

EXPLOSIONS IN MINES

Caused by Reckless Disregard of Rules and Danger.

Hundreds of Lives Blown Out and Peculiar Distraction Wrought Through the Lack of Carelessness.

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LATEST ABOUT BRAINS.

Some Recent Observations on the Relation of Skills to the Mental Powers.

Man's curiosity is naturally boundless concerning his brain, which is believed to be the seat and the token of that mental power which makes him the undisputed king of the earth.

The real progress in brain study is made by those who undertake the work as far as possible without any preconceived and preperpetrated theory to lead or mislead them.

These investigations show the importance of good feeding to brain development. The brain cannot do its work without an abundance of pure, well nourished blood.

AIRSHIPS OF THE FUTURE.

The Science of Aerodynamics Gives Promise of Aerial Navigation in the Year Future.

Wireless telegraphy has not yet reached the state of perfection although the progress is rapid and steady.

The discovery of the student of aerial navigation and some of the latest progress attending the efforts of the men who seek to discover the secret of flying, may lead to the invention of flying machines.

It is always been a theory among scientists that an Indian, a full blooded, would not walk. But all this changed in 1902 when a full blooded Indian was seen to walk.

PHONE AT THE TABLE

The Instrument May Now Be Used While One is at Meals.

Great Convenience to Men of Business Who Think They Cannot Waste Time Waiting for Waiter.

A man accompanied by two women entered an uptown restaurant the other night and sat down at a table near the wall, toward the rear of the room.

"Oh, yes, and bring me a telephone," said the man. "How can you eat a telephone?"

"These portable telephones," said the head waiter of the restaurant, "after the party had gone to the theater, are novelties which are fast becoming popular."

Each table is so arranged that there is a socket handy to which can be attached a portable telephone. The wires all lead to a private branch telephone exchange which we maintain in an upper room.

These telephones are a great convenience. Many men become impatient while waiting for the waiters to serve their orders, and a table phone often serves a useful purpose by giving diners something to keep them busy.

Another advantage is apparent in the business part of the town. Brokers going out for lunch can reserve certain tables in advance and keep in constant communication with their offices.

Most of the high-priced restaurants are installing these table telephones, and they must be appreciated by the public.

ANCIENT MEXICAN CITY.

Buried Metropolis Discovered by Excavators in the State of Coahuila.

Dr. Nicholas Lem, an archaeologist and ethnologist of the National Museum of Mexico, lately returned to the City of Mexico after a stay of two weeks in the state of Coahuila, where he made several important investigations of the recent finds of cities and animals of antiquarian times.

The discoveries made at Paradon in Coahuila are the most extraordinary that have been made in Mexico, and possibly anywhere in the world.

The destruction wrought by the flood was complete. All the inhabitants of the cities were killed, as well as all the animals. Skeletons of the human inhabitants and the animals are strewn all through the debris.

AGAINST FOOTBALL.

A bill was recently introduced in the Illinois legislature to prohibit the game of football in the State university and other institutions of learning supported wholly or in part by the State.

POLICIES FOR A PENNY.

Insurance Certificates Are Issued Through the Medium of Slot Machines in London.

It will shortly be possible to obtain an accident insurance policy by means of a penny-in-the-slot automatic machine, says the London Express.

The machine left it to the honor of the purchaser to write on the ticket the time and date of purchase, and many tickets were bought after the accident.

This difficulty has been overcome by an invention which has the appearance of a clock in a glass case and which was on view recently.

Attached to each policy are four coupons, and on presentation of these to tradesmen in the neighborhood of the machine a discount of 1 penny in the shilling on all goods bought up to four shillings will be allowed.

Two stock exchanges. Difference Between That of New York City and the Bourse of Berlin.

If any member of the New York stock exchange who is entirely unacquainted with German speculation should visit the Berlin bourse, he would find at every point the most striking divergences from his home experience.

The Berlin Bourse is a very large building, divided by colonnades into three sections, one of which is assigned to the produce exchange.

The shaded court is suggestive of deeper differences between the New York stock exchange and the Berlin bourse. In New York the number of members is fixed and is small in proportion to the immense volume of business done.

The two boys who had quarreled over the possession of six cents, of which the smaller boy insisted he had been defrauded.

"You looked me all right," he said, wiping his bloody nose on his ragged shirt sleeve, "but I'll fight you again if you don't fork over two cents of that money."

Old Coal Mines in England. Coal workings around Cheshire in North Staffordshire, England have been traced back as far as the reign of Richard III.

Comparative table of the cost of touring in various European countries has been drawn up by a syndicate. Taking England as the basis, it finds that Scotland is dearer, Ireland works out much the same as England, but the accommodation is not so good.

RIVAL OF AMETHYST.

Discovery of a New Gem Called After Finder, "Kunzite."

Stone Found in San Diego County, Cal., is as Clear as a Diamond.—Some Interesting Particulars.

Lovers of jewels will be delighted to learn that a valuable addition has just been made to the variety and stock of precious stones. As cut for mounting, the new gem, kunzite, exhibits an exquisite luster, deeper than that of the pink sapphire or topaz, and lighter than the purple of an oriental amethyst.

Although the discovery of a fine quantity of kunzite of comparatively recent occurrence, the existence of a poor grade and of allied species of the same mineral has long been known to specialists in that department of science.

As taken from the earth, the stone has only a slight luster. The masses of crystal are flat like cakes of amorphous gum, though of different hues.

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These are all forms of corundum, which in an impure state and ground to powder is known as emery. Pure corundum is an oxide of aluminum.

While the intrinsic charms of the new gem are alone sufficient to give it importance, the possession of a unique quality has been discovered which is sure to create a sensation.

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PLUENT UTTERANCE.

Of Its Kind It Was All Right, and It Immediately Settled the Bill.

Hockley has mounted to business success despite the handicap of a pronounced stutter. Though he is conscious of the credit to which he is entitled for not "lying down" on account of his infirmity, it does not follow that he would not willingly part with it.

A year ago Hockley saw in an advertisement what he conceived to be his opportunity. It was a Boston concern which promised to cure stammering in three months or no money would be required.

Hockley was encouraged to forward his name for enrollment and then he confidently began the treatment. For a time he was even able to persuade himself that he was making progress.

"Say, old man, do you know you're getting lots worse with that stutter of yours? I have been noting it especially the last two or three weeks."

"For the benefit of other sufferers who may be seeking relief," he wrote, "I am glad to give my experience with Hockley's stammer cure. When I first began I stammered about every fourth sentence. After only three months and two weeks of further practice of directions I am now able to and do stutter every time I attempt to speak, and even my friends avoid me. Anyone addressing me can obtain further information, and to those who all upon me I shall be glad to express myself with a great deal more emphasis than my modesty will permit me to employ through this medium."

After several emphatic requests from Hockley for the \$20 there was a lull and Hockley almost forgot the matter. Then one day a lawyer with whom he was not on friendly terms walked into Hockley's office.

"Mr. Hockley," he began, with a show of respect as he pulled a paper from his pocket, "I have now a bill for \$20 from the Hockley Stammer Cure Company for the use of your name. If you do not pay it, I will sue you for it. I have a copy of the bill with me, and if you will please sign it, I will be glad to give you a receipt for it. If you do not sign it, I will be glad to give you a receipt for it. If you do not sign it, I will be glad to give you a receipt for it."

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