

TELEGRAPHY IN AUSTRALIA.

Railroads and Other Improvements Are Unusually Extensive in That Country.

The circumstances of Australia, and the conditions of its settlement, have had the effect of making both its railroads and its telegraphs unusually extensive in comparison with the number of its population...

TANGIER NIGHT FASCINATES

Writer Declares That Nothing Is Quite So Beautiful as Moorish Evening.

Tangier is most fascinating at night; then the clear moon of the south throws a veil over the city, the brow becomes softened, the shadows deepened...

MAKE GEMS FROM QUARTZ.

Rock Crystal, Purest Form of That Stone, Employed in Manufacture of Diamonds.

Diamond cutting up to a recent time was nearly all done abroad, Holland being the chief center of the industry for some centuries...

NO BOUNDS TO HIS LOYALTY

Billion Vender Celebrates Recognition by Duchess by Throwing Wares Away.

A pretty little incident was recently witnessed in Moscow in connection with the imperial children of Russia. While driving in the fair grounds with her sisters Grand Duchess Olga...

WOODEN RUSSIA.

Few people who have traveled about the Russian empire can imagine how boundless is its wood timber. "Wooden Russia" is the name applied to the vast forest areas of Russia in Europe...

FRUIT TREES FROM EAST.

Lynn, Mass. Man Was the First to Introduce Industry Into California.

It was a Lynn (Mass.) man who carried to California her first fruit tree. E. A. Ingalls, a 49-er, took from Lynn to California 55 years ago the shipment of cultivated fruit trees...

SEA HAS GROWN DEEPER.

Level of the Mediterranean Nine Feet Above That During Old Roman Times.

The phenomenon of the changes in the level of the sea is one which is well shown in the case of the Mediterranean. M. P. Negri is a recent brochure presented to the Academy of Sciences...

TOLSTOI BOYS FIGHT JAPS.

Although the Count Is Denouncer of Present War, Sons Are with Russians.

Count Tolstol, social reformer, abhors all wars and denounces the particular war which is now raging between Russia and Japan...

PRINTS PHOTOS ON APPLES

Portrait of Edward VII on French Fruit Arouses Interest—The Method Explained.

A firm of fruit auctioneers at Covent Garden recently received from France a remarkable consignment of apples. On each apple was a portrait of King Edward VII.

WINTER AND SUMMER STAMPS.

The post office department is sending out its winter stamps now. Few know that there is a difference between winter stamps and summer stamps.

QUEER NAMES IN TOWN.

Fremont, West Australia, has some queer names. The mayor is a Carr, the chief printer is Cant, a contractor Thok...

OPALS NO LONGER FEARED

Superstition That the Stone Brings Bad Luck Passing Away—Stranger Looks Life the Cause.

Superstition fades away in the strenuous life of the twentieth century. And the return to common sense has shown itself in the modern fancy for opals.

NUDNESS JAPS JAPANESE.

Severe Shock Is Administered to the Islanders by This Form of Art.

At the St. Louis fair a Japanese merchant was praising the exhibit of Japs. "We shall undoubtedly get a number of awards, prizes, medals and diplomas..."

WARMS NOSE WITH CIGAR.

New York Man Holds Fire End Close to Face and Then Takes Snuff.

Many and varied are the ways and means adopted by people these days as a protection from the cold, but one of the oddest schemes is that of a man who uses his cigar to warm his nose.

CALLS SUN A BINARY STAR

Prof. Bigelow Expounds Ideas About Old Sol and Laws Governing Him.

"The sun should be regarded as an incipient binary star," says Prof. Bigelow in the Weather Review. Recent scientific work in investigating the circulation of the solar atmosphere...

DIPLMAT A FINE PIANIST

Theodore Hansen, first secretary of the Russian embassy in Washington, is an accomplished musician, being devoted especially to the piano.

INGENUITY TEST OF MIND.

Inventive Ability, Says Professor Thomas, Is a Sure Sign of Mental Soundness.

Another test of mental ability which deserves special notice is mechanical ingenuity, says Prof. W. I. Thomas, in the Forum. Our white pre-eminence owes much to this faculty...

JAP WROTE POEM IN BLOOD

Handkerchief Found on Person of Dead Islander Contains Verse Telling Loyalty.

On my way to the rear, after the battle of Nanshan, writes a Japanese officer, in Leslie's Monthly, I ram-suddenly upon a couple of soldiers with a lantern.

ROMANCE OF SUMATRA LEAF

Many Little Episodes Are Attached to This Unique Tobacco Plant.

The story of Sumatra leaf tobacco, as grown under cheese-cloth in Connecticut, is one of the romantic episodes of agriculture, says a writer in Country Life in America.

COSTIER THAN CHAMPAGNE.

Although champagne is called the "wealthy water" there are few hotels in the country where one can pay more than four dollars a quart for it.

NO SCAR UNDER RED LIGHT.

As a result of experiments made in some of the hospitals in Paris, it is stated that vaccination performed under a red light leaves no scar and causes less pain.

IMMATERIAL.

Jones (at the bank)—Must I be identified? Teller—Not unless you wish—the check is no good!—Town Topics.

TREATY CAUSED THE WAR.

China's Compact with Russia Responsible for Fight Over Port Arthur.

Japan is about to come into possession of Port Arthur, after sacrificing 50,000 infantrymen, two battleships and half a dozen torpedo boats.

BARBERS' TOWEL SUPPLY.

Special Branch of Business That Has Grown Out of Modern Needs.

One of the special branches of the distinctly modern but now well-established business of supplying clean towels is found in establishments that supply and launder towels for barbers exclusively.

MUSIC A GOOD STIMULANT.

Experiments Prove That Melody Acts on Heart Thus Causing Rapid Breathing.

The experiments of Ginet and Courcier were conducted with a view to determining the effect of music upon breathing and upon the action of the heart, writes Gustav Kobbe, in Good Housekeeping.

WOULD SEEK NORTH POLE.

According to British sources, the duke of Orleans has applied to the Norwegian government for permission to hire Dr. Nansen's ship the Fram for the purpose of an arctic expedition next year.

JACKIES JOIN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Forty-one of the jackies on board the battleship Ohio, at San Francisco, have become charter members of a Christian Endeavor society, which was organized on the ship on October 11.

WAYS TO KILL MILK GERM.

There Are Many of Them, But the Bacteria Crushing Machine Is Last.

Many ways of killing the bacteria in milk have from time to time been suggested. A recent and ingenious way is to crush the bacteria to death by pressure, as a man crushes an insect under the pressure of his boot.

MUSIC AS A THERAPEUTIC.

Mental and Physical Ills May Be Relieved by Its Aid—One Example of Use.

Much assistance is in many instances to be derived from the intelligent use of music, either vocal or instrumental, as a therapeutic adjunct.

UNNECESSARY DISTINCTION

Expressions "By and By" and "By the Bye" Are Cause of Arguments as to Origin.

The two expressions "by and by" and "by the bye" are really derived from the same original word and the words "by" and "bye" have the same general sense.