

BOYCOLES IN SHAM BATTLES.

French Officer Tells of the Value of a Cycle Corps in War.

To a Capt. Gerard belongs the credit of having provided the army with a satisfactory folding bicycle...

The men were uniformed in a way that did not interfere with the free movement of their limbs...

The order was given that neither side was to stir till five o'clock in the morning. As the clock struck that hour we started at a great pace for Le Val Saint Pierre...

Gen. Aubigny, one of the commanders of the engagement, made the following favorable report: "A trial of 60 cyclists under the direction of Capt. Gerard has proved that a company mounted on cycles, properly instructed and commanded, could rapidly accomplish certain important and difficult missions..."

"Now, you boys," said the aged adviser, "want to remember that it's pretty cold up there. It's pretty low temperature here to-day, but nothing to what you'll find on the Yukon. Now, let me advise you. Before going to the country you would better have some experience. You may not like it, and then you will want to come back. To-night promises to be pretty cold. I have a tent at my house I used when in Alaska. You boys take the tent out on Queen Anne hill and sleep in it to-night."

Aluminum Helmets. Aluminum helmets have not proved entirely successful in the German army, the saving in weight being more than offset by the metal's storing heat, even to blistering the foreheads of the wearers.

A meeting of 2,000 persons over 70 years of age is annually held in Leicester, England, and of these over 400 die before the next anniversary.

LIVE BATS IN ROCK.

A nest of live bats was found 100 feet underground in Snowmass gulch, near Cottage Grove, the other day.

John Dinman and Andrew Wilson have been developing a claim in the gulch by running a tunnel to reach the vein. The tunnel runs obliquely, and a few days ago, when a depth of 160 feet had been reached, the rock began to assume a different condition. It sounded loose, or hollow in that particular spot, and the partners knew that they were nearing what in miners' parlance is called "a change."

Instead of finding ore or any particular change in the rock they found the tunnel full of bats. The cause of the peculiar sound that indicated a change of ground was a small cave, and out of it came the bats. How the bats got into the cave is the problem, and what sustained them there? The point is about 100 feet below the surface, and there is apparently no opening or means of ingress or exit.

The only solution of the strange occurrence that has yet been offered lies in the fact that the rock is of metamorphic and aqueous origin, and, being in the Cascade range, is of recent origin. The rock is a closely bedded shale and at the time of the geological disturbance that put it into its present position the bats had their nests there and then became incased as they were found. It would seem, too, that the bats must be of that nature that become dormant and able to retain life without food. An effort was made to save some of them alive, but they rapidly succumbed to the sunlight and fresh air.

CURED BY EXPERIENCE.

Tale of Three Young Men Who Had the Alaskan Fever.

A story was told at the dock recently in Seattle of three young men who were cured of the Alaskan fever in a very practical manner. They had concluded that they would go on the ALKI, and had purchased three berths.

"Do you really suppose it gets that cold in Alaska?" - Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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GRUBBING FOR A FLY SPECK.

This Object on the Chart Fooled Three Treasure Seekers.

The recent sailing of a steamer from Victoria bound for Cocos island to dig up the rich plunder supposed to be buried there has brought out a number of contradictory reports about the authenticity of that treasure legend, the latest being to the effect that it was discovered and carried away early in the '80s. A waterfront man was reading this yarn in an office and when he had finished, exclaimed: "That shows what great results sometimes hinge on very small matters. I know a couple of men who would have probably recovered all that treasure if it had not been for a fly."

"There is no telling how long this state of affairs would have lasted had it not been for the discovery made by Doig one morning. Masters had the old chart spread out on the table and was figuring away for dear life when Doig came down from the deck. He leaned over Master's shoulder, drew his sheath knife, and made a scratch on the paper. Cocos island disappeared and Masters as soon as he regained his composure said: 'Well, I'll be damned if it wasn't a fly speck!'"

SOME CURIOUS COINS.

Rare Specimens in the Richards Collection—Old Campaign Tokens.

A collection of curious coins has been given to the University of Michigan by the relatives of Dr. Abram E. Richards, who died a few years ago in Florence, Italy. The collection is known as the "Richards collection," and is highly valued, as many of the coins are rare curios.

The anti-Jackson token of 1834 is interesting for its sentiments. On one side a portrait of Jackson and the words: "My Experiment. My Currency. My Glory." Around the edge: "My Substitute for the United States Bank." On the opposite side a hog running with the inscription: "My First Heat" above, and underneath: "My Victory. Down with the Bank." On the rim: "Perish Credit, Perish Commerce."

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