

LIFE-SAVING OUTFIT.

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A VALUABLE ADDITION.

National Museum Secures the Entire Hudson Collection of Indian Basket Work.

The national museum, through the bureau of ethnology, has just received from California the entire Hudson collection of Indian basket work.

The British museum has been after this collection, but failed to secure it.

STONE DOCK NEEDED.

Effort to Be Made to Have Damaged Dry Dock at Brooklyn Repaired with Stone and Concrete.

A special from Washington to the New York Herald says: Convinced even more than before of the necessity of a stone dock at the Brooklyn navy yard by the accident to timber dry dock No. 2, Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, will recommend in his annual report the construction of such a structure.

DIED HATING MINISTERS.

Will of a California Banker Provides That His Money Shall Be Kept from the Church.

William Steel, the banker who died recently in San Rafael, Cal., leaving an estate of \$100,000, often expressed an aversion to ministers, and his will just filed for probate proves that he meant just what he said.

Income of Stanford University. The total endowment of Leland Stanford university, as the result of the munificent deeds of ex-Senator Stanford and his wife, now reaches the unprecedented sum of \$15,000,000.

Made Better Time, Too. A man has started from New York to San Francisco with a gasoline motor.

Discreet Russian Diplomat. The diplomatic career of Baron De Staal, who presides at the peace conference, has been a long and distinguished one.

Adaptation of Radishes. Even radishes are adulterated now in Berlin. They are dipped into aniline dye to make them look fresh and pink.

AFTER HIS OLD HOME.

President McKinley Trying to Buy Homestead in Canton.

It Is Dear to the Heart of the Chief Executive, as Around It Cluster Memories of Thirty Years.

President McKinley is negotiating for the purchase of the house made famous throughout the country in the campaign of 1896 as the mecca of hundreds of thousands of voters who came to Canton to have the future president point out the path for a return to national prosperity.

The McKinley homestead, besides being famous in political annals, is dear to the heart of the president. There it was that he entered into married life 30 years ago.

Canton is rejoicing over the news, because it sets at rest rumors that when Mr. McKinley sets official duties aside, he will not return to his old home town.

The negotiations are being conducted for the president by Attorney Austin Lynch, the law partner of Judge Day.

Angry Citizen Drops Dead. Express While Chasing a Man Whom He Had Thrashed for Insulting His Wife.

A most exciting and extraordinary scene was enacted at Reading, Pa., the other day, culminating in the death of William M. Fulton, a city contractor and one of Reading's very best known citizens.

Suddenly the liveryman darted into a grocery store after a chase of three blocks. Fulton leaped from his buggy, throwing the reins to his wife, and rushed through the store after Whitman.

Want Others to See Trophy. Three Oaks, Mich., Plans to Share a Sight of the Cannon with the West.

Now that the jubilee is over the residents of the quiet little village of Three Oaks, Mich., are making plans to bring the cannon which was won by the largest proportionate contribution to the Maine monument fund from San Francisco.

Well Supplied with Wives. This is from the Terak (East India) Pioneer: "Tuan Syed Mahomed bin Abdulla al-Hadad, of Singapore, has arrived on a visit to his coreligionists.

Foreign Settlers in China. Among the 11,668 foreigners settled in China at the end of 1897 England had 4,929, the United States 1,564, Japan 1,106, Germany 950, France 698.

SUES FOR PRIZE MONEY.

Admiral Dewey Begins Action to Recover for Himself and His Men the Sum of \$235,121.

Admiral Dewey, through Former Secretary Herbert, filed suit in the district court of Washington to recover prize money due him and the officers and crew under his command for the vessels captured in the battle of Manila and the property subsequently recovered by the naval force of the Asiatic squadron.

The title of the case is "George Dewey, admiral of the United States navy, on behalf of himself and the officers and crew of the United States naval force on the Asiatic station taking part in the battle of Manila bay, vs. The Don Juan de Austria and other vessels and miscellaneous stores and supplies captured by the fleet under his command."

The bill recites that Admiral Dewey and the officers and crews are entitled to the prize money as provided by law. The number of men aboard the American vessels during the engagement is given as 1,836, and while Admiral Dewey declares he is unable to give the exact number of men engaged on the Spanish side he says it was far in excess of those under his own command, and the enemy's forces were superior.

WANTED FAMILY TOGETHER.

A Boston Millionaire Deceased a Fortune for a Great Family Home.

There is much commotion among the Brighams of Massachusetts over the will of the wealthiest member of their family, Peter, who made millions in the oyster trade and died six years ago.

Most of the Brighams of Massachusetts are in Worcester county. Generally speaking they think that Peter would have done better by them had he willed each a stipulated portion of the millions.

Peter Brigham was not only one of the richest men in his part of the state, but he owned the finest private collection of Indian relics in the United States.

There are descendants of the Brighams in nearly every town in Worcester county. The majority, however, are to be found in Westboro and Marlboro, and in these towns the direct descendants live.

It isn't at all likely that the Day state Brighams will forsake their various homes and go to live under the roof of the Boston palace as one great family.

NEW NEGRO COLONY.

Scheme to Establish a Model Town in New Jersey Is Now Practically Assured.

A scheme to establish a negro colony at Oak Grove, near Flemington, N. J., is assuming form. The farm of former Sheriff Howard Lake has been selected as the site.

These plans contemplate a big shoe factory on the cooperative plan and the running of a branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad into the town. Part of a large grove has been set aside as a camp meeting ground.

Queer Collection of Buttons. The wife of an English clergyman has made a collection of all the buttons placed in the offertory bags during the last two or three years and has fastened them to cardboard in various cunning shapes of animals, birds and flowers.

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A Well-Oiled Army. The Mexican army comprised 1,607,000 officers and 24,536 private soldiers.

THE FOREIGN CROPS.

Russia's Shortage of Wheat May Reach 120,000,000 Bushels.

Eye Crop Also Very Short—French Estimate Places Wheat Crops of Spain and Italy at \$4,000,000 Bushels Short.

The agricultural department's foreign crop report for July states that the commercial authorities estimate the shortage in the Russian crop of wheat at from 85,000,000 to 120,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year.

The Prussian official report on wheat is a little above "fair," 2.3 being the technical designation.

The American outlook for wheat and rye is good in all but one province, that of Bukovina. Austria, Roumania and Bulgaria are all slightly below the average in wheat, rice and maize.

In Great Britain cable reports of a severe general storm presage considerable damage to a grain crop that otherwise would have ranked fair.

Hay is very much below the average. The report from India shows better conditions in Bengal and the northwest provinces than for several years previous, but this improvement does not extend to the Punjab.

KISSING BUG CLUB.

The Young Women of La Salle, Ill., Organize to Capture Insect Specimens.

A kissing bug club is the latest social organization of La Salle, Ill., being formed exclusively by young women, and with the object of acquiring one specimen for each member.

The young women are not alone in their interest, however, for the more staid and serious citizens have become alarmed at the reported advent of a flock of "kissing bugs" into the vicinity.

CANALS DEEPENED.

Work on St. Lawrence Nearly Completed—It Is Expected to Capture Erie Canal Business.

The work of deepening the St. Lawrence canal, which has been going on for many years, is now about completed, and it is announced that by September at the latest, there will be a channel 14 feet in depth from Lake Ontario to Montreal.

WEDDING PUT OFF.

Young Alfred, Son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Go Globe-Trotting for a Year.

Society's expectations of another big Vanderbilt wedding this season are doomed to disappointment, for Alfred G. Vanderbilt, son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, will not marry Miss Elsie French, daughter of the late Francis O. French, for one year at least.

The official announcement has been made that young Vanderbilt would sail on a trip around the world, and that he would be accompanied by his Yale college classmate, Fred M. Davies, and Henry Whitehouse, son of W. Whitehouse and grandson of the late Blahop Whitehouse, of Chicago.

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ASIATIC SQUADRON.

Secretary Long Intends Late in the Summer to Reduce the Formidable Fleet.

Late in the summer Secretary Long will reduce the formidable fleet under the command of Admiral Watson in Philippine waters. The purpose of withdrawing some of the ships is to re-establish the European station, add a few vessels to the Pacific squadron, which is without a first-class ship, and give the officers and men an opportunity to recuperate from the effects of the enervating climate of the China sea.

A large number of smaller craft will be needed, however, to watch the coasts of the islands of the Philippine archipelago to prevent the landing of filibustering expeditions, but these have been supplied by the purchase of a number of small craft, which have been armed and are now in the service.

LIQUID AIR AT LOW COST.

A Plant Has Been Established in New York City and Is in Practical Operation.

For the first time in this country a plant has been established and practically operated for the production of liquid air. This plant has been devised and constructed under the direction of Oscar P. Ostergren and Moriz Burger and is located at 531 West Thirty-third street, New York city.

Its practical success is demonstrated by the two facts that it can produce liquefied air, comparing equal expenditure of power, three times as rapidly as the best apparatus devised by Prof. Linde, of Munich, and at a cost of about one-third.

HIRED GIRL PROBLEM.

A Forward Step to Be Taken at New York—Bureau of Information to Be Established.

Another step has been taken in the effort to solve the "hired girl" question. The Household Economic association has made plans to open next fall a bureau of information for the convenience of employers of domestic servants and persons seeking service.

"Once a month there will be a social tea or some entertainment, to which all girls connected with the bureau will be invited."

AT LIGHTNING SPEED.

Rubber-Tired, Tubular-Framed Engine to Run Three Miles a Minute.

With a rubber-tired railway engine, built like a bicycle and driven by electricity, the seeker of rapid transit will soon be able to ride from New York to Philadelphia in 30 minutes, according to a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

A Relic of Old Paris. A very curious relic of old Paris is about to be removed—the house in the Rue de Vanise built in 1402 by the celebrated alchemist, palmist and philanthropist Nicholas Flamel.

Working Hours of Carpenters. At present there are only 23 cities in the United States and Canada in which carpenters work ten hours per day.

No Flowers at Funerals. The Roman Catholic bishop of Maitland, Australia, has forbidden the use of flowers at funerals in his diocese.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

The Automobiles for Military Use Will Also Have a Very Thorough Test.

Wireless telegraph will receive a boom. Gen. Greeley, chief of the signal service of the army, will begin a series of experiments much more comprehensive than the recent tests between Washington and Fort Myer.

Messages have been successfully sent from the roof of the state war and navy building to the signal office at Fort Myer, a distance of three miles.

The automobiles will be given a fair test on the roads and hills of Virginia. If they prove satisfactory automobiles will be sent to the Philippines to be used in the fall campaign.

BUILT FOR GREAT SPEED.

New Train That Will Offer Least Resistance to Wind and Will Go 120 Miles an Hour.

Within a few months the Pennsylvania and the New York Central railroads may have in operation trains built with the smooth lines of an ocean steamship.

The windows are set flush with the sides of the car and cannot be opened. This does not mean that the train is unventilated.

PENNILESS BOY SEES WORLD.

Green Bay (Wis.) Youth Returns Home After Three Years, Tired of Adventure.

William Buerchsinger, 21 years old, a son of Mrs. Kate Buerchsinger, of Green Bay, Wis., after roaming for over three years, 20 months of which time was spent on a whaling trip, during which he was shipwrecked, has returned home to stay.

Young Buerchsinger started in July, 1836, with the avowed intention of seeing the world. He was practically penniless, yet he traveled through nearly all the western states and Old Mexico.

STORM DAMAGES DRY DOCK.

The One at Brooklyn Navy Yard Is Probably Rendered Unusable for Two Years.

The Brooklyn navy yard dry dock No. 2, for which \$200,000 was appropriated by the last congress for repairs, has been so seriously damaged by a storm that it probably cannot be used again for nearly two years.

One Concession. The price of peanuts is going up, but let us look on the bright side of things, cheerfully remarks the Chicago Times-Herald. Popcorn is as cheap as ever.