

TARS SAMPLING TOBACCO.

Volunteers Called For to Test Thirty-One Different Brands for the Navy Department.

The board appointed by Rear Admiral Barker, commandant at the Brooklyn navy yard, met the other day to test the merits of 31 brands of tobacco and to pick from these one that will be used by the sailors for a year to come.

THE HUGE MAMMOTH.

Dr. Herz Describes Discovery of Mammoth Preserved in Ice in Siberia for at Least 2,000 Years.

A cable dispatch from St. Petersburg has already told of Dr. Herz's discovery of a mammoth preserved in the ice in eastern Siberia.

Dr. Herz concluded that the mammoth had fallen down from high ground and had been instantly killed, as its neck was broken.

When Dr. Herz's party began the work of excavation the cold was such that a shed had to be erected.

Eventually the huge animal was found complete, save a small piece of the back and half trunk, which had been eaten by wolves.

The return journey of 3,000 miles to Irkutsk commenced on October 23. The distance was covered on skates, the mammoth having been dissected for convenience in transportation.

AUTOS AT MONTE CARLO.

Never Before Have So Many Horseless Carriages Been Seen at the Famous Resort.

Never before have so many automobiles been seen on the roads at Monte Carlo as this year, says a dispatch to the New York Herald.

Another machine of which great things are expected is a composite Mercedes-Lorraine-Porsche, which will be in the hands of Mr. Louisa Harrow.

The Mercedes simplex machines for the coming Abbazia race have arrived at Nice.

Electric Lights in St. Paul's. The long talked of installation of electric lights in St. Paul's, London, is completed.

Central Asia's Cotton Crop. A falling off of 30 percent in the Central Asian cotton crop last year is attributed to the partial use of native seed in preference to American.

Clergyman Rings His Own Bells. An Essex (England) clergyman, experiencing a difficulty in obtaining the services of a bell ringer, has evolved a device whereby, with the aid of the electric current, he rings his own bells by pressing buttons in the vestry.

Vegetables in Millinery. The vegetable novelties in hats and bonnets in London include the substitution of the royal red tomato and the flower of the French bean for the wing and other animal decorations now commonly used on ladies' hats.

NEW ENGINE OF WAR

Philadelphia Man Claims to Have Army-Destroying Machine.

Twelve Men Able by Its Use to Fight an Entire Regiment—The Machine Consists of an Automobile Fort with Rapid Fire Guns.

Capt. Charles H. Hoffstetter, of 6006 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, plans to reduce Uncle Sam's army to 2,400 men within five years.

Capt. Hoffstetter's "engine" for human destruction consists of an automobile fort, which can go over the ground at the rate of an express train, discharging hot lead from 20 rapid-fire guns and two breech-loaders of the artillery type.

Two searchlights will dissipate the darkness ahead of each engine and make the enemy an easy target.

The captain has been working on the machine more than two years. It will be built on four wheels, to be operated either by electricity or gasoline. It will be ten feet six inches long and six feet six inches wide and three feet high.

PRAY FOR HUSBANDS.

Hoboken Girls Conduct Novel Religious Service to Increase Their Matrimonial Chances.

The women of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Hoboken, are conducting a novena or nine days' prayer, to bring them husbands.

Whether the young men are too bashful, or whether they do not believe in early marriage is not known, but there is no end of attractive young women in the parish, and all of them declare that the falling off in weddings has been no fault of theirs.

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SURE TEST FOR DEATH.

Dr. Icard, an Eminent German Physiologist, Uses a Solution of Fluorescin.

An eminent German, Dr. Icard, of Berlin, has discovered what he considers an infallible test for distinguishing between persons actually or only apparently dead.

The white of one eye assumes a clear green tinge, the pupil disappears, and the eye looks as if it were a brilliant emerald set in the face. A drop of blood in a glass of water colors it green. In two hours all the phenomena disappear. In the case of a dead man the solution produces no effect.

QUITS THE FACTORY.

Algernon Sartorius Gives Up Ambition to Become Electrician and Will Seek to Enter Army.

Algernon Sartorius, who went to Pittsburgh a few weeks ago for the purpose of going into the Westinghouse works, where he could make a career in electrical engineering, found the work so wholly unattractive to his tastes that he became ill after a brief apprenticeship and has just returned to Washington for the purpose of going into the regular army.

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FINE STATION FOR CAPITAL.

Plans for New Union Depot at Washington Will Involve the Expenditure of \$4,000,000.

Plans for the new union steam railroad station in Washington were received at the capitol the other day and inspected with interest.

The depot will contain all of the most modern improvements in railroad passenger station construction.

In the last congress a bill was passed after many years of controversy providing for the erection of two railroad stations and the removal of the tracks from the mall or system of public parks that extend from the capitol to the white house.

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The Lady of the White House Finds Time for Her Social Duties for Intellectual Pursuits.

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They met the other morning as usual and spent the hour in the green room, where photographs of famous pictures were shown, and the artists talked about some new books were reviewed.

Mrs. Roosevelt has of necessity to devote herself to magazine reviews and the morning papers, with now and then a book.

REAL ART IN SCHOOLS.

Berlin Authorities Are About to Change the Ornamentation of the Class-Rooms.

The elementary school committee of the Berlin municipality is about to begin a new departure in the way of ornamenting the classrooms for the children.

Instead of the instructive but very dry pictures of beasts, birds and fishes, with illustrations of the various races of mankind, which have hitherto been the stock in trade of all pedagogues, the school committee intends gradually to decorate the walls with frescoes which will be real works of art.

Historical scenes, beautiful landscapes copied from the best known districts of Germany, portraits of famous men and women will take the place of the cardboard which now hang about the rooms.

MAKES PLEA FOR BIRDS.

Orville T. Bright Tells School Teachers It is Wicked to Wear Songsters on Their Hats.

"The most wicked act that can be committed is the killing of birds, for the decoration of women's hats," declared Orville T. Bright, county superintendent of schools, of Cook county, Ill., before a meeting of the Cook County Teachers' association.

"Women in the great majority of things are very humane, but by accepting hats with birds upon them they do not seem to know that they are aiding in the destruction of these living creatures of beauty," said Superintendent Bright.

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MARKED FALLING OFF

Exportation of Iron and Steel Manufactures Continue to Decline.

This Condition is Said to Be Due to the Prosperity at Home and the Depression Which at Present Exists Abroad.

Prosperity at home and depression abroad are cited as the principal causes of the continued fall in the exportation of manufactures of iron and steel.

The other important item in which a reduction is apparent is manufactures of iron and steel. The exports under this head are for the seven months ending with January, 1902, \$16,000,000 below those of the corresponding months of last year.

The following table shows the exports of principal articles of iron and steel manufactures in the seven months ending with January, 1902, compared with the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year:

Table with columns: Articles, 1901, 1902. Rows include Pig iron, Bars and rods, Hoop and wire iron, Sheet iron, Steel rails, Sheets and plates, Wire, Builders hardware, Electric machinery, Metal working machinery, Pumps and pumping machinery, Engines, Locomotive engines, Typewriters, Nails and spikes, Total value of exports.

SON OWNS MOTHER'S SCALP.

Michigan Soldier Discovers the Parcel He Thought Long Dead in a Strange Way.

A curious set of circumstances the other day developed the fact that George Sinclair, formerly of Niles, Mich., who owns a fine collection of Indian relics, has been treasuring the scalp of his living mother among his trophies.

Mrs. Sinclair, with her husband and infant son, were captured by Sioux Indians in 1866, and in an attempt to escape Mrs. Sinclair was captured, wounded, scalped and left for dead.

At a recent masquerade ball held in Niles Mrs. Sinclair entered into conversation with a stranger who was standing beside her watching the dancers.

Mrs. Sinclair, in telling her story how she had been scalped and left for dead and had afterward been rescued by American United States soldiers, found that she was talking to her son, whom she had believed also to be dead.

The scalp owned by the son was found to fit exactly with the wound in Mrs. Sinclair's head.

METEOR'S MAST STEPPED.

Main Spar of Emperor William's New Yacht is Being Rapidly Completed.

The main mast of Meteor III, which is being built for the German emperor, was stepped the other afternoon.

Shortly after the main mast was stepped the bowsprit was placed in position. It is 55 feet in length and 15 inches in diameter.

H. Rider Haggard's brother, Lieut. Col. Andrew Haggard, is very indignant that one of the London papers should have announced that the distinguished officer was about to open a barber and hairdressing establishment in the West End.

Cleveland and society circles of London are much interested, as the number of smart people who are going in for business is increasing every day.

Native Indian Cavalry in London. It is said that the British government is considering the desirability of establishing a royal bodyguard of native Indian cavalry, to be quartered in London.

Kansas Children Out of School. State School Superintendent Nelson says that there are 120,000 children out of the schools of Kansas, in spite of the fact that the state has a compulsory attendance school law.

Tea Pills. The tea pills—14 to the ounce—of a Caucasian grower are simply compressed tea in a convenient form for travelers.

Like it. Mrs. Astor has bitten into the sour grape, says the Chicago-Record-Herald, and openly confessed that she doesn't like it.

WANT MODEL SALOONS.

Reform Scheme Which is Proposed for New York City, Planned After London Idea.

A committee of the City club of New York has met to discuss the feasibility of establishing in New York city a scheme of saloons modeled after the famous Central Public Trust association of London.

The general plan includes a big corporation, which will buy selected saloons, combine them with restaurants, and conduct them in ideal respectability and in strict observance of the law.

The London saloon scheme is endorsed by many of the leading citizens and clerics of Great Britain. Its secretary is Earl Grey, and among its vice-presidents are the bishop of Chester and Joseph Chamberlain.

The managers and assistants of the public houses are paid a commission and salary, and are made responsible for the proper conduct of the places. They are not permitted to sell liquor to anyone who is habitually a drunkard.

MONK MUSICAL DIRECTOR.

Father Hartmann Goes to Vienna and Produces an Oratorio of His Own Composition.

Father Hartmann, a Tyrolean monk of the Order of St. Francis, and a conductor in the Pope's orchestra in Rome, came to Vienna to conduct an oratorio he had composed in honor of the founder of his order.

Two years ago a young Italian abbe, Don Perosi, conducted his own oratorio in the Vienna Musical hall and the enthusiasm of the nobility knew no bounds.

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Don Perosi's music was more worldly and sounded well in the concert hall. Father Hartmann's sacred music, in the true sense of the word, should be heard in church only, and electric lights, applause and laurel wreaths were not in harmony with it.

The public was not enthusiastic, but those who know much about music and who had attended the rehearsal heard some excellent things in "San Franciscus," and are full of praise for the sweet melodies.

FALLS HEIR TO MILLIONS.

The Wife of a German Day-Laborer is Rewarded by Her French Brother-in-Law.

Frau Ehrenberg, the wife of a day laborer near Bonn, has fallen heir to \$2,000,000. When she was a girl some French prisoners were quartered at her father's home during the French war in 1870.

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DREAMS OF DEATH.

Wife 1,000 Miles Away Sees Her Husband in a Coffin.

Stranger Dies in Butte, Mont., and His Identity Discovers by Letter Received from His Agonized Widow.

A remarkable instance of a dream coming true, or a demonstration of clairvoyance or other psychic phenomenon, comes to light at Butte, Mont., in connection with the death of W. S. Mann, a stranger in Butte, who died of paralysis.

The body was held by an undertaker in the hope that the relatives might be found, and the day following the death a letter was received at his hotel.

About a week later another letter was received from the wife, having been written at Hot Springs, Ark.

Still another letter came, and in it she said she had the same vision three times, and she begged an immediate answer from anyone who might get the letter.

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