

HEIR TO THE THRONE.

How Princess Victoria Was Told of Her Chance of Succession. Many interesting stories of the "Glorious Days of England's Queen" are told in an article in St. Nicholas...

ANCIENT SUICIDES.

A Heinous Crime, and Iniquities Were Heaped Upon the Bodies. Among the early Greeks suicide was uncommon until they became contaminated by Roman influence...

HE KNEW WHO WORE SOCKS.

Clever Trick Played on a German General by a Subaltern Officer. Under orders existing some time ago, men in the German army wore at will either socks or fuzelapen...

Balloon Accidents.

"The cause of so many balloon accidents," says Aeronaut William Kendall, of Philadelphia, "lies in the fact that the beginner doesn't realize what a delicate piece of mechanism a balloon is..."

A House Like a Woman's Head.

Of the many ideas put forward for the Paris exposition of 1900, none is more original than the proposal to build a house to be devoted to the world of women's head...

OLD-TIME SWEETNESS GONE.

Molasses Is Now Made Into Rum, and Brown Sugar Can't Be Bought. The old-fashioned molasses is rapidly disappearing as an article of commerce...

INCIDENT OF TROLLEY TRAVEL.

A Front Seat Passenger Sees the Conductor Operate a Safety Switch. A man who was enjoying the air and scenery from the front seat of a trolley car in the state of New Jersey...

DOES HE LOVE YOU?

How to Find the State of a Young Man's Affection. "It is the easiest thing in the world," said a young lady, according to the Chicago Journal...

When the Moon Looked Blue.

"Once in a blue moon" is a saying which appears to be founded on fact. A Scandinavian captain named Salveson, in Chinese waters, was fortunate enough to see a blue moon several years ago...

The Value of Electrical Plants.

Few persons realize the enormous amount of money which is invested in electrical plants of various sorts. Over \$100,000,000 are invested in electrical machinery used in mining...

OUR SMALLER COLLEGES.

In Many Respects They Are Doing Better Work Than the Larger. There are a few striking facts about the small American college, writes Edward W. Bok in Ladies' Home Journal...

NEW YORK'S SKYSCRAPERS.

Sky Line of Gotham Rapidly and Continually Changing. The sky-line of New York is changing so rapidly that the American traveler who goes abroad can recognize with more certainty the profiles of the foreign cities he approaches than that of his own metropolis...

A WARLIKE MISSIONARY.

He Didn't Believe in Curing the Enemy. The warrior spirit is not confined to soldiers is clearly shown by a story of a missionary chaplain in Natal, Rev. George Smith...

PRIVATE STREET CARS.

One Development of the Trolley-Car Idea. One development of the trolley-car idea is likely to be shown ere long in the somewhat general fashion of owning private cars...

Underground City.

In Galicia, in Austrian Poland, there is a remarkable underground city which bears the description...

Why He Said His Prayers.

Prayer was the topic in a certain Sunday school class in Syracuse on a recent Sunday. One little boy who had felt very smart during the class hour was asked if he prayed every morning...

Excellent Reply.

One day, shortly before Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, one of her royal daughters remarked anxiously: "Mamma, it will tire you to bow for all those hours on jubilee day!"

Lady Detectives.

An official of the French detective department says that numbers of ladies well known in Parisian society do not hesitate to offer their services as detectives on condition that they are paid. Some of them, in fact, receive pay varying from \$150 to \$250 a month.

HER SECRET.

Actions Speak for Themselves--He Was Willing to Read Her Mind. For many years the young woman had called upon Ulysses. She had brought him numberless packages of choice cigarettes...

But upon this special evening in question Ulysses had her dead thoughts. It may have been the witching golf costume in old gold and baby blue that he wore...

As her lips rose from his she lovingly murmured: "This kiss tells you my secret." And Ulysses, as he furtively removed some cut plug from his mouth, found an opportunity to observe: "Would you -- you -- mind -- saying -- it -- over -- again?"

HOLD A NET FOR A BEAR.

Brian Makes It Lively for a Couple of Up-to-Date Hunters. The following is vouched for by a reliable citizen of the locality where the event occurred, near Disco, 12 miles from Black River Falls, Wis., says the Chicago Chronicle...

He plunged into the net and the two men and the bear had a merry time. The man with the gun didn't dare shoot, for he could not tell where there was the most bear and the least of the men. The net broke and let his headship through...

LONG HAIR A DISGRACE.

In Corea It Is Indicative of Social Obscurity or Mental Humility. The wearing of long hair in Corea is indicative of social disgrace or mental humility, and marks either the penitent or the outcast...

Embarrasses No One.

For all her incomparable dignity of deportment there is something homely and gentle about the queen of England. "I don't know how it is," remarked one of her great officers not long ago, "I'm such a shy man, and really to chat with some princess embarrasses me. But as soon as I see the queen all shyness vanishes...

The Bonster Taken Down.

A silly youth was bragging of his great friends in a mixed company in which Douglas Jerrold was present, and said he had dined three times at Devonshire house and never saw any fish at table. "I can't account for it," he added. "I can," said Jerrold; "they ate it all upstairs!"

What an Earthquake Is.

In the course of a sermon a negro preacher in Georgia, touching on the subject of earthquakes, said: "Oh, my sinful bearers, a earthquake is nothin' mo' ner less den dis: He'll does got tired waitin' fer you, en gone ter sleep, en wake up yawnin'!"

ENERGY SADLY WASTED.

A Calculating Barber's Astonishing Figures of a Bicycle Century Run. Snyder, the calculating barber, was talking about cycling, and was holding forth about the energy expended by women in making century runs, says the Philadelphia Record...

"Take a woman who weighs 120 pounds and who rides a wheel weighing 20 pounds. In riding 100 miles I have calculated that a power of more than 3,000,000 pounds of energy, or about 100 horse-power, has been brought into play..."

"Had the woman directed this energy in running a sewing machine, where a force of two pounds will run a needle over a piece of cloth for a distance of a foot, she could have hemmed a piece of muslin about 1,500,000 feet, or nearly 300 miles long..."

TELL A WOMAN BY HER PURSE.

Things That Nearly Always Indicate a Woman's Character and Condition. It has been stated, perhaps by detectives, that the age and a great knowledge of the whole character of a woman can be gained from the contents of her pocketbook...

The business woman always has a number of receipted bills and a quantity of cash in her pocketbook, while the mother of a family usually has many unreceipted bills, little cash, and the sides bursting with samples and bargain advertisements...

Next to that piece of sewing was a small card with the young lady's name and weight printed upon it. On the reverse side of the card was a date with the words: "If the sun shines three days after this, you will have good luck for nine days." About noon, a beautiful little brunette, all anxiety and blushes, hurried in to claim the purse...

CHALLENGED GOD.

A Seedling Forged Upon the Walls of Tomb of an Infidel Convert. "In the town of Hanover, in Germany," Evangelist Moody writes in Ladies' Home Journal, "there is buried a German countess who denied the existence of God and ridiculed the idea of the resurrection..."

Penurious War Department.

Live heroes, when they serve in the ranks, can always count on shabby treatment from the British authorities. When the transport ship Warren Hastings, with 1,346 souls on board, went ashore on the rocks of the island of Reunion last January, in a pitch dark night...

A Wild Deer Blew in His Face.

A gentleman who was fishing on Seventh Lake, N. Y., a few days ago became tired and sleepy. So he anchored his boat near the shore in a shady spot and lay down in the bottom of the boat for a nap...