

WILL LEAD WORLD.

This Country Destined in Short Time to Take First Place.

Resources and Enterprise Combined with Abundance of Class Distinctions Give Advantage Over Other Nations.

No competent observer can doubt that in wealth, manufactures, material progress of all kinds, the United States, in a very few years, must hold the first place in the world without dispute.

The natural resources of their country exceed those of all Europe put together. Their energy exceeds that of the British; their intelligence is hardly second to that of Germany and France.

The case with which men can pass from one locality to another, from one climate to another, from one business to another, the entire absence of social barriers or class distinctions, the abundant means of technical and scientific education, leave it open to each man and woman to make their own lives.

Of course, for the American citizen and the thoughtful visitor the real problem is whether this vast prosperity, this boundless future of theirs, rests upon an equal expansion in the social, intellectual and moral sphere.

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Qualified. "We have a deaf and dumb member of our Woman's club," said Miss Gabbagh to young Mr. Duglesby. "Indeed," gurgled the youth. "I should think she would be at a disadvantage."

Wanted to Forget. Tommie Paw, what relation is my gran'maw to you? Father—She's my mother-in-law, young man; now don't remind me of her again while she is here.—Ohio State Journal.

MAIDENS OF MOROCCO.

Interesting Features of Their Betrothal and Wedding Ceremonies and Their Home Lives.

Young girls have been said to be more in harmony with nature in Morocco than anywhere else in the world. The country abounds in color. There are miles of delicate white broom, pale blue convolvulus, purple thistles and bright poppies bathed in sunshine and perfume.

Every morning, says the London Daily Telegraph, she takes the soft part of her wheat bread and rolls it into long, round pieces about twice the length of her little finger and of the girth of her thumb.

Weddings always take place in the evening, and the long procession is an indispensable part of the ceremony. The woman is neatly enveloped in gauze and muslin, and packed into a trim little red box, just as if she were an automatic doll or the newest thing in hats.

There are no religious ceremonies at the nuptials of the Moors. When the motley crowd reaches the house of love they make ready for vociferous amusement and "high tea" at the expense of the happy bridegroom.

It is a difficult matter for an outsider to visit a harem. The wife may freely receive her women friends, and while these are present her husband may not enter the apartment.

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Buried 1,500 Years. The sea has sometimes swallowed up a church that has been built too near the edge of the ocean, but it is difficult to understand how a whole edifice could sink into the earth, to be rediscovered beneath the foundations of its successor.

An Explanation. "Ignorance," remarked young Borem, "they say is bliss." "Oh, that probably accounts for it," rejoined Miss Cutting.

"Accounts for what?" queried the youth. "The contented and happy look you usually wear," she replied.—Chicago Daily News.

NAME FOR NEW STATE

Proposal to Create One from Portions of Three Others.

The Name "Delmarvia" Being a Combination of Parts of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Delmarvia is the odd name that some persons would bestow upon a hypothetical state of the American union. A proposal to create such a state by the union of Delaware with the eastern shore counties of Maryland and Virginia has been often discussed, usually with considerable interest and decided approval by the people of Delaware, occasionally with qualified approval by part of the people of Maryland most directly interested.

Whenever the eastern shore counties of Maryland have felt themselves aggrieved politically or otherwise in their relations with their neighbors of the western shore some eastern shore men have talked of the advantages of union with Delaware.

The subject was again much discussed, especially in Delaware, rather more than 20 years ago, and there has never been a time since when the question was not one of lively, if only academic interest, to Delaware.

Were the suggested union of Delaware with the rest of the peninsula brought about the resultant state would have an area of above 5,000 square miles, considerably more than double that of Delaware, and a population of nearly 400,000.

Rural Delaware and the peninsula counties of Maryland and Virginia have a common English origin and a population almost exclusively native and of native ancestry.

Such a piecing together of fragments to form a state has not been known in recent American history, though such things happened in colonial days, and a familiar provision of the constitution seems to contemplate the possibility of future cases.

Organ Grinder's Woe. The street organ grinder is a sad and discontented man, and spends part of his transplanted Italian life swearing gently and melodiously to himself at his new enemy, the fly screen man.

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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"I'm glad we don't live at the north pole!" "Why?" "We shouldn't have any summer vacation there."—Lustige Welt.

"One of my uncles lived to be 99, and my grandmother died at 95." "That's nothing; my mother-in-law isn't dead yet."—Philadelphia Times.

"That actor-photographer probably thinks he improves on Shakespeare." "How?" "By holding the camera up to nature."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Here's a story about a surgeon who amputated his own hand. Do you believe it?" "I suppose it's possible. Perhaps he took other first."—Philadelphia Record.

"I don't believe you're telling the truth." He—"You are most annoying sometimes. I suppose you think you can read me like a book." She—"Oh, no! Like a paragraph, I should say."—Philadelphia Press.

"Ma," said a little four-year-old, "I saw something run across the kitchen floor this morning without any legs. What do you think it was?" The mother guessed various legless worms and things, and then gave it up. "The little fellow said: 'Why, ma, it was water!'"—Contemporary Review.

NIAGARA WILL NOT RUN DRY.

For the Reason That There Are Three New Sources of Water Supply for the Great Lakes.

The Sun on the 30th ult. contained an article with the caption: "Will Niagara Run Dry?" In reply I beg to say no. Why? writes Francis Wayland Glea, in the New York Sun.

Second—A canal can be cut from Lake Nipegon to Lake Superior. Nipegon is a large and deep lake, and is also fed from many streams which rise in the region of perpetual snow and ice.

Third—When a ship canal is constructed through Rainy lake and Rainy river to Lake of the Woods, another large body of water would discharge into Lake Superior. These three sources of supply will more than counterbalance the discharge of water through a ship canal from Chicago to deep water upon the Illinois river.

The Canadian government is protesting against our building the Chicago drainage canal, although Lake Michigan is entirely within United States territory. If Canada has any rights in Lake Michigan which we are bound to respect, then we have rights in Georgian bay which Canada is bound to respect.

We have the same right to protest against constructing a ship canal from the Georgian bay to Montreal for the admission of war vessels into the upper lakes that she has to object to our constructing a canal from Lake Michigan through the Illinois river for drainage purposes.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, with his usual foresight, has been urging the creation of an international commission for the purpose of dealing with international waters, and also for the purpose of suggesting a continental system of international deep-sea canals.

There is no more important question for the electors of this republic than the creation of that commission.

Speedy Americanization.

Nothing pleased me more in the states than to go into one of the public schools and watch America Americanizing. The Americans take hold of the immigrant's children and flatten out whatever may be too un-American in their mental make-up beneath the steam roller of the English language, with the result that no citizens are more ebulliently loyal than the second generation of aliens.

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WHEN THE OLD FARM IS SOLD.

The Former Owner Is Generally Uncomfortable in His New Quarters.

How difficult it is for one who sells his home farm to again place himself in as good shape as before he sold. He finds that the associations which go with the farm cannot be replaced. He had become familiar with every rod of land on his farm, the rocks and trees, the hills and brooks and the pathways were his old acquaintances and there was an air of home and friendship all around.

And this recalls another instance of farm selling. A man had a fine farm in one of the adjoining towns. It just suited him. The land was strong and rich. It was beautifully located on a slightly hilltop. The buildings were not very good, but the land was all right.

WHAT IS A KISS? Perhaps One or More of These Terms Will Meet Your Approval.

Some years ago the following definitions of a kiss were published, and they are here reproduced, being considered well worth the space given them, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

A kiss is an insipid and tasteless morsel, which becomes delicious and delectable in proportion as it is flavored with love.

The baby's right, the lover's privilege. The parent's benison and the hypocrite's mask.

The food by which the flame of love is fed.

The only known "smack" that will calm a storm.

Nothing divided between two. Not enough for one, just enough for two, too much for three.

The only agreeable two-faced action under the sun, or the moon, either.

The sweetest labial of the world's language.

A woman's most effective argument, whether to cajole the heart of a father, control the humors of a husband or console the griefs of childhood.

Something rather dangerous. Something rather nice. Something rather wicked. Though it can't be called a vice, something it is naughty.

A kiss from a pretty girl is like having hot treacle poured down your back by angels.

The thunder clap of the lips, which inevitably follows the lightning glance of the eyes.

A report at headquarters. Everybody's acting edition of "Romeo and Juliet."

What the child receives free, what the young man steals and what the old man buys.

Reason for Appreciation. Clementine—I am afraid I shall have to refuse to marry Theodore.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Gallon was originally a pitcher or jar, no matter of what size. Ohio was early called the "Buckeye state," the name being derived from the presence of great forests of buckeye trees when the country was first invaded by the whites.

Hereafter visitors at the Kansas state penitentiary will be charged ten cents each. The sum goes toward paying the extra guard made necessary by the visitors.

Candy makers say that the most profitable part of their trade is in fancy candies, put up in ornamental boxes, the box frequently cutting more figure in the purchase than the goods.

The greatest bay on the face of the earth is that of Bengal. Measured in a straight line from the two inclosing peninsulas, its extent is about 42,000 square miles, or nearly double that of Texas.

At Galileo's death one of his fingers was cut off as a relic, after the gruesome fashion of those times, and has been preserved at Florence. In 1873 it was presented by Donati, the director of the Arcturi observatory, to Pismmarion, along with one of Galileo's original telescopes.

According to the Book of Judges, the Hebrews at an early day in their occupation of Palestine had good highways. In the song of Deborah, mention is made of the abandonment of the high roads and the use of by-paths by travelers on account of the disturbed condition of the country.

Washington market, the largest in New York, was established in 1818. Fulton market in 1821, Catharine in 1786, Center market, part of which is now used for court purposes, in 1817, and Clinton market in 1829. Jefferson market, established in 1832, is partly used for court purposes, and Tompkins, established in 1828, is partly used as an armory. Wallabout market, in Brooklyn, was opened in 1894; Harlem market, on East One Hundred and Third street, in 1891, and West Washington market in 1899.

HOUSEHOLD BITS.

Books and Ends of Domestic Looz That May Come in Handy.

Bookmarks, a new sort, of heavy ribbon incrustured with jewels, are a late manifestation at the book shops and counters, says the New York Post.

A recommended polish to use on a piano case is made from equal parts of vinegar and paraffin oil. Put together in a bottle and shake well before using. This is said to give a particularly brilliant polish.

Baked asparagus offers variety in the service of this vegetable. Cut the stalks into inch lengths and boil them slowly in salted water. When tender drain and arrange in a baking dish, pouring over a rich drawn-butter sauce or sauce Hollandaise. Grate a good cheese—Parmesan is the best—over the top and brown in a hot oven.

The young mother should remember that the hungry baby does not cry violently, but rather makes its want known in a subdued manner. When an infant cries hard and sharply it is more likely to be in distress from a previous meal rather than clamoring for another. No rule is more carefully insisted upon by the trained child nurse of to-day than the regular feeding of her charge, with nothing offered to it between these times. It is a pity that as soon as a child is out of babyhood the clamoring to eat between meals, usually arising from a restless desire to be doing something different, is so quickly gratified by the mother that it becomes in a very brief time a habit exceedingly difficult to conquer.

Half a Ring. Wedding rings are not always plain gold circlets. During the last few years a large number of couples have adopted a ring made in two parts.

A woman's most effective argument, whether to cajole the heart of a father, control the humors of a husband or console the griefs of childhood.

As It Is in Politics. "I think we ought to get rid of that man," said the political leader. "Why?" asked the lieutenant.

Concerning Savants. Polly—Wisdom is generally depicted as a man with a long flowing beard. Dolly—Yes; but my idea of wisdom is a man who has sense enough to wear trimmed whiskers—or, none at all.—Detroit Free Press.