

NOT TOO NEAR THE VULTURES

One Visitor Accidentally Absorbed in Watching Fight Between Two Big Birds and Lost His Watchcase.

The visitors to the zoological gardens at Philadelphia were treated to a fight a day or two ago which put the great battle of John L. Sullivan in the shade. The Omerus vulture, which came from the sunny Mediterranean, had a misunderstanding with the bald eagle, which resulted in the loss of a large part of the vulture's whiskers of Ephesus.

THE CARDIFF GIANT.

Authentic Account of the Origin of the Humpback That Deceived Thousands of People.

"The True Story of a Remarkable Deception" is the subtitle of a paper on the above topic by Hon. Andrew D. White, in Century. In this study of human credulity, Ambassador White, who, by the way, pronounced the "giant" a fair from the start, has this to say of the origin of the deception, by which thousands were "deceived":

THE VULGAR YANKEE

Marie Corelli's Estimate of People of Wealth in This Country.

The Author in a Magazine Article Declares That the Influence of the United States Touches That Dollars Measure Society.

Marie Corelli has an article entitled "Vulgarity in Wealth" in a new magazine, in which she bitterly attacks American millionaires, just as her dearest enemy, Ouida, did a year ago.

LIMIT TO HIS MAGIC.

Being a Church Member, This Steward Drew the Line at Twenty-Five-Cent Cigars.

The party was on one of the hundred steamers that navigate the tributaries of the Atlantic along the southern coast. It was going to inspect the timber and cotton mills and the supply of cigars had been exhausted, for the boat had run on a small bar and had lost four hours waiting for high tide, relates the New York Sun.

WELLS THAT BLOW.

Scientists Make a Study of These Peculiar Manifestations.

Phenomena Noticed in Various Portions of Nebraska - Explained Egress and Ingress of Air Currents.

In a recent paper published by the United States geological survey on wells and windmills in Nebraska, mention is made of the interesting phenomena of the breathing or blowing wells which are found distributed throughout a large portion of the state of Nebraska.

MRS. PAGET DROPS SOCIETY.

The American Woman Who Held Sway in London Lives of the Kensington and Haxland.

Mrs. Arthur Paget, who was Mary Stevens, of New York, spends little time in London these days. The truth is Mrs. Paget is "less prominent than formerly" in the ranks of society leaders.

SWINDLE DOG LOVERS.

Paris Dealers Charge American Shoppers Prices for Worthless Animals.

The Paris police have received lately numerous complaints from American women who bought pet dogs at Paris at high prices, but at the end of seven or eight days the dogs stink and died.

DOET CALL HIM HACKMAN.

Cabby Wants It Understood That There is a Big Difference in the Titles.

To the ordinary mortal, a cab and a hack are the same thing, and a cabman and a hackman are simply drivers of those vehicles. That there should be any difference between a cabman and a hackman seems odd to the average person.

INDIANS SHOW GREAT GAIN.

The Report of Hampton Institute Gives the Progress in Educational Work.

The annual report of the Hampton Normal and agricultural institute to the commissioner of Indian affairs says that the improvement in the Indians' studies, dress, language, manners and power of application at Hampton gives evidence of recent great progress among the Indian people.

CUBAN SUGAR AND TOBACCO.

Changed Conditions in the Two Leading Productions of the Island in Recent Years.

The bonanza days of sugar raising are past. Under any reasonable trade treaty, or even under free trade, the industry would find but a dull normal development. Its extension will depend far more upon an influx of a class of immigrants physically capable of doing the necessary field work than it will upon the readiness of capital to invest in the business.

CORFU TO BE A MONTE CARLO.

A Syndicate of Foreign Capitalists Secures a Concession to the Island.

The scheme to convert the beautiful island of Corfu into another Monte Carlo is taking definite shape. The municipal authorities have let to a syndicate of foreign capitalists the old British cemetery at Corfu, on which to erect a casino.

WATERSPOUT HITS SHIP.

Thrilling Experience of a British Sea Captain and His Crew Off Atlantic Coast.

Capt. Ferguson, of the British steamship Hestia, was passing Hatteras, a few weeks ago, when he observed several waterspouts in process of formation at a distance of 200 to 400 yards to windward.

CHECK ON AUTO RACING.

The French Government May Assume Control as the Result of Difficulties.

It is reported that the French government may assume control of automobile racing as the result of the recent difficulties. Perhaps in future no authorization for an automobile race will be given to a journal or other advertising publication, and that even in cases of automobile manufacturers or dealers, no permission for a contest will be given except on condition that in addition to the judges or other officials named by the organizers there shall be present certain representatives of the government charged with seeing that the races are run and times taken in regular manner.

PERFECT ELECTRIC DEVICE.

Two Professors of Wisconsin University Invent an Electrolytic Rectifier.

Prof. C. F. Burgess and C. Hambooken, of the college of engineering at the University of Wisconsin, have invented what they call an electrolytic rectifier.

MAN MONKEY EXAMINED.

New York Doctors Find That the Anthropoid Ape Bears Human Resemblance.

"Mr. Esau, the 'man monkey,' was the object of scientific interest at the Medical Association of the Greater City of New York the other afternoon. Over 20 medical men took part in a clinical exhibition to determine the anatomical characteristics of the anthropoid ape.

SINCERE SYMPATHY.

A Polish nobleman and his wife, being brought up for some political offense, arrived at the spa of Zappot, having their heads shaved, according to the Russian custom in some trials. Next day all the Poles at the place, both men and women, performed the same operation on their own heads as a mark of sympathy.

AFFECTED HUMILITY.

Some scientist has calculated that man is subjected to 1,212 different kinds of diseases, and, says the Chicago Record-Herald, he generally has them all along about this time of the year, too.

CERTAIN PROOF.

"Winter is knocking at the door," says the Cleveland Leader. Instead of ringing the bell? Then, says the Chicago Tribune, it must be an old-fashioned winter that's coming.

A CHECK TO AMBITION.

Who will want to keep on trying to be a millionaire, asks the Chicago Record-Herald, after what Marie Corelli has said?

STANDARD AS GAMBLERS.

In Europe and the new world the most inveterate gamblers are the Spaniards and their descendants. Among African tribes the Hausas run the Chinese very close; and there are some Kanaka tribes in the South seas who push the hazard of gambling beyond the grave.—N. Y. Herald.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STEEL.

Steel, when made into a sword, was the emblem of power. Steel, in the uses of peace and civilization, is just as important as it is or was in war, says the New Orleans Picayune.

THE KISS AGAIN.

The kiss, even if what is alleged against it be true, is such a slow, slow poison. At the lowest estimate, says the Chicago Tribune, the human race has survived its ravages 4,000 years.

HOME FOR SICK OPENED.

The Finest Sanatorium in Europe Has Just Been Completed Near Berlin.

The most magnificent workmen's sanatorium in Europe has just been completed by the Berlin section of the national workmen's insurance fund. It is in the pine woods of Boelitz, a few miles from Berlin, and cost \$3,500,000. The expense of maintenance will be about \$300,000 a year. It is capable of receiving 600 patients. Really several sanatoriums are grouped together, with special houses for the reception of different sorts of patients.

WAS GEORGE VAN DER BILT A BABY?

Mrs. George Vanderbilt has issued orders that all her male servants must lift their hats when they enter the presence of her one-year-old child. Let us hope, says the Chicago Record-Herald, the youngster appreciates the exalted nature of its position sufficiently to refrain from squalling before the refrain.

TOO SMART FOR CHINA.

It is simply wanting a man like Mr. Wu, says the Chicago Tribune, to take him back to China and hold him there.