divorce against J. J. Harvey. Her action results from the previous filing of a petition for divorce against her, and it is in a cross petition that Mrs. Harvey makes the allegation that lie has taken but one voluntary bath during their marital existence.

She further charges that her husband was fretful and stingy. She says he would not speak to her or the children for weeks at a time, and then would suddenly go to the other extreme, becoming extremely garrulous, and alluding to the children as idiots and lunatics. She alleges that he also pulled a knot of hair from her head and threw her out of the house

But it was as a "tight wad" that Mrs. Harvey says her husband was a star performer. She says he refused to let loose of his coin with such perseverance that, in order to keep the house in repair, she was compelled to do the lathing and to paint the outside of the house as far as she could reach. She claims she drew the line at climbing ladders to paint, believing it to be the extreme of immod-

She alleges that another evidence of his penuriousness was manifested in his insistence that she cut his hair, and that of the children. This service was performed in the good old-fashioned way of placing a soup bowl on the head and clipping off the protruding locks.

#### HAS ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING Returned Chinese Missionary's Views on Its Origin and Ways of Expression.

Oakland, Cal.-Rev. Arthur Smith, a missionary in China, who returned the other day on the Siberia, is visiting friends in this city. He said:

"The strong anti-foreign feeling in China is due in large part to the defeat "of Russia by Japan. The Chinese are awakening to the fact that they are not a subject people. The feeling against the United States is very bitter because of the exclusion act. This feeling is heightened by imaginary wrongs and exaggerated descriptions of indignities heaned on Chinese in this country as sent home by Chinese in the United States. But China, as a whole, has come to a belief that it is easier and cheaper to carry on a negative war against the United States than to attack missions and kill missionaries. The country has learned that where there is no violence there is no punishment to follow. This feeling is confined to the coast cities. bowever, and I do not believe that it would be safe for an American to venture into the interior provinces. What the more intelligent of the Chinese want is that the exclusion act shall be intelligently interpreted, and shall be enforced

## DEATH UNITES OLD CHUMS Partners for Half a Century and Life-

only against those classes whom it is

long Friends Die Together in Albany, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y.-Playmates from boybood, partners for half a century and inseparable friends during their lifetime, John Reilly and Joseph McLean, two of Watervliet's best-known men, will rest side by side in a local cemetery. Mr. Reilly, 82 years old, and Mr. McLean, 79 years old, were members of St. Patrick's church for over 50 years and the pastor of that congregation officiated at both funerals within two days.

The history of Mr. Reilly was practically the history of Mr. McLean. The parents of both came from Ireland when the boys were very young. John and Joe went to school together, and became fast friends. When school days ended the firm of Reilly & McLean was formed and a prosperous coal business was carried on in conjunction with the management of a ferry acress the Hudson to Troy until death broke the partnership and took the other member of the firm two days later.

Both men were commanding figures on the streets of Watervillet and both were Democrats of the old school. Each had been honored with all the local offices within the gift of the village and city of which they had always been

#### PARIS IS TAKING TO SNUFF Society Women Return to Usages of an Older Generation-Vice

Paris.-Society dames in Paris have revived the objectionable custom of taking saud. Even aristocratic Faubourg St. Germain scarcely frowns, for the habit is sanctioned by memories of monarchy. This return to a custom of olden times is due to a revival of interest in the tiny chef d'oeuvres of enamel painting done in Limoges a cen-

Becomes Public.

tury and more ago. From the collectors' cabinet these exquisite and now costly toys have passed into the salon and the ballroom. They were carried first as ornaments, but now are filled with fragrant powder.

The lamentable result is that it is now the fashion to take snuff publicly and the hallrooms resound with the sneezes of the inexperienced. The older people are even more addicted to it than the yeunger ones.

Where the Wrinkles Are. A writer wants to know whether cooking makes wrinkles in a woman's face. Well, certain styles of cooking make wrinkles in mon's faces.

#### WRONG TWIN THE BRIDE.

That Is What the Husband Fears After the Ceremony Is Over-May Sue for Divorce.

Lockport, N. Y.-Was Mrs. Harold Reeves Miss Carrie or Miss Louise Merrill before her marriage is the question that is worrying Harold Reeves of Olcott Beach. Reeves is investigating, with a view toward finding just which one of the Merrill sisters, as much alike as two peas in the pod, he took for his lawful wife on the night of December 2 in the Merrill homestead at Olcott Beach. If he establishes to a certainty that Louise was palmed off upon him for Carrie he will bring suit for divorce.

Recves is sure that it was Carrie he courted all last summer for the reason that Louise was in Buffalo, but she returned a week before the ceremony to essist in the wedding preparations. When the two girls were together in a room Reeves could not for the life of him distinguish Louise from his flancee. Taking the girl's word for it, he was satisfied that he was taking Carrie for his life partner when he stood up before the clergyman with one of the

After his marriage he found that Carrie could not sing with her wonted sweetness. The more he has thought about it the more he has become convinced that he was the victim of a hoax. Mrs. Reeves insists that she is Carrie and explains that hubby hears her warbling through different ears now that his courting days are over. Reeves is going to sift the matter to the bottom, however.

# PUTS KIDNEY UNDER X-RAY

Surgeon Takes Out Organ and Under Fluoroscope Locates and Removes Tiny Stone.

New York.-An operation with an unusual feature was performed at Roosevelt hospital. A patient had been suffering for some time with stone in the kidney. The exact location of obstructions of this sort is sometimes determined by the X-rays before the etherization of the patient.

In this case the surgeon removed the kidney from the body as far as possible, held it in his hand, and applied the fluoroscope. He speedily discovered the almost microscopic stone, to which the lance opened a channel. A moment later the forceps gripped the little stone and the attending doctors were inspecting it. The operation was completed in

about seven minutes. The operation is said to be one of the first in which an affected organ has been reached by X-rays after being removed from the body. The surgeon said he did not see why the liver, or some other vital organs, could not be examined in the same thorough manner.

# GEMS RENTED TO SOCIETY.

els of "Countees" Loaned to New Yorkers by Pawnbroker of Dead Woman.

Philadelphia.—In an old trunk which was the property of Mrs. Anita McMurrow, who was notorious as "Countess de Bettancourt." and who died suddenly, were found pawn tickets for more than \$50,000 worth of jewelry which had been pledged to a New York pawnbroker. Receipts and personal notes of liabilities also were found, in which the broker made himself personally responsible for the safe return of jewels loaned to New York society people, who had rented

them for various periods. Letters from noted men In this country and from a former king of Stain also were found in the trunk, as well as \$6,000.

John McMurrow, the woman's son, who is known to have quarreled with his mother shortly before her death was arrested. It is believed by the coroner, however, that Mrs. McMurrow died of heart disease.

# TRADING STAMPS IN CHURCH

Pupils Lured to Sunday School by Modern Mercantile Plan-Scholars Get Premiums.

St. Louis.-Trading stamps have invaded the churches, and the St. Louis pastor who has introduced them thinks their value will soon be noted by other ministers. Rev. Luther E. Todd, of the First M. E. church, South, is the originator of the idea, and his first experience has been so successful that the plan will be extended to the entire congregation.

A regular book has been issued to each child attending Sunday school. A two-cent stamp is given for attendance, one blue five-cent stamp is the reward for each new scholar brought to the school, and in addition to these a one-cent stamp is given for every penny given as an offering on Sunday. When the stamps in the book amount to \$1 or more they are turned in to the premium committee, and the scholar is permitted to select from a long

list of prizes.

Gets Letter After 34 Years. A letter posted at Yarmouth, Engiand, in 1872, addressed to J. Harrison, a Nottingham fishmonger, was delivered to him recently by the post office. The letter, which was in acknowledgment of an order for fish with a check inclosed. was found under the floor of an old metropolitan post office now being

Looked-For Moment

pulled down. Its writer died many years

The experience of Chinese reformers teaches that those young men who want to make a republic of their country should postpone action till after the death of the empress downger.

# OUR MINES RICHEST.

AMERICAN PRODUCTION BEATS ALL RECORDS.

Output in 1905 Reaches Vast Total of \$1.788.017,836 - Such Figures Never Before Even Dreamed Of by Experts.

Chicago. - A compilation by the Mining World, of Chicago, shows that the production of minerals and metals in the United States in 1905 was valued at the enormous total of \$1,788,017,-836. This has never before been equaled and no other country in the world can claim a like distinction. Compared with 1904 there is shown an increase of \$531,909,337, or 42.4 per

Among the more important products! which show a substantial increase are coal, 375,094,349 short tons, 'alued at' \$536,501,948; pig iron, 23,025,796 long, tons, \$377,623,054; iron ore, 45,372,773 long tons, \$72,596,437; copper, 417,-024 long tons, \$146,158,269; gold, \$86,4 298,200; silver, 58,938,355 fine ounces, \$35,576,959; lead, 326,500 short tons, \$30,691,000; spelter, 204,749 short tons. \$24,078,482; white lead, 129,761 short tons, \$15,830,842; cement, 38,010,308 barrels, \$36,991,630; salt, 25,334,500 barrels, \$6,966,987, and phosphate rack, 2,024,382 long tons, \$8,441,673.

Dividends paid by metal mines and works on the American continent in 1905 amounted to the large total of \$65,771,047. Since incorporation, says the Mining World, these companies have declared dividends of \$456,269,359, which is equivalent to nearly 60 per cents on an issued capitalization of \$762,406,455.

Were it possible to add the profits divided by private and close corporations, which are understood to have been large, the total for the year would be nearly doubled.

Copper companies held the lead, 24 having paid dividends of \$33,703,654 in 1905 and \$276,849,230 since incorporation, which is equivalent to a return of over 80 per cent, on their issued capital of \$342.587,050.

Gold, silver and lead properties claim second position, as 92 have declared in 1905 dividends of \$30,497,231. making \$169,364,987 since organization, which is equivalent to 41.5 per cent. on an issued share capital of \$406,749,055. Nine zinc companies announced dividends of \$1.460.162 in 1905 and \$9,275,142 from the beginning, showing a return of nearly 74 per cent. on \$12,569,750 capitalization. One quicksilver mine paid \$110,000 in 1905, and \$780,000 to date on \$500,000 issued capital.

#### PLAYS WILD MAN 10 YEARS Congo Tires of Animals' Company and Says He Was Prisoner with Show.

Pittsburg, Pa.-Congo, the "wild man" of Borneo," is on the war-path. He demands to be taken back to his home in Homer, La. After ten years' servitude in the "show business," which Congo says has been compulsory, he issued an ultimatum to the manager of the "zeo." exhibiting him here.

Congo, or John Williams, as he was known in the days before he had theatrical ambitions, was a laborer in a sugar refinery in Homer in 1896. He attended the exhibition of the "zoo" and attracted the attention of the management, which offered him \$25 a week "to begin with" to enter the profession. Williams surrendered his name and his job, with its salary of 65 cents a day, and became Congo. He says he has never received a penny in salary in the last ten years, and was never permitted to leave the building in which the exhibition was given. When the show went to another town he was carted down to the railroad station on a truck with the "rest of the animals" and accompanied them in freight cars to the next town. He says that he has been fed regularly, "like the rest of the animals," and never repelled against the treatment given him until recently, when, Congo says, his manager attempted to cut his hair with a pair of tinner's shears. Several blows were exchanged, but Congo's hair was left uncut.

#### GOLD MEDAL AWARD TO DOG Canine Life Saver Is Given Mark of Honor by Paris Animal Protec-

tion Society.

Paris.—The local society for the protection of animals has awarded a gold medal to Toto, the dog of a poor stevedore on the barges of the River

"Toto" has saved from drowning many men engaged in the same business as his master after they had tailen from the narrow plank into the water. Every day Toto carries his master's dinner in a basket to the quay and then stays there with him all the afternoon. On one occasion his master fell unconscious on the quay. Toto ran home and tugged at his mistress' skirt until she followed him to the quay. Only when his master had revived did Toto'show that one of his raws had been hurt. It was the veterinary called to treat him who told

The gold meral was conferred on Toto in the large hall of the Sorbonne. He is the idol of all Paris. Every one, high or low on the social scale, is trying to make his acquaintance.

the society of Toto's exploits.

Among the Statesmen. Three Arkansas legislators have just been indicted for accepting money to hold up bills of a certain kind. The times are growing more and more discouraging for statesmen of the old schol.

# IN OPEN AIR 7 YEARS

LONDON FAMILY HOUSED ON THE COMMONS.

Father, Son and Daughter Sleep in Metropolis Park in All Kinds of Weather Until They Are Remanded for Conduct.

London.-The extraordinary statement that a family, consisting of a father and his grown-up son and daughter, have lived for seven years on Streatham common, sleeping in the open in all weathers, was made

at the Southwestern police court. Ernest Girard, a well-dressed and well-educated man of middle age; his son, William Edward Girard, and his daughter, Alice Eugenie Girard, who were both neatly dressed, were charged with sleeping out without any visible means of subsistence.

A policeman said that they had been familiar figures on the common for many years. They were there in all weathers, in rain, snow and frost, day, and night. Complaints had been made by the residents about the common. but apparently they were never interfered with until recently.

Then they were arrested as they! were making up their beds of newspapers under a shed, where they had' taken shelter from the pouring rain.

Mr. de Grey, the magistrate, expressed his astonishment that something had not been done to exclude them from the common, and he was informed that the London county council, which is responsible for its management, is considering what action it can take in the matter.

The father, who said he was a teacher, declared that they had made the common their home for seven years, and that they injured no one. They had a claim against the British. government, he said, and the police had no right to exclude them from the common.

When they were arrested, he said, they were walking along with their beds under their arms, and were preparing to make themselves comfortable for the night.

"If you imagine that your claim against the government entitles you to sleep out on the common you are mistaken," said the magistrate.

They were remanded, and the magistrate directed that inquiries concerning their antecedents should be made.

#### TO INCLOSE CITY BY CANAL New York Judge Is at the Head of New Plan to Connect Hudson

River and Long Island Sound.

Mount Vernon, N. Y .- Judge Adam E. Schatz, of this city, is at the head of a project backed by a number of prominent Westchester county residents to construct a ship canal to connect the Hudson river and the sound. The plans of Judge Schatz call for a canal 14 miles long crossing the county from Tarrytown to Port Chester. The estimated cost of

the improvement is about \$3,000,000. Another part of the scheme is to incorporate that part of the county bounded by the canal on the north and the New York city line on the south into the new city of Westchester. The territory within these boundaries has a population of over 200,000, and would make a city of the first class. "It would become the Venice of America," says Judge Schatz, "the

natural home part of New York." Judge Schatz says that a bill will be submitted to the legislature this session asking for the appointment of a commission, and that a similar bill may be introduced in the Connecticut legislature, as the canal will border on that state for several miles. If the legislature will not take the question up a syndicate of capitalists will be formed to build the canal and operate it as a private venture.

### VETERAN IS 101 YEARS OLD Colbert P. Blair, a Soldier of the Black Hawk War, Was an

Athlete in His Prime.

Corvallis, Ore.-Colbert Powell Blair. centenarian, was born New Year's eve in 1805, and passed his one hundredth birthday at Pendleton last New Year's eve. While still a small child he removed with his parents to Kentucky, where his youth was spent. Later he resided consecutively in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, starting across the plains for Oregon in 1853. The first winter after the arrival in Oregon was spent on the Santism, and the following spring he settled in Benton county. For 30 consecutive years he was bailiff of the Benton county circuit court. Fifteen years ago he went to live with a granddaughter

at Pendleton. In his youth he was known far and wide as an athlete. He was a soldier in the Blackhawk war and also in the Rogue river Indian war. Mr. Blair is still hale and hearty and in possession of all his faculties. He is somewhat forgetful of recent events, but remembers with great clearness many events of

#### Rare Operation. Replacing the lungs, the heart and

stomach, which were suspended in a eack from an opening in the abdomen. of an Italian baby, was the rare operation performed in Memorial hospital. Morristown, N. J., by the staff physicians. The doctors are watching the result with great interest. There is every indication, they say, that the child will live. A normal respiration followed the operation, and as far as can be discovered the adjustment of the vital organs is perfect.

## RATTLESNAKE BILL IN LUCK

Finds Coal and Oil on a Small Farm . He Bought in Maryland, Near Pennsylvania Line.

Hagerstown, Md.-In a single leap William Witmer, familiarly known as "Rattlesnake Bill," has gone from the humble, though dangerous, occupation of capturing and training rattlesnakes to a position which he believes means affluence and comfort for the remainder of his life,

Witmer, who formerly owned a modest little tract of land giving fruit of different kinds, several months ago sold his place, which was situated near the foot of South Mountain, and purchased a small farm close to the Penn-Bylvania line.

Since his occupation of the place Witmer has had an opportunity of making a closer examination of the character of the land he bought and greatly to his surprise and gratification he found evidences of coal. Next he discovered oil oozing from the ground near where the coal was found. The discovery of such valuable products on his land has set Witmer on the top shelf, and he is so thoroughly satisfied that he has a rich thing of it that he declared he would not take

anything for the tract. He will endeavor to interest capitalists in an attempt to develop the coal and oil on his farm and believes that there is a big fortune awaiting him

# COYOTE AIDS LONE WIDOW.

Animal Dropped a Thigh Bone and Then the Body of Missing Man Was Found.

Anaconda, Mont. -- But for the accidental frightening of a coyote by a party of skaters, causing it to drop a bone on the ice, it is highly improbable that Mrs. George Moller, formerly of this city, would ever have received the \$3,000 insurance paid her on the policy of her

husband. The bone was found to be from a human thigh and the resulting search disclosed the body of Moller, who had wandered away from home months previously and had been drowned, but whose body had not been found. The insurance company declined to pay the policy until the body was produced.

A vigorous search was maintained for several months, but to no avail and Mrs. Moller had given up hope. The skaters came upon the coyote gnawing. at the bone, which he dropped and ran. By following the track of the coyote; the remainder of the skeleton was found. The clothing was easily identified and the coroner's jury decided the body to be that of Moller. Mrs Moller was informed by the life insurance company that upon furnishing an indemnity bond she would be paid. Residents of Anaconda quickly furnished this and she has received her money.

# CAVALRY MAY DYE HORSES.

Aim Is to Render the German Mounts Invisible to the Enemy; Trouble, Find the Dye.

Berlin.-The advisability of dyeing cavalry horses some neutral tint or screening them with light canvas trappings in order to insure their invisibility from the enemy is a subject which a special mistary commission is now investigating.

During the Boer war the English war office conducted several experiments with the same purpose in view. Many horses were dyed, but it was found that the dye soon washed off of all except gray horses. Several vegetable dyes and Condy's fluid diluted were used, but the experiments proved of little value.

Canvas cover cloths, it was found, made the horses perspire and impeded their movements: moreover when the sun was behind the cavalry the horses! legs could be seen through the canvas. The best screen for cavalry used in the South African war was found to he a heather-like shrub picked up on the veids. Sprays of this plant were strung about the horses and gave them

the appearance of waving fields when

the cavalry slowly moved across the

# INDIANS AS TRUCK FARMERS

skyline.

People of Territory Raising Their Own Vegetables and Making Butter Industry Boom.

Muskogee, I. T.—Two industries that are receiving a great deal of attention in-Indian territory just now are truck farming and dairying. Up to a few years ago the demand for dairy products in this land of the cowman had to be supplied from foreign markets, and vegetables had to be bought elsewhere. The demand changed this.

Dairying is now becoming an important industry, and there are hundreds of small truck and garden farms being improved, especially around the larger towns. The early climate and the rainfall make the country especially adapted to this class of farming, and will make it extremely profitable, as the Indian territory farmer will be able to land his products on the early markets in advance of anything except Texas prod-

How China Breaks Strikes. They need no injunctions in China. Railway employes at Hankow threatened to strike, and the vicercy anmounced that every striker would be beheaded. It was not law, but it "went,"

Center's Lone Bathtub. Center, Neb., has only one bathtub. but that is not necessarily a reflection on the town. There was bathing before bathtubs, and there may be bathtubs without bathing.

## BIG GIRL IS LONDON BELLE

Young Vermont Giantess, Six Feet Two, Weight 240 Pounds, Popular in England.

Windsor, Vt .-- Miss Alice Kennedy, the American girl who had caused such a sensation in London society because of her height, six feet two inches, is a resident of this city, and a great favorite with the people of the place. She is a handsome girl, built in proportion to her height, weighing 240 pounds, and, though fond of sports, had never neglected her pet char-

Miss Kennedy is wealthy and accomplished. Her father was one of the founders of the cracker trust.

When at home she entertains extensively and associates frequently with the exclusive colony of New Yorkers who have homes not far from Wind-

It is said that she has a specially constructed set of turniture for her rooms at home, the table, chairs and other articles being four inches higher than ordinary.

She is very athletic. She drives well, and would like to ride horseback, but is unable to get a lady's horse which can carry her weight comfortably. She plays tennis well likes skeeing, skating and tobogganing, and is a splendid type of finely developed young womanhood.

The average English society girl is iniclined to be tall, but this stately American girl towers above them majestically. Her extreme height, of course, makes her conspicuous at first, but people soon cease to notice it on account of her delightful manner. She is as charming as she is tail, and her society is much sought.

## HIS DESCENDANT A YANKEE.

Henry Clay McDuffee or His Father Has Voted for Every President of the United States.

Bradford, Vt.--Lineal descendant of Duncan Macduff, referred to in "Macbeth," Henry Clay McDuffee, the grand old man of this village, boasts the unique distinction that he and his father have voted in every presidential election held in the United States. During 29 national elections the McDuffee family, represented by father and then by son, has an unbroken record of voting. John McDuffee, the father, was born in Londonderry, N. H., June 16, 1766, and one thing that he continually regretted to the time of his death in 1851, was that he was not allowed to accompany his father to the battle of Bunker Hill on account of his youth. Time and again he told the story about him and his mother working all night running bullets before the father started for the war.

The son began voting in 1852 for Winfield Scott, and at the last election voted for Roosevelt. Though 75 years old, he expects to vote for many more repub-

His records show that he is a direct descendant of King Kenneth Macduff of Scotland and Duncan Macduff in 1000 A. D. The name McDuffee was taken by the family after one branch of the family went from Argyleshire, Scotland, to Londonderry, Ireland, in 1812. Duncan Macduff was the celebrated Thane of Fife. The coat-of-arms which Maicolm III, of Scotland awarded to the Thane of Fife when he was made an officer of the crown has always been pre-

#### served by the family. PARASITES SAVE ORANGES.

Scientist Finds in China Deadly Enemy to Scale and Quest Is a Success.

San Francisco.—The most curtous quest ever made in the interest of science has been completed by George Compere, who has arrived in this

Compere has been scouring the earth in search of parasites to destroy the scale that kill orange crees. Every portion of the earth was visited by the hunter. He went from San Francisco to New York, to Brazil, to London, to Australia, to China, from China back to Australia and thence to San Francisco.

In China he found the parasite, and trees infested with the scale were taken hundreds of miles inland, where they were exposed to the influence of the exterminating parasites.

The trees were carried into the interior and there left until the parasite finally made its home in the infested trees.

Mr. Compere brought into California some time ago the parasite which lives upon the worse of the codlin moth. Its development was so successful that fruit growers from all over the country have found relief from the pest.

Smallest of Babies Born. Mrs. Charles Bybee, of Lander, Wyo., gave birth to the smallest baby of record in the western states. It is a girl and weighs only one and one-fourth pounds, is less than nine inches tall and its head is less than two inches in. diameter. It is perfectly formed, has; regular and pretty features and appears to be in excellent health. The physicians say there is no reason why it i should not live. The parents are above the average in beight and weight.

Useful Like the Rest.

Statues representing the various nations of the earth are being hoisted to the top of the New York customhouse. As laborious attempts are being made to explain them, it will be seen that they are as useful in a representative capacity

as most figures of the sort. .That's a Becord.

Indiana people took out 719 patenta last year-and all these, mind you, in addition to copyrights on literary prod-

# L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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