

HAT PIN DIET KILLS KITTEN.

Small Feline, Belonging to St. Joseph, Mich., Man, Meets Death in an Unusual Manner.

A small kitten, the property of John M. Yore, of St. Joseph, Mich., is dead. The fact itself is not startling, but the manner of the kitten's death is so unusual that it has aroused much interest on the part of neighbors, physicians, and veterinarians in that city.

CANE USED BY LINCOLN.

Cherished Possession of the Famous American is Sold at Auction in New York City.

A walking stick, which until the death of Abraham Lincoln was his cherished possession and constant companion, was sold at public auction recently in New York.

The cane, which is longer than the ordinary one on account of Mr. Lincoln's great height, is black with a buckhorn handle. The wood is studded with 14 knots, each having a top of silver, upon which one letter of Lincoln's name is engraved.

A metal band joins the handle to the stick and this bears an inscription showing that the cane was presented to the president by his "Old Chum, S. Strong," in 1860.

In 1891 Carpenter was penitent and pledged the stick to his cousin, Fannie Mathewson, in return for a loan of \$500.

NEW CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

Mining Engineer Learns Secret of Treatment of Tuberculosis from Old Foreman in Siberia.

Remarkable cures of consumption have recently been effected in Russia by Kisel Zagoranski, formerly a mining engineer and now specially licensed by the Russian medical department to practice medicine in cases of tuberculosis.

Thirty years ago Zagoranski was sent to Siberia to superintend extensive mining works. The medical facilities there were extremely limited and Zagoranski himself attended to the medical wants of the workmen.

FIND BONES OF A MONSTER.

Parts of an Enormous Skeleton Are Brought Up by Dredgers in Rockaway Inlet.

Workmen dredging the Rockaway Inlet near New York city the other day brought up from a depth of 35 feet part of a skeleton of enormous proportions. Many of the workmen thought the bones belonged to the skeleton of a whale.

On Installation Plan. Peter Grogan, who claimed to have originated the installment system of purchase and lived to see it adopted by nearly every civilized nation, recently died in Baltimore from heart failure.

Telegram of a Year. The annual report of the Western Union Telegraph company, just issued, shows 89,000,000 messages transmitted, \$28,000,000 earned, net revenue \$8,000,000, and a surplus of \$12,000,000.

UNIQUE ENTERPRISE.

Company Which Will Supply St. Louis Babies with Pure Milk.

Corporation to Heat Goats to Customers So That They May Obtain the Wholesome Article, Free from Germs.

St. Louis is to have a goat dairy. A corporation to establish such an institution is now being organized, and prominent local physicians are the principal stockholders.

This dairy company will not deliver milk, but goats. The goat will be rented, the customer can keep her just as long as he wants, and milk her when he pleases.

The physicians have authorized A. B. Hult, of Springfield, Mo., who is one of the biggest breeders of goats in the west, to make a three months' tour of European countries noted for their fine goats and bring back with him to St. Louis a large herd of goats of as many breeds as he thinks advisable.

PEARL CRAZE LURES HELP.

Men Dig in the Bed of the Wabash River for Mussels Like Feverish Gold Hunters.

It is difficult to understand the magnitude of the work going on at the Grand Chain in the mussel shell business. The Ohio river from Maunle, Ill., on the Wabash river, to the Louisville & Nashville bridge, is dotted with small boats engaged in obtaining from the river bed the bivalve that has for years been unexploited.

The spirit of the gold seeker of 1849 pervades the men and boys who are engaged in mussel hunting. The daily wage is entirely lost sight of and the prospect of finding a hundred dollar pearl constantly dances before the eyes of the men.

The mussel hunting fever has robbed the lower section of the Wabash river valley of its farmhands, and as a result the planting of wheat has been retarded. It is nearly impossible to get men to do farm work and wealthy farmers, who have heretofore directed their work, can be seen walking behind a drill putting in their own wheat.

MADE RULE AGAINST "STAYS."

Article Used by Women Put Under Ban by Emperor Joseph II. of Law-Making Notoriety.

Stays, like many other articles of dress, were first used in the reign of Henry II. of France. They were called stays in England because they were said to stay the obtrusive charms of women.

A curious edict was passed by Emperor Joseph II. of law-making notoriety to restrain the use and fashion of stays. In the preamble it set forth that they impaired the health and impeded the growth of the fair sex.

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Allow Dissection. Thirty-four states allow dissection of the human body. In these states the lawmakers have assumed that if the dead has no friends willing to pay for his burial he has no one whose heartstrings would be torn if he were dissected.

CAUSERS MUST BE ABOLISHED.

If it is true that people lose their religion who live in flats it will be necessary to abolish speaking tubes and other easy devices for swearing at the janitor.

GIRL LIVES IN PIT A WEEK.

English Nurse Girl Loses All Consciousness of Her Identity and Has Strange Adventures.

An extraordinary story of her adventures in the open air was told at Bury St. Edmunds, England, the other day by Violet Bumpstead, the 15-year-old girl who lost her memory recently and unconsciously wandered away into the country.

She was in service in Northgate street, and, after taking her mistress' children to Sunday school one Sunday, she lost all consciousness of who or where she was, and did not regain her identity till, on looking up, she saw a signpost marked "To Risby Village," which is about three miles from Bury.

Not knowing where she was, she wandered on to Flempton, where she told the villagers that she "had been robbed and thrown into the river." At nightfall she made her way into a lonely sand pit, and she says she lived there for a week on nothing but water, which she got from the river Lark.

Men were at work in the pit in the daytime, but she hid herself in a patch of undergrowth and escaped observation. Heavy downpours of rain drenched her to the skin, and hunger pangs assailed her, but it never occurred to her to ask her way back to Bury St. Edmunds.

In the end she was accidentally discovered by a gamekeeper, who found her asleep under the bushes. After receiving medical attention at the workhouse, she was sent to her grandfather's house at Whepstead.

RIDES DEER TO DEATH.

Thrilling Experience of a Young Hunter with a Wounded Animal in California Forest.

Edward Long, son of Supervisor Long, of Ukiah, Cal., and a student in Santa Rosa business college, is being congratulated on his escape from death in a struggle with a wounded deer.

While spending his vacation at home, in Covelo, he went hunting and came across two fine bucks in the opening. He fired, and the nearest buck fell dead. The other also fell. The second deer appeared to be not quite dead, and young Long straddled it and started to cut its throat.

The deer, however, had been only stunned. It jumped up with the hunter on its back, knocking the knife out of his hands by the sudden move, and plunged down the hillside. Young Long grabbed the animal's horns and hung on.

Finally, in passing a redwood, the hunter managed to turn the deer's head by pulling his horns, and guided him into the tree at full speed. Deer and hunter went down together. Long was badly bruised, and the deer broke his neck.

THE SULTAN IN TERROR.

Elaborate Precautions Are Taken to Guard Life of Turkish Monarch Who Feels Assassins' Knife.

Remarkable measures are being taken for the safety of the sultan of Turkey, whose fear of assassination has grown until it amounts to a mania. The night guards have been doubled, as it is believed that any attack on his life which may be contemplated will be attempted at night.

At Yildiz Kiosk and the surrounding garden houses sleeping apartments are prepared for the sultan in eight different buildings, but no one knows in which of these he will spend the night until his majesty arrives on the spot.

Another measure which the chief of the palace police has adopted is the submarine illumination of the Bosphorus in the neighborhood of the palace. An elaborate system of submarine lanterns of great power has been arranged all along the landing stage in front of the palace, and both the surface and the bed of the Bosphorus are a blaze of light.

BRAIN FAG ON THE INCREASE.

London Daily Mail Finds Chief Symptom of Disease is Craving for Alcoholic Stimulants.

Is brain fag to be regarded as a distinguishing feature of life in the new century? This is the question seriously propounded by the London Daily Mail, which says it has received hundreds of letters from all classes in the community indicating the prevalence of the disease, the chief symptoms of which are pain round the sockets of the eyes and a physical condition so languid and lifeless that only the use of alcoholic stimulants restores the body to normal.

Do Not Share Honors. The archbishops of Canterbury and York celebrated their respective silver weddings on the same day. It is an interesting fact that while these prelates have precedence of every peer in the realm, coming next after the royal family, their wives have in all court functions to come after the wives of the latest knighted grovers or drapers.

Allow Dissection. Thirty-four states allow dissection of the human body. In these states the lawmakers have assumed that if the dead has no friends willing to pay for his burial he has no one whose heartstrings would be torn if he were dissected. So all unclaimed bodies go to the medical colleges.

RICHERS IN THE SEA.

Turks Getting Fine Fortune from Sunken Treasure Ship.

Taken from Russian Admiral's Ship Sunk in Great Naval Battle of 1770—Riches Taken from the Waters.

Readers have heard of the search undertaken by Greek divers under the Turkish government and the treasure discovered in the Russian admiral's ship, sunk at Tcherman at the time of the naval battle of 1770, when the Turkish fleet was completely destroyed.

The search has continued with striking success. These fortunate divers have become rich, but the Turkish government also has obtained some large amounts, inasmuch as it has reserved for itself the lion's share.

The fact is that the Russian vessel, which sank in a depth of 30 fathoms, abounds in pieces of gold and silver. At first the divers paid attention to the former—pieces of which they found full sacks. These pieces are mostly single, double and quadruple ducats.

It already has been announced that on the first shipment to Constantinople the divers obtained for their part the sum of 275,000 francs. The daily work of the divers amounts to from 5,000 to 10,000 pieces of gold. A special boat of the admiralty, manned by officers of the Turkish navy and by a government inspector, is stationed continually at this point. Each sack drawn from the water is registered, the pieces counted and a receipt given to the divers.

It appears that the bottom of the sea is strewn with silver pieces, which have the dimensions and the weight of French crowns of five francs. Besides this money, the divers have drawn up various other precious objects, gold and silver crosses, jewels, images, swords, canes, especially an evangel, of which the binding of gold is ornamented with precious stones of great value.

This is not the first time that such enterprises have been undertaken for the purpose of discovering riches buried in the sea, but they have seldom yielded the desired results. It would be difficult to give even a summary of the innumerable fortunes engulfed. Among others an English bark, which foundered in 1709 off the coast of Holland, had on board ingots of gold and silver valued at about \$30,000,000, of which a very small part was recovered. The Royal Charter went down near the Moeifram with a cargo worth \$2,000,000.

The greatest fortune engulfed was in the shipwreck of a French sailing vessel off the coast of Trafalgar. It carried a ton and a half of gold plates and five tons of silver plates, whose destination was the famous cathedral of St. Jean de Maitte. There were also a large number of precious stones, designed to embellish some relics contained in the cathedral, as well as to adorn various religious objects belonging to chevaliers of the order and kept by them in their chapel.

THOUGHT DEAD 30 YEARS.

Maine Man Breaks Long Silence with Relatives from California Home—Writes He is Now Rich.

After 30 years of silence, during all of which his relatives thought him dead, George Butterfield Smith has written to his sister, Mrs. Lucy A. Davis, of Canton, Me. During the period of silence he has had many experiences with Custer, and the Indians which have turned his hair snowy white. But he is now living at ease on a fine stock farm 15 miles from Oakland, Cal., and is a rich man. In explaining his long silence Mr. Smith writes:

"I enlisted in Boston and was sent to Governor's Island, New York harbor. From there I went west with 200 men, having been made a sergeant, to Montana to join the Seventh United States cavalry under Custer. We reached Ft. Benton and from there made a long march to Camp Baker. I was in the first campaign with Custer, in '73, and with Stanley in the Yellowstone. I was again with Custer in '76. On the night of June 25, 1876, Custer, Terry and Gibbons held a council of war and on the morning of the 26th Custer started for the Rosebud and we went with Gibson up the Yellowstone."

GREEN THE PROPER COLOR.

All Fashionable Parisian Women Adorn Themselves with Emblem of the Emerald Isle.

It is just as if Paddy had invaded "gay Paris" this autumn, for the stylish Parisian dames are coquetishly flaunting his colors on every hand. All the shops, big and little, are exhibiting the latest "confections" touched up with green. The "smart" women on the Rue de la Paix have a bit of it in their hats and a shade of it on their gowns. The "chic" sewing girls of Felix, Worth and Paquin have a bit of it stuck somewhere to show you they are in the swim, too.

If there comes a sudden gale of wind it is revealed likewise that the Parisian dames and damsels are wearing old Ireland's colors in their "smart" petticoats. The fashionable winter hat will be of white and light-colored felt, with a very low, broad crown. A wide brim is quite a feature, trimmed with gold or silver lace. The modistes, however, are prodigal with feathers. For grand functions large toques in golden, silver or light colored tulle or gauze are the proper thing.

TRAVELED 2,000,000 MILES.

Mr. James Selby, who has just completed 50 years' service with the Northwestern Railway company as a driver, estimates that he has traveled 2,000,000 miles on his engine.

FASHION IN DOGS.

London Society Women Pay Extra—Against Prices for Little Pets—Arm Dogs May Come Into Vogue.

The fashion in dogs changes so quickly nowadays that it is difficult to know what particular breed is "in," remarks a London paper. Ladies are the chief movers in the matter of canine modes, and the proverbial feminine fickleness causes much trouble to the dog dealers, who are suddenly called upon to supply an unexpected demand for some hitherto neglected breed.

A short time ago, for instance, Japanese pugs were all the rage; before then the ugly little Belgian griffons, chows and schipperkes. Now it has been rumored that the fashion of Charles II.'s time of carrying "arm dogs," which has been revived by one of the leading London actresses, will create a new demand for miniature species. Mr. Willson, the well known dog fancier and dealer, however, says that he has heard nothing about it.

"There is always a good demand for small dogs, such as Yorkshire terriers, especially as pets for elderly ladies," he added, "and the smaller they are the better. But, of course, the fashionable dog of the moment is without question the French toy bulldog. I am constantly asked to supply these, and sometimes I am offered practically any sum if I can get a really good dog."

"An average price for a well bred specimen is from \$80 to \$100, but the best have fetched from \$200 to \$2000." One novelty is the Cuban poodle, a tiny dog about the size of a small toy terrier, but with the characteristics of a poodle and shaved as such.

It is scarcely likely that the Cuban poodle will become fashionable for some time yet, as there are only a few specimens of the breed in England.

IOWA TWINS 92 YEARS OLD.

Mrs. Eveline Tilton and Miss Emeline Perrin, of New Hampton, Probably Oldest Pairs in Country.

Undoubtedly the oldest twins in the United States, if not in the world, are Mrs. Eveline Tilton and Miss Emeline Perrin, of New Hampton, Ia.

These twins were born in Vernon, Conn., May 22, 1811, and were of a family of five children, two others of whom were twins. At the age of 15 they were taken by their mother to Genesee, N. Y., their father having died a short time previous to the age of 40.

Miss Eveline Perrin was married to Valentine Tilton, May 27, 1857, at Angelica, N. Y. A short time later they moved to Tiskilwa, Ill., and from that place to Jacksonville, Ia., in 1857. Mr. Tilton died in 1861, and Mrs. Tilton, his widow, went to New Hampton in 1883. Emeline Perrin remained with her mother, Hanna Wright Perrin, until the latter's death in 1854, at the age of 77. In 1873 she moved to Wauconda, Ill., where she resided until 1882. Then she came to live with her sister. Miss Perrin has been blind eight years, and is a devoted Methodist. Mrs. Tilton has been blind a year and is a Presbyterian.

FOLLOWED BEAR TO WEALTH.

California Prospectors Have Wild Chase After the Animal and End by Discovering Gold.

Two prospectors named Phillips and Buschman, while prospecting in a canyon in the San Bernardino mountains, in California, had their camp raided by a bear which grabbed a sack containing their supply of bacon and made off.

The men gave chase, and succeeded in wounding the animal, which dropped the bacon. Observing by the blood upon the trail that the animal was badly wounded, the men followed him.

Two miles up the canyon they came upon the beast dead. He had sought a small stream to quench his thirst, and lain down and expired.

While examining the animal, one of the men caught the glitter of something in the stream. Investigation showed it to be gold. Some of the gravel was panned and yielded big returns. The men are now taking out \$100 a day with the pan.

OLDEST DYNASTY IN EUROPE.

House of Savoy Is Traced Back to the Eleventh Century—Vast Estates Connected with It.

The house of Savoy is the most ancient dynasty in Europe. The first count of Savoy mentioned in history was Humbert, surnamed "the white-handed," who made his debut at the beginning of the eleventh century. This is recorded, but it is known that this Humbert was a descendant of Berenger II., who lived as early as 850, though this is not recorded.

Count Humbert, "the white-handed," owned Savoy, called, then Maurienne, Aosta and Belay. His estates extended on both sides of the Alps and into the Jura mountains.

The house of Hapsburg comes after that of Savoy in age. High-Salaried Jockeys. The war jockeys of the period all command incomes on a level with bank and railroad presidents and the most eminent men of the professions. Arthur Whitney is paid \$10,000 a year by W. C. Whitney and earns as much more from others. Capt. S. B. Brown, of Pittsburg, pays \$15,000 a year to George Odum, who is believed to receive as much more for his services to others. "Pittsburg Phil" paid Willie Shaw a \$15,000 fee for the season.

GENERAL OPINION.

A man who expresses himself contented is looked upon as lacking in ambition. Takes Time. It takes a man a long time to understand that he is becoming old.

ADRIFT IN CANOES.

Involuntary Trip Lasting 60 Days Taken by Pelew Islanders.

Gale Blew Them from Their Fishing Ground to Far Formosa, 1,000 Miles Away, Where They Were Washed Ashore.

Mr. James W. Davidson, United States consul in Formosa, recently told of a very remarkable journey made by 16 natives of the Pelew islands, who were picked up nearly dead on the island of Formosa. They were savages who had never heard of Formosa, but the winds and waves carried them to that far-off shore.

Some Formosans saw the poor wretches one morning on a beach of their northeast coast, also three canoes the like of which they had never seen before. The canoes were fitted with outriggers which helped to steady the little vessels among the waves. In other respects, also, they differed from canoes common in that part of the Malay archipelago.

Some Chinese, who came to the spot thought the party had probably come from the southeast coast of Formosa, and that the men belonged to one of the savage and hostile tribes. Others were of the opinion that they had come from the Bashee islands to the south of Formosa.

The men were scattered along the beach in a very weak and famished condition. Only two or three of them could speak, but no one understood their language. They were taken to the custom house, where they were well cared for and slowly increased in strength. Only one of them died, and he succumbed from sheer exhaustion about a week after his arrival. All of them were fed on diluted food at first, as their stomachs could not retain solids.

Every one was greatly surprised when it was possible at last to learn the story of their adventures. The men had been fishing a few miles from one of the Pelew islands, where they lived. A heavy gale came up and carried them away from their fishing grounds. They had in their canoes a considerable quantity of fish, and during their long journey, while the sport of the waves and winds, they lived on fish, though when their original supply was exhausted, they were unable to catch a sufficient number to meet their needs.

They drifted this way and that for 60 days and had not the slightest idea where they were when they finally came within sight of the mountains of Formosa. The next day they were cast up on the beach, and it speaks well for the strength of their craft as well as their own powers of endurance that they should have held out so long.

When they had recovered sufficient strength to undertake the journey home they were sent to Hong-Kong, whence they obtained passage to the Caroline islands, and soon after were taken home by a vessel plying in the island trade. Their friends welcomed them as though they had risen from the dead.

HERMIT LIVED IN A GROTTTO.

Aged Man, to Annoy His Relatives, Took Up Abode in Cave Near Rhone River in Switzerland.

A Geneva, Switzerland, hermit who passed the greater portion of four months in a grotto hollowed out by the waters of the Rhone, near the cemetery there, had a romantic career. He was well connected and educated, and once occupied the position of town architect, but had health and pecuniary losses unbinged his mind.

He became pensive, plunged into politics, and violently attacked the existing government. Once he started a paper, but it was a failure. In spite of the help of his friends he sank lower and lower, and finally drifted to a home for old men.

He suddenly quitted it and disappeared, until he was found by the police in the grotto. The prisoner in which he subsisted is a mystery. When discovered although he was weak, he showed no signs of having hibernated. He slept in the grotto on a strip of carpet.

The hermit is 68, tall and of a military aspect, with the eyes of a fanatic. It appears that his reason for his experiment as a hermit was to annoy his friends and relatives. When taken away by the police he refused to give up his diary of impressions. He was seen one evening sitting on a tomb in the graveyard writing.

He is now in a lunatic asylum, and the authorities are trying to hush up the matter. He has two charming daughters, who are heartbroken at their father's eccentric conduct.

DEAD MAN BROUGHT TO LIFE.

Cleveland, O., Doctor's Experiment Causes Heart to Throb and Blood to Circulate.

Adrenalin was used recently by three physicians of St. Vincent's hospital at Cleveland, O., to bring a dead man back to life, and it proved partly successful. Joseph Toth, of Oakdale, was electrocuted by a live wire and was taken to an undertaker's. After he had been dead three hours the doctors began their experiment, and in 15 minutes his heart beat slightly and the blood began to course through his body. Shortly after, however, all life disappeared. The doctors say that had they begun their experiment two hours earlier they would have been successful.

AMERICAN PRESTES.

Of the 12,000 priests in the United States 3,000 belong to monastic orders and there are in addition some 150 novices and 3,000 lay brothers. About one-fourth of the members are of the order of Jesuits, although its rules are among the most severe.