

WORLD'S SUPPLY OF IRON.

Prediction That Ferruginous Ores Are Likely to Become Increasingly Scarce.

A good deal of anxiety has been felt during the last two years as to the available supplies of iron ores and fuel. The total world's consumption of iron in 1959 was probably more than 20,000,000 tons.

HAVE AN ANTI-PATHY TO SOAP

Geysers in the Yellowstone Park Violently Rebel When Required to Make Suds.

Some few years ago an unfortunate discovery for a time menaced the tranquillity and almost the existence of some of the geysers in Yellowstone park. The story goes that an adventurous Chinaman once essayed to use the bowl of one of the geysers for the purpose of washing clothes.

WOMEN IN GERMANY.

They Have Many Various Opportunities of Advancement in the Various Professions.

The regulations of the German government as to woman's place in the learned professions are exceedingly liberal. For some time past they have not been technically barred from the right of being doctors, dentists, etc.

WAS TOO LAZY TO BREATHE.

Man Who Ought to Be on Some Government Commission to Investigate Something.

The laziest man in North America discovered himself the other evening in the well-bachelor apartment, not far from Lafayette square, where he lives, says the Washington Post.

SWISS AS MILITARY MEN.

Strict Government Conditions Make Their Army a Superb War Machine.

Every year the Swiss soldier must do a certain amount of rifle practice in order to keep his marksmanship up to a high standard. He is allowed to choose his own time and place for this practice, but under strict government conditions.

BELIEVE IN SOOTHSAYERS.

Many Women of Various Classes Are Regular Patrons of the Clairvoyants.

The writer recently called upon half a dozen professional palmists and clairvoyants and gathered in the course of the interviews some very startling facts concerning the clients who consult these ladies, says the New York Telegram.

WOMEN HAVE DECORATION.

Forty-One of Them Have Received the Ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

According to a chart in the Palais des Femmes at the Paris exposition—the women's palace—the number of women who have received the ribbon of the Legion of Honor is not large—some 41 in all.

FOOD FOR THE FAMISHED.

Island in Torres Strait Where Stores Are Left for Distressed Sailors.

"Did you ever hear of the old ocean storehouse in Torres Strait?" asked the old seaman, relates the Washington Star. "It's called Deliverance Island, though it is sometimes marked on the charts as Berby Island.

ECONOMY WITHOUT PAY.

A Dealer Gives Reasons for the Difference in the Manner of Packing Goods.

"Goods in large packages like, for instance, tomatoes in gallon cans," said the canned goods man, according to the New York Sun, "are sometimes crated, this being done for the sake of economy, the crate costing less than a box.

IT WAS THE WOMAN'S WAY.

How a Scheming Housewife Saved Money While Her Husband Was Absent.

There is really no use of having a man about the house. At least that is the opinion of many members of the fair sex.

GYPSY CAUSED ALARM.

What Was Believed to Be Burglars in a Mansion Turned Out to Be a Dog.

A burglar alarm turned in to the Cottage Grove avenue station a few nights ago from a Michigan avenue mansion resulted not in the capturing of burglars, but in the finding of a pet dog which had been missing for three days.

HEROIC CURE FOR AN ITCH.

Serio-Comed Experience of a Stage Coach Passenger Who Was Held Up by a Road Agent.

Whatever differences of opinion may exist in regard to other subjects, those who have been held up by highwaymen are unanimous in the statement that no matter how few the holders up or how many they held up, each and every man said that the robber's weapon was pointed directly and solely at him.

FISH PRESERVED IN ICE.

Antediluvian Dentists of the Deep Discovered in a Huge Glacier.

State Fish and Game Commissioner Johnson is one of the oldest cowboys in the state. He is an exceptionally entertaining talker and a man who in past years has been considered modest, truthful and kind to those easily induced to believe stories concerning the beasts of the field and the fishes of the sea.

HE WAS GETTING TIRED.

The Annoying Experience of a Janitor with a One-Night Theatrical Company.

While I am at it I might as well tell of that other company—a repertoire company—who played 12 plays, opening Monday afternoons and playing twice a day for the entire week in towns not usually good for a "one-night stand" for a metropolitan organization.

RIGHTS OF VAGABOND MULE.

Legal Decision That Affects Long-Eared Animals and Their Owners.

In a lawsuit arising out of the unlawful acts of a disorderly mule the opinion says the animal was found "loitering about the streets without any apparent business, no visible means of support and no evidence of his ownership except a yoke on his neck."

GETTING UP SPEED QUICKLY.

An Ingenious Grade Device That Is Employed on the Central London Railway.

A novel expedient is being tried to shorten the running time of trains on the Central London railway, the underground electric line that was opened recently, says the New York Tribune.

SHARE THEIR VACATION.

London Lawyers Open the Inner Temple Gardens to Poor Children.

When the weather gets hot in London the leading lawyers leave their city quarters for the country to enjoy what they term the "long vacation," a period of about ten weeks.

REAL POOH-BABS IN CHINA.

Officials Who Combine Many Prerogatives and Work Hard According to Their Idea.

Some idea of the work of the average Chinese official will be gathered from the following statement made by an eminent Chinese statesman to an interpreter, says the London Mail. The interpreter states: "I once asked a member of the Chinese cabinet who was complaining of fatigue and overwork for an account of his daily routine. He replied that he left home every morning at two o'clock, as he was on duty at the palace from three to six.

FORTUNE IN A TRUCK FARM.

One Man Near Philadelphia Who Has Accumulated Half a Million Dollars.

There are over 600 acres of Philadelphia land under cultivation south of Porter street, in the district known as the Neck, and there is now living in Germantown a man who has amassed a fortune of \$500,000 in raising early vegetables in that locality, says the Philadelphia Record.

AN INVENTIVE RECTOR.

English Divine Whose Church Bells Are Now Rang by Means of Electricity.

In the parish of Runwell, in Essex, England, an apparatus has been lately invented by the rector for ringing the church bells by electricity. The origin of the invention is rather curious. The rector, finding a difficulty in obtaining bell-ringers, rung the bells for three months himself.

Cares of Royalty.

Members of the royal family in England have been indulging in some confessions as to when they are really happiest. The prince of Wales has admitted that he is happiest when he can shake hands and talk with Sir Edward Clarke without its being rumored that "the prince of Wales is violently opposed to the present war."