

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Why doesn't the city do more street cleaning? "Because it can't raise the dust it poses."—Indiansville News.

UNIQUE LITERARY WORK.

Class of Regency in Spain to Be Marked by Written Accounts by Members of Ministry.

OF USE TO FARMERS.

The Industrial Commission Prepares a Valuable Volume.

Consists of a Digest of the Laws of the Several States Relating to Boards of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, Etc.

A BANK ON WHEELS.

Enterprising French Authorities Have Inaugurated an Automobile Savings Bank.

One of the most brilliant ideas of modern times has just occurred to the local authorities who administer the public moneys of the town of Mezieres, in the Ardennes.

PLANS OF OUR NAVY.

The Winter Cruise of the North Atlantic Squadron.

The winter cruise of the North Atlantic squadron will be a notable one, for the vessels of the squadron will stop at Charleston for four days during the exposition, and visit Cuba, Porto Rico, the Isthmus of Panama, Colombia, Trinidad Island, on the northeast coast of Venezuela, and the Danish West Indies.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Young Lord Howlingbroke has settled with his creditors, hasn't he?" "All but his father-in-law."—Town Topics.

TALKERS OF ENGLISH.

Irishmen Speak It Better Than the English Themselves—Some of the Broad Sounds Explained.

It is no new suggestion that Irishmen talk better English than the English. Dean Swift wrote to Pope expressing his regret at some slighting remark of the latter's concerning the Irish.

INDUSTRIES OF CONNECTICUT.

Census Bureau Statistics Give Very Interesting Array of Facts.

The census office has issued a statement giving the status of the manufacturing industries of the state of Connecticut for the census year of 1900 and making comparisons extending back to 1850.

NEW YORK TO PARIS BY RAIL.

Loicq de Nobel, French Engineer, Plans a Route by Way of Alaska and Siberia.

Loicq de Nobel, the French engineer who is the organizer of the project "from Paris to New York by railway," is waiting impatiently for the United States congress to grant him a concession in Alaska in order that he may go to Russia to demand similar privileges of the czar, which a group of Russian financiers assure him, will be gladly given.

PYTHON SWALLOWS GATOR.

Big Reptile at Central Park Menagerie Makes a Meal of Captive Companion.

The largest of the three pythons in the Central park (N. Y.) menagerie felt hungry the other morning. Uncoiling itself from around the top of the tree trunk in its cage in the monkey house, it crawled over toward the tank of water, where three young alligators were lying asleep, and swallowed the largest one, which measured two feet eight inches.

POVERTY TO AFFLUENCE.

Peddler's Wife Heir to a Fortune of \$500,000 Left to Her by Her Grandmother.

Mrs. Peter Koster, wife of a peddler, whose home is on People street, West Hoboken, N. J., is heir to \$500,000, left to her by her grandmother, who died in England a short time ago.

PERIL IN YANKEE SHOES.

W. H. Peach, British Shoemaker, Declares American Footwear a Menace to Life.

W. H. Peach, head of the Peach company, limited, bootmakers, has begun the opposition to American footwear in England. He opens the campaign with a proclamation to the effect that American shoes are dangerous to life.

PLANTS IN HIS HAIR.

Novel Provision of Nature That Serves to Protect the Lany Sloth.

It is a very curious fact that certain plants grow and thrive on the hair of sloths. Apart from its extremely coarse and brittle nature, the most striking peculiarity of the outer hair of the sloth is its more or less decidedly green tinge.

Schwab's Princely Income.

Concerning the much-discussed question of the annual allowance made Charles M. Schwab for his services as president of the United States Steel corporation, the New York Herald announces that Mr. Schwab's salary is \$100,000 a year, but that he is allowed a contingent fee, and receives in addition to his salary one-quarter of one per cent. of all the corporation may earn over and above its fixed charges and after deducting such sums as may be necessary to pay the regular dividends on the common and preferred stock.

The Busy Business Man.

Lord Rosebery wants to try the experiment of having England governed by business men. But where are the business men, asks the Chicago Record-Herald, who will be willing to give up their time to such a trivial matter?

Suggestion of Prof. Starr.

We wish, says the Chicago Record-Herald, to respectfully call Prof. Starr's attention to the fact that nearly all Indians part their hair in the middle.

Has Come to Go.

Manufacturers are overwhelmed with orders for automobiles, which leads the Chicago Tribune to say that the horseless carriage has come to go.

Can Afford to Be Shiftless. Many a man's shiftlessness is due to the fact that his father bore down too hard on the grindstone when he was a boy.—Chicago Daily News.

No Docked Horses for President.

President Roosevelt will not have docked horses attached to his carriage. The president has had experience enough, says the Chicago Record-Herald, to know what constitutes beauty in a horse when he sees it.

Gun to Shoot 21 Miles.

As soon as the new trunnion hook can be received from the Bethlehem Steel company work will be resumed at the United States arsenal at Watervliet on the new 15-inch gun which is to be made for Fort Hamilton, in New York harbor. This gun will be the largest ever made in the world. It is a breech loader, and the breech will be so constructed that a child can open and fire it. It will shoot a distance of 21 miles, but in order to do so, the shot will assume an altitude as high as Pike's peak. After the hook has been placed in it the gun is to have another jacket shrunk on it. Military men the world over are very much interested in the mechanism of this gun, as it will be an innovation for coast defense.

Sultan's One Navy.

Bohemia has no navy, which leads the Chicago Record-Herald to remark that the sultan must be sorry he doesn't owe Bohemia anything.

WHAT BECOMES OF OLD HATS.

Through the Bushing Process They Are Made to Return a Handsome Profit to Dealers.

"Shall I send the old hat home, sir?" asked the clerk in the big furnishing store. The customer, who had just bought a handsome Derby and slipped it on his head, looked at the discarded article, says the New York Herald.

What becomes of the hat now?

"It buys me cigars," said the clerk, complacently. "In some stores it wouldn't do me any good. It and all other hats not taken away by customers would be given to the drivers of the delivery wagons. But here, the house lets its clerks make a little extra money.

"Once a week a bushelman will come around to this store, looking for old hats. I'll give him all I have collected, and he'll give me on an average of 15 cents apiece for them. I get a dozen or more hats in the course of the week, and you see, this keeps me in smoking material.

"When the bushelman has made the rounds of all the stores where they let him do business he takes the hats over to a shop on the east side. There they are taken to pieces; that is, the silk ribbon and the silk band are taken off and the sweatband is removed. New material is put on, the hat is thoroughly cleaned, and if you can tell it from new you are a wonder.

"The leather for the sweatband and the very small quantity of silk for the band and the rim edge cost only a few cents. When the hat is placed in the store windows it will sell for two dollars. Many of these refurbished hats are sent south and sold to the 'hands' on the plantations.

"In addition to this industry, the 'old clo' man' has a field of his own. He will stop you on the street and offer to buy all your old coat-of-foist suits. He pays you a ridiculously small price, and you take it, for you would throw the stuff away did he not buy it. Trousers and coats and other articles require treatment like the hats, and when they arrive in the south they make a very good showing and command prices which leave the men engaged in the business a handsome profit.

"Many a rich merchant of to-day has made his start through 'bushelling'."

How It Looked to Him.

This is what Short Stories tells of a stanch young churchman who is most careful in his observance of the feasts and fasts of the year:

"When the owl lunch wagons in Herald square were still a novelty, he visited New York and saw one for the first time.

"What have we here?" he said to his companion. "What a question from you," was the retort. "A good churchman like you not to know a movable feast when he sees it!"

"Oh, I should call it a restaurant a la carte," promptly replied the "good churchman."

A Biblical Discovery. The supposed audience chamber of Nebuchadnezzar is alleged to have been discovered by a German exploring commission, that is now engaged in delving among the ruins of Babylon, says a Berlin correspondent. The building measures 158 feet long by 54 feet wide. The wall paintings and ornaments are well preserved, and several clay tablets have been unearthed with Assyrian inscriptions, said to be psalms and contracts. The excavations are being vigorously prosecuted.