

CRUISER FOR BIG LAKES.

Introduced in Congress for a bill to Reliance on Michigan. Congressman Boutell wants an appropriation of a quarter of a million of dollars to build a steel warship to replace the United States ship Michigan on the upper great lakes. He has introduced a bill to this effect, which has been referred to the naval committee, of which Congressman Ross, also of Chicago, is a member. In the event of the Michigan being superseded by a cruiser of modern type it is proposed to utilize the old vessel as a training ship for the naval militia.

MADE UP ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Hubbard and Wife Never Spoke to Each Other in Twenty Years. Last Christmas was a happy day for a New York farmer and his wife. On that day Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, of Matamoras, resumed their old relations towards one another and both are now doing more happily. Twenty-one years ago Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were married, but for the last 20 years neither has spoken a word directly to the other. When either wished to say anything he or she would speak to black cat. In this way they have lived. Neighbors often tried to bring about a reconciliation, but never succeeded, as neither would give in to the other. The quarrel grew out of Mrs. Stewart's desire to go to church. Before her marriage she was in the habit of attending every Sunday, and after she became Mrs. Stewart she still desired to continue the practice. He did not believe in church-going, and preferred to have his wife with him on the only day in the week on which he did not labor. The result was that Mr. and Mrs. Stewart gave up speaking directly to each other. Mrs. Stewart every Sunday went to church and sat in the seat she occupied when a mere child and always alone. When friends asked her why her husband did not accompany her she was ready with an excuse for him. The Stewarts are going to celebrate the settlement of their long quarrel by giving a party, to which will be invited all their friends. Neighbors are now wondering which of the stubborn couple was the first to give in.

CERTIFICATES FOR SEALSKINS.

Persons leaving this country who wish to take sealskin garments with them must, to protect these garments from seizure on their return, obtain a certificate of the port before their departure. Such certificates have already been obtained by Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr., who sails with her husband on the "Amelia," Teutonic, and by Mrs. George Hayward, of Paris, who is traveling in this country and intends to go to Canada. The law barring out sealskins taken in prohibited waters was discussed at a conference of the heads of departments called by Collector Bidwell at the custom house. The subject of the conference was the means to minimize the annoyance to incoming passengers who may have sealskin garments in their possession. The suggestion was made that temporary public stores be established on the docks.

KILLED ON HIS WEDDING DAY.

Georgia Girl Robbed of Her Prospective Husband at the Altar. A special to the Philadelphia Times from Dixon, Ga., says: "The bride was waiting, but the groom came not. The smiling guests wondered and whispered. Everything was ready at the home of James Martin for the wedding of his daughter, Ada, and Clarke Westbrook, both prominent young people. An early hour had been set for the ceremony, and after the bride and groom were to leave on an extended tour. The guests were in a state of suspense and anxiety when a messenger dashed up to the house and announced that the bridegroom was dead. He had been killed in a runaway while on the way to the house. A strange coincidence is being mentioned. Two years ago Clarke Westbrook and Miss Gussie DeCannon were engaged to be married. On the wedding day the bride-elect died. Now it is the groom-elect.

Largest Farm in the World.

Louisiana claims the largest farm in the world, situated in the southwestern part of the state. It contains 1,500,000 acres, 300 miles of navigable water, 200 miles of railway facilities, and 500,000 worth of fencing. A company of northern capitalists own and operate the tract, using steam plows on the cultivated lands. But the farm is mainly devoted to raising cattle on large pastures or ranches, existing over six miles.

Pointless in Greenland.

An Oregon potato never gets larger than a marble.

HIS TEMPERANCE SERMON.

How a Courty Southern Ex-Congressman Was Given a Shock. One of the most courteous and polite representatives of the south who ever came to Washington is ex-Senator Ransom, of North Carolina, who has recently returned to this country from Mexico, where he was the American minister. If there is anything "Matt Ransom," as he is called, prides himself upon it is his courtly manner and distinguished bearing under any and all circumstances. But his dignity was given a jolt at the Metropolitan hotel a day or two ago in a manner that the punctilious North Carolinian will never forget, says the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. Only a few minutes before the incident occurred had been lecturing a constituent on the evils of drinking and pointing to himself as an example of sobriety and total abstinence. Hanging upon his arm at this time was a lightweight overcoat, and his hand was tightly gripped around the handle of a small leather satchel. One of the bellhops grabbed the overcoat and satchel simultaneously for the purpose of taking them up to Mr. Ransom's room. In his haste the bellhop tripped and sprawled on the floor and a suspicious-looking black boot slipped out of one of the overcoat pockets and was smashed into a thousand pieces on the marble floor of the hotel corridor. "There goes my bottle of catsup," said Mr. Ransom, without changing a muscle of his face. But the odor that arose from the marble floor was suggestive of the strongest liquor ever brewed by a North Carolina moonshiner.

TESLA'S NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM.

Phosphorescent Vacuum Tubes That Make Light Bright as the Sun. Nikola Tesla has announced another important discovery, the perfection of the phosphorescent vacuum tubes, so that they may be employed wherever an illumination of the highest power is desired. While his experiments with the improved tubes have been confined to showing their efficiency in photography, Tesla promises it will not be long before this lighting system will be practical wherever illumination is needed—the lighthouses, on sea going vessels, and as searchlights to penetrate the densest fogs. With his improved vacuum tubes and oscillator Tesla can now produce a light almost as bright and strong as the hottest sun rays. This light has been employed at night in the taking of photographs, which have been pronounced by experts as examples not equaled by any taken by day under the most favorable circumstances. "I expect soon," said Tesla, "to have the tubes so improved that with the use of only one I can photograph the largest building perfectly on the very darkest night. This, though, is only the first step in my experiments." Tesla refused to discuss any of his further experiments, but it is likely the improved tubes will be tried in some of the neighboring lighthouses, where their practicality may be finally determined.

WILL DRIVE OUT THE GAME.

Rush of Miners to Alaska Will Hurt Fur Business of the North. Douglas M. Dodd, a New York traveling man, in an interview at Denver said: "The rush of miners and prospectors to Alaska and northern British America last year, and that which will follow the opening of next spring, means the loss of many thousands of dollars to the Hudson Bay Trading company, which controls the fur business in that country. This results from the driving away of the game from which the company makes its profits. "Forty years ago my father was one of the hundreds of men who the Hudson Bay company employed to hunt and trap game in the far north. He had followed the business for 20 years, and during that time hunted all over the Klondike region." He knew all of the rich gold deposits there, and I now have at home nuggets which he picked up in that country." He has many times told me that some day that would be the greatest gold producing region in the world. He claimed that the gold deposits, extend from the Hudson bay to western Alaska, and are to be found on all the northern islands.

FINDS WIFE BY "WANT" AD.

William Wilson Advertises and His Wedding Follows. The little town of Southport, Me., is rubbing its eyes because of the marriage of Ethel Moore, a pretty girl of 22, daughter of Dennis Moore, a hard working fisherman. The match was made through an advertisement in a matrimonial paper. "William Wilson, a ranchman in Mono Vista, Cal., was the advertiser. Miss Moore answered the advertisement. A reply was sent to her letter and a correspondence was begun that led to the exchange of photographs and an arrangement that the prospective husband should come east when the opportunity afforded.

Dollar wheat brought the opportunity.

and so Mr. Wilson journeyed to Southport. The young people liked each other. The girl's parents approved of Wilson, and one night recently the lady was seated at the home of the bride, the presence of the family, Rev. A. T. Anderson, of the South Methodist church, performing the ceremony. Dear Stirred Up by a Sawd Flow. The rotary engine on the Great Northern railway ran into a bunch of deer in a canyon near Lewyworth, says the Portland Oregonian. A big buck stuck in the deep snow, and Engineer William Gould killed it with a pole-nick.

A CHAPTER ON KISSES.

They Are Classified for the Convenience of Those Interested. A kiss used to be the ordinary salutation among country folk in England, and it is not unusual even now in some districts for rustic to say "Buss me" to an acquaintance. But as tribute to rank it is unknown in England, except in the case of the reigning sovereigns. To the queen alone is accorded the baise-main, and on occasions of ceremony only. Her hand is kissed by the ministers, ambassadors and great officers of state on their appointment; by bishops on their performance; by peers and peeresses on succession, and by "the general company" at drawing-rooms. When the throne is occupied by a king, he is the donor instead of the recipient in the case of the presentation of ladies. The lord lieutenant of Ireland, in his capacity of royal representative, bestows a kiss on the brow of each lady presented to him! But in some foreign countries, notably in Austria and Russia, the rule of hand kissing is very strictly and generally observed. In Russia it is the custom for servants to kiss their mistress' hand in the morning and at night; the right hand therefore is reserved for inferiors, and the left for the salutes of friends and equals. The reigning sovereigns of most European countries, whether kings or queens, receive the baise-main from all their subjects.

The German fashion of saluting always on the lips is to be deprecated, since it reduces the whole art of kissing to one dead level. In England they are colder mannered, and while they bow to the unwritten law which ordains that they should kiss, for the sake of politeness, many people to whom we are indifferent, we reserve different degrees of warmth in our salutations to those for whom we cherish sentiments of regard, affection, love and devotion. There is our kiss indiscriminately bestowed on new connections, our cousins' wives, or our aunts' husbands; our parents' old friends, who because they have held us in their arms during our infancy, or known us when we were so high, claim some more personal mark of attention than the ordinary handshake; on the relations, near and distant, of our husbands or our wives, and on a host of other people for whom we are absolutely devoid of sentiment. The social kiss, though, a shade more voluntary, is of the same order as this last, and it consists of the slightest, shortest brushing of the lips against the cheeks or brow of the recipient. There is the kiss polite, which we persistently offer to some disagreeable relative whom, for reasons, frequently mercenary ones, we wish to propitiate; or to a friend with whom we are not on good terms, and whom we are anxious to conciliate.

Then there is the kiss platonic,

and this is seldom mutual, nor are the results thereof measurable. It may be offered from an impulse that is indefinite, yielded from a kindly, or pitiful, motive; given or taken from a transient feeling of idle appreciation or admiration; it is but brief and often is not repeated, yet the memory may survive in one heart only, and, like a ray of sunshine on a folded blossom, may expand the petals of affection into the full-blown flower of love. Wherefore, oh, men and youths, matrons and maids, beware of the danger lurking in the plausible guise of the kiss platonic! For kissing cynicism who can rival Mr. Ruddyard Kipling—notably in his "Maxims of Hafiz," when he says: "My son, if a maiden deny thee, and scornfully bid thee give o'er. Yet lip meets with lip at the lastward—get out, she has been there before. They are pecked on the ear, and the chin, and the nose, who are lacking in lore."

But it remains for Mr. George Meredith, the Browning of our prose, "the greatest, if the least intelligible, of our living novelists," to invent or describe a unique kiss, when in "Lord Ormont and His Aminta" he contrives that his heroine and her scholarly lover should exchange and seal their first mutual confession of love by the contact of lip to lip under the sea. A momentary simultaneous dive, when Aminta, swimming toward the shore, has led him irresistibly to follow her, and the Rubicon is passed! As novel a situation as this is difficult. It would need expert swimming and diving to insure its speedy and successful accomplishment. Truly has kissing been called the key to the heart of life! Robert Browning consecrates one of his last and most exquisite of sonnets to its praise—and surely the wings of the brooding genius of love must have fluttered and brushed the poet's hand as he wrote these words:

SUMMUM BONUM "All the breadth and bloom of the year in the bag of one bee! All the wonder and wealth of the mine in the heart of one gem! In the core of one pearl, all the shade and the shine of the sea! Breath and bloom, shade and shine, wonder, wealth and how far beyond them, Truth that's brighter than gem, truer than pearl, purer than pearl, Brightest truth, purest truth in the universe, all who form, 'In the kiss of one girl.' — N. Y. Weekly.

VENTES A L'ENCOAN.

PAR GEO. G. FRIEDRICHS & CO. ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. L'élégant Cottage Moderne comme Résidence, No 4832 rue Colisée, encoignure Lyon, La Confortable Résidence à un étage, No 4820 rue Colisée, et Trois splendides lots pour bâtir. Rue Colisée, entre Bordeaux et Lyon. SUCCESSION DE W. M. ARBOTT. No 55,018—Coteur Civile du District paroisse d'Orléans.

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ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. TROIS LOTS DE TERRE BIEN Remblayés, SUR LA RUE WATER. Entre les rues Austerlitz et Constantinople. Succession de Joseph Ritter. No 43,026—Coteur Civile du District, Paroisse d'Orléans.

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ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. VENTE DU SYNDICAT. Vins, liqueurs, etc., belles installations pour café, comptoirs, tables, chaises, tableaux, verrerie, argenterie et autres, ensemble avec nombre d'autres articles. In Es John J. Ballis vs Son Créancier. No 55,528 Coteur Civile du District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, Division A.

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