

THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE

Employer Advised Economy, But in This Case It Was Entirely Unnecessary.

'They tell me that you're thinking of getting married. William,' said the old-fashioned employer to his faithful and steady clerk, relates the Chicago Daily News.

DOUBLE BALLOON AIRSHIP.

Invention of an Englishman That Will Be Something New and Novel.

A new type of dirigible balloon, invented by L. J. Anderson, of London, England, is described in the Scientific American. The principal feature is that two balloons, placed side by side, of identical shape and capacity, are employed to lift the vessel.

The motive power is to be supplied from a 50-horsepower electric motor, and the inventor anticipates that a speed varying from 14 to 20 miles an hour in fair weather will be attained.

SERVICE IN RUSSIAN ARMY.

Fall of Misery, Says a Deserter Who Comes to This Country with Tale of Woe.

Abraham Levinston, a deserter from the Russian army, arrived at St. Johns, N. B., from Liverpool recently and has gone to live with friends in Nova Scotia.

After entering the army the recruit's miseries begin. They are drilled continually, and are bound to perform any service that may be required of them.

Russian Jews living in Baneor verify the descriptions given by Levinston, as above, of Russian army life. They are delighted that Russia is in trouble and that she is likely to have a hard time of it.

Several immigrants lately arrived in Baneor tell vividly of the sufferings they endured while in Russia. One of them said: "You ask us for news. If you did that in Russia and I said anything a man would come around to see what we were talking about."

Electricity Restored Life. Reduction by electricity of an aneurism or dilatation of the aorta, the main artery of the body, has been attempted in nine recorded cases, but only three of the patients survived.

Now that my daughter has been married to a nobleman," said the Yankee father, "I must hustle and make all my labor count."

PROTECTING NIAGARA FALLS

Large Power Companies Diverting the Waters Are Destroying Scenic Grandeur.

Visitors to Niagara falls in recent years have noticed the diminution in the flow of water over the precipice, and have felt apprehensions that an increase in the diversion of the river to furnish power for manufacturing uses would greatly reduce the scenic attractiveness of the cataract.

A movement has been begun to add to the diversion by carrying the water of the river to Lockport, and, after using it there, emptying it into Lake Ontario.

The late Andrew H. Greene was a constant and vigilant defender of Niagara, and did much to make it accessible to the public. It is to be hoped that his death will not weaken the defense.

HAND-MADE VALENTINES.

Were Not Driven Out by the Art of Chromo Lithography in This Country.

When chromo-lithography was introduced in this country a howl of despair arose from the artists, says the Brooklyn Eagle. "This settles it," they cried.

FURIOUS LITTLE FIGHTERS.

The Japanese Believe That to Die in Battle Means a Passport to Heaven.

The Japanese soldiers fight like little furies. They really love to fight, and they care absolutely nothing for death, says the Detroit Free Press.

"After all," remarked the rejected suitor, as he prepared to go, "I suppose a man of 37 would soon tire of a wife who hovered around the 32 mark."

THE "CHAMPION FAINTER."

One of His Most Successful Tricks Was to Collapse Before Wedding Party.

A fraud on a lady has just come to light on the details of which much time and care must have been expended, and yet the profits amounted to only three shillings, says the London Mail.

A man, who described himself as a ship's mechanic, called on the lady at her residence at Putney. He displayed a most intimate knowledge of the family, and stated that two letters had been found in a berth on a German liner addressed to her two brothers.

It is perhaps due to universal education that frauds of this nature are increasing, as opposed to crimes of violence. There is one man, for example, known as the "champion fainter."

One of his feats was to faint outside a house in which a wedding party was assembled. He was tenderly looked after, was given champagne, and washed the newly married pair good luck in a neat speech.

A man who lived on his wits noticed that lamps were being used in a house, while all the others in the row were burning gas. He deduced that something had gone wrong with the meter, and called early next morning "from the company."

Experiment after experiment ended in failure and the family were moved from room to room, while the "kassim" made the most of his opportunities.

"LAND OF NO POVERTY."

Plenty of Opportunities for Energetic Young Men on the Pacific Coast.

The opportunities on the Pacific coast for the right kind of young men with grit and abundant energy are innumerable. Should 2,000,000 young men, with the right sort of material in their make-up, reach the Pacific coast in one day, it is the opinion of conservative western employers that they could all gain a foothold and eventually become men of property and affairs.

In the middle west, for example, 90 new towns have just been built along the lines of the Northwestern railway.

Her Record Never Equaled. The friends of the famous old ship Glory of the Seas make strenuous objection to the German ship Optima being credited with having broken the record of the passage from San Francisco to Newcastle, Australia.

Could Raise Immense Army. The United States could mobilize 45,000 regular army soldiers at any point in the country within five days; could add 65,000 more in the next five days, and in 90 days could enlist, equip and mobilize 500,000 men.

KOREANS ARE QUEER

CHARACTERISTICS AND CUSTOMS OF PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE.

Country Has Never Recovered from Invasion of Japanese—Occupies Unique Position in the Diplomatic World.

The people of Korea are not Japanese, and they are not Chinese, says J. Sicut Fasset in the Review of Reviews. They are Mongolian, and have a polysyllabic language with a phonetic alphabet. They have a recorded history of disputed authenticity, which claims for them a continuous existence as a Korean people of about 5,000 years.

The people of Korea may be described generally as robust, amiable, industrious, pleasure-loving and given rather to the arts of peace than the arts of war. They are agricultural rather than commercial.

The costumes of the men, and the women do not differ widely from those in use thousands of years ago. The universal costume is cotton cloth, bleached and unbleached. In winter this is padded with short staple cotton which grows in Korea and is carried into pad for the purpose of quilting the clothing of the people.

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There are thousands of young men on the Pacific coast still under 30, many of whom borrowed their fare west or landed without the slightest capital, who are now living in beautiful homes, and are actively engaged in enterprises valued all the way from \$20,000 to \$500,000.

The reports of tests of structural steel at the Boston Insurance experimental station show that if structural steel is increased in a sound covering of good concrete, it is proof against corrosion for a period of years, which is so long as to make the subject of more interest to our great-grandchildren's children than to us.

All German soldiers must learn to swim. Some of them are so expert that, with their clothing on their heads and carrying guns and ammunition, they can swim streams several hundred yards wide.

MUST NOT RIPEN ON PLANT

Bananas Are Unfit for Food When Allowed to Fully Mature on the Stem.

There is a vast amount of ignorance prevailing among intelligent people of the north concerning the growth, production and marketing of bananas, says a southern exchange. Many people imagine that the natives in tropical climes step out of their huts in the early morning and pluck and eat bananas fresh from the plant the same as they would oranges and other fruits.

The people of Korea have made great progress in the arts. They built ships 200 feet long and covered them with plates of iron, the iron being hammered into small plates and fastened by small spikes driven into the wood.

MONEY IN CATALPA TREES.

The Financial Side of Their Culture Should Be of Interest to Farmers.

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All efforts calculated to direct the attention of farmers to the subject of forestry should be encouraged, because from year to year this branch of agriculture is certain to grow more profitable as the supply of lumber diminishes and the forests are cut down to supply material for the wood pulp mills.

With the Goods. "What! Yer city nephew in jail? Why, I ains understood he was co'in' in money!"