

NUNS LEAVE OLD CONVENT.

Carmelite convent in San Juan, Porto Rico, vacated after three centuries' occupancy.

For the first time in 255 years the feet of the worldly treads the floors of the ancient Carmelite convent in San Juan, Porto Rico...

This is the only order of this kind on the island, and these nuns occupy their new quarters in San German possibly never to again be disturbed in their perpetual devotion to God for another epoch of centuries.

It was not intended that any one should know of the movement of the nuns, and that it should be done as secretly as possible after dark, but they had no sooner left the building than it became noised about town...

Special preparations were made on the steamer so that they could be as absolutely secluded there as they have been in the convent.

The scene at the pier was one seldom witnessed. When the carriages containing the nuns arrived a crowd fought to see the veiled women.

A Hawaiian polo team will soon invade San Francisco, and the new territory becomes a factor in the sports of the nation.

Mr. Weish, of St. Louis, travels for one of the largest shoe stores in the world, their factory turning out 14,000 pairs of shoes daily.

TO SAVE ARID LAND.

Barren Regions of the West Will Be Made Fruitful.

Extensive Irrigating Operations to Be Put Forward by Engineering Department—Large Fund Being Raised.

In a paper published in a recent issue of a journal devoted to the geographic interests of the country, F. H. Newell, chief engineer in charge of the reclamation of arid lands in the west...

The land sales in 1901 started the fund with \$8,000,000; in 1902 the sum of \$4,000,000 was added, and in 1903 about \$8,000,000.

As the water is supplied, the owners of the land benefited will pay for what they use, and will ultimately pay for the entire cost of the improvement.

When finally the limit of water attainable has been reached, and it is not practicable to irrigate more land, the entire fund will be turned into the general treasury.

The work of surveying the western streams to ascertain the amount of water supplied, how the lands may be reclaimed by irrigation, has been in progress since 1888, and is still going on.

Some of the states and territories from which the largest contributions to the fund are received, because they include the greater part of the acreage sold, will derive least benefit from the fund.

Oklahoma is a large contributor, but with its sub-humid climate it has little need of irrigation. On the other hand, little land is sold in Nevada, and its addition to the fund is small.

Colorado is the greatest mining state, but the proceeds from the small irrigation area in Colorado are already more valuable than the gold and silver produced.

Nearly all the land has value in one way or another, and the grazing industry will always occupy 80 or 90 per cent of the arid lands.

Superintendent Tutman, of the coast survey, in a recent description of his work, stated that he had since its inception made about 30,000 square miles of topographic surveys.

A citizen of Shelbyville who is building a house is deserving of the sympathy of his friends.

"A dog is a chattel and, next to man, is the most important factor in the past and present history of the country."

WORTHLESS ART TREASURES.

Much Money is Thrown Away by People of Means Upon Books and Pictures.

The mere cost of a thing is no criterion of its merit. Good art is often costly, though now and then the connoisseur picks up a masterpiece for a song.

"A curious side current of the recent speculative debauch leads into the usually placid field of book publishing.

"Most of the pretentious reprints were not worth even the cost of manufacture, for editions superior in every way were on the market already.

ROYALTY AT WASHINGTON.

The Tendency at the National Capitol Is to Ape the Customs of European Courts.

The process of establishing a court at Washington proceeds apace.

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When Gen. Grant reached London on his tour around the world Adam Badeau, then our consul general, excited much merriment on both sides of the ocean by signing himself, in imitation of the court functionaries of St. James.

Vigor of speech was a characteristic of Judge Burr, of Connecticut, who lately resigned from the bench on account of deafness.

"The idea! they wanted a dollar for it!"—Browning's Magazine.

SAVING THE CATTLE.

Mortality of Texas Fever Being Reduced by the Government.

Scientific Work of Experiment Stations Accomplishing Much in Southern Cattle States—The Quarantine Line.

The mortality from Texas fever has been reduced from 75 per cent to less than ten per cent, according to the Review of Reviews.

Although the disease is known as Texas fever, it must not be supposed that Texas is the only infected area.

These facts known, together with their painful experience with Texas cattle, led many of the northern and western states to adopt rigid quarantine regulations against cattle from the southern states.

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It is now known that Texas fever is not confined to North America. In Australia, the Argentine Republic and South Africa stockmen are confronted with the same problems and dangers that have so long baffled our own experts.

Why Cold Air Stimulates. Cold, fresh air has special value because it stimulates all the functions of the body.

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MILLIONS IN A BALL GAME.

How Senator Spooner's Fondness for the Sport Brought Fortune to a Widow.

Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, is not the only public man devoted to baseball, but there are few men who have turned a single ball game to account to the tune of many thousands of dollars.

The stranger said that he was passing through the town and wanted to intercept an able lawyer in the case of his sister, who was living in abject poverty in Boston with several children dependent on her.

Mr. Spooner was not much impressed with the story at first, particularly as the stranger said that he and his sister had no money to pay a lawyer, but were anxious to have Senator Spooner take the case on a contingent fee.

It chanced, however, that he was in Boston a short time afterward, and, discovering that there was to be a good ball game in the afternoon, decided to stay over until the following morning.

MANY MILLIONAIRES.

Seven-Tenths of the World's Richest Men Live in the United States.

An official of a great commercial agency and the president of one of New York's richest banks place the number of millionaires in the entire world at 10,000.

"There may be a few more than 7,000 millionaires in the United States," said the official of the mercantile agency.

"There are other reasons men have for suppressing knowledge of the amount of their wealth. Some wish to avoid heavy taxation and give false returns.

"So while it is impossible for us to tell exactly how many millionaires there are, we would not take the number of those who are known to possess a thousand and at least, and then multiply the number by ten.

"I told him that I had my pin money wrapped in my handkerchief, and lost it. He said there was a great deal of money lost in cotton these days."—Chicago Daily News.

PLOT IN CAPTIVITY.

Siberian Exiles Continually Conspire Against Russia.

Increase in Number of Escapes is Brought About by Outside Assistance—Close Surveillance of Political Prisoners.

Although the Russian government fancied itself secure from the machinations of the conspirators against its integrity, who have been exiled to the barren wastes of the noxious mines of Siberia, it is by no means certain that all danger from this source has been overcome.

The jailers themselves and the troops or police are sometimes purposely careless in the execution of their duties. That some persons in authority sympathize with the revolutionists is further demonstrated by the fact that a recent circular, though headed "absolutely secret," has nevertheless fallen into revolutionist hands.

"According to the reports concerning the surveillance of the political exiles who have reached the place of their exile, and who are there submitted to public control, I remark that their frequent escapes and the unauthorized journeys they make, going beyond Siberia, are due to the lack of proper watchfulness.

In order to put an end to the criminal action of the political exiles I recommend all the police agents in the country who are under my authority to watch continually the private life of the exiles.

There were three of them, and they were charming young things of the matinee girl variety.

MADE HER OWN BARGAIN.

And When She Came to Figure It Out There Was Nothing for Her to Brag About.

There was an awful alliance while the three young things laboriously worked the problem out in mental arithmetic.

"The bargain was clinched, and the three young things were arranging the blossoms among their fans when one, who had been wearing a rather pained expression for a few minutes, suddenly said:

"Ruth, it oughtn't to have amounted to 75 cents. Didn't he say 30 cents apiece?"