

QUEEN CROOKS AMERICAN.

Alexandra, duchess of Marlborough as a Duchess and American Princess.

Queen Alexandra has chosen the duchess of Marlborough, it is said, as a special compliment to Americans to be one of her attendants at the coronation.

The duchess was formerly Countess Vanderbilt, of New York. The other attendants, it is reported, are to be the duchesses of Sutherland, of Portland and of Montrose.

The coronation is purely arbitrary and the duchesses are afforded because their claims have been overlooked.

SHAW RIDES HORSEBACK.

The Secretary of the Treasury Takes This Sort of Exercise Every Pleasant Afternoon.

Following the example of his distinguished chief, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw goes horseback riding every afternoon at four o'clock.

Whenever selected the secretary's horse for him must have known that he wanted an easy thing. The animal is what is known as a single-footer and glides along at an ordinary dog trot without lifting his hoofs more than two inches above the pavement.

The secretary uses a deep Mexican saddle and looks as though he was glued to his horse. He does not ride with the president, but is generally alone, and as he goes skipping along looks like a man doing his duty instead of out for pleasure.

Senator Beveridge also is a daily horseback rider nowadays, and something of an expert. He and Secretary Shaw both wear soft black hats just like the president, but neither has a soldier orderly in his train.

SOLDIER WANTS HIS PANTS.

The Emperor of Austria Grants the Novel Petition of Veteran About to Leave the Service.

An extraordinary petition for imperial grace reached Emperor Francis Joseph from the small Galician town of Czernowitz. The former messenger of the courthouse there asked his majesty to save his trousers, which he had worn ten years, and when his superior officer ordered him to give up on the day he was pensioned.

"I have served your majesty faithfully for 42 years, 5 months and 6 days," wrote the petitioner, and to be deprived of my official pantaloons in my old age is a great hardship, one that your imperial majesty will not inflict upon an old soldier, I am sure.

"When I was pensioned the court decided to let me retain my cap, but the pantaloons, it said, must be returned to the state. Having only this suit pair I refused to accede to the demand and, in consequence, I am threatened with imprisonment for contempt of court."

The emperor made haste to telegraph to the authorities not to enforce the letter of the law against the man and at the same time sent him a new suit of clothes and ten florins to drink the imperial health.

INTERESTING TIME CALCULATION.

Camille Flammarion has announced at a meeting of the Societe Astronomique de France, says a New York Herald dispatch from Paris, that one milliard minutes elapsed at ten minutes past six p. m. on April 18 since the beginning of the Christian era.

The average year during the 19 centuries is composed of 525,957 minutes and 18 seconds.

POWER OF THE X-RAY.

Once upon a time Rome was saved by the cooking of geese. Application of the X-ray to eggs under a brooding hen killed the vital germ.

The inference seems reasonable, says the Chicago Chronicle, that this human life may be saved by the X-ray applied to disease germs. But one successful experiment is not conclusive.

A NOTICE TO NEW YORK BANKS.

A Chicago bank is to have the largest vault in the world, and the Chicago Record-Herald says New York banks may as well take notice now that Chicago people are going to quit carrying their money down there to be spent.

BUILDING HILLS IN BERLIN.

Berlin is getting tired of its flatness, and the folks of the town are thinking of building hills in suitable sites with the city's dust and ashes.

KILL WIFE-BEATERS.

So Advises a Chicago Judge as Cure for Inhuman Treatment.

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith Declares That While Theory of Substitutive Wife is Carried Too Far, She Does Not Advise Murder.

"I should be very sorry to encourage murder," said Dr. Julia Holmes Smith at Chicago the other afternoon while being questioned as to her views on Judge Tutthill's dictum that a wife should shoot the husband who beats her. "I think, however, that the theory of the substitutive wife has been carried too far. Yet there is something to make one think in what Judge Tutthill asserts. And it is just like him to take the part of the weak as against the unruly. His work in connection with the waifs convinces me of that; yet I would not care to say I agree fully with him in this particular."

"It is not unlike the judge to be extravagant in such an instance—the woman who is abused and beaten by her husband inspires one perhaps to extravagant statements. I believe just the same that women should open their eyes to their rights, and I do not think, any more than does Judge Tutthill, that a wife should endure maltreatment from a man because that man is her husband. There is a limit to what we women ought to bear, and I feel that the limit is a long way this side of the wife-beating point, and in my opinion a majority of women are feeling the same way."

"In my judgment Judge Tutthill has struck the right note. The marriage tie is called blessed, and blessed because it binds. This does not admit of violence or family farrago. As the judge intimates, the twin should be one flesh, and they should be equal one to another, neither one nor the other the ruler nor the stronger."

Views of several unmarried women were asked. They shied at the question, but hinted that many a woman would like to have a husband to shoot. They declared they could not discuss the question, inasmuch as they lacked experience.

GOES A LONG WAY ROUND.

Spanish Woman Travels 10,000 Miles to Save Perilous Climb Over the Andes.

To save herself a perilous climb over the towering Andes in Peru, Mrs. Maria Sans, a Spanish woman, is traveling over 10,000 miles by land and sea to be united with her husband. She had accomplished half the journey when she arrived at New York on the steamer Albano, from South American ports.

Mrs. Sans left her home at Iquitos, Peru, on the eastern side of the Andes, about 2,500 miles up the River Amazon, to go to her husband at Lima, Peru, on the western side of the mountains. She went down the Amazon to Para and thence to Barbados.

She wants to get a steamer to Colon, cross the isthmus, and then go by boat to Callao, the port of Lima, where she hopes to find her husband. If she succeeds in her plans she will have gone almost the distance of half around the world to save that climb upon one side and down on the other of the Andes—not more than 500 miles.

TO TRY BENZOZONE IN INDIA.

Prof. Novy, of Michigan University, Will Test His Antiseptic in the Plague District.

By an expedition to the disease-stricken parts of India the effectiveness of benzozone is to be tested. Prof. Victor C. Vaughan and Frederick G. Novy, of the medical college of the University of Michigan, will leave for Asia probably about the middle of June.

Last winter Prof. Novy announced the discovery of "benzozone," an organic peroxide which was believed to possess absolute antiseptic powers in the intestinal tract, and which, if that supposition was true, would be not only a cure for, but a total preventive of such diseases as typhoid fever, cholera, plague, dysentery and all other diseases the seat of which is in the intestines.

The specific object of the coming trip to India is to investigate tropical dysentery, but the effect of benzozone will also be tried on other diseases.

CAROLINA SHOWS HER LOVE.

The czarina's great love for her youngest baby, the fourth princess in the Russian royal family, has called renewed attention to the ideal domestic life of the imperial couple. The czarina, a granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria, is universally liked in the empire and is one of the most popular of European royalties at other courts.

NOT SO PARTICULAR AS TO AGE.

Let us not forget that the chicken has also advanced a peg or two in the esteem of the public, urges the Chicago Inter Ocean, and that there is less disposition now than ever to inquire in what spring it was born.

RUSSIAN MAGNANIMITY.

Czar Nicholas of Russia thinks of granting his people a constitution and the right to think their souls are their own, if they don't say it out loud, says the Chicago Record-Herald. There's magnanimity for you.

NOTE OF GREAT NAPOLEON.

A gold plate which Charles Bonaparte pawned in order to pay the traveling expenses of his son, Napoleon, to the military school at Brienne, has been placed in the town museum at Ajaccio.

COUPLE MARRIED BY 'PHONE.

Dayton (Ky.) Widow and Hopkinsville Merchant Say "Hello" and "I Will" to Each Other.

A Dayton (Ky.) widow and a Hopkinsville man were married the other night over the long-distance telephone, in the drug store of A. G. Guelz, Dayton, Ky., and they will meet as husband and wife. They have never seen each other before. The telephone charges were \$23.

The contracting parties were Mrs. Gertrude Gallagher, a young widow of Dayton, and Theodore Cohen, a merchant of Hopkinsville, Ky. At eight o'clock the bride, accompanied by her father, a sister, and many guests, entered the store and requested the use of the telephone. The party took seats around the telegraph booth, and at 8:30 o'clock Rev. R. D. Harding took the receiver from the hook and asked for Hopkinsville, Ky. The bridegroom answered. The minister propounded the usual questions to the bridegroom, who readily gave satisfactory answers. The ceremony occupied 15 minutes.

The blushing bride was ushered into the booth. It was apparent to the guests the minister at the other end of the telephone was not used to such an instrument, as he compelled the bride to answer each question an indefinite number of times.

The courtship began a short time ago. It was started by a woman who knew both and continued by correspondence.

BARK SUNK BY A WHALE.

Crew of the Kathleen Have a Thrilling Experience with Leviathan of the Ocean.

Eight survivors of the sunken whaling bark Kathleen, of New Bedford, have reached New York. The rest of the crew reached Pernambuco last month.

The Kathleen was rammed and sunk by a whale the crew had harpooned. Chief Bowman Manuel Viero told the story:

"We had struck a school of whales on the morning of March 17 and had killed three," he said. "One was tied up alongside. Two others were being towed toward the ship. It was about five o'clock in the afternoon when my boat started a buster. He sounded and we went after him. I got him on the rise with a harpoon and got him good. He sounded again, but he came up quickly."

"As he came up he saw the ship, and he made for it like a torpedo boat. The line by which the harpoon was held went through the cleats like blue smoke. I had to cut the line to save ourselves. The Kathleen was only a quarter of a mile away, and he hit it just a little aft of amidships. He just stove the whole side in and the ship went over on its beam ends. The whale gave it a slap with his tail and sounded. That was the last we saw of him. The Kathleen went down in about 30 minutes. The captain had got everybody off by that time."

BRIDAL COUPLE ON WILD RIDE.

Fire Ladders at Morristown, N. J., Celebrate the Marriage of Popular Young Man.

Considerable excitement was created at Morristown, N. J., the other night by the supply wagon attached to the hook and ladder fire company running as if on a still alarm to the railroad station. On their arrival four men alighted from the wagon and waited for an incoming train. When the train pulled in the depot Matthew L. Toms and his bride were seen getting off, and immediately the four firemen seized them and carried them to the supply wagon. The driver whipped up the horses and started dashing through the principal streets of the city. The sight of the fire wagon and the ringing of the gong attracted many people, who thought there was a fire. Soon hundreds of citizens ran madly behind the fire apparatus, incessantly appealing to those riding for information as to where the fire was. The wagon finally wound up at the fire house, where the bride and bridegroom were escorted inside. Mr. Toms is assistant cashier of the National Iron bank and a member of the company. The disturbance was in celebration of his recent marriage to Miss Florence Fisher, of Jersey City.

POLITICS IN RUSSIA.

Illustration of the Despotism Exercised by Local Representative of Ministry of Interior.

An illustration of the despotic power which the local representative of the ministry of the interior of Russia has over peasant communes is afforded by a report from Gdoff, on Lake Peipus, in the Baltic country. Two thousand peasants who took part in an election held in a volost, a wider peasant commune corresponding somewhat to a county, were each fined three roubles because they refused to vote as this representative, called the zemsky nachalnik, or rural boss, demanded. Those who did not pay this fine were compelled to spend three days in jail. There is no appeal. The official in question may fine persons up to the sum of three roubles without the victim being able to obtain redress.

A POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE.

In Germany they are making sugar from beets and gasoline from potatoes but, tauntingly declares the Chicago Record-Herald, they have not yet been able to get blood out of a turnip.

WARSHIPS PAINTED GREEN.

British warships are to be painted green this season in order to protect the tests of the best color for war purposes.

TASTES OF MICROBES.

Disease Germs Have Their Preferences for Person and Location.

Inexplicable Peculiarities of the Action of Contagious Disorders Which Affect Human Race and Lower Animals.

Science is finding out a great many curious things about the deadly microbes. The latest discovery is probably the most curious of all. It is this: The microbes have very fastidious tastes, and never select a victim without first ascertaining as much as possible about his or her age, disposition, characteristics and general appearance even down to the color of the clothes worn, says a medical authority.

The influenza microbe doesn't like children at all. He prefers adults, and particularly prominent men who live well, eat well and sleep well.

The measles microbe is very particular. He will have children and soldiers or nothing. Very few children escape him. But very rarely does he attack an adult in lay attire. Don a bright blue military uniform, or, better still, a brilliant red coat, and you are pretty sure to have an early visit.

Some years ago, when Paraguay fought Brazil, about one-fifth of its forces were dispatched by this little warrior. One of his most inexplicable peculiarities is that he prefers the basement of a house to the upper stories. On the ground floor he does one and a half times as much execution as upstairs. This is not a question of hygienic condition, for the scarlatina microbe kills 15 per cent. more people upstairs than on the ground floor. The measles microbe likes poor people best.

On the other hand, the scarlatina microbe prefers to go in for the rich, if he has the opportunity. He does not like colored people at all. There has never been an epidemic of scarlatina in Asia or Africa.

The diphtheria microbe likes his victims young. Three years to 12 is the age he prefers; but sometimes his taste runs up to 15 and 20 or more years. He prefers girls to boys, and poor children to rich. He does not seem to possess any color sense, for he tours all over the world, and a Chinese or Japanese, a Syrian, a Turk, a Persian or a South African is as welcome to him as an American, Englishman or a Frenchman.

The consumption microbe has very wide tastes. There are only a few portions of the earth which he avoids—such as Iceland, Shetland, the Hebrides and the Faroe islands. But he likes some people better than others. An Irishman or a Welshman, for instance, he considers nicer fare than an Englishman or a Scotchman. At Gibraltar, on one occasion, this microbe killed six colored soldiers to one white.

The tetanus, or lockjaw, microbe greatly prefers colored people to white. His home is in the earth, and he seldom comes out of it. When he does, if there is a colored man about he will attack him.

In this country 350 colored people are killed by tetanus to every white. This terrible little microbe is very fond of East Indians. He likes most, but is not at all particular as to age.

Microbes are well up in geography, and know where they are best off. The yellow fever germ, for instance, generally resides around the Gulf of Mexico, and when he chances to roam elsewhere he is sorry. The cholera and plague microbes stay in the east. Other parts of the earth don't agree with their health. The diphtheria microbe prefers London and New York to any other place, and the consumption microbe likes Vienna best of all.

Then, again, they have very various and decided tastes as regards different kinds of animals. The typhoid fever microbe is very fond of young men and women—especially men; but he turns up his nose at the lower animals. The glanders bacillus is best pleased with horses, but he also likes man, lions and tigers; while he abhors a mouse and won't touch him under any circumstances.

A little being with the big name micrococcus pernellosus feeds only on gray parrots, killing four out of every five. There is another tiny mite so particular that, while he finds a rare feast in a white mouse, he will die rather than take a bite out of a gray mouse.

NEW RAILROAD DEVICES.

Among interesting inventions which have lately been tried for increasing the safety of railroad travel is a speed indicator used in France, consisting of a centrifugal pump, driven by one of the locomotive axles, which sends water from the tender into a small cylinder. The water in this cylinder raises a piston against the pressure of a spring, and moves up or down in proportion to the speed of the train. An automatic registering device records the varying speed so that its rate can be read at any instant by the engineer, and when it rises above a fixed limit the piston acts upon a lever which throws on the air brakes. On our own western railroads a new signal light has recently been tried, which projects a bright beam into the air above the locomotive, and thus renders its position visible even when hidden behind a hill or around a curve.—Railroad Engineer.

WISER THAN MOST LOVE.

He—Darling, we'll have a lot to contend with when we are married. She—Yes, dear, we'll have each other.—Stray Stories.

THE MIDLAND EXHIBITION.

Display Just Opened Up in England Which Is of an Unusually Interesting Character.

The Midland exhibition, which was opened to the public on May 1, says a dispatch to the New York Tribune from Wolverhampton, England, is the most ambitious one in the history of the Midlands. The Scotch architects have designed a picturesque group of light and graceful buildings in the spacious grounds of the west park. The industrial hall, painted in strong shades of red and green, is a structure of marked originality. Its towers are capped with open lanterns. It contains, in addition to the Midland and Scotch exhibits, a varied Japanese collection of curious and lacquer, Indian carving and embroidery and Danish porcelain machinery. There is only one American exhibit, but strenuous efforts have been made to demonstrate that Midland counties are not behind the times in adopting American ideas. Electric power is supplied on a large scale. An enormous switchboard is displayed, and boilers of American and German designs, made in Wolverhampton, are a conspicuous feature.

The Canadian pavilion is an artistic building, with a fine dome, and is filled with complete and well arranged exhibits of the natural products of the Dominion. Other buildings are a large concert hall, restaurants and the side shows. The art gallery in the middle of the town has a fair loan collection, with an English pre-Raphaelite group, with Watts, Millais, Whistler and Le Gras well represented, and with ambitious painters of the new English art club prominent.

BEATS MARCONI SYSTEM.

Prof. Fessenden, of United States Weather Bureau, Invents New Wireless Method.

Prof. R. L. Fessenden, of the United States weather bureau at Wiersport, Roanoke Island, N. C., has been conducting secretly on that island for two years telegraphy and telephoning which have proved far more successful than those of Marconi.

Tests the other day between the station on the most northwesterly point of the island and another 100 miles below the Cape Hatteras lightship, a distance of 55 miles, were witnessed by Lieuts. Berther and Huggins, the wireless telegraphy experts of the navy department. These two officers unequivocally pronounce Prof. Fessenden's system the best they ever have seen.

Every test was a complete success except in one instance, where a passing thunderstorm temporarily disabled the receiving apparatus. Messages and signals were received by Prof. Fessenden with as much clearness and dispatch as in commercial business on the ordinary telegraph line. A speed of 30 words a minute was attained.

RECREATION FOR WORKERS.

The Social Halls Association, of New York, Plans for Clean Places of Entertainment.

The Social Halls association, of New York, has made rapid progress in its scheme for providing clean places of entertainment for the working men and women of the East side. Architect Newton Phelps Stokes has completed two plans for the \$40,000 building, which is to be erected to start the scheme. About \$50,000 will be paid for a site. The eight-story structure will have on the ground floor a restaurant and cafe, on the second floor a large hall, and on the upper floors lodge and club rooms to accommodate the numerous clubs of the East side. A roof garden will be constructed to round out the plans.

One of the directors was asked directly the other day if liquor was to be sold. "We have provided for the sale of the best light wines and beer," was the decisive reply. "Our aim is to provide a clean and attractive place to drink in and to hold balls and club and lodge meetings in."

MAN IN THE IRON MASK.

The Remains of the Mysterious Prisoner Said to Have Been Located in Old Paris Cemetery.

Who has not read Dumas' story of "The Man in the Iron Mask?" The remains of that mysterious prisoner have been located in an old cemetery behind the church of St. Paul, at Paris, during the demolition of a house, which was connected by subterranean passages with the Bastille and the river. Close by were found many skeletons of the lovers poisoned by the notorious Brinvilliers. Here also for some time lay Francois Rabelais. Scientists are to be called upon to define the age of the "masque de fer." This, it is hoped, will solve the problem as to whether he was really a twin brother of Louis XIV.

WHY THEY SWEAR.

The British bread tax adds only a farthing to the price of a loaf, but, in order that nobody who has not got the extra farthing may be deprived of the loaf, its size will be cut down, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Loaves will still be the same price, but there will be fewer slices to them.

WAR PAINT FOR ENGLISH NAVY.

French gray has practically been decided upon as the most serviceable and most invisible color for the war paint to be used on vessels in the English navy.

SOUTH AMERICANS TORMENT.

Four revolutions are now going on in South America, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The instructions are too numerous to mention.

WOMAN IS SUPERIOR.

So Says French Lecturer When Discussing Our Social Development.

Thinks That the Chances for Happiness Are Lessened by the Higher Education of the American Women.

Women in the United States, through higher education, have reached a plane of intellectual and social superiority above the men, and thereby have brought about a condition in which they have to look to each other for intellectual companionship, according to Hughes Le Roux, the French lecturer and author, who delivered the first of a series of lectures at the University of Chicago the other afternoon. For this reason, he says, they have lessened their chances for wedded bliss because the men stand in awe of their superiority.

M. Le Roux started to lecture on "The Social Condition of the Women of Northern France, as Painted by Froubert." While speaking of the women of his own country he gave his opinion of those of America. "Your country," he said, "is now in the second stage of its educational and social development. That is, your women are now the intellectual and social superiors of their male associates. They are aristocrats, while the men are democrats. In France the men and the women are upon the same plane. They are all democrats."

Then came the statement that the women are too superior for the men to marry. "It is because the women are so far superior to the men socially that the number of marriages is becoming smaller," he declared. "The women are better educated than the men and they devote more time to becoming cultured. Becoming so they need things which the men do not feel they can afford to give them. A wife becomes a luxury to the wage-earning American. Her cultivated tastes cost more money than he feels he can spend. The result of that is that the men join clubs and seek the company of their fellows. The women club by themselves. A woman is a kind of queen in this generation and a man can hope to be nothing more than her prince consort."

After telling of the deficiencies of the men of this country M. Le Roux proceeded to tell of the happy conditions that prevail in France. "France is an aristocratic country," he declared. "Our men and our women are equally well educated and have the same social opportunities. It is because of this fact that France is superior from the intellectual standpoint to Germany, which is a democratic country, although the form of government is monarchical."

WHITE HOUSE INTERIOR.

Workmen Soon to Be Set at Work to Restore the Colonial Effects of the Original Mansion.

Notwithstanding the protest from people all over the country against changes being made in the interior of the white house the old mansion will evidently soon be filled with workmen. Mr. Charles F. McKim, the architect from New York, who was chosen by the president to go over the matter with him, went all over the white house with a view to mapping out such changes and repairs as are needed. It is necessary to make some estimate of the work before the appropriation is made, and the matter of change is still in embryo, but enough has been decided upon to transform the white house into a substantial colonial mansion of the period in which it was built. No president who has in the past found it necessary to remodel or renovate the white house has had in mind keeping it strictly to the period in which it was built until the matter fell into the hands of President Roosevelt. Modern works of art and modern furniture and modern decoration have taken the place of the colonial effects without an effort at preserving the original. What has been done at Mount Vernon will be done at the white house. The modern stained glass in the front hall will be removed, leaving the stately proportions of the hall untouched by throwing what is now the vestibule and the red corridor into one. Some modern mantels of inferior outline will be replaced by those copied after the fine ones in some of the first floor rooms. The effort of the president will be to preserve and not destroy the historic value of the house.

BIBLE WORTH \$50,000.

An eighth century manuscript copy of the scriptures, said to be worth \$50,000, is at the appraiser's stores of New York. The book is the property of J. S. Morgan, a nephew of J. P. Morgan. The Bible, which is the work of Italian monks, is written on parchment, beautifully illuminated, with its covers studded with rubies, emeralds, diamonds and sapphires. When Deputy Collector Williams asked Morgan what he valued the book at he replied that he had no idea what its intrinsic value was. Williams then ordered the Bible seized temporarily as a precautionary measure, the appraisal in the limited time at hand not being thought advisable.

WIFE ENTITLED TO HER MONEY.

An Illinois justice has decided that a man's wife is entitled to the money paid for the eggs laid by their hens, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Oh, wise judge! Let the old man and the old rooster divide their profits; but the lady is surely entitled to the hen and the amuletments derived therefrom.