

DARING YOUNG STAGE DRIVER

Thirteen-Year-Old Youth Makes Some Speedy Races on His Route in Wyoming.

One of the youngest and most daring stage drivers in the United States is Victor White, a thirteen-year-old youth, who cracks the whip between Rock River and Laramie peak. "Vic," as he is known by all the tourists and ranchmen, makes the 45-mile trip in two dashing relays, running 20 miles in the forenoon and 25 miles in the afternoon. He makes three round trips each week, and upon the runs is as daring as a Cossack, says a report from Laramie to the Chicago Inter Ocean.

CHECKING FRUIT PARASITES.

Success of Efforts to Destroy the Enemies of Fruit Trees in California.

The fruit growers of California willingly acknowledge their great obligation to the entomological department of their university for the success with which the ravages of fruit pests in that state have been diminished if not totally prevented. To the scientific investigations of the faculty of that institution is due the general immunity from severe financial loss which the orchardists of the state enjoy, states the Scientific American.

FORNIG GOSSIP.

The Arabic use in the Koran differs as much from the Arabic used in ordinary conversation and intercourse in the east as the Latin differs from the Italian. The Koran Arabic is that of the literary classes; the colloquial is that of the common people.

Berlin has the best cab system in the world, and the cheapest. There are over 17 cabs, each equipped with a taximeter, which registers the distance traveled, and indicates on a dial the amount of fare due. The lowest charge is 12 cents, the rate being 17 1/2 cents a mile.

HORSESHOEING NOT SO SIMPLE

Education in the Trade is Needed, and There is a Demand for Schools in the Future.

Horseshoeing has become a science. The horsehooper learns how to fit shoes to curve laminae, how to shoe and cure hollow chests, how to shoe down, gallant steeds, and how to change the gait of a horse by the simple method of fitting his shoes to the gait desired, says the New York Sun.

TITLE OFFERED FOR SALE.

With It Was Guaranteed a Handsome Wife and an Assurance of Social Success.

The following advertisement appeared about a fortnight ago, reports London Truth, in the Morning Post: A TITLE CAN BE OBTAINED FOR a bachelor or widower (without income) possessing £20,000 rental. Address Vertan, 3.73, Morning Post office, Strand, W. C.

AGAIN UNDER FIRE.

Students' Rooms at Oxford Are Said to Be Dirty and Unsanitary.

British Medical Journal, After Making Investigation, Upholds the Criticism of "An American Mother." When the letter from "An American Mother" calling attention to the dirty and unsanitary condition of many students' rooms at Oxford was first published there was a storm of ridicule and denial from the officials and old students of the university.

THEIR BOTANY CORRECTED.

Thought They Knew White Mountain Orchids, But Made a Slight Mistake.

"Look before you leap," was always my motto," said a young clubman the other day, according to the New York Tribune, "but since my sister and I struck Gorham, N. H., this summer I've changed it to 'Don't leap any more.'"

FOUNTAINS IN THE DESERT.

Water Pressure Brought Out in Western Barren Regions by Use of the Drill.

When men, drilling for petroleum in the Colorado desert, struck, instead, a stream of clear gushing water, they made a discovery of far greater importance and value than the one sought. The artesian water thus brought to the surface is making possible the creation of great and permanent agricultural land values, says the Kansas City Star.

MANIA HAS MANY CANALS.

Mania is covered with a network of estuaries, or canals, which are very convenient as a means for transporting merchandise from one part of the city to another; yet these canals render it rather awkward for pedestrians who wish to cross them and have not the desire or the time to walk half a mile out of their way to do so.

SAVED BY A CONDUCTOR.

Redeemed Young Man Without Money Helped Out of an Awkward Situation.

A young man wearing diamonds on his fingers and in his scarf boarded a Broadway car the other day with a young woman who was also well supplied with diamonds. He escorted his companion to a seat, and then walked to the rear of the car where the conductor was collecting fares, says the New York Sun.

DANGEROUS SUPERSTITION.

Strange Results of the Discovery of Treasure in the Island of Sicily.

No matter what progress may have been made in intelligence and culture during late years in the larger towns of Sicily, the interior is just as full of superstition and ignorance as in the old days when the church ruled supreme, says the Pall Mall Gazette.

FIGHT TO DEATH IN MIDAIR.

A Desperate Battle Between a Hawk and Snake Cost the Lives of Both.

Mack Fall, a keeper of the parkhouse in Grantsville, W. Va., witnessed a thrilling fight in midair between a blacksnake and a chicken hawk. The hawk dived down from the top of a mountain acting as if it had been wounded, and when it came in range he could see that it was fighting with a snake which was wrapped about its body and gradually squeezing the life out of it. The snake would poke its head up as if to bite the hawk in the head, and the hawk would peck at the snake with its sharp bill.