

WORK OF GLACIER.

MT. TACOMA ICE FIELDS MADE TO FURNISH LIGHT.

Have Become the Source of Electrical Power That Is Furnished to Cities a Hundred Miles Away.

Among the great mountain peaks on the Pacific coast, that of Tacoma is perhaps best known, owing not only to its size, but to the immense ice-cap upon its summit, formed by the number of glaciers which exist there.

While the peak is sometimes termed Mt. Rainier, Tacoma, the title which the Indians gave it, is a far more appropriate name for this peak, since "Tacoma" in a sense means snow.

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GEESE KILLED IN FLIGHT.

Whole Flocks of Wild Fowl Sometimes Meet with Death in Winter Storms.

The large black-headed goose is a strong, hardy bird, generally remaining on its own native water until the ice forms firmly.

Sometimes, when the cold weather sets in late up north, as in all probability it has this year, the wild geese suffer from their devotion to their native place.

Once a flock came tumbling into the street of an eastern township's village, where the half-blinded things became the easy prey of the boys and dogs of the place.

In another place a farmer chanced one spring to find the frozen carcasses of more than 30 fine geese in a drift in one of the fence corners.

There are several instances recorded of flocks of geese in a storm running full tilt into the ends or sides of farm buildings.

One on Taft. Manager—Now, for this position we require a man who has a large acquaintance.

HONEY IN SOLID FORM.

It Is Better and Cheaper Than the Liquid Variety, Say Beekeepers.

Bee keepers are now trying to educate the American housekeeper in the wisdom of buying honey in solid form.

"The ignorance on this simple subject is so general," said an expert on bees and honey, "that the majority of women, seeing part of a bottle or comb of honey granulated or sugary, will refuse to purchase it, thinking it has been adulterated with glucose."

"As a matter of fact, while honey which has been mixed with other substances may retain its liquid form indefinitely, all that is absolutely pure will granulate in time.

"Heretofore, in an effort to sell their extracted honey, bee keepers have been subjecting it to a great heat and sealing it, while hot, in airtight bottles.

"It was the difficulty which bee keepers experienced in preventing the alfalfa honey from granulating that made them think of educating the public up to the point of buying it in a block.

"Honey in solid form is cheaper, because the expensive bottling process is not necessary, and it is easier to handle and ship.

"When thoroughly hardened, it is wrapped in oiled paper to keep it airtight and placed in a pasteboard box with an outer covering of paper.

"While any honey will remain in liquid form all winter if kept in a warm room, adulterated honey will not granulate.

VISION KEY TORICHES

CURTAIN BRACKET THE RESULT OF A DREAM.

Pennsylvania Woman Sees Household Device While Asleep, and Idea Has Been Successfully Carried Out.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—A midsummer night's dream, over four years ago, furnished Mrs. Kate M. Dymond, of Moosic with the inspiration which later enabled her to perfect a curtain bracket.

Mrs. Dymond makes no pretense at being a mechanic, though her skill along such lines is everywhere recognized by her acquaintances.

When she awoke in the morning the dream was the first thought which came to her mind. She did not say anything to her husband, but when he had gone to look after some business she took a pencil and paper and drew on it the best she knew how a design of the bracket that she saw in the dream.

After thinking it over for a couple of weeks she decided to apply for a patent. The patent was finally granted.

Beauty Who Was Edward VII's Partner a Match Vendor—Dies in Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga.—Miss Romena Peyton, who danced with the prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., at the historic ball given in his honor in New York, when he visited America, is dead, after spending the last years of her life as a match woman on the streets of Atlanta.

OUR ROADS IN LEAD.

AMERICA IS FOREMOST IN THE WORLD'S RAILWAYS.

This Country Owns 211,074 of World's Total Mileage of 543,000—Bureau of Statistics Reports Uncle Sam Ahead.

Washington.—The United States leads the world, both in the present mileage and the recent growth of its railways. This is shown in a report on "The Transportation Routes and Systems of the World," issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

It points out that of the total railway mileage of the world, aggregating in 1904 543,000 miles, there were 211,074 miles in the United States, 35,323 miles in European Russia, 32,967 miles in Germany, 28,102 in France, 26,950 in India, 24,120 in Austria-Hungary, 22,634 in the United Kingdom, 19,611 in Canada, 15,569 in Africa, 14,113 in Australia, 11,569 in Argentina, 10,356 in Mexico, 9,961 in Italy, 9,368 in Brazil, 7,697 in Sweden, 7,322 in Siberia, Manchuria and the other former Asiatic possessions of Russia, 4,495 in Japan and 1,176 in China.

Growth of the railways in the United States has been very rapid. Beginning in 1835 with 1,000 miles, the number steadily grew and in the decade 1865 to 1875 it doubled and then rapidly came up to the present number, which represents an outlay of \$11,630,000,000 out of an aggregate cost of \$37,000,000,000 for the entire world.

The total tonnage of vessels flying the American flag increased from 5,212,001 tons in 1855 to 4,656,543 tons in 1905. This increase is due to the increase in the tonnage of vessels engaged in the coastwise trade.

Freight rates on both land and sea have decreased. The rate per bushel of wheat from New York to Liverpool was about ten cents in 1873 and about one cent in 1905.

Sloux Falls, S. D.—Not even a flood, in which several lives were lost and property to the value of many thousands of dollars was carried away, can destroy the family cat and prevent it from coming back.

This was illustrated by the adventure of a cat belonging to the family of John Barkley, a resident of Fort Pierre, situated at the junction of the Bad and Missouri rivers in central South Dakota.

Among the buildings carried away was the home of Barkley. In the house at the time was the family cat, a big, tiger-striped animal known as Tabby. Nothing was seen or heard of the cat until a day or two ago, when it calmly walked into the new home which Barkley had erected and took its place by one of the stoves.

Barkley expresses the opinion that the cat at the time of the flood was carried by the swift current directly across to an island opposite the mouth of Bad river, where it lived on rabbits and other small game until it discovered that crossing the Missouri river on the ice was possible, when it ventured to the main land and found its way to the Barkley home.

BUG STOPS DIVORCE SUIT.

Queer Defense Put Up by Husband Changes Mind of Wife and the Couple Are Living Happily.

Beaumont, Tex.—In the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Anna Orren, of Parish, against her husband on the ground of non-support of herself and child, the husband answered the complaint in defense and declared that "the alleged non or insufficient support, if any, is from an act of God, whereby the living pestilence of the boll weevil did attack and has destroyed in various seasons his cotton crop, thus for the time charged by the plaintiff reducing him to impoverishment and rendering him powerless against the Divine will to provide support."

NO RACE SUICIDE THERE.

The Town of Tompkins, N. Y., Reports 18 Deaths, 10 Marriages and 44 Births—No Divorces.

Middletown, N. Y.—The town of Tompkins, Delaware county, respectfully calls the attention of President Roosevelt to its report of the vital statistics for the year 1905, which shows that while there were eighteen deaths and ten marriages the number of births rose to 44.

These farm hands of Hungary who are talking of going on a strike next summer should go to Kansas instead. Goolash guaranteed three times a day.

PROTECTION FOR GAME.

Agricultural Department Shows the Need of Action to Prevent Extinction of Animals.

Washington.—The thorough restocking of game covers is urged in a report issued by the department of agriculture in a report on "game conditions in January."

"Now that the hunting season is practically over," the report says, "the biological survey suggests that efforts be directed toward insuring more effective protection of game and an adequate supply for the future.

"The difficulty is augmented by the fact that southern birds are scarcely hardy enough to stand northern winters, and hence it is difficult for northern states to secure birds suited to the climate.

"Perceiving that absence of food and shelter is the principal cause of mortality, state officials, game associations and many private individuals have united in attempting to make good these deficiencies.

"Much activity prevailed last year in Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina and West Virginia. Such measures are needed to preserve the game from possible ultimate extinction."

GAME SEASON IN MAINE.

More Deer Shot in the State Last Fall Than Ever Before in Its History.

Bar Harbor, Me.—The report of the fish and game commissioners for the state of Maine, recently filed with the governor, shows that the game season of 1905 was a record breaking one. The commissioners say that there have been more hunters in the state than ever before and that more moose and deer have been shot.

The record kept by the American Express company at Bangor shows that 4,836 deer, 210 moose and 38 bears have been shipped to various points. Thus far this breaks the record.

Practically all the deer and moose shipped were killed by sportsmen from outside the state, mostly from New York. If every deer that was killed in 1905 could be recorded, the number would come as a shock to most people.

This season the hunting conditions were very favorable, the weather was good and the game plentiful. Then, of course, the general prosperity of the country has something to do with it. The greater part of those who come to Maine to hunt are men of moderately well to do positions, who prefer to spend their brief vacation in the woods. Facilities for getting into the woods at a nominal expense are better than ever before.

EXPLOSIVE GEMS.

It is not uncommon for a diamond to explode soon after it reaches the surface; some have been known to burst in the pockets of the miners or when held in the warm hand, and the loss is the greater because large stones are more liable to explode or fly in pieces than small ones.

"We will furnish them a good mount and a blanket," said Mr. Miller, "and put them out in camps along the river some place. Let them sleep out doors, eat out of the tail end of a wagon, and live the regular cowboy life, but of course, without much of the work of it. We'll send some of the cowboys that are pretty good fellows—good story tellers and all that, ever to take care of them, and have a cattle round-up once in a while for their benefit."

FLYING SQUIRREL IN CHIMNEY.

A flying squirrel recently came down the chimney, a la Santa Claus, at William C. Leavitt's home in Newbury, R. I. He got into the soot on his passage down and got through the flue into the room. He looked black, and at first was called a black squirrel. He was a rare looking animal. He did not appear to be much frightened and was easily caught.

ELASTIC CURRENCY.

A rubber trust, capitalized at \$30,000,000, has been organized in New Jersey. Here's your elastic currency.

RING THE CURSE OF SPAIN

Simple Band Is Known as "Mephisto's" and Brings Misfortune to Dynasty.

There is always a distinction and a sort of pride in possessing something which no one else has, even if that something is reputed to be a dispenser of misfortune and history can show that the possessor is sure to get into trouble through it. Until very recently the Spanish royal family was in this enviable position and this lasted from about the middle of the sixteenth century until after the time of the Spanish-American war.

This unique but unfortunate possession is nothing more or less than an innocent-looking but rather wonderful ring, and because it is reputed to be the carrier of ill luck, it has been dubbed "Mephisto's ring." In appearance it is similar to an ordinary marriage band of solid gold with the exception that it is set with a large and perfect emerald, the center of which has been hollowed out and contains a ruby so cut as to fit exactly. Around these at the edge of the emerald are alternately set pearls and diamonds of about the size of pin heads.

Although this ring is said to be quite valuable and to have a wonderful history attached to it, no one can be found in Spain who is willing to take it even as a gift, and this because it is universally known what "Mephisto's ring" means.

This evil ornament came into Spanish possession at the time of the reign of Philip II., but how no one seems to know. History tells that during the reign of this monarch and those of his successors, Philip III. and Philip IV., the country was slowly but surely on the decline. This ring was in the possession of all these kings. From the reign of Philip IV. to that of Charles IV. the ring cannot be traced, but it then again springs into existence, and history tells of the disastrous wars between Spain and England during the time of the last-named monarch.

Next Philip's son, who ascended the Spanish throne as Ferdinand III., is taken prisoner by Napoleon and the Spanish throne is given to the brother of the French emperor. Then comes the Carlist rebellion under Ferdinand's daughter, Isabella II., and the banishment of Queen Christina; the war with the Moors; the banishment of Queen Isabella in 1868; the general scenes of anarchy and bloodshed during the years of 1873 and 1874, and finally the quarrels between Spain and her colonies, which resulted in the disastrous Spanish-American war.

At the time of the commencement of the recent war between Spain and the United States this ring was presented by the Spanish royal family to a church in the hope that having a religious institution as its owner its evil effects would be averted. This did nothing toward changing its influence, for almost immediately after its reception by the church this house of worship was burned to the ground, and the ring was thereupon returned to its owner.

It was then given to a museum, but, like the church, this was also destined to receive harm, for it was twice a thing said never to happen struck by lightning. The ring was again returned to the Spanish royal family, where it remained for some time. The last defeat of the Spanish army and navy is claimed to be due to this ring.

At present no one will take the responsibility of the ownership of this jewel, so it has been placed in a strong box and secretly buried.

AYD FOR THE TENDERFOOT

Cowboy Kindergarten in Oklahoma for Eastern Boys Who Would Rough It.

Guthrie, Ok.—J. C. Miller, manager of the 101 ranch, says that they are making great preparation to handle the continuous performance "kindergarten" next summer for the benefit of the Eastern youths who want to know what life on a big ranch is really like. According to the present plans they expect to take care of about 400 of them in four months' time, 100 a month.

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CASTLE'S HARD LUCK.

A dispatch from Columbus says Mrs. Chadwick will be compelled to work at the wash tub during her stay in the Ohio penitentiary. Here is additional evidence of the fact that woman labors under disadvantages in this world. If the lady who wrecked banks and took the savings of other people for her own use were a man she would no doubt be provided with an easy job in the bookkeeping department.

ANCIENTS SHOT CRAPS.

An English scientist claims to have discovered evidence that the ancient Britons played dice, and loaded dice, too. Oh, the virtue and goodness of the "fathers!"

CALLS HIS BLUFF.

Miss Cutting—I have often wondered why you have never dabbled in literature, Mr. Gibb. Mr. Gibb—ah, you flatter me, Miss Cutting. "Not at all," said she. "If I could spin off fairy tales as easily as you can, I should certainly try to put them into book form!"—Detroit Free Press.

RETAIL GRAFT.

"Well," said the optimist, "there are at least two senators who won't do any grafting this session." "Oh, I don't know," growled the confirmed pessimist. "They'll both make a pretty good rake-off on their mileage!"—Chicago Sun.