

SCARCITY OF GREAT MEN.

Few Statemen of Notable Power in the World To-Day, Says This Authority. The London Spectator finds that there is at this time an alarming scarcity of great men in the realm of statecraft...

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.

EFFECTS OF ALTITUDE ON THE HUMAN FRAME. Former Incredibley Regarding Attainment of Great Heights Disputed by Feats of Mountaineers. Three years ago one of the leading mountaineers of Europe expressed the opinion that the limits of high ascents had about been reached...

METALS TIME-PROOF.

ZORNE'S WONDERFUL EFFECT ON SUBSTANCES. Chemist Rediscovered Ancient Secret of Preservation—Liquid Also Has Many Other Remarkable Properties. London.—The Hungarian chemist, Bruno, of the university of the same name, has not revealed, but has described in a paper which vouches for the facts as being well known in the highest scientific circles...

HUNGRY MEN REFUSE WORK

Out of 500 "Bread Liners" in New York, Only Two Willing to Take Country Job. An artist who formerly had a studio in the Fleischman building at Broadway and Tenth street, recently purchased a country place in Connecticut, says the New York Press...

SOCIETY GIRL TO RESCUE.

Miss Roebing Throws Aside Embroidery to Give Lesson to Fireman in Life-Saving. Trenton, N. J.—After saving her father's thoroughbred horses from being burned to death, Miss Emily Roebing, daughter of Charles G. Roebing, and a leader in society, stopped a runaway fire engine and assisted the firemen to couple up a line of hose which had burst...

BRITON MEETS HIS CAPTOR

English Officer Clasps Hands in America with Adversary of South Africa. Four years ago in far South Africa, on the banks of the Vaal river, Commandant G. Mare, of the Boer forces, while doing scout duty near Welklofontein, captured a British officer, Capt. J. Johnson, of Kitchener's scouts, with about 222 men and held them prisoners for over five months...

THE LIVELY LITTLE TROUT.

Jumping Up Through Spouts from One Trough to Another in a Hatchery. The hatching troughs of the Aquarium's fish hatchery, which are set up on the sides of one of the big pools there, are arranged in step-downs, to promote the circulation of the water through them...

FEAST OF SNAKE-CHARMERS

They Throw Live Serpents Upon a Statue of St. Dominic in Procession Believing Cures Will Come. Naples.—A strange procession was seen in the town of Cuccullo, near Aquila, when the statue of St. Dominic was carried through the streets. Snake charmers annually attend the festivities, and it is their duty, while the procession is moving, to keep near the statue and throw handfuls of live snakes upon it...

ORCHID SELLS FOR \$4,375.

London Auction Sale of Flower Requires Purchaser to Share Seed with Grower. London.—The highest price ever given for an orchid at auction sale was realized in the Portland street rooms. It was an Odonoglossum crispum named Roger Sander, and is the only one of a variety in existence. Soon after the flower was offered the bidding was brisk and the price went to \$4,375. Even at this high price there was a condition which provided the seller should, when it became ripe, have half the seed carried in pod...

LIGHT FASTER THAN SOUND

Everyday Incidents Which Go to Prove the Truth of This Assertion. About 1,000 yards from the window where I sit is a factory which blows its whistle every noon, writes the author of "Nature and Science" in St. Nicholas. The steam always comes from the whistle some little time before the sound is heard. Yesterday I counted three seconds between the time when the first steam was seen and when the sound of the whistle was heard. The whistle is heard when the weather is foggy or clear; hot or cold; windy or calm. It is sometimes louder than at other times, but it always takes three seconds to travel the 3,000 feet from the factory to my house...

ENTANGLED HIGH IN AIR.

Aeronaut Caught Against Smokestack for Hours at Milan. New York.—At Voghera an aeronaut has passed through a terrible experience while making an ascension on a trapeze at Milan. A gust of wind blew the balloon against the smokestack of a factory. It became entangled, but the balloonist clung to the bar of his trapeze at a height of 150 feet from the ground and shouted for help. Firemen arrived, but their ladders were too short. An army engineer at Pavia was summoned by telegraph and arrived three hours later. Meanwhile the aeronaut, still calling for help, was losing strength, while the balloon was gradually losing gas. Soldiers finally succeeded in hoisting a rope to the top of the chimney and the aeronaut was lowered to the ground in such a feeble condition that he had to be taken to a hospital...

OCCUPATIONS OF ANIMALS.

They Reap Not, Neither Do They Spin, Yet They Are Always Busy. How is it that birds and beasts manage to pass through life without succumbing to ennui, or at least without being bored nearly to death? Animals, as a rule, do not loaf. It is not thus that they solve the problem. Loafing is an art which but few living creatures understand, says the Indian Times. Lizards, crocodiles and charrapas are the greatest authorities on the subject. Animals have acquired the knack of making much ado about nothing, they have learned to be very busy without doing anything. This accomplishment obviously differs from that of loafing. It is one which animals have brought to perfection, and of which many human beings—chiefly women—are very able exponents. There is overhead a wasp busy exploring the holes in the trunk of a tree. Why he does this he probably does not know; he has not time to stop and think. He is quite content to explore away as though his life depended on it. Five times within the last six minutes he has minutely inspected every portion of the same hole. All this labor is useless, in a sense. Without it, however, the wasp would in all probability die of ennui. The wasp is not an isolated case. Most animals are experts at frittering away time; they spend much of their lives in actively doing nothing. Watch a canary in a cage. He hops backward and forward between two perches as though he was paid by the distance for doing so. Look at the butterfly. He leads an aimless existence. Nevertheless he is always busy. A bee probably visits 20 times as many flowers in a day as a butterfly; for all that the butterfly is always on the move. Predigal's Resentment. "I realize," said the unhappy parent, "that the way I have brought you up conclusively proves that I am a little better than a fool." "Sir!" said the wayward youth. "I appreciate the fact that your age protects you from my just resentment. If you were a younger man I would soon teach you that no man can speak disrespectfully of my father in my presence."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Only a Dream.

Father (one a. m.)—Is that young man asleep, Marie? Daughter—Hush, papa! He has just asked me to marry him and make him happy for life. "Just as I thought. Wake him up!"—Judge. Loss from Insects. Dr. A. S. Hopkins, forest insect investigator, department of agriculture, says the annual loss from insects which prey on forest trees and their crude and finished products is \$190,000,000.

Inexhaustible Credit.

A Pittsburg constable who performed a service for a millionaire brewer has received a credit of 1,000,000 glasses of beer. And now the man has been driven to desperation by the discovery that if he drinks 28 glasses a day it will take him nearly 100 years to exhaust his credit.—Buffalo Express. Full Credit. Maude—That long-faced Mr. Blank is either a philosopher or a fool and I couldn't make out which. What do you think? Babette—He talked to me for an hour at the reception last night, and I decided that he is both.—Detroit Free Press.

Tours World in Auto.

A special cablegram announces the arrival of Charles J. Glidden, the Boston millionaire, in Paris from Java, completing an automobile tour of the world. He covered 25,000 miles by auto in 210 days, passing through 24 countries and 8,000 cities, towns and villages. Besides he traveled 24,827 miles by water, which alone took 78 days. He carried the American flag to Upper Torneo, in the Arctic circle, in Sweden, and to Bluff, New Zealand. Mr. Glidden was accompanied by his wife and a machinist. He plans a tour of Africa this fall. Rich Girl Wife of an Indian. It has developed that Miss Edna Theresa Kenton, the daughter of a rich Philadelphia manufacturer, has been the wife of A. H. Nash, a Winnebago Indian, for nearly two weeks. Nash graduated from Carlisle in 1897 and studied at Andover and the University of Pennsylvania.

English Scenery.

Borne urge against English landscape that it is too much crowded with marks of civilization for the purposes of a tour, but to the right-minded there is but an added romance in a bridge spanning a small brown water, a village girl with pastures, the roofs and towers of a far town, the flash and murmur of the telegraph wires along the high road, or the smoky glow of a train clanking along the valley or thundering forlornly in the distant hills.—Outlook. The London Girl. The history of the London girl's complexion is a tragedy in itself, and symbolic, besides, of all the other minor tragedies of the town girl's life. Yet it is simply a history of smuts and—hard water. In Bath the average of good complexions among young women in every rank of life is about 80 per cent. In London the average is not above 49 per cent.—The World and His Wife.

Justice Hits It Right.

A Minnesota train robber has been sentenced to 50 years in the penitentiary. Once in awhile the blind goddess of justice gropes her way to a righteous decision. Lucky Clerk. In New York the other day a bank clerk who had stolen \$25,000 was sent to a reformatory. It was a lucky thing for him that he took more than 75 cents.