

TO HOLD SABLE ISLAND SANDS.

The Canadian Government Growing Grass Along the Shore. The problem of protecting Sable Island from the inroads of the ocean is one that has engaged the thought of the Canadian marine officials for some time.

"SEA ISLAND" COTTON.

Why the Good Grades Are Superior to the Egyptian Staple. An interesting fact in connection with the American cotton industry is that the good grades of our "Sea Island" cotton are so much superior to the best grades of Egyptian staple that they sell from 50 to 100 per cent more.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

Courtside Begun Half a Century Ago Ends in Marriage. A bride and groom whose courtship began over half a century ago plighted their troth the other day before the altar at the picturesque little church of St. Albans, Tenleytown road, near Washington.

AMERICA LEADS EUROPE.

Has Nearly Doubled the Length of Telegraph Lines. The total length of the world's telegraph system has now reached 4,908,921 miles, exclusive of 180,440 miles of submarine cables.

Historical Mansion.

The Cornbury park, in Oxfordshire, with the historical mansion and 5,117 acres of land, including part of the ancient royal forest of Wychnow, is offered for sale in London. The place gave a title to the eldest son of the earl of Clarendon, having been given in 1661 to the first earl, Lord Chancellor Charendon, by Charles II.

Chinese Beggars.

In the northern parts of China there are many villages which are almost deserted in winter, the inhabitants going south, where they live by begging. They form regular guilds and literally compel shopkeepers to help them by threatening to cause a riot in front of their stores.

Fruit for Rheumatism.

An eminent Austrian physician declares that rheumatism can be cured by a plentiful diet of ripe fruit.

No Tobacco in Them.

It is calculated that 33 per cent of the cigars in London are not made of tobacco at all.

NEW TANNING AGENT.

Weed Known as Sour Dock Rapidly Coming into Use.

It has been found in recent years to contain much tannic acid and is excellent in treatment of hides.

In the last three or four years a new agent for the tanning of hides into leather has come into considerable prominence. It is the weed commonly known as sour dock, or canigre. It contains a large amount of tannic acid and has been experimented with until manufacturers are satisfied of its utility for their purposes.

Probably no science has developed as little in the past century as the tanning of hides into leather. The process is little understood outside of districts where tanneries are operated. The object is to arrest decomposition as soon as possible and then complete the preservation with tannin. The hide is heavily salted, washed to carry away the particles of flesh and then immersed for 12 hours in strong lime water.

The portion of the dock used for tanning purposes is the root. This is a tuber often weighing as much as one or two pounds. It is very heavily charged with tannic acid and there is almost no waste in its use. Farms for the growth of the weed have been established in several points in the southwest. The weed is indigenous to New Mexico and farms of hundreds of acres have been established there. One firm out west has many hundred acres of the dock. The roots are dried and pressed and cost little in preparation for shipment to market.

TOO MANY BLACK BEAR.

Recommended That the Yellowstone Park Supply Be Decreased. S. B. M. Young, acting superintendent of Yellowstone national park, in his annual report says that there has been a rapid increase of black bear within the park limits, and that complaints have been made that bears have broken into the storehouses and destroyed meat and other provisions in large quantities.

OPENED PRIVATE TELEGRAMS.

Protest Against English Government Making Public Telegrams. When parliament meets again in England attention is to be drawn to the unprecedented manner in which private telegrams have been seized and made public during the recent South African investigation at Westminster, says the New York Tribune. There was so much protest raised in parliament years ago when Mazzini's correspondence was opened and examined by the authorities that it seems strange that so many weeks should have been allowed to elapse before anything was heard about the violation by the government of private telegraphic correspondence.

TO A MOTHER'S MEMORY.

Mexican Woman Donates \$5,000,000 to Build a Magnificent Church. A Mexican woman has erected one of the most magnificent churches in Mexico, at the shrine of Gaudalupe, in Vera Cruz, to the memory of her mother. She is Miss Amita Cormen Barazuela, and is the daughter of a rich Vera Cruz coffee planter. Her mother died ten years ago, and so affected was she by her loss that she decided at the time of her death to build this grand monument to her memory. The stately structure was planned by her, and she superintended its erection. She not only donated the ground upon which the edifice is erected—a princely gift in itself—but she gave \$5,000,000 to pay for the construction. The church was recently completed.

Cyclists Discarding Corsets.

It is said that Parisian female cyclists are doing away to a great extent with the corset. This, however, is only in a measure true, and is based on the fact that the ordinary long corset is being discarded in favor of a shorter stay—somewhat like the "killing" stay, in fact, adopted by housewives. There is little doubt, though, that cycling deserves the merit of having caused the disappearance of tight lacing in many quarters.

Hairs of the Head.

It may interest men who are losing the natural covering of their heads to know that an industrious Frenchman named worker has made a calculation of the number of hairs on the average human head. His estimate is 137,080.

Heat in Persia.

In certain parts of Persia the thermometer stays at 100 degrees night and day for the greater part of the summer, while so extreme a temperature as 130 degrees is not unknown.

Codgers of Lebanon.

In the gardens around Lebanon there are more specimens of the codger of Lebanon than on Mount Lebanon itself.

BARBER PROVES TO BE A COUNT.

Omnescency and Fortune for a Sedilian, Exiled from Germany.

Sedalia, Mo., has for the past six years been the home of a German count, but not until the other day was the fact made public. The count of nobility was known as plain Dick Vanbosky, a journeyman barber, who learned the trade in St. Louis seven years ago. In reality, he is Count Jablonz, and was born in Odessa, Russia. At the age of five years he removed to Prussia with his parents, and when 18 years old he graduated from the Royal Cadet school at Berlin, Germany. He was appointed a lieutenant in the regular army, but in 1867 he was banished by Emperor William I. for political reasons for a period of 30 years, without leave to communicate with his relatives. He came to America the same year, and landed at Galveston, Tex. He spent two years in old Mexico as a cow boy, and in 1870 he went to St. Louis, where he learned the barber trade. He then came to Sedalia, and has resided there ever since.

Recently, through the efforts of royal friends of his parents, his sentence was commuted to 12 years, leaving him only two years longer to remain in exile. The other evening Count Jablonz left for Sidney, Australia, where he has a wealthy uncle, a banker, who furnished the necessary funds for the trip when he learned a few weeks ago that his nephew was working as a barber at Sedalia. During his residence in Sedalia Count Jablonz guarded his secret well, but just before his departure he furnished documentary evidence of his identity. He will spend the next two years with his uncle in Australia, after which he will visit his parents in Prussia, and will then return to the United States to make his permanent home here.

A WOMAN SECTION BOSS.

She Is a Young Widow—Works Hard and Bravely.

The Duluth & Winnipeg railroad has given the modern woman a trial, and put Mrs. Mary Shannon, a young widow, in charge of a section gang, says the St. Paul Globe. She has filled the position nearly a year, taking the place of her husband when he died. The roadmaster asserts that she is the best section boss he has on the line. This is a description of her at work: Dressed in a pair of bloomer overalls, with the bottoms laced around the tops of cowhide boots and her head adorned by a broad-brimmed slouch hat, the woman section boss may be seen any day, except Sunday, in all kinds of weather, standing beside the track in the midst of a gang of laborers, directing the work of surfacing, lining-up and rail replacing. Every morning at seven o'clock Mrs. Shannon kisses her two babes and leaves them to the care of the trustworthy section man's wife, while she goes forth to the day's work on the railroad. The men are waiting for her at the switch, with the handcar loaded with tools and dinner pails. "All ready, boys; let 'er go," she says, and they are off down the line to a day of toil. After ten hours' work, when the "boss" looks at her watch and shouts: "All aboard for supper," there is a scramble of hungry toilers, a clattering of shovels and bars as they are thrown upon the car, a rattling of empty dinner pails, and away they go homeward.

WHY THE DOLLAR OF 1864 IS RARE.

There are two stories regarding the rarity of the silver dollar of 1864, the most generally accepted one being the one which accounts for the scarcity by saying that they were sent to Africa to pay the soldiers engaged in war between this country and Tripoli. There were only 19,570 of them coined. Another version of the story which accounts for their rarity is that a vessel bound to China with almost the entire mintage of that year was lost. The former story appears to be the more likely explanation.

Elm Cost the Railroad \$300.

For the destruction by the Naahua Street Railway company, of the historic elm tree which stood in front of the house of Mrs. Sarah C. Greely on the main street of Hudson, N. Y., Mrs. Greely has been awarded a verdict of \$300 and costs against the road by the county commissioners. The tree is said to have been over 300 years old, and was partly blown over during the gale of 1870.

A Considerate Mendicant.

A French paper tells a story of an old beggar woman whose regular stand is outside one of the principal churches in Paris. There it is her habit to stand with a baby enveloped in an old shawl and solicit alms. "Why, your baby's a shen-a-doll," said a passer-by the other day. "Yes, sir," replied the un-abashed mendicant. "It was so hot that I left the real one at home."

Codgers of Lebanon.

In the gardens around Lebanon there are more specimens of the codger of Lebanon than on Mount Lebanon itself.

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