

OPALS NO LONGER FEARED

Superstition That the Stone Brings Bad Luck Passing Away—Strangous Life the Cause.

Superstition fades away in the strenuous life of the twentieth century. And the return to common sense has shown itself in the modern fancy for opals.

NUDENESE JARS JAPANESE.

Beverly Shock Is Administered to the Islanders by This Form of Art.

At the St. Louis fair a Japanese merchant was praising the exhibit of Japa-

WARMS NOSE WITH CIGAR.

New York Man Holds Fire and Closes to Face and Then Takes Snuff.

Many and varied are the ways and means adopted by people these days as a protection from the cold.

CALLS SUN A BINARY STAR

Prof. Bigelow Explains Ideas About Old Sol and Laws Governing Him.

"The sun should be regarded as an incipient binary star," says Prof. Bigelow in the Weather Review.

Diplomat a Fine Pianist

Theodore Hansen, first secretary of the Russian embassy in Washington, is an accomplished musician.

FRUIT TREES FROM EAST.

Lynn, Mass., Man Was the First to Introduce Industry Into California.

It was a Lynn (Mass.) man who carried to California her first fruit trees. E. A. Ingalls, a 49-er, took from Lynn to California 55 years ago.

SEA HAS GROWN DEEPER.

Level of the Mediterranean Nine Feet Above That During Old Roman Times.

The phenomenon of the changes in the level of the sea is one which is well shown in the case of the Mediterranean.

TOLSTOI BOYS FIGHT JAPS.

Although the Count Is Denouncer of Present War, Some Are with Russians.

Count Tolstol, social reformer, abhors all wars and denounces the particular war which is now raging between Russia and Japan.

PRINTS PHOTOS ON APPLES

Portrait of Edward VII. on French Fruit Arouses Interest—The Method Explained.

A firm of fruit auctioneers at Covent Garden recently received from France a remarkable consignment of apples.

Winter and Summer Stamps

The post office department is sending out its winter stamps now. Few know that there is a difference between winter stamps and summer stamps.

Queer Names in Town.

Presnatie, West Australia, has some queer names. The mayor is a Cadd, the chief printer is Cant.

HOW COPPER KILLS BACILLI.

A Discovery Which Promises to Overcome Cholera and Typhoid Epidemics.

Man would seem to have at last discovered an effective weapon against typhoid fever, Asiatic cholera and similar mercurial scourges which invade our intestinal and digestive organs.

AN ANCIENT INSTITUTION.

The Ballot Box Was in Use Among the Early Greeks in Secret Voting.

The practice of settling questions by majority is of the greatest antiquity, says the New York World.

TOOK BACK MINOR CHARGES

Methodist Insisted on "Presbyterian," But Retracted "Bobbler" and "Liar" Statement.

In a certain town of western Massachusetts, relates Harper's Weekly, two of the most prominent citizens are a Methodist brother and a Presbyterian brother.

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CHECK CIGARS IN GOTHAM

Strange Custom of Depositing Lighted Wood Before Entering New York Stores.

Everyone knows that you can check a trunk, even if it be to San Francisco. You also receive a check to your hand-

THE FOUR-HORNED GIRAFFE

Species of Quadruped Discovered in Africa by an English Explorer.

Something of a sensation was produced a few years ago by the announcement that a species of animal had been discovered in Africa.

ALL DEPENDS ON HER PAST

Cable Car on Steep Hill Arouses Suspicion of Woman Passenger to Eligh Point.

A few years ago when they were operating cable cars up and down a steep hill in one of the New England cities, a middle-aged lady, who had never seen them before, entered a car one day that contained only two other people.

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NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Great Increase in the Various States Where It Is Used in 1903.

Never before has the production of natural gas in the United States been so great as it was in the year 1903.

EVOLUTION IN HOUSE-HEAT

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GOWNS TELL LOVE OR HATE

Dresses Symbolical of Emotions on Idea Bred of the Ancient Times.

"Psychological gowns," said a signer to a Newark News man, "were worn by an actress in a piece that recently fell flat.

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