

POLICE OF FOREIGN CITIES.

Marked Dissimilarity Exists in Costume and Methods in London, Paris and Berlin.

London policemen carry no clubs. Attached to the middle of the belt behind is a dark lantern. The cuffs of their coats have vertical stripes, blue and white, signifying rank and distinguished service. During the frequent showers and rains they wear lit...

PEWS HEREAFTER TO BE FREE

Wealthy Pittsburg Congregation Believes It Has Been Disobeying the Word of God.

Declaring that they had been disobeying the word of God by charging rent for pews in their \$75,000 house of worship, members of the East Liberty Presbyterian church, the richest congregation in Pittsburg, voted unanimously to abolish this practice...

CHIMES GAVE HER THE BLUES

Plaintive Melody Reminded New York Girl Too Much of Gray and Dreary London.

It was Sunday morning in New York. The chimes on the Fourteenth street church were playing something sweet but very plaintive and the woman in her flat on Fifteenth street was walking up and down, listening to them with a frown.

Test for Fine Muslin.

A Madras physician was buying muslin for a turban in a department store. "None of this is fine enough," he said. "In the turban I have on there are 40 yards. But 40 yards of this would give me a head like a Saratoga trunk."

"Indian muslin is very, very fine. It must be fine enough to disappear if it is to pass our A1 test. Yes, fine enough to disappear."

Gossip of the Planets.

It would be nice to have a few words with Mars and Venus or both of them and get them permanently on our circuit. It might be worth much to learn their political systems, what they know about big navies for keeping the peace, how they deal with prison grafters, what rights their women have and what kind of hats they are wearing...

Special Paw for Reporters.

Rev. Joseph Chartrand, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's cathedral, has with hatred of publicity, particularly with regard to his sermons, which are always masterpieces of oratory and usually well supplied with humor, one of his characteristics.

Advice to Teachers.

H. W. Holmes, speaking to teachers in Boston the other day, said that a woman who wants to be a teacher must have sympathy with children, must be kind of sympathy which leads her to pick up the first baby she sees and hug it, but a psychological insight into a child's mind.

SKIPPER'S BLUFF WAS CALLED

Fife Held the Weather Berth and Would Not Yield It to His Opponent.

C. H. J. Snider, who often sailed under him, tells this incident as characteristic of William Fife, Jr., Scotland's famous designer and sailor of yachts. He was in the weather berth once, on the port tack, dodging around the...

MAINE'S "APPLE-TREE FLEET"

Antiquated Coasting Vessels Have Earned Peculiar Name—Amusing Story in Connection.

"The humorists' long shore call them the 'apple-tree fleet,'" writes Holman Day, "because their skippers intend to keep them on the safe side of the seafaring—or sea-faring, as the aforesaid humorists insist; so carefully on the safe side that they do not venture off shore far enough to lose sight of the apple trees."

Trout Held on Weeds.

A correspondent says that when fishing a small river lately he hooked a small trout. After a little he managed to pull him free and he came along the surface side up toward the landing net without further resistance.

Her Souvenir.

"Why did you hurry so?" he asked her when he had finally caught up with her at the foot of the stairs of the cafe. "Do you remember how the waiter prepared to put a clean tablecloth on our table for fresh guests," she asked, "before we got through listening to the music?"

Chattering Golfers.

When serious golf is being played it is best for the game and the enjoyment thereof that there should be as little conversation as possible, and the man who will persist in giving you his views about free trade, tariff reform and the efficiency or otherwise of the army and navy, just when you are thinking deeply how the next shot ought to be played, is generally a nuisance.—The Golfer.

METHODS OF CATCHING FISH.

Hook and Line Shown to Be by No Means the Only Way to Capture the Finny Tribes.

The open season was at hand, and the anglers got their tackle ready eagerly. "Speaking of tackle," said the traveler, "I have fished with ducks, hammers, dogs."

AFRICAN NATIVES ARE NOISY.

Laughter is Seldom Heard in the Up-roar—Sounds of Tomtoms and Big Shells.

Among the African natives there can be nothing done without noise, according to William B. Clarke of Pittsburg, Pa., who has traveled extensively in Africa. "It is simply appalling, the rush, the roar, the chatter and the bustle, like Bedlam let loose," Mr. Clarke said.

Fly Matter.

General attention is now being directed against the house fly. The fly is not now considered an ordinary and inevitable nuisance, as it once was, but is known to be a menace. The fly breeds in filth and revolts in it, and with his feet stuck full of refuse tracks it in the food that people eat.

The Inquisitive Worms.

"I'm going for worms," the fisherman said, "but I need no spade. This bottle of soapuds takes its place." Reaching the hollow, he showered the suds upon the ground, moistening a circle five yards in diameter. Then he sat down with a log and filled his pipe. They'll be up in a minute or so," he said.

Helped Make History.

Dr. Mary Mills Patrick is at the head of the American College for Girls at Scutari, the Asiatic suburb of Constantinople. It was founded in 1871 as a high school and Dr. Patrick, then little more than a girl herself, became connected with it soon after. Graduates of this college are now helping to shape the history of eastern Europe and the Ottoman Empire.

The Meaning.

"What is the meaning of platonic affection?" we inquired. She wrinkled her pretty nose disdainfully. "Its usual meaning," she replied, "is that the young man who talks about it can't afford to marry."

SKY LINE TO WARN SHIPS.

Tower 600 Feet High for a Wireless Station Being Built by Navy Department.

Washington, D. C.—Plans are being carried out it soon will be possible for the navy department to communicate by wireless telegraph with ships 3,000 miles distant from Washington. It is proposed to construct a tower 600 feet high in connection with the navy building, equipped with powerful instruments capable of receiving and transmitting messages from and to ships equipped with wireless apparatus.

DOG HAS A REPUTATION

Ohio Supreme Court in Decision Permits Canine Habits to Be Exploited.

Columbus, O.—Sheep-killing dogs have had their day in Ohio. A decision rendered by the supreme court and reported is worth as much as it is reputed to be. Jacob Rumbaugh had a canine which was in the habit of slaughtering bucks, ewes and lambs, and the neighbors sought to put an end to it by bringing action for damages.

PEST IS DESTROYING TREES.

Strange Disease Creates Havoc in the East and is Spreading to the Western States.

New York.—A strange disease has broken out among the trees of the east. Whole forests have been devastated and more than 20,000 trees in Forest park, Brooklyn, have been destroyed since the beginning of spring by a peculiar parasite. Of these 18,000 were chestnut trees. The Brooklyn park commission is using thousands of gallons of a germicide in the hope of preventing the spread of the pest.

Different.

It was the bachelor girl who stood at the door when the woman opened it. "I thought," she said, "that you didn't allow your neighbors to put their milk bottles in the hall. The last time I was here you were raising Cain about it. And here I had to walk through a forest of them to get to your door. What change has come over the spirit of your dream?"

Very Conscientious Man.

John William Ling, a butcher's manager, cut his throat at his house in Plumstead Common-road, London, recently, and at the inquest a strange reason was suggested. Ling, it was stated, was "a very conscientious man" and the fact that he was going to open a business close to his employer's shop preyed upon his mind.

\$200,000 Will Found on Tub.

Boston.—A will which was found tacked on the bottom of a wash tub and disposing of the \$200,000 estate of the late Patrick Monahan of Charlestown, was before Judge Grant, in the probate court.

WAITER WHO GAVE AWAY TIPS

Divided Money Received with Pianist Who Had Played Accompaniment to His Singing.

Some out of town visitors were taking in an Eighth avenue cafe. The orchestra was excellent, the pianist especially, but first one waiter and then another, to their surprise, would quit waiting and sing. One sang so well that he was encored again and again. That is, singers were thrown at him from all sides of the room. Half dollars sometimes. They fell in the sawdust about his feet. He kept right on singing, however, and pushing them nearer to him, so that he presently stood in an interesting little circle of quarters and half dollars, the pianist playing his very best at his accompaniment, ringing in extra touches, playing beautifully, indeed.

WONDERS OF THE ANTARCTIC

Member of Expedition Impressed with the Fascination of That Remarkable Land.

Dr. Lionville, who is with the Charcot expedition, in a letter to Paris, says: "The Antarctic region is quite up to its reputation. I understand how one can be fascinated with these weird landscapes, where everything that nature shows is strange and unaccustomed. The animals are prodigiously curious, and the formation of the mountains and glaciers very unexpected. It is unfortunate that we cannot spend ten days at this place. 'Deception,' so inaptly named. The penguins are most interested in my work. When I turn over pieces of rock on the shores they come up to watch what I am doing, draw closer and closer, elbow each other to see better, peck the places where I am digging and end up by bustling me. I had to speak very plainly to one this morning, and he walked away limping."

Poets of National Greatness.

Victor Hugo once said in his lordly, generalizing way, that it was Shakespeare who prevented England from being only another Carthage; and it is indeed true that but for our great poets we should not hold the place we hold in the opinion of Europe. Because of them we do not wince when we are described as a nation of shopkeepers, for they prove that we, like the Florentines and Venetians, are something more than that. M. Bourget has expressed the general wonder of cultivated foreigners that the English nation, which seems so matter of fact, and even dull, should have produced two poets compared with whose works all other poetry seems to be prose; and these poets are the very two who are to be honored today in Rome. It is certainly a fact that more than any other nation we produce men of genius who vary extremely from our normal type, and we never have produced more wonderful poets than Shelley and Keats.—London Times.

Stockholm "the Paris of the North."

Mr. Edward D. Winslow, who was recently appointed American consul general in Stockholm, has arrived in Berlin from America and will proceed in a few days to assume his post. He speaks of the rapidly growing importance of the city of Stockholm as a center for tourists, and specially for Americans, who are more and more numerous every year. The influx is expected to be greater than ever this summer, in view of the exposition which is to be held in Stockholm.