

A GENIUS OF FINANCE.

Young Man Bought a Typewriter and Paid for it Without Getting Him a Cent.

"Do you see that young man over there?" said a man on a cable car, indicating a young man reading a paper in the seat opposite, relates the New York Times. "He's one of the greatest financial geniuses in the country, if little things are any indicator of a man's ability and character. He'll be a millionaire before long, or I'm no judge of people."

HOW TO MAKE COFFEE.

A Number of Ways That Promise a Clear, Strong and Stimulating Beverage.

Americans who have taken up the English afternoon tea must now demonstrate their impartial hospitality by showing equal favor to the continental afternoon coffee. It is generally conceded that as an incendiary subject coffee making ranks next to politics and religion, and most coffee enthusiasts hold that there is only "one way." The mildest mannered, broadest minded of women is apt to gasp with indignation when you promulgate your pet theory that the most delicate coffee is obtained by putting ground coffee on the fire in cold water and removing it in time to escape boiling point, even though you protest that said theory was "made in Germany."

A WASHINGTON CHARACTER.

Dwarf Does Thriving Business Selling Shoe Strings to High Officials.

Secretary Long travels up and down Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, with his green cloth bag in hand in the most unconventional manner, and while on his way to the white house to a cabinet meeting stopped near the east gate, and after a brief conversation with a deformed little being, who is known as "the president's shoestring man," bought a pair of strings, and thrusting them into his green cloth bag, put a number of bright coins into the hand of the vendor and went in to sort his shoe strings and state papers prior to the cabinet meeting.

ATHLETES ARE CARELESS.

In the Matter of Food They Pay Very Little Attention to the Cooking.

"Why do athletes and six-day bicyclists break down?" asks an athletic instructor, according to the Chicago Inter Ocean. "I am frequently asked my opinion of men under varying circumstances in which they are erroneously supposed to break down from overwork, when the real primary cause is the nonutilization of the food they eat."

FORCING A PYTHON TO EAT.

Heroic Method of Preventing a Huge Snake from Committing Suicide.

The East Indian python, 27 feet 8 inches long, the biggest captive snake in the world, says the New York Times, was fed at the New York Zoological gardens one day lately after a hard fight. The snake, a female, has refused to eat voluntarily. In the den with her are two other pythons, one 26 feet 4 inches, and the other 25 feet 6 inches long. Anyone of these snakes could crush and kill an ox.

PURMONT PARAGRAPH.

"Who carried the bono of the opera in the box car?" "The treasurer in the box car," said Denir News.

A RACE FOR A MINE.

Brief Description of a Midwinter Dash to Locate the La Fleur Mine.

An exciting race for a mine took place in February, 1896. For many years it had been known that the Colville Indian reservation was rich in minerals, and prospectors had slipped in, eluding the vigilance of the Indian police, to explore the mountains in northern Washington.

BITS OF FEMININITY.

Facelike Finery for Feminine Toilettes for the Current Season.

Gold gauze is used to cover the entire front of the bodice and to form a yoke, says a fashion exchange. Many jackets of black fur have collars of white velvet or, more modish still, ermine. There is an increasing interest in black and white contrasts.

WANT CORN GROWN.

Germania Seeking to Have Their Colonies Produce This Cereal for German Markets.

According to Consul Agent Harris, the German Colonial association is soliciting the government to take steps toward introducing and protecting on a large scale the growth of Indian corn in some of the German colonies. The German empire imports about \$32,000,000 worth of corn every year, the major part of which comes from the United States.

MAN—A PARADOX.

Believed in Being Liberal, But Always Objected to His Wife's Deisms.

Being a man who does more thinking than talking and who is generally regarded as tactful, his family were rather surprised when he laid down a standard magazine of the day and proceeded with a talk that suggested the propriety of his being on a platform, says the Detroit Free Press.

THE OPEN FIREPLACE.

Ornamental Accessories of the Chimney Corner Are Preferably of Brass.

The accompaniments of the open fireplace are more ornate this year than ever before, and whether the glow and heat are produced by brightly burning logs of hard wood or the more modern process of gas logs, the andirons, tongs, shovel, etc., challenge attention by their brightness.

STUFFED PETS.

A New York Taxidermist Says Women Take a Melancholy Pleasure in Them.

"Women take a melancholy pleasure in stuffed pets," said a well-known taxidermist to a New York World reporter. "There is a sort of tender, gruesome sentiment about it that pleases them. My principal customers are for these reason women."

Noble Lineage.

"Count, your family is of noble lineage."

The Average Man.

The average man seldom knows all that other men think he knows, but the chances are he knows a few things he isn't suspected of knowing.

One Way.

One good way to derive an income from literature is to sell books.

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