

CANAL BOATS FOR MANILA.

Barges shipped from the Erie Canal to be used on the Pasig River.

The easy-going native bergamen of Manila bay will experience something like surprise when a few months hence they see towed into their harbor 19 Erie canal boats...

Large steamers cannot approach within two miles of the shore in Manila bay. For this reason it has always been necessary to send out cascos, or lighters...

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS.

Some of the Curious Effects They Produce Upon Unwary Pedestrians.

Slippery sidewalks that have been the rule for the past few mornings have tended to bring out emphatically one of the peculiar sides of human nature.

If there happens to be some one near by who has witnessed the fall the smile vanishes and there is a display of temper that is ludicrous. It is his hat that suffers.

MAIL IN A WHEELBARROW.

Queer Conveyance That is Used by an Old Woman Carrier in Iowa.

Four times daily for 21 years, summer and winter, in fair weather and foul, Lucinda Annie Robertson has trundled a wheelbarrow bearing the United States mail from the post office at Pleasantville, Ia., to the railroad, a mile away.

When her husband became a confirmed invalid she kept the contract for him and nursed him, too, and at his death the government wouldn't take the job away from her.

She is now 71, but she vows she'll carry the mail till she dies.

Japs Can Teach Us.

In the manner of repairs those wonderful followers of principle and truth in art, the Japanese, have a lesson to teach us, says the Connoisseur.

The Italian Court. Like King Edward, King Victor Emmanuel is engaged in a very radical weeding out of the invitation list of his court, and is adopting a policy of exclusiveness.

Hardy Germans. The German empire has 778 cantons, 213, England 146, Scotland 46, France has two only and Switzerland none at all.

WATCH THE SMALL CHANGE.

Pennies and Nickels Are Counterfeited More Than Are the Larger Pieces.

"Did you ever think how little attention you pay to the possibility of counterfeits in making change?" asked an old bank teller of a friend, relates the Chicago Tribune.

"But it is a fact. You never think when the street car conductor puts the change from a quarter in your hand that both dimes may be counterfeit. You take one-dollar, two-dollar, five-dollar and ten-dollar bills from anybody in change without ever a thought as to their genuineness.

"You noticed the other day, on the other hand, that the United States government was much concerned over the counterfeit one-cent pieces that are now flooding Chicago. Yet I'll bet you never looked at the genuineness of a one-cent piece in your life."

THUMB-MARK AS A SEAL.

Has Been Used in China and Elsewhere in Attestation of Legal Documents.

An army officer in Arizona used to make his orders for payment on a camp sutler, and use his own thumb-mark to serve the same purpose as the elaborate markings on bank checks.

GROWING BUFFALO HERDS.

Canadian Bison Promise to Become Quite Numerous in the Next Few Years.

The buffaloes are increasing in such proportions in Canada that they promise, in the course of a few years to become again fairly abundant.

The herd of woods buffaloes in the Peace river district has tripled in size under the protection afforded it by the Northwest mounted police.

In appearance there is little difference between the woods buffalo and the plains buffalo. The former is merely a larger, richer-coated animal.

This species preferred the plain and traveled hundreds of miles in its annual migrations, while the Canadian buffalo shuns the prairie and migrates but little.

Babies the Fashion.

The princess of Wales has made babies fashionable in England. Children are supplanting lap dogs and silken-coated cats as drawing-room pets.

Americans in Hawaii.

In 1872 there were 889 Americans in the Hawaiian islands and 50,000 Hawaiians. In 1890 there were 4,000 Americans and 30,000 Hawaiians.

Polish Population.

The Poles now number about 15,000,000 people, of whom perhaps 3,000,000 are in eastern Prussia, chiefly in the province of Posen; 4,000,000 in north-eastern Austria, chiefly in the province of Galicia, and about 8,000,000 in the extreme western part of Russia.

CIVIL ENGINEERING.

Its Progress in the Nineteenth Century Has Been Truly Marvellous.

Mr. Charles Hawksley in his presidential address to the British Institute of Civil Engineers reviewed the progress of civil engineering in the nineteenth century, reports a London paper.

In 1819 the Savannah, propelled partly by steam, partly by sail, traversed the Atlantic in 26 days. In 1833 the voyage was made under steam alone and required 17 days.

Such are a few of the statistics of engineering progress during the century. They show a progress toward comfort; and happiness, more or less, a by-product of comfort, so that we have good reason to rejoice over these statistics, bold as they may seem.

TEETH IN WARFARE.

England's Experience in South Africa Shows Need of Dentistry.

After 21 months fighting our dental surgeons have been sent to South Africa to attend to the teeth of the army.

In an army of a quarter of a million men these four surgeons should be kept tolerably busy. No soldier who has campaigned six months in Africa will, if he be wise, neglect a chance of having his teeth examined.

In the unequal struggle between trek ox and biscuit on the one hand and mere human teeth on the other, not five per cent. of the men of my company came through scatheless.

DOWN IN THE WORLD.

Man Who Was Once Governor of New Mexico Working at Job Printing.

Once a United States senator from Kansas and later the governor of New Mexico, E. G. Ross is working at the case in a job printing office in Albuquerque. Here is what the Albuquerque correspondent of the Boston Transcript says of the old man:

Triple Cocoonets.

Before the shell of the cocoonet becomes thick and hard and while the most is soft and about the consistency of elabber many of the nuts are gathered and sold upon the street corners of South American cities and in the shops.

World's Religious Population.

At the present day, on the best authorities, there are 250,000,000 Mussulmans in the world. The Christian population is put at 447,000,000; but the increase of Islam is more rapid than that of its sister religion.

Diet of Bedouin Arabs.

The Bedouin Arabs are small eaters. Six or seven dates soaked in melted butter serve a man a whole day, with a very small quantity of coarse flour or a little ball of rice.

NO ROMANCE IN IT.

The Letter Came at Last, But It Did Not Contain What He Had Expected.

"It must have been quite a year ago," said the general delivery clerk at the post office, relates the Detroit Free Press, "that a man came in one day and inquired for a letter in his name, and he looked much disappointed when I could find none to hand out.

"Here is your long-expected letter at last, and I hope it contains good news."

REGARDING THE CORONATION.

An Advertising Expert Tells Something About the Effects of the Great Event.

The coronation of Edward is one of the greatest subjects for advertising at the present time. There are few trades or manufacturers that are not going to be benefited by it.

THE USE OF STAMPS.

Enough Issued in One Year by the United States to Girdle the Globe Three Times.

When a stamp is placed on a letter it represents one of 60 made for each man, woman and child in the United States. Enough stamps will be issued this year to supply each individual in the United States with at least 60 stamps each.

Arms of Venus of Milo.

A letter is published at Paris from the aged Admiral Reveliere to the effect that Brest, a former French consul at Milo, who was influential in the Levant, having heard of the discovery of the famous statue of the Venus of Milo, which is now in the Louvre, immediately opened negotiations for its acquisition by France, which, thanks to his exertions, were successful.

"Tipping" in Old England.

In reference to "tipping" it is claimed that there is a certain hotel in Manchester where the head boots pays the managers \$1,000 per annum for his job, and that he is able to clear between \$3,500 and \$5,000 each year.

Women in Japanese Offices.

The women of Japan are now largely employed in telephone and post offices, and they are said to be excellent book-keepers.

QUEEREST OF ALL THEFTS.

A Not Very Particular Thief Carries Off Seventy-Five Skunks Without Leaving Any Trace.

Francis Wolf, a Montour county farmer, would like to know who stole his skunks. Wolf lately had 75 live skunks. One night they were all taken away in a bunch, and Wolf has been nosing around the neighborhood ever since trying to strike the trail of the thief, says a Hazleton (Pa.) correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Wolf established a skunk farm about six weeks ago in a remote part of Montour county and stocked it with 75 skunks and 300 bullfrogs, from both of which he expected to realize considerable revenue, especially from the skunks, which are becoming scarcer hereabouts every year, and consequently more valuable for commercial purposes.

The industry thrived from the start, and Wolf found that so long as the skunks were well fed they would not lose their temper unless roughly handled. Just about the time Wolf began to congratulate himself on his business sagacity some thief carried off his entire stock.

A PRODIGAL PRINCE.

Notable Instances of the Extravagance of a Son of the Royal House of Hawaii.

Prince David Kawananakoa, who is a nephew of the late Queen Kapiolani of Hawaii, and who, with his brother Cupid, inherited her fortune, is one of the most prodigal of Hawaiians, says a New York Tribune correspondent of the New York Tribune.

In Honolulu, where Prince David has a magnificent home at Waikiki, he often entertains a hundred or more of his friends for a day at a time. When he was making the campaign for delegate to congress 12 years ago he at one time gave a feast to 1,200 of his constituents.

WU'S ART CRITICISM.

Chinese Minister's Frank and Complimentary Comment on a Noted Painter's Work.

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, is noted for his quaint, plain speaking. One day he was exploring the Corcoran art gallery, evidently with the idea of impressing on his mind the fundamental difference between the oriental and the occidental brands of art, says a Washington report.

The artist, with the diplomat in tow, paused before these canvases.

"Who is that?" asked Mr. Wu, pointing toward the picture of Ching.

"That is Li Hung Chang," replied Vos.

Guardian Microbes.

A writer in Knowledge thus denominates certain wandering cells found in the healthy human body, which destroy harmful microbes introduced into the system.

White Under the Black.

The owner of a tannery in which human skins are sometimes tanned as a matter of accommodation states that in tanning the skin of a negro a very delicate cuticle peels off, leaving the skin identical with that of a white man. This refutes the assertion that the negro's color is even "skin deep."

A HISTORIC TOWN.

Varied and Picturesque History of Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania.

Metternich's statement that no room is so small but honor may enter, applies to the recent modest celebration in Carlisle, Pa., of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation.

Carlisle was the first settlement made under charter from the Penna. and as the farthest outpost of Quakerism served as a notable barrier of defense against the savages of the western wilderness.

Carlisle was the base of Washington's operations for the suppression of the whisky insurrection; its military experience as a regular army post ended only the night preceding the great battle of Gettysburg.

A CRUSOE COINCIDENCE.

Which Accounts for the Duration of Robinson's Exile on His Lonely Island.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale calls attention to some quaint and curious features in connection with Robinson Crusoe, which, says the Albany Argus, have not hitherto been pointed out.

"Readers who are curious in English history must not fail to observe that Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on his island on the 30th of September, 1659. It was in that month that the English commonwealth ended, and Richard Cromwell left the palace at Whitehall. Robinson lived in this island home for 28 years. These 28 years covered the exact period of the second Stuart reign in England.

CAT FISHED FOR TROUT.

Fisherman Put Half a Dozen in His Bath tub and Tabby Quickly Caught Them.

A member of the Sullivan club caught half a dozen trout one day last summer and carried them alive to his cottage, intending to take them to the city. He turned the water into his bathtub and the trout seemed to thrive as well there as they had done in the streams.

QUICK SALE LITERATURE.

One Poet Who Finds That It Pays to Carry His Productions About with Him.

"Demands for a certain class of literature are more frequent than people generally imagine," said a poet, according to the New York Sun.

"I sold two of these last week in an elevated train. One of my purchasers wanted verses for a particular page."

"I dug up a six-verse production. As soon as he had read it he said it was shy one verse; he must have seven."

"I crowded as near as I could to another stanza, writing it while I stood. He paid me the cash for the whole lot before he left the car."

"There is no use talking. If you have the right brand, literature has a quick commercial value."

On the New "Buffalo Bill."

The portrait of a suicide is on the new ten-dollar bill, which is known also as the "buffalo bill," because of a rampant bison picture in the center of it.

Where Hats Come From.

Hat dealers buy principally from the English and Italian markets. England furnishes stiff and Italy soft hats.