

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Facts from History as to How Long It Was Known to the Wise Men.

It was a cloistered fancy of the dark ages that "the star of Bethlehem" was some especially created star-like body...

COST OF LIVING IN PARIS.

For Two Dollars a Day One Can Live Well in the Exposition City of France.

To prove that we are economical young women shall I tell you how much we pay at the pension? writes a girl in Ladies' Home Journal...

THE BALLET AT TAIMI.

A Little South Sea Island Girl's Grace and Verve in Dancing.

A young girl endowed with no special beauty of feature, but possessing an air and a hint of devilry that would have rendered attractive one much less favored...

DEATH TO THE CLASSICS.

How a Wild Western Congressman Rebuked Edward Everett's Pedantry.

The decline of the use of classical quotations in legislative bodies may be traced to the case of Edward Everett...

THE QUEEN'S HINDUSTANI.

Victoria Has Mastered the Dilettante Language After Many Years of Study.

It will be handed down to posterity, says Pearson's Magazine, as one of the most astounding proofs of Queen Victoria's vast intellectual attainments...

Her majesty has surprised many of her Indian visitors by making unexpected observations in good Hindustani. As every one knows, she is almost invariably attended upon, at home, by one or more of her faithful, picturesque and courteous Indian servants...

KNIFE EMBEDDED IN A TREE.

It Is Supposed to Be One That Killed an Indian More Than a Century Ago.

The finding of a knife that killed an Indian 115 years ago was recently made under rather curious circumstances.

Jackson Summerville, an aged citizen of Harman, says the knife is exactly like the one which his father often described to him when, as a boy, he used to listen to him tell about the narrow escape he had at the hands of the Indians...

SOUTHERN YANKEES.

The Industrial South Is Developing Characteristics of New England Type.

Every true Yankee should look with a great deal of quiet, internal pride upon the Yankee-evolving south. That an Englishman under a southern sun should ever become a genuine Yankee has often been deplored of. It is now a swelling fact.

Carefully Addressed.

"America is a good country," wrote a Hungarian watchmaker to a friend at his birthplace. "I have only been six months here, yet I have established myself in business. You will find my address on the card inclosed herein."

School for Coaches.

In view of the coming exposition and the extra demand for local transportation, a school for coachmen has been opened in Paris.

CAUSES MUCH TALK.

Yale Professor Compares Physical Proportions of Women.

Says Wellesley Girl Has Smaller Chest Girth While Nebraska Girl Is Deeper Chested and Much Stronger.

Prof. Jay W. Seaver, of Yale, read a paper before the scientific societies at New Haven, Conn., the other day that caused no end of talk. His paper was on the difference between the physical proportions of eastern and western women.

"The Wellesley girl has the smaller chest girth, while the Nebraska girl is much deeper chested and is proportionately stronger in lung capacity. In height the Wellesley girl leads. There is an interesting difference in the heads of these two types of womanhood.

CAMERAS DISTURB FUNERALS.

Disgraceful Scenes Witnessed During Burial of Maine Dead in Arlington Cemetery.

Last year, when the first of the dead sailors from the Maine were buried at Arlington, there was considerable of a scandal over the way in which the crowd ran over the graves and disturbed the ceremony.

FAVORS ITS PURCHASE.

Naval Board Pleased with the Miller Coaling System for Use of Coaling Ships in Mid-Ocean.

The naval board which conducted the trial of the Miller coaling system has submitted its report to Admiral Bradford, chief of the equipment bureau.

THE PRESIDENT'S FLAG.

Speculation as to Why It Is Not Flung to the Breese from the White House Flagstaff.

Considerable speculation has been heard since the adoption and manufacture of the president's flag as to why this emblem has not been seen fluttering from the flagstaff of the executive mansion.

Greater Liberties.

The czar of Russia is going to grant more freedom to the press in his country. Hereafter the Russian publisher will probably be permitted, says the Chicago Times-Herald, to fix up his circulation table without the help of the censor.

Parks in Algeria.

France is about to raise a loan of \$20,000,000 for public parks in Algeria.

PROFESSIONAL PAWNERS.

Generally Women and Theirs Is a Nice, Easy Business and Quite Profitable.

"I have come across a new kind of a trade for you," said a friend to the saunterer the other day. "At least, it is a new one on me. Did you ever hear of a professional pawner?"

"Well, it's this way. There are lots of manufacturers of articles of jewelry, of watches, of musical instruments and other things which would never find a sale except to the veriest duffers and greenhorns, so they have to get rid of them some other way."

"But he attacks up against a very hard thing when he meets a professional pawner. These people are generally women. Their business is to do doctor and prepare the goods as to deceive the sharpest. In order to make the deception as undetectable as possible the goods are made to appear old and partly worn.

WHERE PLUCK COUNTS.

Many Dangerous Feats Performed by the Sailors on Racing Yachts.

Almost all large yachts when racing carry a man aloft, who is called the "mab-head man." He is aloft for the double purpose of seeing that everything is clear in the rigging and also to keep his weather eye lifting for changes of wind or changing spots.

When the topsail on the Columbia was to be set there were two men aloft, hoisted there in a boatswain's chair, a contrivance very like a swing seat. The halyard that holds this runs from the top mast head, and by this the men can be hauled to any point aloft.

OOM PAUL'S NIECES.

An "Up-Sitting" from Oom to Dawn Proclaims the Engagement of a Boer Girl.

The Boer girl of the country districts of the South African republic is able to go to town only once or twice a year, and then it is to attend the natchal, or communion, which is the chief festival of these deeply religious people.

Brought Up in Rigo.

The queen of the Belgians was brought up in her father's castle at Pest, amid surroundings and customs which remind one of the feudal ages.

French Millinery.

A Paris journal says that Americans buy \$7,000,000 worth of millinery in France annually, England following with \$4,000,000, while Germany is satisfied with \$600,000 worth.

NAMES IN CONGRESS.

Only Six of Smith Family in House of Representatives.

The Jones Family Has Two Representatives—There is a Crump and a Crumpacker, a Little and a Littlefield.

There are six Smiths in the house of representatives—three from Michigan and one each from Kentucky, Maryland and Illinois. There are three Wilsons—one each from Idaho, New York and South Carolina. Two members of the Williams family come from Illinois and one from Mississippi, and they are all democrats.

OBJECT LESSON IN SAVING.

Sioux Indian Witnesses Make a Neat Sum by Avoiding Railroad Travel.

The Sioux Indians are occasionally able to give their white brethren an object lesson in saving. A movement is on foot among the Sioux Indian witnesses from Rosebud, Pine Ridge agencies, in South Dakota, who attend United States court at Deadwood to hereafter travel to that place in their own conveyances instead of going by railroad, as has been their practice.

TROLLEY CARS FOR LONDON.

County Council Decides to Install an Underground Electric System at a Cost of \$15,000,000.

The trolley car which has heretofore been kept out of London will be humming through her streets, and there isn't any doubt that they will be American built and American equipped vehicles.

The London county council has decided to install the underground electric system, at a cost of \$15,000,000, or nearly \$15,000,000.

TORPEDO-BOAT DEFECTIVE.

Work on the Naval's Two Sister Vessels Has Been Stopped by French Government.

The optimistic accounts which were printed recently regarding the trial of the submarine torpedo boat Narval are discounted by the fact that an order has been issued to cease work on two sister boats until the defects in the Narval have been remedied.

No Salons in 1900.

The Paris exposition will attract so much of the public's attention that there will be no salons in 1900. The pictures which would go to the Salon will be hung in the Art palace instead, which, from the standpoint of the artists, is all for the better.

Has No Old Ladies.

An "old ladies' home" has just been opened in Michigan. Thus far, the Chicago Times-Herald declares, they have not been able to catch anybody who will consent to be put in it.

A FEAST IN A TOMB.

Brewer Has House-Warming for His New Mausoleum.

Invited His Friends to Inspect the Magnificent Structure Which He Has Erected to Shelter Himself and Wife After Death.

Gottfried Krueger, a rich brewer of Newark, had a house-warming for his new tomb the other day, and with his friends inspected and admired the mausoleum he has just erected in Fairmount county at a cost of \$250,000.

Two enormous stone coffins out from Tennessee granite will hold the bodies of the brewer and his wife when they have left this earthly sphere.

If Mr. Krueger chooses to arise from his grave he can ring an electric bell and call the superintendent of the cemetery. The heavy slab may hinder him a bit, but that could be left unadjusted for a week or two.

No tomb in this country, with the possible exception of the Vanderbilt mausoleum, is more nearly complete or expensive.

The inspection was in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Krueger, who wanted his friends to see how well he will be cared for after he dies.

The menu did not comprise solids to any extent. Spirits are more fitting for such a place.

IN HISTORICAL PICTURE.

Druet at Work on Scene of Viceroy Curzon's Reception by Lord Elgin at Calcutta.

A picture which it is expected will excite much interest in the many exhibition next spring is now being painted at Simla by Druet, a French artist. It is a representation of the reception at Calcutta of Lord Curzon as viceroy, the retiring viceroy, Lord Elgin, the retiring viceroy, greeted his successor.

The scene, which is always part of the reception of every incoming viceroy, is a striking historical one. The retiring viceroy, surrounded by his staff and members of the government of India, stands at the top of the broad steps leading up to the government house, while his successor drives up with a picturesque escort, alights, ascends the steps, and passes it to take the oaths of office.

GIFT OF A CHICAGO MAN.

Bronze Statue of Lincoln to Be Placed Before Illinois Building of American University.

Henry Ives Cobb, the architect for the American university at Washington, has returned from a visit to Chicago, and reported to Bishop Hurst that a Chicago gentleman was anxious to contribute a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln to be placed in front of the building named for the state of Illinois.

IMMENSE ORE SHIPMENTS.

Output of the Lake Superior Region for the Year 1899 Aggregates 18,500,000 Gross Tons.

The Marine Review says: An output of 18,500,000 gross tons of iron ore is to be credited to the Lake Superior region for the year 1899. Official returns from dock managers at all the shipping ports show a total movement by water of 17,901,328 tons, to which will be added 598,672 tons of iron ore of all rail shipments.

Progressing.

Maybe the New outfit of "gentlemen burglars" in St. Louis is due, says the St. Louis Republic, to a knowledge that good manners are necessary to those who would enter the best houses.

The Hen's Off Season.

This is the season for poultry shows. The Chicago Times-Herald remarks that the hens are not good for much else now.