

MUSIC ON SHIPBOARD

Pianos and Other Instruments Common on Sailing Vessels.

Ballers kind of Diversions While on Long Voyages—Popular American Airs Sung in Southern Seas.

You are invited to a musicale on the ship... A number of persons responded to this invitation cheerfully...

The captain further explained that he put aboard a cheaper piano at the request of his wife when they were married...

When the musicale began the captain, his wife accompanying, sang in a round and pleasant voice "Good-by..."

"It is a rare thing now," said the captain, "to find a sailing ship without a piano, especially if she belongs to a good firm..."

"I invite my men to come into the cabin when off watch and make use of the piano. All sailors on a long voyage have much spare time that they don't know what to do with..."

"Another thing a sailor, like any man, is more careful in his personal appearance if he knows he is to appear as a lady..."

Recently Papal Gifts.

Leo XIII received many costly presents while he was pope and at his death they did not become the property of his heirs...

Queen Graceyard.

A steamer piloted well toward New York... The bones were the skeletons of earth scattered on the great plains of South America...

It Makes a Difference.

"What's the difference?" "What's he come now?" "Why, last night he died and fumed, and finally stanged because his wife took three minutes to dress for a ride out to the park..."

AN ERA OF IRRIGATION.

Advantages of a Comprehensive System for Every State in the Union.

The following paper, written in August, by request, for the Rural Californian, is submitted at this time in view of the special interest in the subject, awakened by the recent meeting of the national irrigation congress at Ogden...

The full significance of the new era of irrigation on which the nation is now entering is but vaguely understood by the public at large...

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LECTURING IN POLAND.

Exciting Censorship Readers the Working Classes and Unpleasant.

Russian censorship in Poland is so exciting that not only is the writing of books cruelly crippled by its action, but a public lecturer finds his work perplexingly difficult...

When the principal character narrates how, with his sword, he called the foot of the old minister to the earth...

Then there was another passage—a poetical quotation, where the hero in despair complains to God of the indifference with which He allows man to suffer.

Here again the speaker relied on the ignorance of the censor where Polish literature was concerned.

"As the savages of antiquity, when they were angry with their gods," he paraphrased, "discharged an arrow into the vault of heaven, so Conrad's flings this vomit out into the universe. Thank God! Thou art not the father of the world, but man!"

In delivering this speech he made a pun of some seconds during which a shadow ran through the hall...

"Welcome, Victor."

"I think so," assented the fortune teller, "didn't he prove to be a favorable omen?"

"The One Drawback."

"Didn't you have a pleasant voyage?" he asked.

EARNING EDUCATION.

Yale Students Work Their Way Through College.

Some as Waiters, Drive Milk Wagons, Act as Pull Beavers and Do Other Things to Pay Their Expenses.

About 70 freshmen, or one-fifth of the class, in the academic department at Yale this year expect to earn all or part of the money required to pay the expense of their first year in college...

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A half dozen Yale men have been acting as pallbearers at funerals during the season and have found the work profitable...

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MAN-OF-WAR MESSING.

System in Vogue on Late War's Gunboats is Successfully Very Satisfactory.

The mopping system on board a big man-of-war is as complex as any complex as the table service of a hotel...

It is interesting to recall today a curious fact about the American ship...

A Bottomless Cup.

For giving confidence to visitors there is nothing so useful in an office as a very solid-looking safe...

Sham Safes.

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WATER AUTOMOBILING.

High Speed Launches Are Growing Very Popular of the Atlantic Coast.

Following close on the cyclonic heels of the automobile comes the magic marvel of river, lake and sea—the water automobile...

The interest now taken in the development of motor launches and automobile boats in this country makes every new type of vessel the object of special inquiry...

Steam requires engineers and too technical knowledge of machinery, but with the development of the automobile a great many men competent to run explosive motors are now to be found...

It is said that the launch business of the country runs into several millions of dollars annually...

The development of the racing automobile, with its attendant refining of weight in the construction of the motor, has provided a constantly improving motor for the driving of fast launches...

Automobile boats are made as they should be, instead of built to order. Most of the parts are interchangeable and can be replaced by any competent chauffeur of an ordinary automobile...

ALASKA'S TIN DISCOVERY.

An Important Addition to the Mineral Resources of the United States.

Is Alaska going to add to the number and variety of the resources which she contributes to the country's wealth? It looks that way...

Naturally a good deal of interest has been aroused by the report of the finding in Alaska of tin...

It is not produced in any really important quantities in the United States...

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SKILLFUL MACHINES.

Electrical Devices That Act in an Intelligent Manner.

Used in the Government Census Office to Simplify the Work of Enumeration—Particulars of Operation.

The most striking application of machinery to the purposes of counting is in the electrical machines used in the census office, writes C. K. Wead, in St. Nicholas...

The practical operation of the census gives the same results as this imaginary operation. It comes about in this way: For each one of the 77,000,000 people of the country a card a little larger than a postal card is prepared...

The apparent intelligence of the machine may be explained thus: when the card is put into the machine some 250 spring needles are brought down on it, wherever there is a hole one needle goes through and down into a drop of mercury, and so closes an electric circuit and causes the pointer on a counter to move forward one number...

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FARM IMPLEMENT EXPORTS.

Rapid Growth of the Trade and Wide Distribution of American Products.

Agricultural implements exported from the United States last year amounted to \$21,000,000 in value, in 1893 they amounted to only \$1,500,000 in value...

Of this total of \$21,000,000 worth of agricultural implements exported last year, nearly \$2,000,000 in value went to France, and about an equal sum to Argentina, \$1,500,000 to the United Kingdom and about an equal sum to Germany...

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