

MAKING DYNAMITE.

Work is safer at the Ardeer Works than in most Cotton Mills. The great dynamite factory at Ardeer, Scotland, better known as the Noble Nitroglycerin works, is described by Mr. H. J. W. Dam, one of the few individuals in the world who have been permitted to penetrate the mysteries of this wonderful place.

From the top of one of the nitroglycerin "hills" the factory looks like an enormous and eccentric landscape garden. In every direction rise green embankments, square, conical or diamond-shaped, from 10 to 70 feet in height and covered with long, rank grass. Many of them are faced with corrugated iron and look like high fences.

From the top of each mound peeps the red canvas roof of a white wooden house—a house within a hill—which is from one to four stories in height. Every explosive structure is surrounded by artificial banks, so that in the event of an accident all the others will be protected from concussion or flying fragments.

There are three nitroglycerin "hills," and on the one before you the nitroglycerin houses, two in number, in which the nitroglycerin is made, stand out in clear relief at the top. They are small wooden cubicles, which were expected by Mr. Noble when he built them to last six months, but which have not yet been blown to pieces after 25 years of constant use.

Tunnels through the banks open everywhere. Tramways and lines of pipes on trestles cross each other diversely. This is the "danger area," the wide expanse in which the explosives are made and moved about. It is surrounded in an irregular semicircle by 14 large groups of structures, from which rise 14 high chimney stacks. There are 450 separate structures, now occupying 400 acres out of the 600 owned by the company.

Girls are employed in various parts of the process—200 of them at Ardeer. It will be news to most people that this is a comparatively safe industry. In fact, Ardeer is declared to be one of the safest of factories.

In the whole period of its existence, about 25 years, the entire loss of life by accidents has been only 21. This, compared with the number of people employed, is lower than the death rate in any cotton mill, woolen mill, foundry, boiler shop, ship yard or other large manufactory.

GOVERNMENT GARDENS.

Furnish Free Flowers All the Year Round. A Custom Against Which Washington Flower Dealers Are Waging War—Beautiful Free Floral Exhibits.

One of the most pleasing features in official life in Washington is the constant receipt, without cost, of cut flowers from the government gardens. These flowers are furnished at the White House and in all the executive departments almost every day the year round, and not only are the desks of the higher officials made beautiful with the gifts of nature, but they are passed around to the residences not only of the administration, but of congressmen, and even of subordinates.

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CANADA AND UNITED STATES.

A Story They Are Telling the Other Side of the Line. A writer in the Toronto Printer and Publisher, commenting on the tendency of some of our United States cousins to indulge in "tall talk," recalls an incident that occurred in Montreal at the time that the press of the United States was threatening that the \$5,000,000 awarded to Canada by the Halifax arbitration would not be paid.

Lord Dufferin had just got back from a visit to Washington. There had been objections raised in congress to paying the money. Lord Dufferin saw that a joke would relieve the strain. He looked round the large banquet hall of the Windsor hotel and remarked with pretended solemnity: "No, gentlemen, I have not brought it back in my pocket. Our \$5,000,000 of fish money was not handed to me across the counter by the president."

He went on to say that he never even looked as if he wanted it, so convinced was he that all was right. In fact, he had heard that Gen. Ben Butler and others were going to move that the furniture in the congressional buildings should be burned rather than that the States should remain in Canada's debt an hour longer than was necessary.

When this speech was telegraphed to the United States press there was a roar of laughter from one end of the republic to the other. The pettiness of the dispute was recognized, and the money was paid over in a few weeks.

OPERATING ON A TIGER. Entangled in a Net and Its Ingotting Claw Cut Out. An interesting operation was performed in Dublin some time ago by Dr. Samuel Haughton. A magnificent tiger, one of the finest in the Dublin zoological, was threatened with gangrene in the paw.

One of its claws becoming distorted, says Tid-Bits, had grown into the foot, and to save the tiger's life it was necessary to cut away the diseased portion. The operation was, to put it mildly, an exciting one. An immense strong net was in the first place thrown over the tiger, and in the net he was drawn, struggling desperately, to the door of his cage.

Both animals appeared to have realized that the operation was a beneficial one for a week afterward, when Dr. Haughton looked in to see how his patient was progressing, he was received in the friendliest way and was even allowed to examine the mutilated paw.

DISLOCATED HER HIP. It was a New One, and the Only One. Mrs. W. H. Feilding. It was at a well-known Broadway confectioner's where there is a soda fountain and always a stylish and thirty crowd, composed chiefly of women. It was upon one of these women, pretty and young, that the eyes of two of the later comers were fastened, says the New York Times.

There was something peculiar about her. It was not in the make of her gown, which was all that fashion, good taste and a skillful tailor could make it. That was all right; only, at one side it had the appearance of being pulled up on the hip sufficiently high to show a pretty silk petticoat below it.

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