

A RISING YOUNG MAN.

Does an Elevator at Washington While He Waits for His Law Practice to Grow.

Lawyer and elevator conductor are the queer joint occupations of an industrious man employed in the capitol building at Washington.

He rented an office up-town, hung out his shingle and has secured some clients. They are still not numerous enough to justify him in resigning his government position.

His duties as an elevator conductor interfered somewhat with his professional duties, but he made an arrangement with his "partner" on the elevator by which he can absent himself when necessary.

BEHOLD AN HONEST MAN.

How Mrs. Huntington Took Away the Breath of the Customs Officials of New York.

Mrs. Arabella D. Huntington, widow of Collis P. Huntington, has paid \$31,500 in cash as customs duty.

Mrs. Huntington, who returned from a trip to Europe on the Oceanic, with her son, Archer Huntington, and Mrs. Archer Huntington, staggered the young man who, as acting deputy collector asked her to make a declaration of her purchases abroad.

It was on board the steamer coming up the bay. Young Huntington had the list carefully prepared. The sum total of his mother's purchases abroad was \$75,000, the largest amount ever declared by a traveler in the port of New York, and probably in the world.

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DOG FINDS BABY IN WOODS.

The Big St. Bernard Then Carries the Half-Frozen Infant to His Kennel.

Nero, a full-blooded St. Bernard dog belonging to John Oliver, a farmer of Gates, N. Y., attracted the attention of his master the other morning by his peculiar actions.

After repeating this performance some time he was followed to the doghouse, where an investigation revealed a half-frozen infant, scantily dressed and almost buried in the straw.

Upon further investigation tracks in the deep snow were discovered, showing that the dog, true to his early training in the Alps, had half carried, half dragged the baby across fields from the woods nearly a mile distant, where the infant either was lost or had been abandoned.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Cast iron blocks are to be used in paving Huddersfield (England) tramways.

The microbe of tuberculosis may live in a book 103 days, as has been shown by experiment.

Manchester, England, is to test the utility of a system of wireless telephony by a series of practical experiments.

In Nuremberg, Germany, 800 workmen are employed making lead soldiers and lead toys. They turn out about 100,000 lead soldiers a day.

A new disease of the horse has appeared in the Darling river district, Australia. It makes the horses almost blind for a time, but recovery is usual.

Asiatic Turkey is to be rescued from semibarbarism by the construction of \$140,000,000 worth of railroads, one of which will run through the Euphrates valley from end to end.

A new Russian apparatus for restoring hearing consists of a light rubber shell, furnished with a miniature microphone, which is connected to a small galvanic battery.

Excavations in southern Germany have apparently established the fact that in prehistoric times Europe was inhabited by pygmies. Remains of a midge race have also been found in Switzerland and the Pyrenees.

COST OF WIRELESS MESSAGES.

May Be No More Than Ten Cents to Be Signaled Half Way Around the World.

It is rather needless to say that Marconi's splendid demonstration of trans-oceanic signaling means, in the near future, a big reduction in cable tolls. Marconi himself says that a word is within sight.

The first cost is small. A wireless telegraph station is more complicated than an ordinary Morse station, and costs more. But, needing neither cables, wires, insulators, nor poles, the stations are practically the whole of the expense.

And the field is free. The shower of patents has been large; Sig. Marconi alone has taken out 132. But they relate chiefly to minor improvements and special devices, which, while doubtless often of individual value, are not a block to others to try their hand.

HOW SHE RAISED THE FEE.

The Bride Was Determined to Get Married and She Panned the Priest's Hat.

A poor couple living in the Emerald Isle went to the priest for marriage and were met with a demand for the marriage fee. It was not forthcoming.

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BELIEVES IN SPIRITS

New York Minister Convinced of Reality of the Supernatural.

Dr. Savage, Member of the American Society of Psychical Research, Tells of Receiving a Message from Dead Son.

"Do such things as ghost apparitions, visible to human eyes, really exist? Yes, we are convinced they do. While we recognize the fact of their existence, we may not be able to explain their origin."

"I think," said Dr. Savage, "that if you were to throw a stone at random in any part of this city, you would be almost certain to strike a house in which at least some form of psychical phenomena has been observed."

Dr. Savage is convinced that Mrs. Piper is a genuine psychic medium. "I had sittings with her many years before our society was founded, or before it was known to the public."

Dr. Savage said that during the sittings his son made known his presence through the medium, who was in a trance at the time.

Prof. Hyslop, who is well known for his works on psychology and hypnosis, said: "I am familiar with the remarkable occurrences of which Dr. Savage speaks."

NOVEL DINING CLUB SCHEME.

Charles Frederick Adams, Noted After-Dinner Speaker, Seeks to Unite Men Here in 1851.

In these days of dining clubs, many of which have no raison d'être save the gathering of good fellows to exchange pleasantries, Charles Frederick Adams, of New York, himself a noted after-dinner speaker, has hit upon a novel idea.

Ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas, though busy in London putting the finishing touches to his Texas oil deal, has had time to look up the social side of that country, which he is visiting for the first time.

DRAWNS LINE AT KNEE PANTS.

Former Governor Hogg of Texas, Falls to See King Edward at a Court Levee.

All the arrangements had been completed with the United States ambassador, Joseph Choate, to enable the well-known Texan to be presented to King Edward at the forthcoming levee.

"Never!" said Mr. Hogg. "If I cannot appear in the ordinary evening dress of an American citizen I will not appear at all. A pretty sight I would look rigged up in those gow-gaws. I have not the faintest idea of trying to restoritize or even criticize English customs, but I'll wear another country's uniform—no, not even for the sake of meeting the king."

Knows Many Family Secrets. Sir George Lewis, the famous attorney of Ely place, is the depository of more family secrets of the aristocracy of England than any living man.

Where He Has Gone To. "What has become," asks the Washington Post, "of the old-fashioned editor who used to 'glean' things from the columns of his exchanges?"

A MILLION FOR EYESIGHT.

Charles Broadway House, the Blind Millionaire, Dies Without Having His Hopes Realized.

Charles Broadway House, who has just died at New York, was an interesting and enterprising character.

As a schoolboy he sold notions in the streets in Winchester, and when 15 became a clerk in a store at a salary of one dollar a week. In three years he had accumulated a capital of \$500, with which he went into business, and at 25 he was the wealthiest merchant in Winchester, having \$60,000 in the bank.

It is estimated that Mr. House had accumulated a fortune of \$10,000,000. He gave \$100,000 with which to erect in Richmond, Va., a memorial chapel to dead confederates and \$30,000 to found an art scholarship for the University of Virginia.

Ten years ago the eyesight of Mr. House began to fail and for the last six years he had been blind. He offered \$1,000,000 to any man who would restore his sight.

A LETTER FROM LINCOLN.

Discovered in a Pile of Rubbish in New York City—Was to a Scrawling Mother.

Soiled and faded, torn and frayed, a letter written by Abraham Lincoln a few months before his assassination has been found in some rubbish and papers on Broadway near the post office.

"I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save."

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

E. Ducretet, the French Electrical Engineer, Explains His Remarkable Invention.

E. Ducretet, the French electrical engineer, has made the following statement concerning the system of wireless telephony which he has invented, says a Paris dispatch to the New York Journal and American:

"When the instruments are put down deep in the earth messages can be transmitted over enormous distances. Forests, rivers, mountains may separate armies, yet they can communicate with each other through the earth by wireless telephony."

Man Tired by a Ham. Attacked by an angry ram, Peter Conger, a farmer of Middleton, N. Y., climbed a tree in his yard to escape the animal.

Getting Our Hand In. King Menelik of Abyssinia, wants to visit the St. Louis exposition. Come on, king, exclaims the Chicago Record-Herald. We're getting so used to entertaining royalty that we'll know how to give you the time of your life.

Costly Street Improvements. The largest sum ever spent in improving one street was \$14,000,000, on the Rue de Rivoli, Paris. New Cannon street, London, cost \$14,750,000.

CANALS IN EUROPE.

American Capital Reaching Out to Secure Control of Them.

Plan is to Obtain All Water Routes for American Cargoes from Inland Ports in America to Inland Ports in Europe.

One of the most important of American commercial enterprises in Europe has just culminated at London. It consists in the securing of all water routes for American cargoes of grain and other commodities from inland ports in the United States to inland ports in Europe, and embraces the purchase by American capital of several British and other canals.

Frank W. Hawley, vice president of the Erie Canal Traction company, has been in Europe several months quietly securing concessions for the operation of European canals by electricity.

At the forthcoming session of parliament the British legislators will be asked to grant permission for the erection of central power stations for the propulsion of traffic on at least two British canals.

"Yes," it is true that the tractor company is making considerable progress in securing all water routes by electrically operated canals throughout Europe.

THE SPINE HOME OF THE SOUL. Professor at Ann Arbor University Declares He Has Proven This by Experiments.

Prof. Lombard, of Ann Arbor, Mich., instructor of physiology in the University of Michigan, believes that he has located the dwelling place of the soul in the spinal column.

Results of the last two days' experiments seem to demonstrate that death through the medium of the brain does not terminate the control of the muscles. Thursday the professor produced before his class a live frog, from which he removed the brain.

THE OLDEST MAN AGAIN. Claim of Napoleon (O.) Man Disputed by Neph Naby, Who Claims to Be 120 Years Old.

The claim of Martin Head, of Napoleon, O., to being the oldest man in the United States is not well founded. Noah Naby, of New Jersey, who is at the Piscataway poor farm, located near New Brunswick, claims to be between 129 and 130 years old.

Auto Ambulance for Horses. Mile. Chossogros, who left 2,000,000 francs to the Societe Protectrice des Animaux, of Paris, made provision for the creation of an automobile van for removing injured horses from the streets.

Free Postal Delivery. The free delivery postal system is only 38 years old, having been inaugurated in 1863 under Postmaster General Montgomery Blair, of Maryland.

CHEMISTRY AND THE METALS.

The Composite Paris of Each Kind of Ore Are Now Very Easily Assorted.

The chemical laboratory is the workshop of the modern magician, and in it are wrought wonders which not so very long ago would have been regarded as miraculous.

Next comes the problem of utilizing these metals for commercial purposes, and in each case chemistry affords the solution of all difficulties.

Modern metallurgy is a chemical art. All improvements in the manufacture of steel, for example, have their origin in chemical knowledge.

A DUCK-HUNTING ENGINE. Locomotive on a Southern Railway That Provided Game Dinners for the Train Crew.

Said a railroad engineer a day or two ago: "The average man has no idea how many animals and birds are killed every year by the cars. If you will walk along a railroad you will see tracks, frogs and snakes almost every mile that have been cut in two by the engine."

WOMAN WORKS AS COBBLER. Pags Shoes on the Beach with Her Husband All Day and Plays the Piano at Night.

Grand Rapids, Mich., has a woman cobbler, the only one in the state, if not in the country. She is Mrs. Nellie Harmer, states the Chicago Inter Ocean.

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