

RAILS SHIPPED TO INDIA.

American Steel is Being Used Extensively in the United Kingdom.

The British steamship Sandhill sailed from Sparrows point, Baltimore, with 1,800 tons of steel rails and 50 tons of fittings for Bombay, India, and the schooner Major Pickands sailed for Barbadoes with 1,500 tons of rails and fittings. Both ports are British, and heretofore only English-made steel rails were used there.

It is announced that an order is being filled for 2,500 tons of 83-pound steel rails for a railroad in Ireland, and English inspectors are now inspecting the rails at Sparrows point preparatory to the shipment. Steel rails have heretofore been exported from this country for use in British colonial possessions, but the sale just concluded is the first in which the rails are to be actually put down in the United Kingdom.

Of this order 500 tons have already been shipped and other similar shipments will follow in steamers of the Lord line.

This new business is looked upon at Baltimore as the entering wedge for further orders in that direction, the presumption being based upon the fact that while American steel rails are selling at \$18 a ton the English price is \$23. One of the English inspectors, after having made a complete inspection of the Sparrows point works, remarked that in point of equipment that mill was 50 years in advance of any similar mill in England.

KAISER DISAPPOINTED.

The Squalor and Undignified Decency at Jerusalem Shatters the Dearest Illusion of His Heart.

A dispatch from Berlin says: Disappointment was the dominant impression left in the Kaiser's mind by his visit to the holy land.

His address to the Evangelical clergy of Bethlehem, now first published, candidly expressed that feeling. He said: "To describe the impressions of the last few days, I must say that I am, above all things, very disappointed. I did not want to say that here, but as I have heard that my court chaplain felt the same thing I will not keep it from you."

"It may be that the unfavorable approach to the town of Jerusalem contributed to this, but when one sees the state of things at holy places and what goes on there it cuts into one's heart."

"Only the Christian life can make an impression upon Mohammedans."

"Nobody can wonder if they have no respect for the Christians in ecclesiastical matters, as the Christians are divided."

"They must be prevented, even by force, from quarrelling with one another at this sacred spot."

The Emperor has said since his return: "My visit to Jerusalem has shattered the dearest illusion of my heart. Its squalor and undignified decay are indescribable."

GIVES FORTUNE TO CHARITY.

Aged Woman Donates Her Wealth Before Death to Avoid Litigation.

George C. Thomas, the treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Protestant Episcopal church, was surprised lately to receive a gift to the society of about \$40,000. The owner is a woman about 80 years old. In order that there might be no dispute over her estate in case of her death she determined to make her offering to the cause of missions during her lifetime and under these conditions:

- 1. That no public mention should be made of her name in connection with the donation and that it should be kept a profound secret.

2. That the money should not be hoarded, but that it should be used where it will do the most good, at such a time and in such a manner as should be deemed expedient, without the slightest restriction.

Before bestowing the gift the unnamed donor retained a sufficient sum of her estate to place herself beyond the pale of want during the course of her remaining years.

DEBUT OF MISS SARTORIUS.

Granddaughter of Mrs. U. S. Grant Introduced to Washington Society.

Fashionable Washington was gathered at a tea in the home of Mrs. U. S. Grant the other day, when she introduced to society her granddaughter, Miss Rosemary Sartorius. It was the first big crush of the season and the first coming-out tea.

The debutante is tall, slim and blond, a self-possessed, good-looking young girl. She wore a white net gown, embroidered and spangled. Her hair was dressed high and ornamented with a white algrette. Mrs. Grant presented the guests to the debutante. She wore a costume of mauve satin, and Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartorius, who stood next to her daughter, wore a white gown shimmering with spangles. Every available space in the drawing-room was filled with the bouquets received by the bud.

INVENTION OF RICE.

Rice are said to have been first invented by Gaspard Zollner, a native of Vienna, about the end of the fifteenth century.

LAY IT TO THE FLIES.

Navy Makes Same Complaint as Army as to Spread of Disease.

Found That Sickness Among Sailors at Guantanamo Was Result of Myriads of the Common House Fly.

House flies as distributors of disease is discussed by the naval surgeon, who makes a medical report of the operations of the North Atlantic squadron in the war with Spain. The same matter was mentioned by the army surgeons, who decided that typhoid at some of the military camps in the south was communicated by the insect. Medical Director C. U. Gravit, fleet surgeon on the New York, says:

"Cases of acute intestinal disturbance began to develop soon after anchoring in Guantanamo bay. There were fever, pains in back and limbs, a sense of great weakness and almost collapse in some cases, nausea, etc. The disease usually ran its course in four or five days, the weakness persisting. Everything of a general nature which was thought possible to cause it was investigated. As similar cases were occurring in all the ships in the harbor it was evident that some common cause was at work, and the fresh meat taken from the supply ships was the only thing common to all. The meats when received on board were frozen and hard to cut up. For this reason they were often left on deck over night to thaw out. They were then cut up, placed in cold storage, and used by the messes as required. After being distributed to the mess cooks they were allowed to lie in the heat several hours before being cooked, and while so exposed myriads of house flies which infested the ships in Guantanamo harbor had access to them. As the same meats were used on board during the blockade of Santiago, when the ships were free from flies and no disturbance followed their use, it is thought that these insects were a potent factor in causing the condition of the meats which produced the disease. Specimens of the meats were taken for examination. The flesh, free from odor of decomposition, and in excellent condition. Microscopic examination showed that the areolar tissue was filled with micro-organisms of many species. The conclusion arrived at is that the causes were due to ptomain poison produced in the meats by the organisms found and that the flies were carriers of the germs."

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FIRST THREAD-SPOOLER DEAD.

Mrs. Martha Little Davidson Expires at Her Home in Lebanon, Ill.

Mrs. Martha Little Davidson, who enjoyed the distinction of having spooled the first spool of thread in the first factory known to the thread industry of America, died at her home at Lebanon, Ill., aged 80 years.

The pioneer mill was a crude affair in the little village of Dracont, Mass., now a part of the city of Lowell, and it was to work in this mill and to teach the trade to a force of employes that Martha Little, then 26 years of age, and her sister were brought from Paisley, Scotland, where they were employed in the great Ferguslie mills.

Besides her husband, an only sister survives, she who was a collaborator in the first thread mill, and who married some years ago John Semple, associated in the management of one of the great thread concerns of the country. This sister lives in Mount Holly, N. J.

WAIL OF DRESSMAKERS.

Fashionable Modistes of London Complains of Reprehensible Habit of Titled and Wealthy Ladies.

A loud wail is going out from fashionable dressmakers of London about what they term a reprehensible habit of titled and wealthy women. They say it is a common practice of this class of women to hunt the west end shop windows for a dainty costume or a pretty bonnet. When they see anything attractive they make a sketch or take a memorandum of details and straightway go to a private dressmaker and have the article reproduced at a comparatively small cost.

A customer who has been interviewed says women of high position even go further, and, accompanied by a private dressmaker, carefully inspect the gowns produced at a cost between \$200 and \$500, and go away without purchasing anything, and subsequently have the articles made at a very much less cost. The customer says his only protection is to keep most costly models out of view and only to show them to known clients.

Paris "Octroi" Duties.

Paris is to be relieved of that petty nuisance, the "octroi" duties, levied on everything brought into the city, but the municipal council is finding it hard to provide a tax to take its place. Death duties and taxes on houses, rents, clubs and concerts have been thoroughly discussed.

Keeps the Coachman in the Dark.

The queen's coachman never knows where he is to drive until her majesty is actually seated in the carriage. This rule has been in force ever since the queen ascended the throne.

USED AS BILLBOARDS.

Large Piles of Snow in New York City Furnish an Opportunity for the Theaters and the Fancy Man.

The mountains of snow in New York streets assumed such an air of permanence after the recent storm that theaters and other concerns used them for advertising purposes. Every huge pile of snow along Broadway and the side streets crossing bore aloft a board covered with the lithograph of some favorite actor or actress. Some of the snow piles settled into veritable glaciers and it was expected that the medicine and tobacco sign painters would soon be displaying their art on them.

Down-town wages were at work. South William street, which extends from Broad to Beaver street, is one of the shortest streets in the city, being only about 700 feet long. It is also a narrow thoroughfare, hedged in by tall buildings on either side. Moreover, South William is a busy street. For nearly a week this business street was buried under snow nearly three feet deep. For two days the merchants in the street bore the discomfort with fortitude. Then the strain became unbearable, and one morning there appeared before the house of William H. Pearing a mountain of snow piled near a sidewalk. Upon its crest was placed a board upon which was written this legend:

"White wings, we've grown weary;
O, come with your wagons and cart us away."

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Bulletin Financier.

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COMPTOIR D'EXCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS.

Change of exchange on New York 100/110, 110/115, 115/120, 120/125, 125/130, 130/135, 135/140, 140/145, 145/150, 150/155, 155/160, 160/165, 165/170, 170/175, 175/180, 180/185, 185/190, 190/195, 195/200, 200/205, 205/210, 210/215, 215/220, 220/225, 225/230, 230/235, 235/240, 240/245, 245/250, 250/255, 255/260, 260/265, 265/270, 270/275, 275/280, 280/285, 285/290, 290/295, 295/300, 300/305, 305/310, 310/315, 315/320, 320/325, 325/330, 330/335, 335/340, 340/345, 345/350, 350/355, 355/360, 360/365, 365/370, 370/375, 375/380, 380/385, 385/390, 390/395, 395/400, 400/405, 405/410, 410/415, 415/420, 420/425, 425/430, 430/435, 435/440, 440/445, 445/450, 450/455, 455/460, 460/465, 465/470, 470/475, 475/480, 480/485, 485/490, 490/495, 495/500, 500/505, 505/510, 510/515, 515/520, 520/525, 525/530, 530/535, 535/540, 540/545, 545/550, 550/555, 555/560, 560/565, 565/570, 570/575, 575/580, 580/585, 585/590, 590/595, 595/600, 600/605, 605/610, 610/615, 615/620, 620/625, 625/630, 630/635, 635/640, 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