

SHOW AMERICAN PRODUCTS

Displays and Demonstrations of Useful Articles at Fairs in Germany

The matter of exhibition goods and articles of production at fairs and expositions in the United States has long since passed the experimental stage and is recognized as an exceptionally good way of reaching the public. These splendid displays and demonstrations of the use of articles suggest a like treatment of certain kinds of goods in this country, where the fair or exhibition is double the attraction that it is in the United States.

AS TO JAPAN'S FINANCES.

To Pay for Modern Equipments the Nation Has Had to Draw Heavily on the Future.

For a long time money has been known as the sinews of war, though latterly its place has been taken largely by credit. A national debt seems to be almost the sine qua non of an independent nation. In fact, writes N. T. Bacon in Booklovers Magazine, Bolivia and Siam appear to be the only civilized or semi-civilized countries not provided with one.

OUR MACHINERY IN GERMANY

Many Lines in Which American Manufacturers Can Hope to Compete with Home Trade.

It would be unsafe to conclude that because American harvesting machinery has sold in large quantities all other kinds of American farming implements, including farm wagons, carts, etc., would necessarily meet with the same measure of success or be at all in demand.

DRAINING THE EVERGLADES.

When Completed an Immense Tract of Land Will Have Been Opened to Cultivation.

There are great agricultural possibilities in the Florida Everglades. Though they are yet merely an expansive waste of swamp and lake and jungle, writes J. E. Ingraham in Success, I venture to predict that they will be the location of hundreds of fertile farms within ten years.

FROGS FOR THE MARKET.

Raised in Large Numbers in Southern Marshes for Northern Consumption.

It is not so many years ago that frogs legs were eaten only by epicures and there were many among those who delighted in a luxurious table that would not be induced to partake of the delicate member limbs of the big-mouthed batrachia because of superstitious reasons.

TAKE OUT MANY PATENTS.

Inventors of Chicago Are Granted One Thousand a Year on Their Devices.

One thousand patents a year are granted citizens of Chicago. Illinois stands seventh in the list of states that take out patents according to population. Connecticut and Massachusetts still holding their own for native ingenuity.

FOUNDING CRIPPLE CREEK.

Location of the Golden Settlement by Winfield Scott Stratton When a Poor Prospector.

About a dozen years ago, a weary, plodding man with a hammer in hand left Colorado Springs to look for gold. He was a poor man, and on that trip had been grub-staked—that is, some one had lent him enough money to pay his expenses with the understanding that if gold was found, the man who lent the money should receive a certain proportion.

MUCH WORK FOR DOCTORS.

Health Conditions of Panama Will Necessitate Constant Attention for Some Time.

Not only the engineers, but also the doctors, will have much work to do in connection with the construction of the Panama canal. The health conditions in the vicinity are very bad; it would be difficult to find worse, writes Alfred Noble, in Success. The chagras fever, which is peculiar to this region—being named, indeed, after the river of that name—prevails constantly and is a very serious menace to the lives of men from the north.

ARE VERY RICH ISLANDS.

Mere Flocks of Land in the Pacific Ocean That Are Veritable Treasures to Man.

The recent success of the revenue cutter Manning, Captain McClanahan in command to the Aleutian islands, on the coast of Alaska, has had memorable results. Captain McClanahan found the streams of Attu and of the other islands crowded with seal-rookeries. This discovery may prove to be of great financial value may be realized when it is considered that the revenue from the rookeries of the Prithoff islands has amounted thus far to over \$5,000,000.

ONE OF THE VERY MEANEST

The Fellow Who Played Such a Trick Deserved an Energetic Overhauling.

The telephone bell in an uptown residence rang a few evenings ago and a young woman, who was expecting a call, rushed to answer it, being sure that one of her admirers had called her up, relates the Washington Post. "Is this—?" demanded a voice, repeating the number of the phone in question.

She Got the Money.

"Harry," she said, "I want \$50." "But my dear," he protested, "that's nearly all the cash I have on hand at the present moment, and I had planned to use it to take up a note."

Little Girl's Loves.

Bessie (aged five) was accustomed to come to her mother's room before the family was up. One Sunday morning, while making the customary visit, the odors of breakfast in preparation managed to reach the sleeping quarters.

LIFE OF MAN IS BRIEF.

As Compared with Other Created Things, His Career is But a Span.

The life of man seems indeed but a transient hour, hardly long enough to look about us and to die when we compare it with the existence of a tree, says Colliers Weekly. In comparison to some of the sequoias, Methuselah died in infancy.

END OF AN ILLINOIS FARM.

Belonged for Many Generations to One Family Then Turned Into an Orchard.

A month since, a well-known naturalist of St. Louis, Mo., who has been a student of the habits of the woodpecker for many years, has just returned from a visit to the Illinois farm which he has been studying for some time. He reports that the farm, which has been in the hands of the same family for over a century, is now being converted into an orchard.

Hard Luck Sure.

While on a visit here the other day ex-Senator David B. Hill met an old time acquaintance and asked him how he was "getting along."

Nelson's Flagship.

The Victory, which bore Nelson's flag at Trafalgar, has been thoroughly repaired and is to be put to sea again. She will be the flagship of the naval command-in-chief. The prediction is made that she will float for another half-century at least. It is 146 years since the Victory was launched at Chatham—England.

FARM MACHINERY IN EGYPT.

Importation of Agricultural Engines and Motors Has Become a Necessity.

It is a notable fact that Egypt is greatly increasing its production of cotton and corn, and when these are harvested the soil is again cultivated for the growing of wheat, barley, clover, etc. To do this properly, Egypt has found it necessary to have various kinds of farm machinery, which, however must be imported. In 1903 the imports of steam engines amounted to \$44,000, of steam boilers and steam-machine parts, \$3,500, and other machinery and machine parts, \$10,000.

A Sympathetic Nature.

"Young man," said the employer, sternly, "you misinformed me when you said yesterday that you wanted to go away to get a funeral."

Awful Prospect.

"Young man," said the girl's father, "do you realize what you are undertaking?" "Why—er—yes, I think so," stammered the suitor.

Boom for Korean Stamps.

The war has made a boom in Europe for Korean postage stamps. Japan established a postal system in Korea in 1894, but the stamps of the first issue are now very scarce, as the Koreans burned up most of it by setting fire to the post office at Seoul, as a protest against the innovation. Another issue was not made for ten years—London Mail.