

Captive balloons are now in the German navy as observation stations. The balloon is held by a stout hawser wound round a drum on the vessel's eleck, and is also connected with the ship by means of a smaller line, which enables the aeronaut to telephone to those on the torpedo boat. In case of emergency, signals are made to the other vessels of the fleet by means of flags, When the balloon is not in use it is stored on the vessel, to the deck of which It is drawn by means of the hawser.

THE VILLAGE OF PARADISE HAS STOOD STILL FIFTY YEARS.

Population of Place Has Not Varied in Half Century - One Man in Every 45 Colonel in Civil War.

Bloomington, Ill.—Paradise, Coles county, a village of 250 inhabitants has many distinctions, chiefest of which is the fact that in proportion to its population it furnished more colcivil war than any other place, no less than six being credited to the village. One of these, Col. True, was later a brigadier-general. The others were Col. R. H. McFadden, who commanded the Fifty-third Illinois; Col. Monroe, of the One Hundred and Thirtythird Illinois, who fell during one of the skirmishes with Wheeler; Col. S. Chapman, who led the Fifty-fourth Illinois, and Col. Mitchell, who afterward commanded the Seventy-eighth Illinois. In addition. Col. Cofer, who resided at Paradise when the war broke out, but left there to take command of one of the Ketnucky regiments in the confederate army, is numbered among the brave soldlers contributed by the Coles county village. The remarkable feature of this contribution to the commissioned forces of the armies is the fact that Paradise is, as stated, a village of but 250 souls, and it has not increased in population since the war.

Paradise is without railroad communication with the outside world, and can point to a stage line as its only means of passenger transportation. Indeed it is the same village today as it was when the news came that Fort Sumter had been fired upon Grown a triffe older and a triffe more "sieepy as the years have rolled by, giving the business which once made it a thriving center to the towns adjacent, and more favored by the gods and the railroads, the little town goes on its way as quietly as it did a half

COBLESS CORN IS LATEST.

Hilnois Farmer Discovers Freak and Cultivates It.

Bloomington, Ill.—A year ago H. J. seed corn in Indiana. In the shipment was a freak ear, which, instead of the ordinary cob, was composed of a core of husk, the grains being neatly wrapped upon the soft foundation, like beas in a pod.

Mr Sconce was impressed with the novelty of the find and decided to plant all the kernels found on the freak ear. To his surprise the ears Produced this fall were found to be exact reproductions of the single ear He has decided to plant more of the corn next year, and will endeavor to improve on it. He believes that there is more to it than freakishness. The ears produced this year yielded as much corn as those provided with a cob, and the kernels were large and solid. The ears were well filled. kernels even growing among the silk.

The freak ears were placed upon exhibition at a county fair at Sidell and stiracted much attention. As a remay disappear. for the gun was \$160.

IDLE MEN MENTAL "HOBOES."

Speech of Michigan Professor Stirs Student Body.

Ann Arbor, Mich.-Prof. John O. Reed, dean of the literary department of the University of Michigan, in a talk to the State Teachers' association in Saginaw, touched on kindergartens, fraternities and college social organizations in an address on "Intellectual Hobolsm," and reports on his speech have wrought up the student body here to an unusual degr. e. Dean Reed said in part:

"In every high school, college and university in this country we find the intellectual hobo; the man to whom, study is distasteful. These hoboes monels to the federal armies during the cacknowledge no responsibility for performance of duty: the good stitution which tolerates them is no concern of theirs.

"I find fatilt with the student who frankly makes a purely commercial aspect of education his sole concern; who wants especially to be labeled with the trademark of scholarship, culture and intellectual accomplishments, not that he has the thing the degree stands for, for he has never worked for that, but simply because he is an intellectual hobo.

"The fraternities in particular form frei for dissolute and disorderly hangers-on, and exert in general an influence directly counter to the educational and scholarly atmosphere of the institution to which they attach them-4 14

NEW PRUNE IS A WONDER.

Discovery to Be Given Rigid Test by Men on Battleships.

New York.-A new prune, which is served with a sweet sirup like molasses, has been sent to the various ships in the navy to be tested by the men, on the lines of the plan similar to the great tobacco-chewing test, which was resorted to in order to find what brand of tobacco the majority of the men in the navy preferred.

According to Capt. Huey and Dr. Von Wedekind of the battleship Alabama this newest prune is a wonder. It is a compressed affair.

The final tests are now being made in the temperate zones, and as soon as these tests are concluded, some ship on duty in the tropical zone will receive a supply, in order to test its staying quality in extremely hot climaies.

At the present time the prune tests are being made on the hattleships New Sconce and Taylor Garlough of Ver | Hampshire, Idaho, Mississippi and Alamillion county, purchased a quantity of bama, and at the naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba.

Steal Bible Birth Notes

Latrobe, Pa.-Birth records were torn from three very old family Bibles and valuable genealogical papers were taken by burglars at the home of Thomas D. Freeble on Ridge avenue.

The papers were regarded as valua! ble evidence in a suit in which the Freeble family is interested over the disposition of a large estate in New York One of the mutilated Bibles was over 200 years old.

Buys Crusoe's Gun.

Philadelphia.-Hulda B. White of his city has purchased the firelock used by Alexander Selkirk, Defoe's original Robinson Crusoe, on the island of Juan Fernandez, at a sale in Edinburgh. The relic has an authentic pedigree, and for a long time was in possession of Scikirk's relatives in sult of this discovery the oorn cob | Fifeshire, Scotland. The price paid CONVINCED BY THE STATISTICS.

Point That Satisfied Malden Aunt as to Expedition's Safety.

For five minutes after the automobile stopped before the door the rest of the family coaxed and argued before they could persuade the maiden aunt to get in.

"I am afraid the thing will blow up or something," she said, "and I certainly don't want anything to happen that will prevent my getting up to New Rochelle. I haven't seen Jennie for six months. I don't want to be fooled out of my visit to-day."

"Oh, you'll be all right, Aunt Mary," laughed the man who wore goggles and a mask. "You are not coming back, you know, and we are sure to get up there. Most automobiles get to their destination in safety. It is on the return trip that the machinery cuts up high jinks. Statistics on motoring prove that. Nobody attempts to explain the situation, but it is a fact that nine-tenths of the accidents that befall motorists happen when they are coming home. It seems as if Providence meant folks who own automobiles to have a good time and then pay for it on the way back."

Aunt Mary had climbed into the ma-"Well," she said doubtfully, "if you," are sure about that I suppose I might as well go."

Before he had finished talking.

FLED FROM THREATENED WRATH

Conscience Must Have Worried Men Who Eavesdropped.

Two boys were out picking nuts, and they wanted to divide them equally between them; so they went over the fence into the cemetery and sat down among the tombstones to count out the nuts. While going over the fence they dropped two nuts, but didn't stop to pick them up. A man came along and heard them and stopped to listen and heard them saying: "One for you and one for me." "One for you and one for me," and he became badly frightened and ran away down the road, and met another man, who said: "What's the matter?" The first man said: "The devil and the Lord are up in the cemetery dividing up the people," and the second man said: "Oh, no, that couldn't be!" The first man says: "Yes, they are; I heard them." The two men went back to the fence to listen and heard them saying: "One for you and one for me." "One for you and one for me; now that's all;" and the other boy says: "Except the two at the fence, and that will be one for you and one for me." The two men ran away as fast as they could.-The News

Comfort More Than Salary. A man who happens to know that a stenographer who is earning hardly more than seven dollars a week is worth a great deal more than that to business men who require painstaking service, was wondering the other evening why she did not try to adpaper. From the girl's relatives it was learned that she lacks ambition. and that her salary, with some extramoney she earns in outside work is more than enough for her wants. More than that, she likes her employer and his methods of work and does not care to change.

in that frame of mind the girl would be unwise to seek a new position, for comfort is worth something in this life. The man who makes money his idol forgets that and he misses most of the sweetness of life. It is far better to ignore the matter of salary and work where we can be comfortable and happy than to earn a handsome salary under distressing conditions.

__A Clubwoman's Troubles. One of the annoyances of the club-

woman's life lies in the tickets that are pressed upon her and from which there seems to be no escape.

It is not unusual for the president of a prominent organization to find from 50 to 80 of these "invitations" in her dally mail, each inclosing from one to a dozen tickets, which she is expected to either purchase herself or dispose of among friends.

What is the victim to do? She cannot ignore the matter-there have been cases where the sender attempted to enforce payment for tickets not returned. "It is serious enough," says one of these grievously offended ones. "to be bombarded at receptions and teas, but when one has to sort over dozens and dozens before getting to one's personal notes, it is too much."

Dogs Didn't Last.

Sir Leopold McLintock, the Arctic explorer, who died recently, was once giving an account of his experiences amid the ice fields of the north. "We certainly would have traveled much farther," he explained, "had not our dogs given out at a critical moment." But," exclaimed a lady who had been listening very intently, "I thought that the Eskimo dogs were perfectly tireless creatures." Sir Leopold's face wore a whimsically gloomy expression as he replied: "I er speak in a culinary sense, miss."

Healthful Bath.

A bath much favored by the Kneippists, along with the bare-feet habit, is formed from a solution of pine needles and pine cones. Cover with cold water about a pound of fresh pine needles and pine cones, broken in small pieces. Boil for half an hour, strain and add the solution to the bath. If you do not want to use the entire amount at once it can be bottled and kept for future occasions. This has a tonic effect both on the nerves and the skin. It can be used on alternate days with m bath of sea salt.

PROPERTIES ALL TOO COSTLY. Actor's Strenuousness Cost Him Re-

gard of Worthy Lady.

David Garrick was the part best loved by the late E. A. Sothern, and concerning his acting in this play an amusing story is told. He was accorded a "benefit" one night, and selected "David Garrick." In this comedy, it will be remembered, Garrick feigns drunkenness, and in the drawing-room at Ada Ingot's he disgusts the guests at the tea table, and plays havor with the tea service. Just before this scene it was discovered that the stage manager had forgotten the necessary crockery, and a messenger was dispatched to a neighboring house to borrow some teacups, etc. The worthy lady applied to had heard of the fame of the great actor, and, anxious to display her treasure, sent back her best china tea service, a family heirloom of great value. That night Sothern was playing with unusual energy, and very soon the precious porcelain was smashed in fragments and scattered about the stage. The old lady sindignation may be imagined, and to her death she maintained that Sothern must have been really drunk, "for no sober man would have smashed

\$4,000 RETURN ON TEN CENTS.

such fovely china."

Purchaser of Old Material Found Really Good Investment.

John Roberts of Watkins, Schuyler, county, a well driller, recently purchased of Angelo Dupree, a junk dealer, an old pump for ten cents. It was apparently of no value, but he thought! there might be some parts that he; could use in his business. When Mr. Roberts and his assistant took the pump to one of the wells they were drilling and started breaking it up, they were greatly surprised to see gold coins drop out of the holes they made. They at once finished the job. and found \$4,000, nearly all in \$20 gold pieces. Whom the pump belonged to at the time the money was hidden. or how long it had been there, is a mystery. The latest date of one of the coins was 1888. Mr. Roberts at once deposited his find in the Farmers' and Merchants' hank at Watking He is willing to surrender the find to anyone who can prove ownership, but. no claimant has yet appeared. The junk man will make a memorandum to examine the inside of every old pump

An Unsavory Charity. In all the cafes and beer halfs of Germany a large canister is placed on a table in the center of each establishment. Every time one of the guests lights a fresh cigar he gets up and deposits in the canister the end of the one he has just been smoking. This receptacle is a sort of alms-bez with a funnel-shaped lid, secured by means of a padlock. A charitable association supplies all places of public resort with these boxes for the purpose of collecting odds and ends of tobacco. cigarettes and cigars. -- The produce of the sale is devoted to the purchase of clothing, which is distributed among poor children at Christmas. The charity is believed to be the most malodorous and unsanitary on record.

before disposing of it at any price.-

Utica (N. Y.) Press.

Benefit of Gymnastics to Goffers. On the subject of gymnastics and golf Capt. Hutchison, who holds a gymnastic appointment in the Cold stream Guards, reports: "While actually going through five hours daily work in the gymnasium I found that the heavy work was certainly detrimental to golf. But I think that if eventually proved of the greatest assistance, as it strengthened the muscles of the wrist and forearm, which play such an important part in all golfing strokes. I found it necessary to shorten my swing a little, and took to the overlapping or Vardon grip, two changes that certainly improved my game."-London Standard.

His Qualifications.

Traveling along a country road a revenue officer was attracted by frightful screams coming from a house not far from the road. Tying his horse he ran to the house and found that a little boy had swallowed a quarter, and his mother, not knowing what to do. was frantic. The revenue officer caught the little fellow by the heels, and, holding him up, gave him a few shakes, whereupon the coin dropped. to the floor. "Well, mister," said the grateful mother, "you certainly know how to get it out. Are you a doctor?" "No, madam," replied the official, "I'm a collector of internal revenue."

What He Meant. An old sea captain was visiting a certain exhibition, and was greatly interested in the mechanical section, where a fine array of steam whistles was on show. "How far can that one be heard?" he asked, pointing to a huge "buzzer." The young man in attendance was only a deputy, but he promptly replied: "Sixteen miles." "Sixteen miles?" said the old sait increduously. "When I say 16 miles," elaborated the youth, "I mean eight miles this way and eight miles that way."

Keep Your Eyes on the Ground. In walking about the Australian gold fields it is always advisable to keep your eyes on the ground. You can never tell when you may kick up asugget-or fall down a deserted shaft. From. Tarragulla, a district that has been very prolific in valuable nuggets. comes news of a remarkable find. A man waiking across the fields picked up what he thought was a mushroom. It proved to be a nugget and contained £50 worth of gold.

WONDERS OF EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY ARE OUTLINED.

Surgeons at Rockefeller Institute Sucessfully Put Kidneys Into Live ing Body After Being in Cold Storage Sixty Days.

Philadelphia -The wonders of experimental surgery accomplished at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York city, were outlined the other day before the opening session of the American Philosophical society in much greater detail than they have ever before been given to the public.

Among the latest achievements of science described by Dr. Alexis Carrel, who has accomplished many of the most difficult experiments at the Rockefeller institute, was the transplanting of one dog's leg onto another's body.

The fox terrier patient readily assumed normal control of the new leg. which was taken from a dead dog, and within three weeks the wound showed only a scar and the dog was up and around on all four-three that were originally his and one of the late lamented other dog's.

The transplanting of cats' kidneys into other cats even after the organs have been in cold storage 60 days has proved entirely successful. Human arteries and jugular velus have been interchanged, and the patients haven't been able to tell the difference.

Application of the experiments performed on dogs and cats to the rejuvenation of ailing humanity, is, in the announced opinion of Dr. Carrel, entirely possible. That is the end toward which the scientists of Rockefeller institute have been aiming all the time. They believe now they are about ready to make the practical application of their discoveries.

Dr. W. W. Keen, who presided, said such operations as the replacing of a kidney with a normal one would be less intricate than the same operation a cat or dog, on account of the size of the organs. The chief obstacle to the practical application of this new surgery, said Dr. Keen, would be to find a healthy organ when wanted.

"Perhaps," said Dr. Keen, "when a healthy man is killed or where a man dies from some disease which does not affect the kidneys it will be possible to extract the kidneys immediately after death and keep them 4in cold storage until it is possible to operate upon some one suffering from an incurable kidney trouble.

"What has been done in the case of the kidney is reasonable to believe will be found feasible in the case of the other organs of the body. alt is impossible to foretell the ultimate development of this wonderful new surgery of which Dr. Carrel is the leading exponent."

Already the knee joint from the leg of a dead man has been used to replace the injured joint of a living person. A woman too weak to undergo a major operation has had her arteries folined to those of her husband and with the added strength of her husband's circulation and heart action has successfully undergone the shock of the surgeon's knife and survived an operation under which she would have otherwise died

TEDDY BEARS AT SCHOOL.

Girls Wear Pigtails and Boys Don Short Trousers.

Pueblo, Col.-Central high school resembled a kindergarten when the pupils assembled in chapel for the morning services. To show their contempt and ridicule for the orders of the school board that the school shall not have a footbail team, the pupfls came to school dressed as little chil-

dren, and bringing toys. Large boys in short trousers, shirt waists and big bow thes carried tops and marbies, and the girls, with their hair in pigtalls, adorned with big ribbons, nursed dolls and Teddy bears, and played with jacks. Immediately upon the assembling of school the boys commenced spinning tops and rolling marbles on the floor.

Efforts to restore order were unavailing, and the senior and junior classes, among which were the chief offenders, were dismissed. They were told that they could come back only when they are ready to behave. The pupils gathered outside the windows of the study hall and kent the school in an uproar during the morning by loud yells of defiance. Principal H. M. Barrett finally made a talk to the pupils, and they agreed to return to

the school and behave. In the evening the boys gave a night shirt parade through the business section of the city as a protest against the school board's action. The members of the football team carried a bier, on which was placed a football draped in mourning. Members of the school board say that they will remain firm in their decision against

Broke Pyramid-Climbing Record. Kewanee, Ill.-Mohana Melaik of this city has received word from Egypt that his ascent of the famous Gizeh pyramid in seven minutes without assistance, breaks all records that can be traced. Mr. Melaik, who is a Y. M. C. A. physical director, set the new mark for the difficult climb in August, when on a visit to his father's native land. The best time before was ten minutes, made years ago by an Arab.

THREE BIG LOBSTERS CAUGHT.

Capture Indicates Return of Crusta ceans to Ancient Fishing Ground.

Provincetown, Mass.-Three monstor lobsters-regular king-pins of a race of crustaceans once gathered from near-by waters in hundred thousand lots annually, but during the last 30 years so scarce that the price has increased from three cents for the boiled specimen to 18 and 20 cents a pound-have been taken at Provincetown within the last fortnight. The capture is taken by old fishermen to indicate a return of the species, these big fellows being termed "breeders" by old residents.

Skipper "Will" Wareham in the motor sloop Rattler took the first of the trio off the Wood end shore in a flounder dredge. That one weighed 151/2 pounds. Next the founder-dredging motor schooner Little Jennie, Capt. H. Lester Mayo, caught one that weighed 1614 pounds.

A Brobdingnagian specimen was gathered in. This one strolled serenely into the gate of the eastern weir? and, as guest of the men of inotor weir tender, George Leslie, Fred A. Lewis, master, came ashore to take in the sights.

The latest big chap weighed 23 pounds. It is the largest lobster captured here in 30 years. The lobster's length, measuring from the tail tip to the end of the forward-extended claws, was 42 inches; the body circumference in the thickest part was 18 inches; the boxing-glove-like right claw was seven inches wide just below The Thumb

Those who partook of this giant specimen assert that the meat was as sweet and tender as any they had ever estes.

David C. Stull, the "Ambergris king," owns the shell of the creature, All of the numerous crusted parts have been carefully cleaned preparatory to mounting, and in a few days the glant mounted specimen will grace Mr. Stull's marine curio cabinet.

AIM AT WIVES' DRUDGERY.

Club Women to Establish Domestie Science Scholarship.

Pittsburg, Pa.- What effect, think you, will an endless round of cleaning and scrubbing, washing and ironing have upon the human soul? How far toward the ideal in moral and spiritual development will such a soul be able to advance?"

When Mrs. Anna C Tillinghast of Titusville, Pa., made this remark before the session of the State Federa tion of Women's Clubs there was a cheer from all the women assembled, and a resolution that a fund of \$15,000 be created for a "domestic science scholarship at State college" went

through without a dissenting vote There had been much discussion as to the duties of the wife or daughter' in a home, and many seemed agreed that it was all right to patch and mend, but that "drudgery" was the common mistake of many wives.

It was finally decided that the scholarship at the State College of Peun sylvania should be known as the Kate Cassatt McKnight Memorial, named in memory of a Pittsburg woman who formerly did much for the wives and mothers of Pittsburg. The idea of the memorial will be to teach bow a home should be kept right

RISES EARLY FOR SCIENCE.

Professor Finds Electrical Currents Interfere with Invention.

New York.-That life is not all a bed of roses for the college professor is a fact that is being experienced by Prof. E. F. Nichols of the physical department of Columbia university. Every morning promptly at 1:30 o'clock Dr. Nichols tumbles from his comfortable bed and wends his way to Fayerweather ball, where he works

in his laboratory from 2 until 4 a in. The professor is not taking an outdoor tuberculosis cure, nor is he seeking to perpetuate health, youth and beauty: The truth is that Prof. Nichols is perfecting a new type of galvanometer. It is for this that he seeks his laboratory every morning.

Dr. Nichols has found that during the day he is unable to experiment with his delicate apparatus because of the vast amount of electrical activity surging about his laboratory.

Hence it is that, with the eagerness of the sportsman who seeks his game at the first streak of dawn, the professor rises at this mystical hour and steals cautiously on his laboratory in the hope of surprising and capturing some wild, elusive secret of science.

WAS CHRYSANTHEMUM FLY.

Queer Insect Appears at the Washington Show.

Washington.-The chrysanthemum 7 show now in progress at the Agricultural building has attracted a strange kind of fly, almost as big as a bee, which, according to the entomological experts, comes to this part of the country only during the chrysanthe, mum season. The unusual looking insects are attracting almost as much attention as the flowers, and are being subjected to close scrutiny, especially now that the keepers have demonstrated that they do not sting.

The "chrysanthemum files," as the keepers call them, have brown bodies and white furry shoulders. Their gauzy wings are marked with dark bands.

In the rose house interest centers in the new varieties of roses that the government experts are trying out. Of these My Maryland rose is prominent, though in the whole house there are not more than a dozen roses in bloom

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