

CAPTIVE BALLOON ON A WARSHIP



Captive balloons are now in the German navy as observation stations. The balloon is held by a stout hawser wound drum on the vessel's deck...

OLD ILLINOIS TOWN

THE VILLAGE OF PARADISE HAS STOOD STILL FIFTY YEARS.

Population of Place Has Not Varied in Half Century — One Man in Every 45 Colonized in Civil War.

Bloomington, Ill.—Paradise, Coles county, a village of 250 inhabitants, has many distinctions, chief of which is the fact that in proportion to its population it furnished more colored to the federal armies during the civil war than any other place...

COBLESS CORN IS LATEST.

Illinois Farmer Discovers Freak and Cultivates It.

Bloomington, Ill.—A year ago H. J. Scone and Taylor Garlough of Vermillion county, purchased a quantity of seed corn in Indiana. In the shipment was a freak ear, which instead of a core of husk, the grains being neatly wrapped upon the soft foundation, like peas in a pod.

IDLE MEN MENTAL "HOBOES."

Speech of Michigan Professor Stim Student Body.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Prof. John O. Reed, dean of the literary department of the University of Michigan, in a talk to the State Teachers' association in Saginaw, touched on kindergarten, fraternities and college social organizations in an address on "Intellectual Hoboism."

NEW PRUNE IS A WONDER.

Discovery to Be Given Rigid Test by Men on Battleships.

New York.—A new prune, which is served with a sweet sirup like molasses, has been sent to the various ships in the navy to be tested by the men on the lines of the plan similar to the great tobacco-chewing test, which was resorted to in order to find what brand of tobacco the majority of the men in the navy preferred.

Steal Bible Birth Notes.

Lafayette, Pa.—Birth records were torn from three very old family Bibles and valuable genealogical papers were taken by burglars at the home of Thomas D. Frosble on Ridge avenue.

Buy's Crusoe's Gun.

Philadelphia.—Hilda B. White of this city has purchased the Brelock used by Alexander Selkirk, Defoe's original Robinson Crusoe, at a sale in Edinburgh, at a sale in Edinburgh.

CONVINCED BY THE STATISTICS.

Point That Satisfied Maiden Aunt as to Expedition's Safety.

For five minutes after the automobile stopped before the door the rest of the family coaxed and argued before they could persuade the maiden aunt to get in. "I am afraid the thing will blow up or something," she said, "and I certainly don't want anything to happen that will prevent my getting up to New Rochelle. I haven't seen Jennie for six months. I don't want to be fooled out of my visit to-day."

FLED FROM THREATENED WRATH

Conscience Must Have Worried Man Who Eavesdropped.

Two boys were out picking nuts, and they wanted to divide them equally between them, so they went over the fence into the cemetery and sat down among the tombstones to count out the nuts. While going over the fence they dropped two nuts, but didn't stop to pick them up.

Comfort More Than Salary.

A man who happens to know that a stenographer who is earning hardly more than seven dollars a week is worth a great deal more than that to business men who require painstaking service, was wondering the other evening why she did not try to ad-

A Clubwoman's Troubles.

One of the annoyances of the clubwoman's life lies in the tickets that are pressed upon her and from which there seems to be no escape.

Dogs Didn't Last.

Sir Leopold McClintock, the Arctic explorer, who died recently, was once giving an account of his experiences amid the ice fields of the north.

Healthful Bath.

A bath much favored by the Kneipists, along with the barefoot habit, is formed from a solution of pine needles and pine cones. Cover with cold water about a pound of fresh pine needles and pine cones, broken in small pieces.

Keep Your Eyes on the Ground.

In walking about the Australian gold fields it is always advisable to keep your eyes on the ground. You can never tell when you may kick up a nugget—or fall down a deserted shaft.

PROPERTIES ALL TOO COSTLY.

Actor's Strangeness Cost Him Regard of Worthy Lady.

David Garrick was the part best loved by the late E. A. Sothorn, and concerning his acting in this play an amusing story is told. He was accorded a "benefit" one night, and selected "David Garrick." In this comedy, it will be remembered, Garrick feigns drunkenness, and in the drawing-room at Ada Ingot's he disposes the guests at the tea table, and plays havoc with the tea service.

\$4,000 RETURN ON TEN CENTS.

Purchaser of Old Material Found Really Good Investment.

John Roberts of Watkins, Schuyler county, a well driller, recently purchased of Angelo Dupree, a junk dealer, an old pump for ten cents. It was apparently of no value, but he thought there might be some parts that he could use in his business.

An Unsavory Charity.

In all the cafes and beer halls of Germany a large canister is placed on a table in the center of each establishment. Every time one of the guests lights a fresh cigar he gets up and deposits in the canister the end of the one he has just been smoking.

Benefit of Gymnastics to Golfers.

On the subject of gymnastics and golf Capt. Hutchison, who holds a gymnastic appointment in the Coldstream Guards, reports: "While actually going through five hours' daily work in the gymnasium I found that the heavy work was certainly detrimental to golf."

His Qualifications.

Traveling along a country road a revenue officer was attracted by frightful screams coming from a house not far from the road. Tying his horse he ran to the house and found that a little boy had swallowed a quarter, and his mother, not knowing what to do, was frantic.

What He Meant.

An old sea captain was visiting a certain exhibition, and was greatly interested in the mechanical section, where a fine array of steam whistles was on show.

NEW ORGANS FOR OLD

WONDERS OF EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY ARE OUTLINED.

Surgeons at Rockefeller Institute Successfully Put Kidneys into Living Body After Being in Cold Storage Sixty Days.

Philadelphia.—The wonders of experimental surgery accomplished at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York city, were outlined the other day before the opening session of the American Philosophical society in much greater detail than they have ever before been given to the public.

AIM AT WIVES' DRUGGERY.

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Broke Pyramid-Climbing Record.

Kewanee, Ill.—Mohanna Melalik of this city has received word from Egypt that his ascent of the famous Gizeh pyramid in seven minutes without assistance, breaks all records that can be traced.

THREE BIG LOBSTERS CAUGHT.

Capture Indicates Return of Crustaceans to Ancient Fishing Ground.

Provincetown, Mass.—Three monster lobsters—regular king-pins of a race of crustaceans once gathered from near-by waters in hundred thousand lots annually, but during the last 30 years so scarce that the price has increased from three cents for the boiled specimen to 18 and 20 cents a pound—have been taken at Provincetown within the last fortnight.

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