

PICTURESQUE ROCK GONE.

Famous Old Landmark at Santa Monica Crumbles During Rain-storm.

Santa Monica, Cal.—After having withstood the storms for generations...

Arch rock was as old as the hills when the mission padres who preceded Father Junipero Serra...

Indians and Mexicans who lived in this section early in the century have handed down its traditions...

PIPE COLD AIR FROM WELLS

Cheap and Effective House Cooling System Put in Use in Montana Town.

Helena, Mont.—The town of Thompson Falls, in Missoula county...

Thompson Falls has a large number of wells that furnish cold, fresh air...

The wells of Thompson Falls are a little more than 60 feet in depth...

The utility of the cold air currents was first observed in 1884...

For cold storage plants, a house is built above the well and the air rushes upward...

ENGLAND'S VAST INSURANCE

Home Companies Close Year with Balances That Are Tremendous.

London.—The people of the British islands are now insured by 96 companies...

Premiums were paid last year to the amount of £35,644,141...

The companies closed the year with balances amounting in the aggregate to £317,058,943...

Dogs Devoured Church.

From the loneliest mission station in the world, on an island 700 yards broad...

Business Honesty.

"And now my son," said the bank manager, "on this, the threshold of your business life...

HE WAS COOLNESS ITSELF.

Philosopher Gives Practical Demonstration of the Value of His Pet Theory.

"Perhaps there never was a man who so thoroughly believed in taking things coolly as Mr. Bulteel...

But, as so often happens, Mr. Bulteel's opportunities for putting his favorite theory into practice had been few...

"My dear," he said calmly to his wife, "the time has come when we will find in practice the value of what I have always preached...

In these silences they busied themselves in the operation of quick but unburied dressing...

"There, my dear," he said to his wife, when the danger was over, "you see the great value of my philosophy of coolness...

His wife glanced at him for the first time since the alarm had been given.

SIEGE COST 50,000 LIVES.

Persian Town Beset by Arabs Reduced in Population to That Extent.

Leland Buxton, who has returned from a tour of several months in the Persian gulf and in the Yemen...

At last the twenty-fifth anniversary of the firm and of the bookkeeper's service came along...

"Well," demanded the donor, as the other hesitated, "what did you want to say about it?"

TOO MUCH STANAM—ETC.

Magistrate Was Not Equal to the Task of Writing It Down.

There was a Greek victory the other day, and it was won in New York, relates the Sun...

"Ver honor—well—I can't say that I know it."

"Well, yer honor—" began the policeman in a faltering voice.

"I don't know what's the matter with you policeman," snapped the magistrate...

"I can't speak Greek, yer honor," gasped O'Brien.

"What's your name?" queried the magistrate, scowling at the prisoner.

The prisoner looked like one that is dumb until a fellow countryman translated the magistrate's question...

Reciprocity.

Picking up a paper, the caller asked: "Are you a subscriber to this journal?"

"Not exactly," replied the would-be poet. "The editor has placed my name on the free list...

The Clock and the Man. When a clock is fast you can always turn it back...

COMPASS OF LITTLE USE.

The Instrument on Submarine Boat Ceases to Point North Under Water.

Talking with a young naval officer, I learned something about submarine boats that astonished me...

Rough water on the surface has the effect of giving an opaque quality to the sea underneath...

But the impossibility of steering by compass destroys the practicability of this weapon for actual warfare...

In a banking office in New Orleans is an aged bookkeeper who began his connection with the business the day it was established...

"Williams," he said, "do you know what day this is?"

"It is indeed, Williams. And now I have thought fit to commemorate the event, and I have put in this envelope for you a small gift to express my appreciation of your faithful service."

FAMOUS BELGIAN SCULPTOR

First of His Calling to Give to Labor the Precious Baptism of Art.

Just a year ago (April 4, 1905), there died in Brussels, where he was born and where he lived and labored nearly all his days...

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NEW NOMENCLATURE.

It is the opinion of the London Daily News that with "All-of-a-sudden Peggy" we may be entering upon a new era of nomenclature...

The parish church at Tobbing, England, which dates back to the thirteenth century, and was recently restored, possesses a remarkable ancient instrument, a barrel organ...

"Flam—Does your wife work?" "Flam—Well, I should say so! She works me!"

"Gee! Hardest kind of labor, eh?" —Detroit Free Press.

Shutting Him Off. Touchily—I say, old man, I've got a good short story to tell you.

Wisely—Never mind about it. I'm short myself to-day.—Chicago Daily News.

FOOD TO SUPPLANT MEAT.

Artificial Albumen the Result of Investigations by German Scientist.

Consul Pike, of Zittau, reports that an interesting discovery is being discussed by the German press...

"Prof. Emil Fischer, director of the leading chemical institution, the Berlin university, has gained the credit of having accomplished the first analysis of natural albumen...

The poor wore rough woolen garments, which were never washed, and the better classes adorned themselves with silks and velvets...

A very simple experiment, made by an eminent bacteriologist, determines in a startling manner the potential dangers associated with accumulations of dust in a living room...

His mother gave me a gold watch which was often of more service to me as a pledge than as a timepiece...

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HOBBIES AND PASTIMES.

National Occupations of People with Time to Spare in Various Places.

Parrots and misses afford a never ending source of occupation to those gifted with sufficient patience to undertake the task of teaching these birds to speak...

Various places lend themselves to particular hobbies. In the Andaman islands mother of pearl is plentiful and everybody goes in either for polishing shells or making rings and bracelets from them.

In Burma, the land of teak, the carrying of elaborately decorated photo frames enables many a man to while away hours that would otherwise be dreary...

In India soldiers recovering from serious illness are usually sent to hill stations to complete their cure, and can find plenty of wood to whittle into walking sticks...

Once a wise man built a large house. He said: "I will place in this house many bureaux. There shall be bureaux on all sides, in all the rooms...

And the house of the wise man was finished, and in it were one mile of bureaux, and in the bureaux there were 14,000 drawers...

Sunday morning the wise man arose with a light heart. He tipped the little drawer down under the stairway...

"At last I have a private drawer!" He stooped and pulled the drawer and looked in.

There were veils, feathers, ruching, hairpins, red ribbons, blue ribbons, safety pins, petticoats, silk stockings, powder puffs, corset covers, trading stamps, chewing gum, shoestrings and other articles too numerous to mention.

The wise man dug out his stiff shirt, his underclothes and clean collar and carefully wrapped them in an old newspaper...

Then he went out doors and meditated.

PEWS THAT CARRY A VOTE. Queer Custom of a Parish Church in England Dates Away Back.

The parish church of Chertsey possesses a curious anomaly, says the Sunday Strand. It has several pews in its gallery which are bought and sold by auction...

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COURT KILLS HOTEL DRAFT

Habit of Charging Huge Fees in Event of Illness of a Patient Is Abolished.

Geneva.—American tourists will be glad to learn that one form of hotel extortion has been abolished by a decision of the federal tribunal of Switzerland.

The proprietor of the Grand Hotel du Cervin, at Saas Luce, in the Canton of Valais, sued a Geneva gentleman for \$25,000 damages and payment for rooms vacated by guests who left the hotel on account of the illness of Miss Cartier, his daughter.

Miss Cartier had been declared by two doctors to be suffering from scarlatina while she was staying at the hotel. Later it was discovered that Miss Cartier was suffering from only a cold.

The federal court, by six votes to one, decided against the hotel proprietor and censured him for bringing such an action and made him pay all the costs.

In the various continental hotels sickness, and particularly death, is likely to be an expensive luxury. Charges similar to the above case are frequent and usually the guest settles rather than go through a tedious lawsuit, particularly if he is an American.

In case of death the hotel proprietor before he will allow the body to be removed from the hotel exacts from the relatives payment for the room the dead person occupied for the remainder of the season, claiming that he will be unable to let the room again owing to the antipathy people have to occupying a room where some one has died.

In France the landlord can also collect for refurbishing the room, as it is supposed a room in which a death occurs is always refurbished.

IMMIGRATION TO FALL OFF

That Is Prediction of President of National Institute—Sees Decrease of 90,000.

New York.—The annual forecast of immigration for the year has been issued by Broughton Brandenberg, president of the National Institute of Immigration. This forecast has for three years estimated the influx within 20,000.

There will be, Mr. Brandenberg thinks, a considerable decrease, about 90,000, in immigration into the United States for 1906 as compared with the previous year. This is more in the gross than in the net, owing to some peculiar conditions.

The extremely open winter in America has allowed an estimated 300,000 laborers to continue their seasonal work with more or less regularity. At least 75,000 of these would have returned to Italy, Austria-Hungary and Greece for the winter and come again this spring or been replaced by relatives. A vast quantity of work laid off for this summer has been done this winter, which will make the labor market far easier until August or September, too late greatly to affect the year's immigration.

The possible coal strike will deter tons of thousands from emigrating.

There will be an extremely heavy falling off in the Galician, Russian and Polish Jew immigration. The events of the last two years in Russia have served to promote a new solidarity among the Jews, and they are likely to remain where they are, temporarily at least.

WHALE TAGS OCEAN LINERS

Leviathan Races with Two Big Ships at Sea—Story Told by Passengers.

New York.—Tales of how a big whale played tag with two liners in mid-ocean were told by passengers on the Kronland, of the Red Star line, which arrived from Antwerp and Dover. The other vessel in the game was the Campania of the Cunard line, bound eastward.

The Leviathan was sighted by the Kronland's lookout about three o'clock in the afternoon. It was nearly a mile ahead and a little to starboard of the steamship.

The Campania had climbed above the horizon a short time before, and the vessels were approaching each other. When the whale caught sight of the Kronland it steered toward the south, evidently intending to cross her bow.

It swam faster than the Kronland was going, however, and with a disgusted sort of spout turned and made away to the north.

By this time the Campania had come up. The whale kept straight on until it found the other black monster, with great red gills amidship, crossing its path. Then it turned, spouted furiously for a few minutes and then sank.

Aged Woman Hoboes' Friend. Mrs. Temperance Ellen Tabbott, mother of Congressman J. Fred Tabbott, who died at Baltimore, Md., at the age of 91 years, had hobbled faith in the honesty of hoboes, and her confidence never was betrayed. No tramp or higger ever was turned away hungry from her large estate near Lutherville, Baltimore county. For nearly 40 years the knights of the road who stopped at the gates always obtained a good meal, and in cold or stormy weather a place to rest and sleep. She had bunkers constructed in one of the large barns, which were kept filled with clean straw for the accommodation of the weary travelers. In the morning the farm hands started them on their way with a breakfast and frequently a lunch for their next meal.