

IRRIGATE IS CRY OF WEST

Much Desert Land May Be Reclaimed by Using System of Artificial Watering
It is estimated that there remain in the dry region of the west about 600,000,000 acres of vacant public land...

CATS RELISH GREEN PEAS.

Feline Gourmets Regard the Vegetable as Especially Delicacy-Carrots Benefit Health.
It is generally supposed that cats are carnivorous animals, yet from investigations recently undertaken by a French cat fancier it would appear that vegetarians are to be found even among the feline tribe...

GRIM JEST OF KITCHENER.

Orders Issued Placing Regimental Schoolmaster at Officers' Disposal-Other Bits of Humor.
Lord Kitchener of the British army recently made an army order placing the regimental schoolmaster at the disposal of officers that they might have an opportunity to complete their elementary education...

FRANCE DELAINS AS PRISONERS OF STATE

In Algeria both the emperor of Anam and the queen of Madagascar, while in Martinique also keeps imprisoned the king of Dahomey, King Przemeh of Ashanti, along with his numerous wives, the queen mother and his children, are prisoners of Great Britain on the Seychelles islands...

SULTAN HAS QUEER NOTIONS.

The first time the present sultan of Morocco saw a compass he was very inquisitive as to its use. When it was explained that the trembling needle pointed to the north, uniformly he seemed interested, but incredulous...

CHILD MARRIAGES INCREASING.

The custom of marrying girls when they are mere children of nine or ten years is increasing rather than decreasing in Bengal and other parts of India. The resulting racial degeneration is becoming so obvious that laws have been passed in several regions forbidding the marriage of girls under 14.

CHICAGO LIKES PICKLE DIET

Western Metropolis Has Become the Largest Consumer in the United States.
That Chicago is becoming the greatest pickle eating community in the United States is a claim made by the Tribune. It is said that inside the city limits is one of the most extensive pickle works in the world...

STIFF SHIRT IN DISFAVOR.

Soft-Bosomed Article Gains in Popularity and Manufactures Are Heavy Losers.
All the shirt manufacturers of the country are heavy losers on account of the latest whim of American shirt wearers, according to the statement of a Glens Falls (N. Y.) agent...

MANY DESERTIONS IN NAVY.

Navigation Authorities Astonished at Number Who Take French Leave of Service.
Desertions in the navy are increasing to such an extent as to give the naval authorities the gravest concern. The condition is not admitted in the bureau of navigation, but the reports received there from the ships on home and foreign stations contain statistics of desertions that are of alarming proportions...

SOME HARMLESS OATHS.

"Tinker's Dam" and "Twenpenny Dam" May Be Used in Select Circles Without a Quailm.
In the United States it is common to say that you "don't give a tinker's dam" for something or other. Our English cousins, in similar circumstances, say "a twopenny dam." Each of these apparent oaths is harmless, and may be used in polite society without a quailm.

UNIQUE SCHOOL IN PARIS.

There is in Paris a new school of psychology to investigate such questions as mind reading, mental suggestion at a distance, clairvoyance, presentiments, automatic writing, double personality, etc. This school has for its members medical men almost entirely.

BEIT WEIGHS NINE TONS.

A gutta-percha and rubber manufacturing company of Toronto has made a belt for the grain elevator of the international railway at St. John which is one of the largest ever produced. It is of rubber and measures 259 feet. Its weight is also tons.

UNIQUE IRRIGATION PLAN.

South Dakota Man's Scheme Is to Keep Moisture in the Soil by Using Sand.
Sioux Falls, S. D.—J. M. Greene, one of the pioneer advocates of irrigation in the central and western parts of the state, is the originator of an idea which will, it is believed, result in good crops in central and western South Dakota during even the driest years.

BOAT BUILT OF NEWSPAPERS

Two Young Men Construct Vessel from 300,000 Copies of Vienna Publication in Short Time.
Vienna.—A new use has been discovered for old newspapers by a young engineer of this city. He is a young man of eccentricity as well as his ability. Having made a wager with one of his friends that he would become the possessor of a "yacht" by a certain date, and not having the wherewithal to purchase one, he interested a naval constructor in the idea of making a boat out of old papers.

BOY THINKS HE IS A RABBIT

Hypnotist Is Unable to Undo His Work and Flees Farmer's Vengeance.
Duluth, Minn.—William Burgeson, the 11-year-old son of a farmer living near Fertile, Minn., imagines he is a rabbit and his life is despaired of. He was placed in this condition by a hypnotist, who called himself Prof. Isoid and who gave an entertainment at Fertile.

LOSES SPEECH BY A FALL.

Street Car Accident to a Prominent California Doctor Renders the Victim Dumb.
San Bernardino, Cal.—Dr. John Collier, of Los Angeles, is at the home of his father here, unable to articulate, having completely lost his power of speech by a fall from a street car.

RARE BOOKS SOLD.

New York.—Two of the rarest books in the collection of Americana made by the late Bishop John Hurst have just been sold at auction. One was a copy of the Mohawk prayer book, printed in this city by William Bradford in 1715. It brought \$1,300. The other was a copy of the second edition of Elliot's Indian Bible, and it sold for \$410.

TWINS DIVORCED FROM TWINS.

Springfield, O.—Alvin and Alva Huskies, two brothers, were granted divorces from twin sisters in a local court here the other day. The Reason. A man in New Jersey says he has not slept a wink for ten years. Motives?

NIGHT AND DAY BANK.

INSTITUTION UNIQUE IN HISTORY OF FRANCE ORGANIZED.
Is Expected to Meet Emergencies—New Yorkers May Secure Money at Any Hour—Will Pay No Money on Deposits.
New York.—Impressed by the need of an institution where money can be obtained at any hour, prominent New York financiers and commercial men have organized the Night and Day Bank and Safe Deposit company.

WILL MOVE MUCH IRON ORE

Prediction That 30,000,000 Tons Will Be Shipped from Lake Superior Region Next Season.
From present indications about 30,000,000 tons of iron ore will be moved from the Lake Superior region next season. This is the prediction of a man very prominently identified with the lake marine, and he does not make such predictions without some excellent reason for his estimate.

FISHES WITH ELECTRICITY.

Pole Seeks Patent on New Time-Saving Device—Bait Rings on Approach of Fish.
Berlin.—The Berlin patent office has had some strange propositions presented to it, but never a more eccentric one than that just handed in by a Polish inventor living here, who has already invented a number of useful machines or modifications of others already existing.

GOOD PLACE TO DIE.

Gen. Strossel Can't Understand Why Any Russian Soldier Should Be so Base as to Have Doubts about the Desirability of Post-Arthur as a Tomb.
Philadelphia.—Miss Marlon Honeyman Wood, a member of the city's most exclusive social circles, a former hospital nurse and actress, is at present engaged in a new venture, and the set in which she moves has been given a new theme for conversation.

BLIND BOYS PLAY FOOTBALL.

Three Members of Kentucky Team Entirely Sightless—Opposing Players Required to Yell.
Louisville, Ky.—The latest addition to the list of things that the blind can enjoy is football. Last summer the sightless wards of the state of Kentucky organized a basketball team and played many exciting games.

LEASING CHILD FOR \$5 A YEAR.

Resident of Rock Grove, Ill., Turns Over Daughter to Learn House-keeping for Seven Years.
Freeport, Ill.—Grace A. Bolander, a nine-year-old girl, binds herself to serve a seven-year apprenticeship to the housekeeping art, and will take her lessons from Jacob Lank, according to a unique paper that has been filed with the recorder of Stephenson county.

A SEEDLESS APPLE.

Much Like the Jonathan But as Solid as a Potato—Trees Said to Be Almost Immune to Frosts and Insects.
St. Louis, Mo.—That it is just as easy to grow an apple without seeds as it is to grow an orange is demonstrated by John F. Spencer, of Grand Junction, Col., who had an exhibit of seedless apples in the Horticultural building at the world's fair.

WILL DISCOURAGE TRAMPS.

Authorities of New York Town Will Endeavor to Keep City Free from Road Wanderers.
Hornellville, N. Y.—Chief of Police Hines has adopted what he intends to be effective methods to prevent tramps making this city one of their stopping-off points.

FAMOUS FEMALE ANARCHIST.

Louise Michel, the famous French anarchist, has almost entirely recovered from the severe attack of pleurisy which nearly ended her stormy career recently. She is 74 years old.

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