

AUTOS PRE-EMPT HYDE PARK.

London's Famous Lathering Place for the Smart Set Now a Racing Ground for Motors.

Nothing is more expressive of the dullness of London just now than the few people to be seen in Hyde Park...

This practice is so much indulged in now that timid horsewomen are afraid to venture into the park for a quiet canter...

The automobile paper called Car condemns the practice and urges of course for the credit of automobilism generally to try to be considerate...

It is amusing to note the supreme contempt with which smartly liveried, clean-shaven coachmen and footmen look down upon the grimy, dusty, goggle-eyed chauffeur...

An old colonel who moved in the smartest circles for many years expressed quite the same opinion as the coachman...

An automobile was approaching as he spoke, covered with dust and muddy beneath, with the driver all greasy and dusty...

There's another," said the old colonel. "That's Lord Blank driving. There's no excuse for him bringing an untidy car into the park."

LIVE BEYOND INCOME.

English Committee Makes Revelation of Expenses of Officers in British Army.

The report of the committee appointed to inquire into the expenses incurred by officers in the British army...

The report is interesting as an official showing of the heavy tax on the private incomes of officers in all branches of the service...

The recommendations embodied in the report include the furnishing of the officers' kit and the payment of certain other expenses...

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHPLACE.

House in New York Where Roosevelt Was Born is Being Used as a Poolroom.

Poolroom men are clearly no respecters of persons. In the old-fashioned house in East Twentieth street, New York city...

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BUILDING OF CANAL.

United States May Be Forced to Employ Chinese Labor on Ditch.

Government Getting Ready to Energetically Push the Work of Constructing the Waterway Across the Isthmus.

Attorney Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Canal company, and Admiral Walker called at the state department the other day to talk to Secretary Hay about the work of the subcommittee...

Five thousand dollars a day is a modest estimate of the money which the United States will be expected to pay this work...

Admiral Walker's estimate of the number of men to be employed on the Panama canal when the United States formally enters on the project is 30,000...

The work of construction to be continued by the canal company until the exchange of ratifications of the canal treaty...

One purpose of the visit to the isthmus by a subcommittee of the canal commission is to study the labor question with a view to ascertaining a source from which an additional labor supply may be obtained...

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NEW USE FOR AUTOMOBILE.

Introduced as an Adjunct of Railroad by President of Eastern Road.

Charles A. Singer, president of the New York & Stamford Trolley road, has decided to introduce the automobile as an adjunct to modern railroading...

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A SUCCESSFUL HOUSEKEEPER.

She Must Have a Thorough Knowledge of Every Detail and Be a Manager.

One of the most important duties of a wife is to make a home and maintain home life. All the complicated duties of domestic economy...

The competent housekeeper of the present day must know how to do the work of the cook, the laundress, the waitress, the dressmaker, the nurse, and be family bookkeeper...

The spirit of order must reign in a home, and no one can bring it there but the mistress. If she only begins early in her married life the battle will not be so hard to win...

By the time they have reached manhood and maidenhood it almost amounts to a sixth sense. When a new duty appears they instinctively find a place for it in their plan of life...

Mutton Pie. A mutton pie may be made equally well from cooked meat, but will not have to cook more than 20 to 45 minutes so as to bake the pastry...

Maple Sugar Biscuit. Make a very rich, tender baking powder crust, using milk in place of water. Roll out about half the thickness of ordinary biscuit and cut into shape with the cover of a quarter pound baking powder can...

Paid Promptly. There is one thing about the wages of sin: the man who gets them never complains that he is not well paid.

TO REWARD MOTHERS.

New Organization Which Would Encourage Bearing of Children.

Money Awards to Be Paid to Members of "The Mothers' Birthday Club of America" When Babies Come Into the Home.

In the midst of the discussion of "race suicide" one hopeful note has been struck in the organization of "The Mothers' Birthday Club of America," which proposes to reward every mother who gives birth to a child...

The aim of the organization is to sell "literal" life insurance instead of death insurance, which is usually known by that name. One life insurance broker said if such a scheme be taken up by men who were actuated largely by philanthropic motives...

THE BRITISH SOLDIER. General Ben Viljoen, of Boer Army, Declares His Chief Fault is Lack of Independence.

Gen. Ben Viljoen, second in command of the Boer army, lectured upon some of the phases of the South African conflict before the Harvard union the other night. He received a most enthusiastic greeting. This was his first lecture in this country...

He said that without an officer to command, the rank were absolutely helpless, and that most of the officers were little better than the privates. For scores of them who were captured were found to be unable to do such a simple thing as cook their meals...

INDIFFERENT TO CRITICS. Burne-Jones Declares His Absolute Contempt for the Professional Reviewer.

Sir Philip Burne-Jones, the artist, after a visit here of over a year, has sailed for England. Before he left he had a few words to say about art critics. "I care nothing about what they have said of my works," he said...

ASTOR BUYS HISTORIC CASTLE. The Home of Anne Boleyn Near River Eden is Purchased for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

William Waldorf Astor has bought Hever castle, in the county of Kent, near the River Eden, England. The purchase price is said to be about \$200,000.

Hever castle dates from the time of Edward III. It was the home of Anne Boleyn. To it she was withdrawn from sight by King Henry VIII, after her engagement with her name was preserved there...

Detachable Goods. As a banquet of the American Irish Historical society in New York not long ago the chairman told a story apropos of the coal situation.

When he was coming down the gangplank on his return from Europe he had a handkerchief over his eye. An Irish customs officer asked: "Why have you your eye under cover?"

Temporarily Pleasant. Robert He who flatters you is your enemy. Richard: Oh, I don't know; he makes you feel good.—Detroit Free Press.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

A piece of Sevres which realized 1,900 guineas in London the other day had cost 700 guineas at the sale of the late Lord Dudley's china in 1886.

Massage treatment in Japan is administered almost entirely by blind persons. The reason is because in the blind sense of touch is more delicate than in persons blessed with sight.

Sweden's success in dealing with the problem of temperance is attested by the fact that the consumption of liquor is now only four quarts per head per annum, or one-sixth of what it was in 1830, whereas in Germany it is 11.2 quarts per head.

Some time ago a custodian of the Archeological museum in Florence became suddenly insane and smashed a world-famous old Greek vase. Some of the fragments disappeared and were advertised for. The other day the thief brought them back and left them on a table in the museum. The vase can now be reconstructed.

Tortillas, the Mexican substitute for wheat bread, are made from selected corn. The kernels are boiled soft in lime water, and after being thoroughly washed are rubbed between the hands to remove the outer husk. They are then ground while wet to a soft mass with stones or a peanut butter mill, patted into thin cakes, baked on a dry griddle and eaten while still hot.

BLIND TO GOOD SHOOTING. The Public is Not Appreciative of Clever Work with the Rifle.

"I tell you," declared the man who gives exhibitions of fancy rifle shooting in the interest of a big ammunition-house, according to the New York Sun, "it's discouraging to realize how little the public appreciates good shooting. I'm not grumbling. I want you to understand, because I don't get enough applause."

The Yukon Country. Prof. Macoun, the veteran botanist, who has made a special study of the Yukon country, is a very enthusiastic and very emphatic in preaching the gospel of proven arability of that semi-arctic territory.

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WOMEN OF VENEZUELA.

Are Models of Domestic Virtue and Are Beautiful and Sweet-Mannered.

Mrs. Bowen, the wife of the American minister to Venezuela, returned to this country with her husband a few years ago and has been stopping with friends in Washington. She is able to talk very entertainingly about the members of her sex in the South American republic...

The legation in Caracas, in which she has made her home for more than a year, is full of her pets, innumerable parrots, a beautiful peacock, while several monkeys inhabit the garden. The peacock is treated as a member of the family and feeds out of a cup as daintily as a young lady.

"Life in Venezuela is very delightful," she remarked. "I am sure that, while we would not find so many of the luxuries of life there as here, there is no place on earth more charming, both in the natural attractions of the country and in the people. To live among them is to be their friends. The women are models of domestic virtues and are famed the world over for their faithfulness. Some of them are the most beautiful creatures, both in form and feature, that one could imagine. I have seen many of all classes and of every age, and I have never seen one who is not a perfect beauty, who was engaged to a young man. It happened that he was arrested for some offense and remained in prison for two years. During the whole of the time the young lady would not go out of the house, but remained indoors as a proof of her steadfast affection. In fact, the ladies of Venezuela, who are of Spanish descent, go out in public very little. Most of their life is spent in the house and in their duties as mothers and wives they have few equals."

THE CATNIP MAN. Street Car Conductor Gets a Job Tacked onto Him Through Being Obliging.

"It's pretty near time for the catnip to start up again," the suburban conductor remarked to the other man standing on the platform, relates the Detroit Free Press.

"The catnip trouble," repeated the other man. "What's the catnip trouble?" "Oh," explained the conductor, "but when my car runs catnip grows all along the track—there's pretty near a mile of catnip out there. Several years ago I brought in a little bundle and gave it to one of my neighbors for her cat. She patted out that catnip all around the block to all the other people who had cats; and they tell me the cats nearly lost their minds over that fresh catnip. Most towns, you know, never get any catnip out of this old dried stuff from the drug stores. It's pitiful, isn't it? I suppose lots of nice cats have lived and died without over-tasting a bit of fresh country catnip."

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