

AFTER NEW IDEAS.

France Sends Bright Young Men to This Country to Study.

Would Have Them Learn That Hustle Spirit and the Audacity or Venturesome Streak Which Makes Americans So Successful.

The committee appointed by M. Millerand, the French minister of commerce, to study the organization and operation of trusts and to look into the foundation in this country of an industrial school for young Frenchmen, has arrived at New York.

The French graduates would really be apprentices in steel mills, locomotive works and in other large manufacturing plants.

"We are going to send our students," said Mr. Weiller, "where they can learn to be French-Americans, where they can absorb knowledge, and also character, the hustle spirit and the audacity or venturesome streak that runs through you."

"Another mission with which I am entrusted by the minister of finance is the study of laws regulating the formation of trusts and the methods of operating these great syndicates."

RAILROAD IN PHILIPPINES.

The Navy Department to Construct a Line from Cavite to Other Points.

The navy department will construct a railroad line in the Philippines, since it is hardly likely the project will be sufficiently attractive for the investment of money from other than governmental sources.

THESE GIRLS TO SAW WOOD.

Unique Manner in Which the Church Debt in Pennsylvania Town Will Be Paid.

The little Methodist church at Welsh Hill is in debt \$100, and the young women of the congregation have hit upon a novel scheme to cancel the indebtedness.

There are 100 cords now piled up, and the managers of the factory offer the young women one dollar a cord to saw the sticks once in two.

The young women have made natty costumes for the occasion, and the "saw horses" and saws have been decorated with red, white and blue ribbons.

London-Made Clothes in Gotham.

London tailors make a fortune in New York every spring and fall. They send their representatives over from London and the latter put up at the best hotels in New York city and take innumerable orders for suits of clothes from the younger members of the swell clubs who cannot go over and who desire to own English clothes with the English mark in the neck of the coat.

Chinese and Japanese.

There are 1,000 Chinese in the United States and 24,236 Japanese. In ten years the Chinese have decreased 17,625 and the Japanese have increased 22,877.

PITH AND POINT.

Even the man who has decided that happiness is not to be found is apt to forget his discovery and keep on looking.—Puck.

This would be a gloomy old world if it had to depend upon the moods of some people for its supply of sunshine.—Chicago Daily News.

The Thin One—"I'm taking physical culture to increase my flesh." The Fat One—"That so? I'm taking it to cut mine down."—Indianapolis News.

In one of the colored school rooms recently, a boy was asked to step up and find the common divisor of a certain sum. "Well, my goodness," said the boy, "is that thing lost again?"—Atchison Globe.

Hostess—"Please don't leave off, Miss Jessop." Miss J.—"But shan't I bore you? It is possible to have too much of a good thing, you know." Hostess—"Yes; but that doesn't apply to your playing!"—Punch.

Bingo—"By Jove! Here I am taking two papers a day and you don't know a thing that is going on." Mrs. Bingo (indignantly)—"I don't, don't I? Why, there isn't a bargain sale in town that I don't know about."—Town and Country.

Literary Subjects.—"Whom did you discuss at your literary club this afternoon, dear?" asked the husband in the evening. "Let me see," murmured his wife. "Oh, yes, I remember now! Why, we discussed that woman who recently moved into the house across the street from us, and Longfellow."—Ohio State Journal.

ANCESTOR OF THE WHALE.

The Amphibian's Progenitor Was a Terrestrial Monster Clad with Armor.

Among the many wonderful paleontological discoveries that have startled the scientific world during the last few years, none has caused more astonishment than the revelation that the ancestral whales were protected from attack by a bony armor analogous to that which the armadillos of South Africa are covered.

Vestiges of this ancient coat of mail are still borne by such familiar cetaceans as the porpoise and its near relative, the Japanese porpoise, the latter species being distinguished by its absence of a back-fin. That creatures like the modern pelagic whales and porpoises, or even the river dolphins, could ever have been invested with a complete bony armor is, of course, an absolute impossibility, says a scientific journal.

The majority of the living toothed whales are finished with a dorsal fin. The function of the dorsal fin is to act as a kind of keel in maintaining the balance of the body, this appendage being most developed in purely pelagic cetaceans like the killer, while in littoral or fluvial forms, such as the narwhal, the white whale and the Japanese porpoise, in the whalebone bones, among which the dorsal fin is either small or wanting, its function may be discharged by the keel, or, owing to corporeal bulk, no such function is required at all.

In their earliest stage of development the toothed whales were fully armored. The object of the armor was a defense against enemies, such as sharks, such an armor being also very valuable to animals exposed to the force of a strong surf on rocky shores.

Accordingly the arm would very soon be lost by the pelagic cetaceans in order to diminish friction and lighten the specific gravity. Only among certain types, which diverged at an early epoch from the ancestral stock and took to a fluvial or estuarine life, did vestiges of the armor persist, while the dorsal fin remained undeveloped.

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Java Coffee Unprofitable.

The production of Java coffee is steadily falling off. Indeed, the government is gradually giving up the cultivation of coffee, finding the profits small in comparison with former years, and in the near future the crop will be entirely in the hands of private planters.

What Lot Did.

"Pa, when Lot's wife was turned to salt, what did he do?" "Began to look for a fresh one, I presume."—The Smart Set.

GERMAN ART.

Emperor William Proud That the Country's Artists Hold Very Closely to Classical Lines.

At a dinner given at the palace at Berlin the other night, at which a number of artists who have collaborated in the embellishment of the Sieges Allee were present, Emperor William said the Germans of the present day could proudly point to many productions almost equalling in excellence those of the classical era.

"Our sculpture," proceeded the emperor, "stands to-day pure from modern tendencies. Do not give up the great principles of the old art which thrusts itself beyond the aesthetic laws. It is the workshop-art, the proneness to more technical tasks, which leads to a sinning against the very wells of art. Art, furthermore, should educate the people and offer ideals to the lower classes after a hard day's toil.

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PLANS A BALLOON TRIP.

French Painter to Make Aerial Journey Over the Alps into Italy for the Sake of Art.

One of the sensational events of the coming year is to be an aerial trip above Mont Blanc, the plan of which is now being exhibited in the Grand Palais, Paris, by M. Dumoutet.

Besides being an aeronaut, M. Dumoutet is a painter of great merit and talent, especially in the aerial field. His studies of clouds from balloons comprise the largest and most interesting collection of skylines in existence.

It is with an object at once artistic and scientific that M. Dumoutet is preparing to bring reality to his dream of accomplishing an aerial passage over the Alps from France to Italy.

M. Mousset, an aeronaut, had a marvelous escape from death during an ascent at Jorbeaux a few days ago. When about 500 meters above the ground the balloon swerved suddenly and began to descend rapidly.

While the balloon was still about 100 meters above the water M. Mousset was seen to plunge head first from the basket and fall into the river. He was rescued quite uninjured. The exciting scene was witnessed by thousands of people.

VACCINATED HIMSELF ON NOSE.

The Queer Accident Which Temporarily Retired a Prominent Physician of London.

A London medico has struck out a new line by vaccinating himself on the nose. He does not claim any credit for the innovation, however.

The doctor was really the victim of a curious accident. During a vaccination sitting he absent-mindedly scratched his nose to allay a slight tickling sensation. Perhaps there was already an abrasion of the skin, or perhaps he used more energy than he knew.

For a few days until the proboscis assumed a more normal aspect, the doctor turned over his patients to the care of a brother medico and retired into private life. He will now be able to appear on an anti-vaccination platform.

Engravings Enrich Pastor.

A clergyman of the Church of England recently found in the storeroom of his church a box of engravings bought at a country sale by his father in 1869 for six shillings.

Students at Swiss Universities. Nearly one-half of the students at Switzerland's six universities last summer—1,999 out of 4,046—were foreigners. Of the 748 female students only 98 were Swiss, a great majority—560—having been Russians.

Our Exports of Coal.

The United States averages exports of 75,000 tons of coal per month.

THE ALASKA ESQUIMAUX.

Something About Their Linguistic Aptitude and Musical Development.

The Alaskan Eskimos are highly intelligent, industrious, moral and honest according to their standards in such matters, which differ somewhat from our own.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE DOWRY.

The French View and the English View of it Are Entirely Different.

Would it be an advantage for the English girl to have a dowry? The custom is deeply rooted in France, where few marriages are contracted in which the bride has not a dowry, even in the very lowest classes.

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THE ODOR OF DISEASE.

Smells That Are Valuable to Physicians as a Means of Diagnosis.

Berard says that, apart from the exertions, an abnormal odor of the skin tends to draw flies, and that, however little noticeable it may be, it denotes death is near; and Boerhaave held that a cadaveric odor always presages death.

A musky odor obtains to several maladies, notably peritonitis, jaundice and icterus; and a stale, sour beer odor to scrofulosis. The pyemic person has a sweet, nauseating breath, with perhaps a flavor of new-mown hay.

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DOWNED BY BULLHEADS.

A Candidate for Office Who Interfered with the Pleasances of the Voters.

"I went into the legislature a dozen years ago by a rousing majority," said a western Michigan man the other evening in a Detroit hotel, says the Free Press, "and all my political ambitions were aroused. I saw a United States senatorship, if not the presidency, ahead of me, and I went around stepping high. If anybody had told me that I would be drowned in a mud hole I should have had him locked up as a lunatic.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Peru has a coast line of 1,660 miles. The present population of Holland exceeds 5,100,000.

The present population of Ecuador is about 1,300,000, including Indians. Successful experiments in raising tea have in recent years been made on the Caucasian coast of the Black sea.

Fashionable Moscow lap dogs are now hand-painted in decorative designs, according to the St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya.

A British cruiser, the Pandora, was prevented from sailing from Portsmouth on time recently, because her condensers were clogged with flies.

Thomas Atkinson, who helped Stephenson build the Rocket, has been 70 years in a trades union and heads the membership list of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. He is 90 years of age and has drawn benefit money from the union for 27 years.

Prussia on December 1, 1900, according to the official census figures, had 34,472,509 inhabitants, of whom 16,971,425 were males and 17,501,084 females. The kingdom contained 21,817,577 Protestants, 12,113,670 Catholics (including Greek Orthodox), 139,127 members of other Christian sects, and 392,322 Jews.

Hungary has 11 towns of 50,000 inhabitants, or more, according to the recent census. Buda-Pesth has 732,000, Szeged, 103,000; Maria Theresopol, 82,000; Debreczin, 75,000; Pressburg, 66,000; Hodonovasarhely, 61,000; Kiskemet, 57,000; Arad, 56,000; Temesvar, 53,000; Grosswarden and Kausenburg, 50,000 each. Agram, in Croatia, has 61,000 inhabitants.

A BIG HOTEL BILL.

One Bridegroom Who Thought Expenses of Married Life Were Too Heavy.

Matrimony sometimes comes high, but that suits no man who once gets the marriage microbe, as big as a river shrimp, in his veins. And the older the victim is when the disease fastens its fangs in his system the less he cares for expenses, and he will spend his last dollar as if it were a withered leaf and he owned whole forests of fall frost-touched trees.

Every one knows this peculiar weakness of the newly-married man, and he is looked upon as easy money. To get his bank roll is like taking candy from a baby. The chances are a thousand to one that he has bragged to the girl about the big salary he is earning until he believes it himself and starts out to make Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt look like a 20-cent-a-day clerk, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

But about the worst proposition one of them ever ran up against happened in New Orleans a day or two ago. He finally succeeded in winning a charming woman for his wife, and after spending a few days at Bay St. Louis, returned to this city and "put up" at one of the leading hotels. He and the proprietor were well known to each other, and as the landlord knew that nothing was too good for his friend the best in the house was placed at his disposal.

The couple remained at the hotel two days, and then the bridegroom called for his bill. When he saw it his young wife came near being a widow.

The bill was for the modest sum of \$10,000, and bore the business-like inscription: "Please settle." Making an excuse to get away from the desk, the benefactor hastily sought a friend and asked his advice. "Send your check for the amount," was the advice he received. Thinking that any fool friend could have given that kind of advice, the man went away back and sat down to think the matter over.

Finally it dawned upon him that the bill was a hoax, and, taking his friend's advice, he wrote a check on an imaginary bank and sent it to the landlord, who then sent him the receipted bill.

The whole transaction was like buying a gold brick with counterfeit money.

But the man nearly dropped dead when he first got the bill, and now he says that the next bridal trip he takes he will either make a written contract with all hotel men or take out an accident insurance policy that covers death by heart disease.

Animal Humor.

There are eccentricities in character in animals just as there are in men, and every now and then you will find a very funny beast. He is a foolish idiot, and he knows it, and will do one funny thing after the other in sport and fun-making which will convulse everybody about with laughter.

A brother of the one who is expert with the ball is a born comedian of this sort. When the training school is working in the mornings, or on Sundays, he is in some mischief constantly, or doing some droll pantomime that is side-splitting to witness. One of his favorite endeavors is to behave like a camel in kneeling and rising, and he does it to perfection, eyed to chewing in the mournful fashion. Give him an empty bottle and let him play drunken man, and he will give a performance, if he is in the spirit, which will put almost any vaudeville artist to shame.—Frank C. Bostock, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

"You said you were hungry," remarked the kind-hearted woman, reproachfully, "and yet when I gave you a quarter a little while ago you went to a saloon instead of a restaurant."

"Yes'm," admitted the hobnob. "You see, it's this here way: I was hungry an' thirsty, an' 25 cents' worth of whiskey'll make me ferget I'm hungry, but 35 cents' worth of grub won't make me ferget I'm thirsty."—Chicago Post.

"I expect to," I replied.

"Well, I wouldn't if I was you. You beat us out of two months' fishin' for bullheads every year, and we are goin' to down you. Bullheads is mighty good eatin' after you've been on salt pork for six months."

"I tried to laugh it off, but when he got ready to go he added: 'We ain't much on the Declaration of Independence down our way, judge, but when it comes to bullheads we are ready to shed our last drop of blood.'"

"I got the nomination and planned the campaign, but it wasn't long before I discovered that my old farmer had given me a pointer. Nothing I could say would appease the wrath of the bullheaders, and they gained such strength that when the polls closed I was a beaten man by over 400 votes. It knocked the political ambition out of me, and I have never recovered from the blow. I pass that mud hole occasionally in my drives and see old Josh sitting on a log and fishing away, and it cuts me up to think that while I was hunting for whales I was downed by bullheads."

Relieved.—"You would better buy a copy. It contains valuable information, sir, and will be sure to pay for itself in a short time."

Merchant—Will it? Then I'll take a copy. I was afraid I'd have to pay for it.—Harlem Life.

Their Penchant.—"Have you any heirlooms in the family?" "No," replied the man with seven children, "we don't run to heirlooms so much as we do to heirs."—Chicago Post.