

SIBERIA'S RESOURCES

Is Able to Produce 10,000,000 Tons of Cereal Each Year.

Immense Coal Deposits and Undeveloped Gold Mines—Continued at Lyons, France, Brings Out Facts.

Consul John C. Covert, at Lyons, France, has provided the state department some important facts concerning the resources and present conditions in Siberia which were brought out at a conference held at Lyons recently...

French capitalists, Consul Covert says, complain bitterly of the meager reciprocal trade from Russia...

YALE JUNIORS CARRY COFFINS

Not as Professional Pallbearers to Pay Their Way Through College.

It is reserved for six Yale juniors to engage in a calling that is unusual even for college students who have to work while studying...

Several undertakers who take charge of the obsequies of citizens of more than average means decided to try the experiment of hiring pallbearers from among the young men of the city...

DOGS HUNT MEN IN TEST.

Virginia Officials Prepare Negro and White with Imported Hounds.

A white man and a negro were pursued the other day by three fierce dogs imported from the Georgia swamps to run down criminals...

MISS HUNTER TO GO ON STAGE

The Society Belle of New York and Newport to Become a Professional.

New York and Newport society will be surprised to learn that one of its number is to adopt the stage for a living and will make her initial bow in Newport at the Casino.

It costs \$15 to go through the Paris exposition. This, says the Chicago Times-Herald, doesn't include reserved seats, momentous or peeps behind the scenes in the show.

Population in New Mexico. Among the 162,000 inhabitants which the last census gave to New Mexico, there were 20,000 Indians and 20,000 Mexicans.

REPORT BY MR. MORGAN

Recent Possession of the Planchet Collection of Gems and Precious Stones in the World.

To the American Museum of Natural History will be presented by J. Pierpont Morgan the finest collection of gems and precious stones in the world.

It was gathered by George F. Kunz under authority of Tiffany & Co. Mr. Morgan recently purchased the collection with a view to presenting it to the museum of natural history after the Paris exposition.

Mr. Kunz visited all the important gem markets of the world in quest of the gems. The primary object of the collection was to illustrate all varieties of precious stones and the many forms of cutting.

Included in the exhibit is a 23-carat Wisconsin diamond; another of three carats, rare blue and colored sapphires of Montana; a 60-carat green tourmaline gem, and colored tourmalines from Maine, Connecticut and California; a rock crystal ball of 1-1/2 inches, from Mokelumne Hill, California; hundreds of New Mexican turquoise, sapphires and rare garnets from New Mexico, Virginia and elsewhere.

HIDES HER RICHES.

Beautiful Clothes and Gently Faint Face Left by Supposed Beggar at Newport.

Sarah E. Gardner, an old, decrepit rag picker who died two weeks ago, turns out to have been a niece of Commodore Perry, of Lake Erie fame.

Miss Gardner was about 70 years old at the time of her death and her body was found in a wretched hovel in which she had lived for years.

MUD VOLCANOES IN ERUPTION.

Phenomena at Laytonville, Cal., Attract Crowds of Interested Spectators.

The mud volcanoes of Mendocino county, Cal., which have been quiet for some time, burst forth the other day with a roar that was heard for miles around.

DISCOVER ANCIENT FOUNTAIN.

Explorers of American School of Archaeology at Corinth Find Important Structures.

The New York Independent has received from Prof. Rufus B. Richardson, director of the American school of archaeology, Athens, under date of May 28, the following cable message:

Cloud of Bugs.

A cloud of bugs was recently responsible for the calling out of the Trenton fire department. The bugs were gathered around the steeple of the Fourth Presbyterian church in such numbers and at such a distance from the ground that a passer-by mistook them for smoke and sent in an alarm.

Whether men are capable of loving or not, says the Chicago Record, the women evidently believe the stories the men have been telling them from time to time about such things.

JOKE WAS ON JOHN ALLEN

Why the Mississippian Didn't Stay at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Representative John Allen, of Mississippi, who is famed as the funny man of the house, enjoyed a little dinner with several of his friends at Chamberlain's the other night.

Mr. Allen began to grow frazzled, and Col. Mann, "and saw visions of large bills being presented when he left for Washington.

Very well, congressman," said the clerk, "but I am sorry you cannot remain with us."

TELEPHOTOGRAPHY IN WAR.

Recent Pictures Are Taken from Balloons of Forts Nearly a Mile Away.

A comparatively modern instrument that finds use in war is a special camera devised by T. R. Dallmeyer, who is at the head of a well-known firm of foreign opticians.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Last year there were 3,846 fires in London, and 191 lives were lost from that cause.

The number of persons buried in the cemeteries of Rome is estimated at 6,000,000.

Physicians are in great demand in Brazil. They are well paid, but their life is a hard one, as they often have to ride all day to reach a patient.

Copenhagen is taking up the ways of Paris. Dr. Eduard Brandes, dramatic critic, and M. Schyborg, an actor, fought a duel on account of an unfavorable notice of the latter by the former.

Luccheni, the murderer of Empress Elisabeth, is again in solitary confinement. He tried to stab the superintendent of the prison where he is confined with a sharp instrument he had made out of a can opener.

There is a society with over 300 members in Riga, Russia, each of whom pays three rubles every time a child is born to one of the other members, while the one who has the child gets from 800 to 750 rubles, according to the number of payments he has made.

MINES ON MOUNT SINAI.

Deposits of Minerals That Were Worked by the Ancient Egyptians.

The Egyptians had mined the rugged sides of Mount Sinai for copper and turquoise thousands of years before Moses climbed the mountain to receive the tables of the law.

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SUBURBAN SYMPATHY.

Allegation at Last Enabled Mr. Junket to Assume a Social Standing in His Neighborhood.

"Hawkins, dear," said cooed little Mrs. Hawkins Chumley, of the suburbs, one clear, crisp Sunday morning, as she flattened her dainty snub nose at the window pane.

"There you go, old fuss and fume!" answered the little wife. "Of course, you consider it your right to twist and turn every little remark I make and deliver a lecture over it in that domineering manner of yours."

"I simply said that right-minded people were glad on Mr. Junket's account. You know yourself the life that poor childless man has led in this suburb. How he had stood day after day at his window, gazing longingly at the other men wheeling their baby carriages on the asphalt, and how he was nearly driven crazy by that odious Mr. Fotherly, who used to parade his two babies in their twin buggy in front of the Junket house, and did it on purpose, too."

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THE OLD INN KEEPER ONE

The Gentle and Retiring Boniface of Former Times Never Welcomes the Guest Now.

Among the many classes of men who have been factors in the building up of Chicago and in making it the metropolis of the western country, there is one which has nearly, if not quite disappeared from public view and of which the disappearance has been so gradual, with the progress of more modern usages, that its absence has hardly been noticed—the bonifaces, or landlords, of old-time inns, taverns and public houses or hotels.

In former years the guest was greeted by the landlord in person, who made it a point to look after each individual patron, to give him the best the house afforded, to charge him well for it, and to wish him a safe and pleasant journey to his next stopping place.

In those days a guest generally would drive up to a "stern" and seek, not only shelter and food for himself, but also proffer for his beast. Usually he would be met by a jovial, ruddy, ruddy, ruddy personage, who would invite him to "Come in," and assure him that the best in the house was his as long as he might choose to stay and pay the price.

Then, after giving the horse into the charge of a hostler, the landlord would lead the way to the bar, and set out the best of liquid refreshments, hustle around to put in order the best vacant room, relate the latest news and gossip—for news traveled slowly in those days—and generally convince the traveler that he was the especially honored guest of the house.

But now how many famous landlords are there? A traveler seldom sees a landlord nowadays. Most of the large hotels are run by corporations or firms with large finances and are conducted by managers. The guests transact their business through polite clerks and assistants. They are escorted to their places in the dining-room by some lordly colored or equally important white waiter, instead of the solicitous and accommodating old-time landlord. The guest of 40 years ago would fall into a trance if he should appear now at one of the great hotels of Chicago, and, after being asked if he wished the European or American plan, a \$1.50 or a \$2.50 a day service, should hear the urbane clerk suddenly exclaim: "Front, show the gentleman from Podunkville to 4114, and show him how to turn out the electricity."

He soon begins to feel the real indignance of one who is only a plebeian guest with a modest room on the uppermost floor.

Chicago's old-time hotels did much to attract visitors and travelers, and materially helped to establish the reputation of this city for being wide awake and up to date in everything. They were potent factors in securing many early conventions and other large gatherings.—Chicago Tribune.

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