

CRUISER CONDEMNED

Surgeon Harris Declares Albany Menaces Health of Sailors.

Not Enough Room in the Warship to Secure Proper Sanitary Conditions for Crew--Artificial Ventilation Suggested.

The United States steamship Albany, one of the three ships on the European station, and at last accounted for by naval surgeons unit for habitation.

"As a matter of fact, with a large complement required for the deck and engineers' force of this ship, the space is not in it to meet the requirements of health for the crew.

"Artificial ventilation would improve the condition of the warrant officers' quarters, and the wardroom, messroom, as well as the rooms located in that part of the ship.

"It is impossible, in my opinion, to overestimate the danger to the health of those who are berthed in the wing passages, should the weather require that the ship be battened down for several days.

"If these conditions are materially changed the health of the crew will, in my opinion, proportionately suffer."

PIANOS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Two New Instruments Secured for the President's Large Family.

Two magnificent concert grand pianos were carried into the white house the other day and placed in the blue and green parlors.

Some pleasant musicals will be added to the brilliant season at the white house and famous musicians who visit Washington will play and sing for the president and his friends.

Magnificent Interior Decorations. Further particulars are published in regard to the possible erection of the mammoth building in the Strand.

California World Postage. The suggestion, which came originally from Australia, that there should be a uniform postage of two cents for letters to all parts of the world has been approved by Italy, Switzerland, Egypt and some South American states.

HE WAS A BLUFFER.

But His Bluffing Was Absolutely Necessary and It Charred Him Through.

A successful Auburn man tells the following story of his own experiences, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal: "I wanted to get some money to go to college," says he, "and the only way to earn it, I had no trade, which made it hard.

"So when I took up a knife and went to work it was not to be wondered at that my employer called me to account. He was on his ear, as they say, and I can't say I blame him.

"I guess I grasped the situation, for I remained there as meat cutter several months. When I struck Auburn I had an idea I would go to work in the shoe factories.

"They asked me what I could do, and I told them I was a cutter, adding that I was very sure I could please them. They set me to work. I went slow at first, for I was watching to see how the fellows did it.

THE HOUSE SOLD OUT.

It Was Wanted for a Livery Stable and the Manager Got Badly Left.

"Tell you the most bitter disappointment of my life?" laughed the theatrical manager, relates the Detroit Free Press. "Well, that is easy! It occurred a good many years ago when I was somewhat new to the business.

"The next town was a frost, and we picked up another landlord, and started for the promised land. I looked up the local manager at once, and flew at him with the glad hand.

Spies in French Private Homes. The "raison d'etat" (state reason) has been fully revived in France in connection with the czar's visit.

Change of Names. It was ordered by a British judge that anyone could assume whatever name he liked, and he did not require a royal license.

ALWAYS PUZZLING TO MEN.

Women and Their Ways Never Cease to Interest and Mystify the Other Sex.

When men are very young they think they know all about women; when they reach middle age they confess they understand only few members of the sex; when they attain the full maturity of their mental power and have had a wide experience they give the problem up and confess that women are past fadings out.

"The error of this young man lay in the fact that he took reason to guide him through the labyrinth of the feminine mind. He was not aware that women are inclined to be cold toward the favored but yet unaccepted lover, and that no matter how infatuated the girl may be she will rebuke any symptom of assurance or confidence with instant and condign punishment.

"A girl may fancy a man and even encourage him, but when she faces the question and is compelled to decide whether she will have him or not many considerations may affect her choice and make her wish she had not suffered the affair to go so far.

"Men do not and never will know women. Women do not know themselves. The sex is full of contradictions. When a woman is fondest of a man she most delights to tease or torture him. When she dislikes his very presence she is often most gracious. Women are often called dreamers--and, like dreams, they go by contraries.

THE APES OF GIBRALTAR.

There Are Several Tribes of Them Wandering Over the Great Rock.

It is perhaps not universally known that Gibraltar, the fortified rock and British stronghold commanding the entrance to the Mediterranean, and thus the maritime route to the far east, is the only spot in Europe where wild apes are still to be found.

At a height of about 500 feet I first noticed a herd of some 15 apes, and after having reached the height of a little over 1,000 feet I saw several small herds of from 10 to 12. They all seemed to be very tame and inoffensive.

A Mental Appetite. Tom--What is your idea about getting old? Dick--Getting old? Well, a man is not old until he finds his future so uninteresting that his thoughts have to feed on his past. Detroit Free Press.

A CHANGE OF SOIL.

Doctor and Farmer Exchange Views as to the Benefits to Be Derived.

Old Thomas Playfair, being in New York state last summer, went to visit Dr. Hadley, his friend and schoolmate long ago, states Youth's Companion. "This is the first time I have been out of my own county in 20 years," he said, as they sat together after dinner.

"I never know where they are!" grumbled the old man. "John professes to live in Seattle, but he comes east or goes to California every little while. William is in business here in New York, but he rushes over to Europe once a year for rest."

"My corn is poor this year," said the doctor. "So are the oats. I don't know what ails the crops."

PORTUGUESE HOTEL CLOCKS. Strike the Hour Twice Over and Irritate Strangers Who Are Trying to Sleep.

It is the fashion for Portuguese clocks to strike the hour twice over. Heaven only knows why, for certainly the people are not so keen about the profitable use of their time that they require to be reminded thus of its flight.

Some Aged Animals. In the vicinity of Paris a home for old domestic animals was established some time ago, and among the present inmates are a mule 72 years old, a cow 36 and a pig 72 years old. It is claimed that domestic animals which lead an easy life are likely to live far beyond the average age.

Violet Leaves Cure Cancer. According to the London representative of the New York Journal and Advertiser the Outlook contains an account of a most remarkable cure of cancer, which medical circles are eagerly discussing.

By a Streak of Lightning. Discovered by Harvard Professor That Hydrogen Is of a Composite Nature.

Prof. E. C. Pickering, director of the Harvard observatory, has made a discovery that he regards as important. In a statement just out he says: "The spectrum of a streak of lightning was photographed last July. From such a small beginning two discoveries have developed. Not only are the chemical elements, so-called compounds, but it is likely that hydrogen itself, which chemical theorists have thought to be the one element of which the others would sooner or later prove to be compounds, seems to be of composite nature."

TRADE AGREEMENTS.

History of Reciprocity Treaties of United States.

First Agreement of This Character Was Made with Canada in 1855--Sixteen Others Have Been Made Since Then.

The special interest in the reciprocity history of the United States awakened by the discussion which has been in progress here during the week augmented to the treasury bureau of statistics a concise presentation of the history of the reciprocity treaties and agreements which the United States has had in the past, those now in operation, and those awaiting action by congress.

Another remarkable circumstance in connection with the study of the Pickering spectra of lightning flashes is that they are similar to that of the second new star in the constellation Perseus, known as Nova Persei No. 2, which were taken on March 23, 1901.

RETURN TO INDIAN WAYS. Daughter of Chief Parker Prefers Tiger and Blanket to White House and Who Smokes and Drinks.

SULTAN OF MOROCCO. Newspaper Man Surprised to Find Young Man of Energy, Intelligence and Fascinating Manners.

A correspondent of the London Times and New York Times, writing from Marrakesh (city of Morocco), states that he has just had a long audience of the sultan of Morocco.

TO TEST HIS THEORY. California Horseman Believes That Horses Should Not Be Put on Track Until They Reach Maturity.

Thomas H. Williams, Jr., president of the new California Jockey club, is about to try an experiment in preparing horses for the track. The well-known horseman is a believer in the theory that horses should not be put on the track until they have reached their maturity.

Sweet-Potato Flour. A company with a capital of \$100,000 has been organized in Vineland, N. J., for the making of flour from sweet potatoes.