

DESTINATION OF THE EARTH.

Expedition of Astronomers to Chile In Search of Light on This Mysterious Subject.

An important--which relatively few persons are aware of attaches to an expedition which has just gone to Chile from the Lick observatory in California. Its object is to find out whether we are all bound.

THE CATALPA TREE.

Contains Very Hard Wood and Rail-roads Are Hiring Them for Tie Purposes.

"Speaking of hard trees reminds me of the catalpa," said a man who farms out in one of the Louisiana parishes, reports the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE LAY OF THE HEN

Annual Output of Eggs and Poultry Is Worth \$285,000,000.

The American Fowl Is in the Same Class with Gold Mine and Oil Wells as a Producer of Wealth.

George Fayette Thompson, of the agricultural department, has written a treatise upon the modern hen which contains information of interest.

CAUSE OF WESTERN FLOODS.

Meteorologist Says the Recent Down-pour Is Due to West Indian Volcanoes.

The scientific explanation of the unprecedented rains in Kansas is that they are caused by the eruptions a year ago of Mont Pelé, Soufriere and other volcanoes.

ADVANCE OF SCIENCE.

Will Enable the World to Occupy the Sea a Century Hence.

West Floating City May Be Constructed with Advantages Superior to Those on Land--Some Possibilities.

How many of us realize that, except for a small tribute in the shape of fish food and certain salts, the ocean is today almost a dead sea to the world.

THE SIMPSON'S EVIL CHARMS.

Strange Beliefs of Swiss Peasants Regarding the Great Tunnel Well Founded.

Three strange and mighty natural phenomena of uncommon lands have hitherto almost like three evil charms hindered the completion of the great Simpson tunnel in Europe.

FISHES THAT SINK SHIPS.

A Number of Vessels Are Said to be Sunk by the Bottom Each Year by Their Attacks.

An average of five or six ships--often more--are said to be sunk every year by fish.

THE PEACH IS AN ALMOND.

Pears Are Apples, Gooseberries Are Currants, and Tomatoes are Cucumbers Are Fruit.

There are few more wrongly-named things in the world than the Jerusalem artichoke.

OUR 7,000 LAW-MAKERS.

Interesting Statistics Relating to the Legislatures of the Different States.

There are very nearly 7,000 members of the legislatures of American states, exclusive of territorial legislatures.

ACERIAL NAVIGATION.

The Smithsonian Institution has published a new edition of Dr. Langley's "Experiments in Aerodynamics."

Since that time, he says, he has demonstrated that a heavier-than-air machine is possible by actually performing it with steel flying machines.

THE MAORI "TAPU."

Singular Code in New Zealand That Has Come Down from the Past.

According to the laws of the New Zealand "Tapu" certain persons and things were always sacred.

SPANISH BEGGARS TO GO.

Ancient Organization of the "Portaduros" Threatened by Anti-Vagrant Measures.

Every tourist who contemplates a visit to Spain will recall that the government has reported favorably upon a measure for the repression of vagrancy.

THE CALIFORNIA READING HABIT.

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A SATURATED CLIMATE.

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GOLD FOUND IN TUNIS.

Strange Story of New Discoveries from Tunis.

A strange story of new discoveries from Tunis is stated that gold deposits have been discovered in the region of Sousse and El-Iskenderia.

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