

TAPS GREAT VOLCANO

Oil Drill Strikes the Queerest Kind of a Gusher.

Boiling Water, Mud and Rocks Are Hurled High in the Air—Mighty Force of the Steam Shakes Earth Around.

The queerest "gusher" ever known was one tapped a mile and a half southwest of Volcano Springs, Cal.

A powerful stream of rocks, steam, gas, mud and blackish water shot skyward hundreds of feet, the drillers and helpers barely escaped being blown to pieces.

The singular well continues steaming and sizzling, and hurling thousands of heavy rocks and tons of boiling mud hundreds of feet in the air.

It is a wonderful spectacle, even at a distance, and passengers on the Southern Pacific trains are treated to the sight from the car windows.

This region is 265 feet below sea level. Near Volcano Springs Station are gas springs from which flows cold water; six miles west are hot and cold geysers in constant activity.

DOG'S COSTLY TEETH.

Dentist's Canine Has Gold Fillings in His Mouth Which Are Worth \$250.

Rex is the name of a dog and he is a full-blooded Gordon setter. His owner is a dentist up town in New York who does not think it unusual that his dog should have teeth with gold fillings and six gold teeth in his lower jaw with a diamond embedded in them.

The dentist told the dog to get into the chair and Rex obeyed. Then Van Nostrand tied a towel in his mouth and kept it open and set to work.

The gold teeth gradually wore down, and lately Dr. Van Nostrand decided that a new set was necessary. It was made and in the center was placed a pure white diamond of half a carat.

The value of Rex's dental adornment is at least \$250.

Rockefeller Chops Wood.

With a multi-millionaire a wood-chopper Westchester county workmen might seem in danger of losing work, but John D. Rockefeller is following the example of Gladstone merely as exercise on his road to health at his country seat in Pocantico Hills.

An Old Timepiece.

An interesting exhibit at the Smithsonian institution is an old German clock that was ticking about 15 years before the birth of the great American republic.

Ancient Treasure Found.

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Marconi's Critics.

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"JOHN BROWN PAPERS" FOUND

Letters Which Were Written to the Noted Abolitionist Have Recently Been Discovered.

The Richmond (Va.) papers print what are known as recently discovered "John Brown papers," which were found in a lot of rubbish in the state library.

Those to Brown and his associates are for the most part signed with initials only, and no prominent persons can be identified with them.

Search is now being made for a carpet bag of Brown's, said to be hidden in the roof of the capitol building, and to contain his diary and some of his documents.

ANOTHER GREAT HOTEL.

New York City to Have the Most Beautiful and Complete Hotel on the Continent.

New York is to have another magnificent hotel. It is to be erected at the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street.

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WAR ON WOMEN JOURNALISTS.

Men Who Are Employed on London Papers Are Afraid of American Writers.

War has been declared upon the women journalists of London by the male writers for the metropolitan daily press.

The movement is spreading. It is said that the men writers on other big newspapers are contemplating the demand for absolute dismissal of the women.

Editors have found out that bright young American women can give splendid service as special writers, and their number employed on the daily press has been steadily increasing.

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BITS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Some Small Items of Information Which May Be of Use in Her Work.

Every housekeeper enjoys conveniences for her kitchen, and of these this year there is no end. The new fire-proof serving dishes are to be commended on the score of economy and labor.

To put under these hot dishes there are pretty blue and white tiles, with felt backs. These will outwear the older wood and willow mats and will not necessitate laundering like the cotton table mats.

Every woman who has tried cutting potatoes by hand for French frying will appreciate one of the convenient little fruit and vegetable slicers.

Ground pepper, say those who know, is more largely adulterated than any other article of food.

For the person who suffers from cold feet in the winter or the individual who wants to guard against taking cold in an insufficiently heated country home, or when sitting by the window, there is nothing nicer than the new wooden overshoes.

NOTES ABOUT DRESS.

Novelties That Render the Gown of the Season Stylish and Attractive.

The newest collarlette is the "Alexandra Victorine." It forms a short capelet, falling rather fully over the shoulders, and has a high collar; the lapels fall from the cape down to the feet, says a fashion authority.

Mixed Persian colorings are highly popular in galleons, and afford a pretty touch of color in a dark gown.

We are once again to patronize fur hats, these being mostly made of sable, and trimmed with scarfs of lace.

The high novelty in belts is a waistband formed of thin white leather laid in folds. Some are so high as to be almost a corset, others are about three inches wide.

Tight-fitting jackets are once more bound round the basque with a broad band of sable, mink or chinchilla.

The once lowly violet assuming giant proportions and growing on miniature trees is what met the amazed vision of visitors to the flower show in Madison Square garden.

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OUR SUGAR IMPORTS.

Those of Last Year Will Exceed Record of Any Previous Year.

Over Four Billion and a Half Pounds of the Sweet Stuff Brought into This Country to Fill the Sweet Tooth of Uncle Sam.

Sugar imports into the United States in the calendar year 1901 will exceed those of any preceding year by about 250,000,000 pounds, and the cost will be greater than any preceding year except 1893, when prices were unusually high.

The estimate of the bureau of statistics for the calendar year 1901 is based upon the actual figures of importations from foreign countries for ten months ending with October, to which are added the actual figures of sugar shipped from Hawaii to the United States.

For the full year from Porto Rico; this method of obtaining the Hawaiian and Porto Rican figures being necessary by reason of the fact that commerce with those islands is no longer included in the statistics of the foreign commerce of the United States.

PAINTS AN AMERICAN NEGRESS

Celebrated German Artist Produces on Canvas the "Coke Walk."

Ernest Heilmann, one of Germany's foremost portrait artists, has finished a life-size portrait of Dora Dean, a handsome young Indianapolis colored woman, posed in a "coke walk" attitude.

"Miss Dean" is the first colored woman to be honored with a sitting by a European artist. She and her husband, Charles E. Johnson, fulfilled a month's engagement in Berlin's leading vaudeville theater during the past autumn and initiated the German public into the peculiar poetry and motion of the American "coon" song.

The dancer, "Saharet," known in private life as Mrs. Isaac S. Rose, of Brooklyn, is another American girl whose talent as a dancer has won golden opinions.

Russian Professor Coming.

Paul M. Miloukoff, the author of a number of historical works, including "Essays on the History of Civilization in Russia," will go to the United States in 1903, at the invitation of the Chicago university, to deliver a series of lectures on the subjects which he discusses in this work, and on the Macedonian question.

Able to See Over Wires.

The Independence Belge, of Brussels, says Dr. Sylvestre, born in America but naturalized as a Frenchman, has invented a spectrograph which enables a person using a telephone to see his interlocutor and the latter's surroundings.

Electric Shocking of Men and Horses. A writer states that the difference in susceptibility to electric shock between horses and men is largely a question of shoes.

Looking on the Bright Side.

A Brooklyn jury has awarded \$5,500 to a woman who incurred a stiff finger as the result of a railway collision, says the Chicago Tribune.

PARIS THE BEAUTIFUL

Rude Beginnings of the Gay French Capital in the Days of the Barbarians.

The history of Paris begins with a collection of huts on the little island of La Cite, sheltering a horde of barbarians about the time when Caesar invaded the territory with his victorious army in the century preceding the Christian era.

More than any other city of Europe, Paris to-day appeals to a wide variety of sculpture, of architecture. It is an inexhaustible mine, yet at the same time it is regarded as a center of advanced thought and investigation in every department of science.

No country in Europe surpasses France in the industry and self-respecting thrift of the people, yet in Paris are found on every hand picturesque groups of loungers adorning the steps of churches and public buildings.

ALCHEMY OF FROST.

Moisture Plays an Important Part in the Developing Process.

Commonly hoar frost is described as being frozen moisture, but this is not an adequate description of an agent that has the power of adorning in a few hours such prosaic objects as gate posts and dustbins with all the trappings of fairyland.

The object that is quickest at this work will be the soonest become covered in hoar frost. Every one has observed how the moisture from the air will settle on the outside of a glass of cold water brought suddenly into a warm room.

Theater Audiences.

Have you ever noticed that theater audiences always assemble in the reverse order to the prices of admission? The cheapest seats are occupied first and the most expensive ones last.

Some Too Liberal.

"Mr. Linger spends a great deal of time with you, Molly," said Miss Kitch to Miss Frocks.

Postage in 1800.

Every letter composed of a single sheet of paper conveyed not exceeding 40 miles, 8 cents; over 40 miles and not exceeding 90 miles, 10 cents; over 90 miles and not exceeding 150 miles, 12 1/2 cents; over 150 miles and not exceeding 300 miles, 17 cents; over 300 miles and not exceeding 500 miles, 20 cents; over 500 miles, 25 cents.

RARE SPORT IN AUSTRALIA.

Hunting Rabbits and Kangaroos Affords an Interesting and Exciting Pastime.

"If you want an exciting occupation, one that will give you plenty of exercise and will keep you busy all the time you are at it," said the ex-Australian, who is now a resident of Detroit, to a Free Press man.

"As many as 600 rabbits have been found in one burrow. You can have cartridges to shoot all day from the same spot in some localities, and the rabbits will seem to be as thick as ever at nightfall. They hatch every four weeks, and there are from 12 to 16 in a hatching. The young ones are ready to hatch in two months' time.

"Another interesting phase of life in Australia is the hunting of the kangaroo. Stag-hounds are used for this purpose. The kangaroos cover a good deal of ground when pursued, but they are no judge of distance. Often when leaping they will land right in the middle of a wire fence, and their capture is easy. They will fight like fiends when cornered, and I have seen a fierce battle between them and the hounds. Their favorite method of disposing of an enemy they can handle is to pick him up, carry him to the nearest body of water and there drown him.

DISCOVERERS OF CEYLON.

The Portuguese Were Pioneers in That Wonderful Country But Were Ousted.

The Portuguese, who in the days of their commercial greatness had a wonderful keen eye for anything like gold that comes from successful commercial pursuits, were the first Europeans to discover Ceylon and to make use of the island. They occupied the desirable parts from early in the sixteenth century to the middle of the seventeenth century.

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