

DOUBLE SIDES FOR STEAMERS.

New Ideas in a Hamburg-American Ship to Provide Against Destruction in Case of Collision.

In an order for a new trans-Atlantic passenger and cargo steamship which has just been placed by the Hamburg-American company, a distinct departure in marine construction is to be made.

Double bottoms have been made familiar by long use, but in addition to double bottoms this new vessel is to have double sides. As projected, the space between the outer and inner skin will form watertight compartments, which the builders hope will prove a more efficient safeguard against the dangers of collision than any means hitherto adopted.

The dimensions of the new vessel will be 600 feet on the water line, 66 feet breadth and 42 feet depth. The total capacity for cargo, exclusive of coal, etc., will be 14,000 tons.

There will also be accommodations for cabin passengers, of which this steamship will be able to carry 300 in the first and 200 in the second cabin, and there will also be berths provided for 600 steerage passengers.

The vessel will be driven by two sets of quadruple expansion engines of a power sufficient to maintain a speed of 14 knots. It will also be provided with large bilge keels, in order to minimize the rolling motion.

The steamship, which has not yet been named, is to be ready for service in May, 1900.

REPORTER ON THE BENCH.

Kentucky Judge Makes His Journalist Critic Sit by His Side All Day.

Judge John T. Hodge, of the Campbell county circuit court in Kentucky, has unique ideas of the dignity of his court. William Hamilton, a reporter, criticized the judge in an article a few days ago for dismissing criminal cases on technicalities.

A day or two later at Newport the judge delayed the opening of court until a messenger could awaken Hamilton and bring him before the bar. The newspaper man thought that he was in for a lecture, perhaps, and was surprised when he was ordered to take off his overcoat and occupy a big chair on the bench. While an attorney was making a plea and had said: "Your honor," he was rudely interrupted by the court.

"Mr. Hamilton is here with me," said the judge, "and is sitting with me on this case; you will please address him also."

Throughout the day the judge sought the advice of his associate, and took frequent occasion to acknowledge that he was seeking and acting upon the advice of Mr. Hamilton.

NEW SCHEME TO AID CHARITY.

Pictures in Aristocratic Homes to Be Shown for a Consideration.

A curious method of aiding charities has been initiated in Paris, where, it is announced, the salons of the high aristocracy, which have hitherto been extremely exclusive, will be opened to strangers on reception days for a money consideration, which will be applied to the charitable works of which the lady of the house is a patron.

The list of the names advertised includes those of Duchess de la Rochefoucauld, Duchess d'Uzes, Vicomtesse Janze and Marquise Casariera.

The privilege has already been utilized by a number of wealthy foreigners, among them being well-known Americans. One American who attended the picture exhibition of Vicomtesse Janze gave 500 francs for the fund raised to relieve the sufferings of the wounded soldiers and sailors of the Spanish-American war. The vicomtesse, however, intended that the money should be given to Spaniards exclusively, whereupon the visitor requested that his subscription be canceled.

ENGAGED TO ENGLISH EARL.

Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate Will Marry Into a Royal Family of Britain.

Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate, whose engagement is announced in London with the earl of Stafford, is noted for her beauty. She is a blonde with regular features and a lovely complexion, tall and with a fine figure. Her fortune is estimated at \$10,000,000, bequeathed by her late husband, who inherited much from his father, and died to it.

In the spring of 1895 it was falsely rumored that she was engaged to marry Count Adelbert von Siersdorff, whose brother, Count Johanes, married Miss Knowlton, of Brooklyn, an intimate friend of Mrs. Colgate.

Mrs. Colgate's brothers are equally well known in New York society. Sidney S. Smith married Miss Taylor, a sister of Suffern Taylor. Their sister, Miss Ada P. Smith, married Alfred Kessler.

Mrs. Colgate has a handsome residence at 4 West Sixteenth street and an establishment on the Hudson, in Dutchess county. She was presented at court at a drawing-room by Ambassador and Mrs. Bayard in May, 1896.

Competition of Cuban Sugar.

Consul Albert, at Brunswick, reports that under the influence of American enterprise the writer believes that the production of sugar in Cuba and Puerto Rico will be enormous and will clip the industries of a like nature in the bounty-paying countries of Europe.

Empty Houses Not Discouraging.

Building still goes on merrily in Berlin, although there are 20,000 vacant houses.

HIGH ALASKA PEAK.

Was Discovered and Named McKinley Two Years Ago.

Is Over 20,000 Feet High and It Is Claimed by Parties Who Have Viewed It That It Cannot Be Climbed.

The big Alaskan mountain which the Eldredge geological survey party claimed to have discovered on a recent trip into the Susitna river country is the mountain discovered in 1896 by W. A. Dickey, of Seattle, and a young man from Boston named Monk.

The Eldredge discovery simply confirms the reports made by Dickey and Monk, who named the mountain "McKinley."

Both men had climbed Mount Rainier and tried to do the same with the big mountain up north. They were hardly at the top of the foothills when their glass showed them to be higher than Mount Rainier. They reported that the mountain is over 20,000 feet high and that it would never be climbed.

The Indians in the vicinity of the big mountain had never seen a white man before the Dickey party visited them. Mr. Eldredge said regarding the mountain:

"No one of the party knows the elevation of the mountain in question. Furthermore, it will not be known for at least a month or two to come, since all the parties that doubtless have had views of it are not yet in from the fields."

The great mountain has been seen this season by all who have visited the Susitna river—a great snow-capped peak lying in the forks of the river, just to the west of that fork known as the Chulitno, about 125 miles from its mouth and almost due north.

The Indians of the country commonly speak of it as "Bulshain Gouri," the "bulshain" being a Russian adjective meaning "big" and the other word, of the spelling of which I am uncertain, meaning "men."

WORLD'S WHEAT CROP.

Estimated That It Will Amount to Over Two and a Half Billion Bushels This Year.

The following is a summary of the agricultural department's report of agriculture in foreign countries for October:

The Hungarian ministry of agriculture and the several commercial authorities have issued their estimates of the world's wheat crop of 1898. The Beerbohm estimate is equivalent to 2,640,000,000 bushels of 60 pounds in the grand total, varying but little from the Hungarian official estimate.

The wheat crop of India for 1898, as officially reported, amounted to 242,921,000 bushels, that of 1897 to 182,667,483 bushels, while the annual average for the previous five years was 226,446,080.

Official figures on area show an increase of 689,172 acres in France, of 218,656 acres in the United Kingdom, 163,860 in Ontario, Canada, and 147,350 in Manitoba in areas under wheat.

The estimates of production given in tables published with the report make the crop of 1898 the largest on record, but the world's reserve stock had run extremely low before the harvest.

Reports from Russia are quite conflicting. Supplies of new wheat for export come forward very sparingly, and considerable quantities of grain are said to be moving toward the provinces which suffered so severely through the failure of the crops last year.

ADDITIONAL SPACE SECURED.

Commissioner General Peck to Paris Exposition Says the Increase Is Twenty-Five Per Cent.

Commissioner General Peck, in a telegram from Paris, announces that he has secured for American exhibitors 25 per cent. additional space in a number of the departments of the exposition.

This concession by the Paris authorities is regarded with gratification by applicants for space for exhibits, and relieves the situation at the Chicago headquarters, where the work has been considerably handicapped by lack of allotment of space in various departments. Director of Exhibits McGibbons said:

"The receipt of the news of such an increase of space is a great and gratifying surprise, as the increase has evidently been made in those departments in which the allotments were thought to be final, and for which partial plans have been furnished. The news encourages us to believe that space for a governmental building of the dimensions desired probably may be granted. It is almost beyond our expectation that outside space will be allotted on which to erect pavilions for individual exhibitors, requests for which are numerous."

WOULDN'T TRUST THE MAILS.

Two Women Bring a Snug Contribution to the Government Conscience Fund.

Probably the first conscience fund contribution presented in person by those interested was received the other day by Assistant Secretary Vanderlip at Washington. He was sitting in his office when two women entered his anteroom and refusing to give their names, requested that a note which one of them had sent to the secretary. They stood in the doorway until they saw the envelope was in Mr. Vanderlip's hands, then quickly disappeared. When opened it was found to contain four \$50-notes, with a request that they be placed to the credit of the conscience fund. These contributions usually come by mail, but the women were evidently afraid to trust their ill-gotten gains to the mails, but preferred to deliver them in person.

TO LAY BARE MARS.

Enormous Telescope at Paris Will Discover the Secrets of the Big Planet.

An enormous telescope, which scientists believe will lay bare the secrets of Mars and the moon, is rapidly nearing completion at the astronomical observatory of the French government at Paris, where it will form one of the features of the big exposition of two years hence.

The telescope is 197 feet in length, and it has a diameter of 4½ feet. Its largest glass—technically known as objective—measures four feet one inch in diameter.

Simplifying" the Commandments.

Edinburgh's school board has decided to "simplify" the ten commandments, to be taught the children in the public schools.

Expense of Atlantic Steamers.

In three years the expense of running an Atlantic steamer exceeds the cost of construction in many years.

Homeless in London.

About 40,000 people without homes are nightly sheltered in the common lodging houses of London.

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KINETOSCOPE WINS CONverts

Six Hundred Sign the Pledge During a Novel Temperance Crusade.

A total of 600 teetotalers is the record of a six months' kinetoscope revival which came to a close the other night in the First Methodist Episcopal church, Camden, N. J.

At the rate of 100 teetotalers per night for a mere kinetoscope, the people of Camden are wondering whether the drink habit might not be routed utterly by employment in church of real live actors and actresses.

To the pastor of the church, Rev. John Handley, belongs the credit of having introduced into Camden the kinetoscope treatment for inebriety. He is also the author of the device of making the slaves of drink pay the expenses of their own emancipation. In other words, an admission fee of ten cents has been collected at the church door.

Camden took kindly to the kinetoscope. Plays were given on the screen—such productions as "Ten Nights in a Barroom" and "The Biggest Devil in All America." Every movement of the actors was recorded, but no speech was heard. Nevertheless, the people flocked to the rail to sign the pledge.

NEW YORK WILL SEE SNAKES.

Not of the Imaginary Nature, But a Collection Open to the Public.

New York is to have a snake show. It will open in Grosvenor hall, 152 East Fifty-second street, on November 12. Scientists from all over the country are coming, and they will bring reptiles of every variety under the sun. There will be competitions for educated snakes, and every day experts will struggle for the intercontinental snake champion championship.

R. L. Ditmars, formerly an assistant curator of the American Museum of Natural History, who has studied the habits of snakes for two years, is attending to the arrangements for the show. The premium list has just been completed, and its contents are highly interesting. Certificates of merit will be given for the best showing of all kinds of reptiles by a dealer, for the best collection of serpents, lizards, batrachians and individual specimens.

The snakes will be judged in two classes, the quick and the dead. There will be stuffed snakes and the snakes which are in alcohol. Certificates will be awarded for the most complete group of living snakes, representative of the species of New York state, and of the best and most artistic receptacle for snakes, called a terrarium.

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GRANDEURS ET GRANDEURS.

Le Comptoir d'échanges (Clearing House) de la Nouvelle-Orléans.

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