

## SHE WAS DETERMINED.

The Terrible Warning Left a Sub-scriber by a Young Woman Book Agent.

A gentleman of this city who has not much time for reading, yet is kind-hearted and particularly susceptible to the pleadings of the gentler sex, was recently approached by a lady who is acting as subscription agent for a new publication. When the subscription list was presented to him the gentleman would have liked to decline to purchase, as he did not wish the volume, but the lady was persistent and he was weak, and he put down his name, hoping that fortune would find him some way out of the difficulty, says the Baltimore News.

Later the lady called to deliver the book and to collect the money, but he had contrived to be out. And every time afterward when she appeared he managed to be out, until finally her patience became exhausted and she left for his perusal this note:

"By the relentless intervention of the invisible hand of Providence I have been prevented from delivering your book, but I would not for a moment have you doubt the moveless stability and fathomless profundity of my determination, for the flameriferous Conoculante autocar of day shall cease to radiate the umbrageous recesses of the forest, the translucent queen of night shall cease to perambulate the diaphanous concavity of the cerulean heavens and the horisonous clangor of the heaven's artillery shall cease to bellow forth its appeals in sulphurous, igneous fulgor before my determination diminishes."

## MALE DOLLS.

They Form Only Five Per Cent. of the Total, But Many of Them Have Character.

Of the doll population males form perhaps five per cent., and females 95 per cent. Many dolls are capable of passing as either, according to the way in which they are dressed, but in some the male sex is indicated by parting their hair on the side. Another peculiarity about boy dolls is that a great many of them represent types. Many sailor dolls are sold, some of them togged out in white funnel suits of the regulation cut and with the broad top sailor hats, making very trim and jaunty figures. There are dolls dressed as Little Lord Fauntleroys. There is a boy doll known from its dress as a marquis, and there is a farmer boy, standing with his suspenders over his shoulders and wearing a straw hat, a very pretty figure indeed. There are many harlequin figures and many Santa Clauses and many negro boys, these including dolls of worsted. Some boy dolls and girl dolls are sold together in pairs. There is, for instance, a couple known as the bride and bridegroom; another pair is known as Uncle Sam and the Goddess of Liberty, says the New York Sun.

Among more conventional styles there are boy dolls dressed as little men and wearing derby hats, and boy dolls dressed as old men and as children, and then there are handsome big boy dolls dressed in silks and satins. Boy dolls are sold at all sorts of prices. Sailor boys, for instance, cost at retail from 25 cents to five dollars each.

## CAN SEE THINGS GROW.

The Tall Story a London Paper Tells About a Recent German Invention.

The farmers' wail about bad weather, and cattle disease has become a dead letter, says London Tit-bit. Prof. Schinck, of Stuttgart, Germany, says that he cannot only grow your vegetables while you wait—right from the seeds to the full-blown cabbage or lettuce as the case may be—but can also rear the new-born calf into the prime healthy ox in a few hours.

In the case of the vegetable kingdom, scientists have long been on the verge of the professor's discovery. It has long been known that if potatoe were applied to potatoe the seed yielded more than double the quantity, which is more important, that disease seemed to disappear.

Now, Prof. Schinck, not only uses potatoe, but mixes it with albumen. The exact process is not yet known.

You call at, say, midday, and in your presence he will plant a cabbage seed in a substance which looks like red earth.

Then he will take the newly-born calf, which again you can supply, and commence injecting his concoction into it.

I know it is hard to believe, but you can actually see the plant and animal growing, and by 6:30 the cabbage will be full-grown, and the calf? about the size of a healthy 18-month animal.

## Oldest Loaf of Bread.

The oldest loaf in existence is in the possession of the British museum authorities. It was discovered in Assyria by French explorer, together with the remnants of several other pieces of bread carefully wrapped in cloth. It is supposed that it was leavened and baked about the year 562 B.C., when it was the custom to put food in the coffin with a dead person. It resembles an ordinary pony bun in shape and color, and is in perfect condition.

## Great Run of Luck.

An extraordinary run of luck is recorded at the last drawings of City of Paris bonds, when six successive numbers were drawn belonging to one owner, a barber at Verrières-le-Buisson. The first drew 1,000 francs, the next two the right of being redeemed at par, 500 francs; the fourth drew a prize of 500 francs, the fifth 2,000 francs and the sixth the grand prize of 100,000 francs.

## BUSY BRITISH SHIPYARD.

That at Elwick is Said to be the Biggest One in the World—Ships Under Way.

The capacity of Elwick yard in England is greater than that of any other in the world. Among the vessels at present in evidence at Elwick are the O'Higgins, Chilean warships, just completed; General Bagmedana, Chilean training ship, on the stocks, will be launched in about four weeks; Hali-Ties and Hal-Chi, protected cruisers, built to the order of China, sister ships, completed, moored in river; Takasago, Japanese cruiser, near complete; Asama, Japanese armored cruiser, 9,700 tons, nearly complete; Tokima, Japanese armored cruiser, sister ship to above; unnamed cruiser, preparing for Japan, not quite laid down; Tordenskjold, Norwegian battleship, waiting to be delivered; Albany, cruiser built for Brazil, but bought by United States, now plating, launched in three months; Don Carlos I, Portuguese protected cruiser, just launched; Pactolus, third-class British cruiser, built to admiralty design, ready in about a month; torpedo boat destroyer of large size, to go 30 knots, not ordered, will be completed before the end of the year, and if not previously bought, will go into stock; another torpedo destroyer, same size as above, but fitted with Parsons' turbines, to go 33 knots, to be finished this year; unnamed cruiser, 4,300 tons, to be launched shortly, not ordered; large first-class battleship, unnamed, 15,100 tons, being built for the Japanese navy. This will be the biggest battleship yet constructed, will have a phenomenal speed, and notwithstanding her great size, will pass through the Suez canal.

## SPENDS HIS LIFE IN PRISON.

The Unusual Method of Securing Material for a Book Adopted by a Russian Author.

Count Rocco Dianovitch has made the getting into prison the chief business of his life for 34 of the 47 years he has lived for the purpose of gathering information for a book he is anxious to write on the subject. At 13 he left his home and went into Prussia, where he was arrested for trespassing, and sent to prison for three months, working at chair making. From that time to this he has never been free from the desire to continue his prison explorations, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

From 13 till he was 20 he was in and out of more than 20 prisons in Belgium, Prussia, Poland and Russia. His first experience of jail life in England was in Liverpool, which was one of the worst he was ever in, filled with drunken sailors from all over the world. He stayed there six days, when he paid his fine and got out, the first time he failed to serve his sentence. Then he went to Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey, then Egypt, where the jails are the worst in the world except Australia; next to India and Japan, and then to America, where he remained for more than a year, spending most of his time in jails and penitentiaries.

## PORTUGEE ENGLISH.

Marvelous English Posted Up in Rio Janeiro Zoological Garden Circular.

It was a renowned Portuguese instructor in languages who first taught us, some 20 years ago, "English she is spoke." Remembering still those brilliant expositions of our mother tongue, we are glad to note that the instruction still goes on and that the gift of tongue has not passed from the Portuguese and their children. At Rio Janeiro, according to the Chicago Times-Herald, there have lately been produced some of the finest specimens of our language used for the education and information of persons temporarily sojourning in that city.

One of the undoubtedly attractions of the Brazilian capital is the Zoological gardens, and a circular advertisement addressed "to visitors lying at anchor" runs thus—

"Zoological Gardens.—In these gardens the visitor will find some of rarest and best specimens of wild beasts of Brazil, also a collection of snakes (snakes), reptiles, etc. Which will prove a source of interest and entertainment to many who have four boars to spau whib in Rio Janeiro. Tramways belonging to Compy Every 10 Minutes."

## QUEER WAYS OF "COVITES."

If You Refuse to Buy of Them Your Neighbor May Get the Article Free.

In an article on the "Covites" of the Cumberland mountains, published in Ladies' Home Journal, Sarah Barnwell Elliott says: "The people are usually squatters on small lots of uncleared mountain land, which is extremely shallow and poor. They usually live in log or slab houses—sometimes 'chinked' and sometimes not; sometimes with the floor and sometimes without—elking out an existence by peddling either the nuts and fruits of the wilderness, or their very poor 'yar-den-truck.' They are very keen at a bar-gain, even when they have no idea of the proper value of the thing in hand, and though they are very hospitable when you come to their houses, and will give you anything they have in the way of food, they will never give you anything that they have brought to sell. They may give it to your cook, or to your next door neighbor, or they may throw it away just outside your gate, but you having declined to pay their price they will not give it to you—at least, not that special article."

## Cloth in a Turkish Turban.

The "life tree" of Jamaica grows and thrives for months after being uprooted and exposed to the sun.

## MODERN FRENCH TRAGEDY.

How a Pair of Paris Lovers Attempted to End Their Unhappy Existence.

French tragedy in these degenerate days is seldom without its flavor of burlesque or opera bouffe. Take the recent case of the Parisian Romeo and Juliet. Georges Vavian and Marie Machino are about the age of the immortal lovers of Verona, and a feud divides their houses. They determined to carry out the likeness to the end. The first time every requisite for the tragic denouement was prepared. Georges had provided pistols, and the occasion was to be a walk in a deserted garden at nightfall. When the final crisis was at hand, however, the pair found they had omitted to provide themselves with sufficient fortitude on this first occasion to carry out their foolish project. Nothing loth, they determined upon making a second attempt.

This time a well-known recipe for instilling artificial bravery was put into use. Hoping to compensate himself by design, ready in about a month; torpedo boat destroyer of large size, to go 30 knots, not ordered, will be completed before the end of the year, and if not previously bought, will go into stock; another torpedo destroyer, same size as above, but fitted with Parsons' turbines, to go 33 knots, to be finished this year; unnamed cruiser, 4,300 tons, to be launched shortly, not ordered; large first-class battleship, unnamed, 15,100 tons, being built for the Japanese navy. This will be the biggest battleship yet constructed, will have a phenomenal speed, and notwithstanding her great size, will pass through the Suez canal.

## FLAG OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE.

It Was First Carried by Narciso Lopez in 1850-51—Versions as to Its Meaning.

The Cuban flag was first carried by Narciso Lopez about 1850-51, when he invaded Cuba and lost his life. There are quite a number of versions as to the meaning of this flag; one is that the red equilateral triangle stands for equality; the white star represents Cuba, which would gain her independence through a sea of blood, and the three blue stripes for the three departments into which they intended to divide the island—eastern Cuba, central Cuba and western Cuba. There is another version, that once about 1850 or 1851 a group of Cuban exiles were talking of the new flag that should be adopted, and trying to get a suitable design, when one of them went to the window of the room in which they were holding their discussion and saw the evening star shining brightly in the heavens, surrounded by the glare of the setting sun, while still higher the sky was blue, striped with white clouds.

The revolutionary flag of Puerto Rico is of the same proportions and design as the Cuban flag, only the colors are changed. Where the Cuban flag is red the Puerto Rican flag is blue, and where the Cuban flag is blue the Puerto Rican flag is red. It is singular to notice that in almost every country of which liberty is the watchword and guiding idea the flag is composed of the three colors—red, white and blue.

## HOW CANYONS WERE FORMED.

The Deep Gullies Are Due to the Action of Rivers Through Centuries.

The secret of the great denudation and of this wonderful achievement of the Colorado in carving out of rock a series of canyons about 500 miles long, and, in one place at least, more than a mile deep, with a multitude of tributary chasms and gorges, is very simple, when you know it, says Harper's Magazine. The old lake bed slowly rose. At first the Colorado river and its tributaries, or some nameless monstrous ancestor of these, sweeping over the slowly rising surface, planed them down in most relentless fashion, and then began wearing out broad shallow stream beds. But then the country rose more rapidly, and the water had to cut deeper channels in the rocks in order to get out and away to sea. Owing in part to the wear of the water itself, but more to the ceaseless bombardment of the suspended sand which it bore from the up country, or picked up as it went along, and to the thump of pebbles and bowlders which it swept on in flood time, the river kept cutting down as the strata rose, until finally, when what was left of gulf and sea bottom, got thrust up so that, towering far above its erstwhile rocky shores, it had to be called plateau, the Colorado and its auxiliaries found themselves at the bottom of a series of colossal canyons and gorges, where they are to day.

## She Objects to Cigarettes.

A ridiculous rumor is current that the recent illness of the czarina has been due to slow poisoning, the arsenic being administered—so it is said—by a trusted lady-in-waiting in the empress' morning cup of chocolate. Sensational rumors of this kind are continually cropping up, and the mere fact that the czarina has long been ill in health was quite sufficient basis on which to find this highly colored story. That the empress is unpopular is certainly not true. On the contrary she has won the confidence of her husband's people by her gentleness and tact, her edict against her ladies-in-waiting smoking cigarettes being the only trial grievance they have against her.

## Uprooted Tree Still Alive.

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## Bulletin Financier.

## Bulletin Commercial.

Lundi, 24 octobre 1898.

COMPTOIR D'EXCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Fuséot cette semaine... \$1,927,535.00 \$229,322.00  
Même temps la  
semaine der.  
suite... 2,064,605.00 227,116.00

MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE.

Nouvelle-Orléans—  
Pièces exceptionnelles... 627  
Tresors... 725  
Pièces sur gamme... 100  
Time de... 500  
Pièce hypothétique... 763

MONNAIE AMÉRICAINE ET STRANGERS  
et billets de Banques.

AMÉRIQUE.

Bolivie Victoria... \$2,900.00  
20 francs... \$2,800.25  
Double espagnols... \$15,400.15 15.00  
Pièces espagnols... 48.70  
Pièce... 10.00  
Argent unifié américain, par... 53.04  
Dollars mexicains... 44.93  
Pièce... 10.00  
Peso chiliens... 42.04  
Argent anglais, par... 44.00  
Billets de la Banque d'Angleterre... 44.00  
Pièce... 10.00  
Banque de la Banque de France... 15.00  
Pièce... 10.00

LOMBARDIEN.

Argent... 10 francs et 40 centimes.

CARIBBEAUX.

Argent... 10 francs et 40 centimes.

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