

GLASSES FOR AUTOMOBILISTS

Kind Used to Protect the Driver's Face When Going at High Speed.

To the various sorts of glasses designed for drivers' use have now been added automobile glasses, especially designed for the use of the automobile driver.

These glasses are spectacles fitted with very large shell-shaped or convex lenses, the size and the shape giving a large field of vision.

For winter wear, when some warmth in it would be desirable, the mask is made of suede leather, lined with silk; for summer use these glasses are made with the mask of unlined silk, either of the gray suede color or of black.

Automobile glasses are a French notion, and originally all those sold here were imported from France.

ORGANS CARRIED IN TRUNKS.

One That Traveled Around the World—Many Are Thus Carried in This Country.

"In the Sun while ago," said a man in the New York Journal, "I read an interesting paragraph about a trunk that a New York manufacturer had made for an organ that was carried around the world by Mrs. D. Bankey, the singing evangelist."

"Very probably that organ trunk made the longest continuous journey of any ever made, but I guess you would find a dozen or dozens of organs toted all over this country in trunks made to carry them in."

ACTS AS GAME CONSTABLE.

The Young Husband of Queen Wilhelmina Acts in a Humble Official Position.

Queen Wilhelmina's new husband has acquired distinction in the vicinity of the royal residence by acting as a game warden.

In this task they were quite successful, but as they were sneaking home through the trees at a little distance from the royal castle in which Queen Wilhelmina and the prince of Mecklenburg are spending their honeymoon they found themselves face to face with another sportsman.

It was, in fact, the prince of Mecklenburg himself.

The poachers did not know him, and the two Dutchmen never suspecting that this handsome young gentleman was laying a trap, told him all about themselves and consequently were surprised when the prince told them to hand over their partridges and give him their names.

Gold in the Carpets.

An order has gone out from the treasury department that before the various superintendents submit their reports for the current year they shall burn the rugs and carpets on the floors of the rooms where smelting and refining of gold and silver takes place.

DOLLARS IN ODD SHAPES.

Process Through Which the Silver Is Fat Before It Becomes a Coin.

Under the law, a silver dollar may be a grain and a half over weight, and this "limit of tolerance" applies to all of our silver coins.

Whenever a fresh batch of dollars is turned out at the mint, samples are forwarded to the treasury at Washington, where they are put through a very curious process.

Now, the object of this performance is to obtain samples of metal from all parts of the dollar, inasmuch as it is conceivable that one portion might be richer in silver than another.

The sample pieces having been found correct, it is inferred that the entire batch of dollars is all right.

DONE BY POST OFFICE WOMAN.

Employee in the Chicago Department Who Has Accomplished a Wonder.

There is a woman on the Chicago post office force who is doing what no other woman in the city can do, and very few men, says an exchange of that city.

About three years ago Miss Henrich was put on as a substitute clerk at the Lincoln park station, which distributes mail to one of the largest districts in the city.

While Miss Henrich was serving as substitute she had plenty of spare time, which she spent in learning the "distribution scheme," which is the burden of every green employe's life.

The "scheme" is an arrangement of pigeonholes where the mail is thrown before being delivered.

Last November Miss Henrich was appointed a regular clerk, and at a test given to the clerks by Superintendent Herman Lieb, the woman employe asked to be allowed to compete, and she made as good a record as any of her fellow-employes by making only one error in "throwing" 500 letters.

We Now Grow Giant Bats.

With the Philippines we have acquired quite a remarkable addition to our zoology in a giant bat that far exceeds in size his cousins on this continent.

With all of his horrible appearance he is not only harmless, but to some extent useful, in destroying noxious insects and in furnishing a small amount of not very appetizing food.

Seven Denominations in Wedding.

"The college roommate of a friend of mine was engaged to a lady in New York," writes Rev. D. M. Steele in his article on "Some People I Have Married," in Ladies' Home Journal.

Chestnut Growing in France.

In no part of the world does the business of growing chestnuts receive so much attention and involve the outlay of so much capital as in France.

SPECULATION IN 1901 CENTS.

They Will Easily Bring Nineteen Dollars in the Coin Market.

A flustering young woman, out of breath as though walking fast, rushed up the steps of the mint the other day, and asked to be directed to the bureau of information.

The fat messenger adjusted his glasses and scrutinized the paragraph. While he was thus engaged the young woman explained that she had four 1901 cents, and wanted to know what made them so valuable, and where she could realize on them.

"I dare say it's very funny," she said, "but I don't think such things ought to be printed." And she made her exit sorrowfully.

TO MAKE MEN BEAUTIFUL.

Moscow Establishment Where the Deformed and Ugly Are Transformed.

That men ought to desire physical beauty as much as women is the firm belief of two German merchants, who have opened at Moscow a store in which, they claim, any man who is deformed or ugly can find appliances that will speedily remove all his defects and transform him into a thing of beauty, says a foreign exchange.

"We guarantee," say these ingenious merchants, who are evidently good judges of human nature, "to provide anyone with a first-class bust of Apollo for 92 francs 50 centimes, with an ordinary bust of Apollo for 37 francs 50 centimes, with a pair of shoulders like Hercules for 25 francs, and with an improved pair of such shoulders, made of whalebone and nickel, for 75 francs."

Indeed, a glance over the price list shows that for 200 francs any gentleman who is at all lacking in personal beauty or grace can have himself speedily changed into a faultless Adonis.

Ships Disappear and Leave No Sign.

A paper bearing the prosaic title of "Underladen Sailing Ships and Steamers," read before the Shipmasters' society by William Allingham, contained enough material to have furnished Clark Russell with a foundation for a dozen sea romances, says a London paper.

The danger of underloading, Mr. Allingham pointed out, was hardly less great than that of overloading.

An Insulted Gaffer.

An inquisitive commuter on one of the trains that pulled into the Grand Central station had his dignity ruffled the other day by a facetious engineer.

Music of Beetles.

While the structure of the music of stridulating organs of beetles is extremely simple, they sometimes possess contrivances for varying the pitch.

AUSTRALIAN NICKNAMES.

"Cornstalks," "Gum-Suckers" and "Crow-Eaters" Are Some of the Pet Appellations.

Although the Australian colonies have now been linked together in a commonwealth, it is not probable that the nickname bestowed by one province on another will be abandoned.

Western Australians—or, as they are now generally called, Westralians—are known in the east as "sand groppers" or "groppers."

WASTE OF GOLD IS HEAVY.

Loss and Wear of the Precious Metal Amounts to a Million Dollars a Year.

It is fortunate for the world that new gold mines are being developed at a rapid rate; otherwise there would soon be a famine in the precious metal.

SENDS HIS BILLS TO THE MEN.

Shopkeeper Who Found That They Paid Much More Promptly Than the Women.

There is a man in an eastern city who does a large business in babies' dresses, and clothing for very young children, writes Edward Bok, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Women in Holland.

A great change has come over public feeling in Holland as to girls in the upper classes earning their own livelihood.

The United Kingdom in Connecticut.

A drapery store in a Connecticut town is said to be run by three men, named England, Ireland and Scotland.

CAN'T USE THEM.

American Inventions Are Often Rejected Unless by Stupid English Builders.

All Americans who have lived in London will have noticed the curious facility with which Englishmen contrive to neutralize American inventions by adopting them only in part.

The genius who put up the building in which I occupy a flat may serve as an example. He was evidently infected with American ideas.

The consequence is, of course, that neither dumb-waiter nor speaking-tube is utilized, and a happy American notion is discarded in English eyes, for lack of simple attention to the necessary details.

CANNOT DROWN FIRES.

Necessities of Combating Conflagrations in Deep Coal Mines.

Fighting fires deep down in coal mines is a task to put the heroism of the bravest to the test. In an interesting article on the subject in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, the author tells how at Plymouth, a large town in the Wyoming valley, a big mine caught fire from the burning of a breaker.

A SLEEPWALKER'S FEAT.

One Who Guided His Watchful Companion Over Perilous Paths in Safety.

"An interesting case of somnambulism is reported by M. Badaire, director of the normal school at Blois, France. It is accredited by Dr. Dufay and printed in 'The Proceedings of the Society of Psychological Research,'" writes Dr. R. Osgood Mason, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Too Many Doctors.

Statistics of the country relating to physicians indicate the possibility, if not the actuality, of overcrowding in the medical profession.

New York a Century Ago.

An old copy of the New York Spectator shows that the population of New York city just 100 years ago this May was 60,483.

TRAMP'S ESCAPE.

Most Remarkable Thing That Has Occurred in an Engineer's Twenty Years' Experience.

John Smith, a well-known Illinois Central passenger engineer, relates a remarkable story about a man whom he found asleep on the ties of a railroad track a few nights ago.

The engine had nearly passed the object when it stopped. Descending from the cab, Mr. Smith found a man soundly sleeping.

The noise made by the approaching locomotive had not awakened the man, and he was not aware of his danger until the engineer grasped his shoulder and roughly shook him.

It was the most remarkable thing that has occurred during the engineer's 25 years' experience.

DEAF MUTES AT THE PLAY.

None of the Unfortunates Than Usual at the Theater During the Past Season.

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ABOUT SEVEN AND FORTY.

These Are Numbers That Occur Frequently in Biblical Records and History.

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Hamlet loved Ophelia harder than 40,000 brothers. The best tale in the "Arabian Nights" is about "All Baba and the Forty Thieves."

King Edward's Double.

An amusing incident occurred during the Easter holidays at Boulogne. The editor of a London weekly—a gentleman who bears a striking resemblance to King Edward—was enjoying his cigar in one of the principal cafes in the town, when he suddenly became aware that his presence was causing unwonted interest and no little commotion.

Longevity of Lobsters.

Among the marine articulates, life is often prolonged for years. Some of the larger crabs and lobsters probably endure for a decade or more; a few species may live on to nearly two decades before attaining their fullest growth.