

Japan takes the greatest possible care to prevent plague spreading within it, and in Kobe, at all events, every house is cleaned under the supervision of the sanitary authorities twice a year. A street is dealt with at a time. and everything is taken out of the buildings and piled in the roadway. Dust and refuse are carted away and burned, and the houses and their contents are thoroughly cleaned. In six months 56,013 homes were cleaned in Kobe

TEXAS PREACHER PROBABLE CHAMPION BIBLE READER.

Rev. Pittman, Baptist University Dean, Has Perused Pages of the New Testament 240 Times. He Says.

Ferris. Tex.—Rev. Dr. T. B. Pittman. yestor of the Baptist church here and scan of the Bible school of the Baptist amiversity, has read the New Testament through each month for 20 years. The fact that Dr. Pittman is probably the champion Bible reader of the tountry was discoverd by others. He had not even counted up his record.

The discovery came about in this way: Dr. Pittman frequently lectures before chantauqua and church gatherings upon religious subjects, and these addresses are seldom formal. Rather they are heart to heart talks upon what seems to be the most opportune wabject. So it happened that he was arging upon an audience of theological seedents the importance of Bible study sad advantages thereof. Incidentally The said that he had been reading the New Testament once each month for meany years, and he had never failed the find upon each reading new interest and new truths. His statement rather surprised his auditors and they ques woned him further. Then he counted sep and reached the amazing total of 340 complete readings.

- He reads an average of nine chapters daily, giving so much time each day to this form of study, which is his telaxation and amusement. It is a part bis dally life—a well-fixed habit that be enjoys just as many men take a half bour relaxtion for their after din-

Dr. Pittman is not a careless reader. He can repeat many of the chapters without reference to the text. He mads the book attentively each time. manifingly following the lines looking for new points of interest.

Now and then, to give variety to this form of chosen exercise, he turns from the King James version to the original Oreck, which he reads as easily as the English Given the book, chapter and werse, Dr. Pittman will repeat the text of the more important section, and in his addresses he turns from one part the Testament to another with great accuracy, never using indicators so guide him to references.

Dr. Pittman sometimes delivers lecsures and addresses, but most of his work is among the fellow townsmen and the members of his community from the fields and cotton patches. He has recently been elected life pastor of the church over which he presides. This occurred at the close of his meventh year as pastor.

"This familiarity with the Scripture gives a man a vocabulary," says Dr. Pittman in defending his reading from a worldly point of view. "We have in This book the purest Angle-Saxon and the choicest flow of words of the Eng-Muh language Too, it develops the spiritual, an essential of the wellrvanded character."

He is continuing his readings. Now he is upon the two hundred and fortygrat investigation. One Bible has not stood all his readings, but to throw ma old one away he would consider almost a sacrilege. The old brown stained Ribles have been reffred and now adorn a shell honored for their MISSING HEIR IS FOUND.

Discovered as a Lunatic After Long and Costly Search.

Galveston, Tex.-The accidental discovery of Paul W. Westermole as an inmate in the Terrell Insane asylumi brought to light the missing heir to an estate located in Edwards, Sutton and Valverde counties and valued at more than \$1,000,000.

About twelve years ago the young man, who was then 22 years of age and the son of John W. Westermole of San Antonio, quarreled with hi father and left home. The family heard from him for two years while he was located in Cincinnati, follow ing his trade of electrical engineering. He left there and nothing more was heard from him.

His father died ten years ago, leaving ranch property and stocks and bonds valued at \$2,000,000. The estate was divided between the widow and one daughter, and for seven years a fortune was spent searching for the son, without result, and he was given up for dead. Three years ago the daughter died and the mother is mak-

ing her home in California, The son has been an inmate of the asylum for two years and is greatly improved. A friend of his father's. visiting at the asylum, recognized the man, who was admitted under anoth-

An investigation disclosed the identity of Westermole and he has been removed to a private sanitarium for treatment.

WOMAN SUES FOR BAR WAGES. Uncle Tries to Offset Claim with Face

Powder and Hats.

Wilmington, Del.-Expert testimony as to what the services of a bartender are worth was the feature of the case in the superior court, in which Bridget Gorman is suing to recover \$4,000 from Bernard Carr, her uncle, a wealthy saloon proprietor.

Mrs. Gorman said she had tended bar for Carr, also that she had kept house for him, darned the stockings of his five children, and looked after all the housework. For this she said she had not been paid in several years. Her attorneys placed several saloon men on the wirness stand to tell what hartenders usually receive and to give their estimate of the worth of the services Mrs. Gorman rendered Carr.

Attorneys for the defendant tried to show that Mrs. Gorman, the bartender. had paid one dollar for face powder, the money being secured from Carr, and that she had worn fine clothes. They also said her bill for hats for one year amounted to \$100, all of which Carr paid, but Mrs. Gorman denied all this. The case was continued.

Claims He Has Conquered Air. Denver, Col.-John M. Cage of Denver, scarcely past his majority, and

inventor of a successful submarine, has announced the completion of a tubular double propeller, operated b an electric motor, for an airship. H claims it solves the aerial problem furnishing both lifting and propelling

Eight six-foot tubes with a lifting) capacity of 2,400 pounds will be built with a total weight, including two 50.9 horsepower engines, of 1,500 pounds. The propellers act much as the ocean steamer screws, drawing in the air and driving away underneath.

The machine is to have an aerofoil spread of 1,600 feet, assuring safe descent'if anything is wrong and proventing it from turning turtle.

INSTINCT THAT SAVED A LIFE.

Thoroughbred Horse Refused to Step "on Body in Roadway.

Stories of the wisdom of animals are not few in the present day, when the humane societies are doing so much to promote the rights of our dumb brethren, yet each new tale is not

without its own peculiar interest... The following true story concerns a horse belonging to a man living in Worcester, Mass., writes Mrs. A. R.

Knowlton, in Our Dumb Animals. Prince was a thoroughbred, his naturally fine instincts sharpened and rendered more acute by his training. for he had known life on the race track, until some slight accident unfitted him for that career and transformed him into a carriage horse.

He was being driven homeward one evening in winter when dusk was fast rendering even nearby objects invisible. Suddenly he stopped short; trembling all over

In vain his driver urged him to proceed. Prince refused to stir, and the quivering of his muscles increased.

At last the driver left his seat to discover the cause of this unusual behavior. It was soon explained. Just in front of the horse-in fact almost beneath his upraised foot-lay a woman who had slipped, fallen and was unable to rise.

To avoid doing her injury that splendid animal had resolutely held up his fore foot for more than a minute. No wonder he trembled from the strain of his unaccustomed position.

Prespective Husband and Wife Both KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES.

A Matter on Which All Success In a. Life is Dependent.

A physician tells me that he goes through his medical library every year and throws out a lot of books which have become useless to him because the new, up-to-date, the more progressive, are pushing out the old. We all know that some of the scien-

tific books nublished are useless a year after they appear in print. There never was a time in the history of the world when the new in every line of endeavor crowded out the old as it does to-day.

If you examine your business thoroughly you will probably find old-fogy methods, obsolete ideas, and cumbersome ways of doing things; a lot of red tape in your methods.

Remember that nothing else is improving faster than business methods. If you are keeping books as they were kept a quarter of a century ago, if you are using the same business system. you will find that you are way behind the times.—Success Magazine.

... A Wrong Attitude.

Hundreds of working girls to-day. who are toiling to support aging parents, or to aid younger children, are incomparably superior to many of the aristocrats of earth, because they are developing character-which is the only thing in this life that counts in the great scheme.

But the working girl and man who are filled with envy and hatred toward the rich are not to be admired or respecied merely because they labor. If you work only because you must,

and hate your work, and hate every man who has wealth and leisure, do not imagine your labor makes you worthier than his wealth in the eyes of the Creator, for it does not

Whether you are poor or rich is of small consideration in the long run. but what you are in character and principle is of eternal importance.

Public Opinion Mighty.

The only tribunal, save the battlefield, before which the acts of nations pass in review, is the court of public opinion. The sentiment of the world will not tolerate acts which would have been uncondemned 200 years ago, and those who are responsible for government to-day would not do such things. But this fact does not make treaties to-day more binding than old treaties. Although such agreements are too often broken, yet it is well to make them and right to condemn nations for violating them; for it is in that way that the sentiment grows which will in the distant future successfully demand an international police force to execute the law of nations. -- Youth's Companion.

Dantzic and Nuremberg.

in preserving the spirit of the renalssance, the city, has done for north Germany what Nuremberg has done for south Germany. Nuremberg built its houses with greater picturesqueness and variety; Dantzic, with greater durability, with more unity of style and grouping, and later; and it has kept out modern discords more successfully. The townsman ordered his dwelling in the same lordly spirit with which he ordered his clothes. Brick would do for his church, but stone was not too good for his house. And these rich facades are almost as surprising in this atoneless. country as facades of silver.--From Robert Haven Schauffler's "Romantie Germany; Dantzic," in Century.

When Cold Breathe Deeply.

posure to cold is to take a long breath with the mouth firmly shut. Repeat this several times, until you begin to feel the heat returning." The requires a. very short time to do this.

The long breath quickens the pulse and thus causes the blood to circulate faster. The blood flows into all parts of the veins and arteries and gives out a great deal of heat. It is stated that this method of deep breathing prevents colds and a great many other allments if begun in time.—Family NOT VISIBLE TO ALL MANKIND.

Sights and Sounds in the Cathedral of ar Men's Comradeship.

When you enter it you hear a sound -a sound as of a mighty poem chanted. Listen long enough and you will learn that it is made up of the beating of human hearts, of the nameless music of men's souls—that is, if you have ears. If you have eyes you will presently see the church itself -a looming mystery of many shapes and shadows. leaping sheer from floor to dome. The work of no ordinary builder! - The pillars of it go up like the brawny trunks of heroes; the sweet human flesh of men and women is molded about its bulwarks; strong, impregnable; the faces of little children laugh out from every cornerstone; the terrible span and arches of it are the joined hands of comrades; and up in the heights and spaces there are inscribed the numberless musings of all the dreamers of the world. It is yet building, building and built upon. Sometimes the work goes forward in deep darkness, sometimes in blinding light; now beneath the burden of unutterable anguish; now to the tune of great laughter and hereic shoutings like the sound of thunder. Sometimes in the silence of the night time one may hear the hammerings of the comrades at work up in the dome-the comrades who have climbed ahead .-- From "The Servant in the House."

TWO FAULTS COULD BE CURED.

Full of Confidence.

-An Irish boy marries when he has a rid house, and an Irish girl just when she pleases, says Seumas MacManus. in Lippincott's. Sometimes she so pleases while yet her years are few; at other times she is content to wait upon wisdom. In the latter case, of course, she makes a wise choice; but in the former almost always a lucky. one-for luck is the guardian angel of the Irish. 🦖

"You're too young to marry yet, Mary, the mother said, when Mary pleaded that she should grant Laurence O'Mahony a particular boon. "If you only have patience mother, I'll cure meself of that fault," was

Mary's reply. "And she's never been used to work, Laurence." the mother said to the suitor discouragingly

"If you only have pattenee, ma'am," was Laurence's reply to this. I'll cure her of that fault." And he did, too.

Albanian Customs

Some strangé customs exist in Albania. To compliment an unmarried for death. A bloody enemy is under amnesty, while in the company of a woman. A woman may shoot a fiance who breaks his betrothal or call upon the young man's father to kill him. If a man commits murder, and, flying for his life, enters the house of another, friend or foe, he is safe. This is the case, even if he takes refuge in the house of a brother of the man he has slain. He may not remain there forever; but for three days he can live on the best that the house provides. When that time is up, he is shown on his way. Twenty-four hours is given him to make his escape; after that the amnesty is over and the blood feud begins.—The Balkan Trail.

To Avoid Taking Cold. Persons who take cold easily can greatly strengthen the entire respira-

tory tract by bathing the chest and neck morning and night with cold sait water; by "drawing" the salt water into the nostrils and expelling it from the mouth, and by taking deep inhulations of fresh air before an open window, expanding the chest and holding the air as long as possible, then slowly exhaling it: Do this morning and night for ten minutes, and all tendency to colds will vanish; besides you will notice a tremendous improvement in your health and appearance.

Medical Fees in Old Times. -

The remuneration of physicians originally consisted in presents, but at the time of Hippocrates payment in money was already customary. Physicians received also public praise, the "crown of honor," the freedom of the city, the privilege of eating at the king's table. Physicians employed by the state received a yearly salary, as high as \$2,000 in some instances. Rich people would pay enormous sums for a successful treatment, and a case is recorded in which \$200,000 was paid.-New York Medical Journal.

Tee-totalers(?) "Have you tried cloves with your tea?" asked the matinee girl. "I went to a studio tea given by Mrs. X., the artist, last week, and on a tray with the sugar and cream sat a cunning little china basket filled with cloves. Some put their cloves in the tea, but I nibbled mine and thought of toothache, men coming back between the acts, and all sorts of memory-conjuring things. Of course, we told more spicy stories after we dipped into the clove basket-why not?"

Protecting New Cement.

The problem of keeping people and animals off a newly laid cement sidewalk, usually a difficult task, is sometimes solved in the manner liere shown. A few hours after this sidewalk was built soft dirt was thrown over it and a little ridge built along each side. The dirt was then well saturated with water. Such treatment was found to be effectual in keeping intruders off, and also furnished moisture for advantageous setting of the HAD INFORMATION TO IMPART

And It was Decidedly of Interest to . the Detective.

"We can learn from all men, even from the humblest," said H. K. 'Adaig... detective, at a police banquet in Duluth. "Turn a deaf ear to no man. The lowliest tramp may have informa-

tion of incredible interest for you. "I well remember," continued the defective, smiling, "a walk I once took down Market street. As I strode along. proud and happy, a rose in my but tonhole and a gold-headed cane in my hand, a drunken man had the impudence to stop me.

"'Ain't you Mr. Adair?' he said.

"'Yes,' said I, 'what of it?' "Mr. Adair, the detective?" he hiecoughed.

"Yes, yes. Who are you? I asked impatiently

"'Mr. Adair,' said the untidy wretch, as he laid his hand on my shoulder to keep himself from falling. Til tell you who I am, Mr. Adair. I'm-hicthe husband of your washerwoman. "'Well, what of that?" said I.

"My scorn brought a sneer to the man's lips, and he said: WYon see, you don't know every thing, Mr. Adair."

"Well, Mr. Adair, said he, 'you don't know that -- hie--I'm wearin' one of your new white shirts."

ROSEBERY'S PRESENT TO CITY. Ancient House Gift of English Statesman to Edinburgh.

The earl of Rosebery, who is a descendant of the Viscountess Primrose. has presented to the city of Edinburgh the ancient, historic and quaintly built Lady Stair's house, to be used for a municipal museum. When Lady Primrose became a widow, Lord Stair forced her to marry him by the same bold strategy that made him a field marshal. Slipping into her house, he showed himself in deshabille at her bedroom windows. All Edinburgh rang with the scandal, and to end it Lady Primrose became the Countess of Stair. The house is situated in the Lawnmarket, once very fashionable, but now corresponding to our east Broadway. It has been completely restored by Lord Rosebery, and its curious inner stairway and oddly shaped rooms are intact -San Francisco Argonaut.

His Dog a Bread Winner. Louis Klein of Madison may have a beagle dog that is a Raffles, but Fred Price's canine friend is a bread winner of distinct class, according to the Indianapolis Star. His dog went home the other day with a pockethook full of money.

This knowing animal followed a good woman of the city into a grocery. and when she laid her murse on the counter a moment Price's water spaniel seized it and was off for his

master. "See what I have brought you," he seemed to say as he wagged his tail and looked up for appreciation in his effort. And he wondered sorrowfully why his master was so anxious to return the prize instead of ourying it out in the back yard along with the

Mr. Price thinks the next thing will be his spaniel dog coming home with a, child it has seized for ransom.

A Parisian Character.

The revolutionary Libertad has died in a Paris hospital from a kick which he had received during a stormy meeting recently. Libertad was one of the most curious figures in contemporary Paris. He were no hat, but long tangled bair and a long beard. Over his scarlet shirt he wore a black blouse, and he was never seen without a crutch and an enormous cane. His language was terrific and he rarely attended any public meeting without calling for blood. The man was a complete mystery. His most intimate disciples knew nothing of his history. On his death bed he begged his friends not to arrange a funeral for him, as he had left his body by will to the Paris School of Medicine.

The Organ Grinder. I love all kinds of music except the tom-tom of Barbados and the ragtime in minor of the Chinese. An up-todate hand-organ in front of my door. if the crank is turned with discretion, always gets a few cents out of my pocket by way of encouragement. I am not like Mascagni, who, upon hearing a fellow in the street murdering "Cavalleria Rusticaña," rushed down in Italian frenzy, cursed him out in pure Milanese, and, grasping the handle, proceeded to show Pietro, his namesake, how to grind out his grand composition with a Campanini interpretation. Next day the same organ was in front of his door, bearing a hig

Utilizing Water Courses. Application for permission to ac-

York Press.

placard-"Pupil of Mascagni."-New

juire the Tyin and Matre water course in Western Norway for the ievelopment of 60,000 to 70,000 borsepower has recently been made by a Lerman company. The power will be employed for the production of chemisals, for the reduction of iron ore and for other industries. At the expiraion of 75 years both plants will rerert to the government.

A Long Time Between Shaves. "It must be more than a week since shaved you last, sah," said the barser as he looked down at his patron's pristling chin.

"Yes." replied the patron, dryly. 'I've been growing a new skin."

WILTON LACKAYE'S WITTY QUIP.

His Opinion of the Intellectuality of _ Club Bore.

The Lambs say the story emanated 1 from the Priars. The Friars repudiate it, hurling it back upon the Lambs. but both factions agree that Wilton

Lackage is the father of the quip. Lackage, the story runneth, was gazing dreamily over a delicately tinted creme de menthe, looking much as he did when he wrote "Law and the Man." A-young actor entered and saluted the preoccupied creator of Svengali. Mr. Lackaye grunted his reply. The actor persisted. Mr. Lackaye glowered. After a time John Mason, who by reason of being the oldest Lamb is also the Great Pacificator, came and led the Lambkin away

lest he be swallowed entire. When the thing of wool and bleat had been bestowed in a taxicab and gone his feeble way Mr. Lackage tossed down the remaining drops of his creme de menthe and epicureanly touched his lips with the tip of his tongue.

"Thanks!" he grumbled in othdepths of section of the section of somebody dynamited that fellow's 5 brain there wouldn't be enough explosion to blow his nose."

STRENGTH NOT MATTER OF SEX.

Average Woman May be as Powerful Physically as Man.

Can the average woman be as strong physically as the average man? Mile. Sandwinar, the acrobat, tours ing vandeville with the Sandwinas, an-

swera: "Yes. The fact; that almost everybody believes the physical possibilities. of the average woman are extremely, limited in the cause of the average woman being a weakling. From girl hood women are told that the opposite sex is the lawful possessor of the strong right arm, and the average woman takes this universal testimony without questioning it?"

Mile. Sandwinas tells mothers that they should encourage their daughters. to be "tomboys," and that while some boys' games may be a bit too rough for the girls, yet most of the boys' games should be adopted by girls to replace the so-called girls' games.

She asserts she has taken personal interest in the careers of women who were "tomboys" when girls and says they have always proven successful in whatever they attempted, a result she considers due to the confidence accompanying a superb physique

The Roosevelt Idea.

Who shall say that the Rooseveltian idea of a hanny life is not sureading over the world? Here is a composition by a fen-year-old English boy, which the Manchester Guardian vouches for

as genuine: "My life has been a very lucky one. When I was three years old I fell downstairs and cut my head. When I was five years old I was looking at some hens and a dog hit my leg. When I was eight I went with my brother in the trap, and the horse fell and threw us out of the trap, my brother lit on his feet and I lit on the horse's back. Last year I was playing, and I can intoa lurry and cut my eyebrow, and it has left a mark. One day I went into slaughter house, and a big sheep ran after me and knocked me down. I'v have had a happy life."-N. Y. Evening

Wherein Girls Are Superior to Boys. "At an early age the boy begins to practice on the outside world with his band and eye, and while he is throwing, cutting, hammering, calcuiating distance and playing competitive games, the girl is sitting at home in a pretty frock. But in activities: not requiring great strength and spread the boy is not superior. The fastest typewritist in the world is to day a woman; the record for roping steers to feat where the horse does the heavy work) is held by a woman; and anyone who will watch girls making change before the pneumatic tubes in the great department stores. will experience the same wonder one feels on first seeing a professional gambler shuffing cards." -- Prof. Thomas of Chicago University, in the

Steel Belts Replace Leather.

American Magazine.

Steel bands are now used in Germany in place of leather belting. On account of their solidity, these bands are much narrower than leather belts used for the same loads, being about one-sixth of the usual leather belt. The steel band is not so heavy as leather, and it can be very tightly adjusted. the distance between the engine and the machine being a matter of little importance. Careful and repeated experiments have revealed the fact that the entire loss of power does not exceed 1 per cent. Owing to the lightness of the belt, the influence of centrifugal force is small and allows of a much increased velocity.

British Postoffice Pays. The business of the Brilish post-

office during the year ended March 31. 1908, as reported by Consul-General Wynne, aggregated 4,972,070,000 pieces including letters, newspapers, parcels, stc., an increase of 2.2 per cent. over the previous year and an average of 112 pieces of mail for each inhabitant. The undelivered articles numbered 31,278,000, an increase of over 5 per cent. The net profit of the depart. ment was \$24,271,712, or \$380,395 less than in the previous year. The deficit in the telephone and telegraph service was \$4,145,654, an increase of \$1,017,965.

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