

BEARS' GREAT STRENGTH.

A California Grizzly That Walked On with a Two-Hundred Pound Heifer.

The strength of grizzly bears is almost beyond belief. I have read, says a writer in the Chicago Inter Ocean, about the powerful muscles in the arms of African gorillas, but none can compare with those in the arms and shoulders of big grizzly bears.

SPAIN'S DECADENCE.

The Causes Are Internal and Spring From Pride, Conservatism and Opposition.

When Charles V. was obliged to renounce the dream of a universal monarchy and to abandon the Holy Roman empire to his brother Ferdinand, says Henry C. Lea in the Atlantic, he was still able to make over to his son Philip II territories which rendered Spain the preponderating power in the civilized world.

ONLY WOLF LEFT IN IRELAND.

Last of a Pack of Dingos Imported to Ireland Shot by a Member of Parliament.

The dingo is the wild dog of Australia. It is not only wolfish in appearance, but also in appetite, and it has a strong predilection for lamb and mutton. Some forty years ago, says the Westminster Budget a learned professor, who was the curator of the zoological gardens in Phoenix park, Dublin, imported a number of these interesting animals from Australia.

Frozen Oysters for Market.

The latest novelty in the London markets is frozen oysters from New Zealand. Some time ago a New Zealand merchant on a summer visit to London sought unsuccessfully for an oyster.

Supposed Temperature of Comets.

As far as calculations can decide the temperature of comets is believed to be 2,000 times fiercer than that of red-hot iron.

No Pigeon Pie in Russia.

Plous Rusalans do not eat pigeons because of the sanctity conferred on the dove in the Scriptures.

HER DEADLY POWER.

The Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius Gives Practical Trial.

Gives a Hint of What Terrible Destruction She Can Wreak on Fortifications or Battleships of the Enemy.

The United States dynamite cruiser Vesuvius evidently began a new era in warfare when she made havoc of the Santiago harbor fortifications with three of her giant shells. Army and navy men are talking about her as reverently as if she were something supernatural.

MRS. WALLACE'S NEW JEWELS.

Chicago's Wealthy Widow Buys a Diamond Necklace at a Cost of \$60,000.

Mrs. Celia Wallace, of Chicago, has again added to her collection of rare and costly gems. This time it is by the purchase of a magnificent diamond necklace, for which she paid \$60,000.

HOBSON'S FATE.

If He Should Be Killed by American Shells, the Spaniards Responsible Should Be Hanged.

"Spanish officials in Cuba are acting in a peculiar manner in Hobson's case," said Vespasian Warner, of Clinton. "Hobson and his brave comrades are prisoners of war, and according to the rules which govern strife between civilized nations they should be as safe in a Spanish prison as they would be in one of our institutions.

PROUD OF HIS NOSE.

An Illinois Man Who Was Not Ashamed of an Appalling Nasal Affliction.

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COMBUSTION IN BRIQUETTES.

Results When They Are Loaded Too Soon After Leaving the Press.

The danger of spontaneous combustion in briquettes or patent fuel forms the subject of an article in the journal of the Central union of the Prussian Steam Boiler Inspection association. Instances are mentioned in which briquette stores have kindled spontaneously, after having been exposed for a long time to the sun's rays, and in this connection the following suggestions have been thrown out by a recent writer in the Glueckauf, who points out that such spontaneous ignition is unknown in the Ruhr district.

On leaving the press the briquettes show a high degree of heat, about 122 degrees Fahrenheit or more, and in order to hasten the cooling, they are sprinkled with water while being loaded on to the railway wagons.

The idea of spontaneous combustion in briquettes that have been completely cooled, is, however, repudiated, no such case having been properly authenticated by the writer, but he presumes that the coal made up into patent fuel is first freed from all foreign substances so as to contain no pyrites, and also that a large portion of the volatile gases are driven off in the process of manufacture.

RAISINS AS HORSE FEED.

A California Man's Animals Like Them and Flourish on Such Provisions.

P. P. Brooks, living eight miles west of Fresno, is using raisins as horse feed, and the result of his observations will be interesting, as he is an old horseman, reports the Fresno (Cal.) Republican.

"Barley is worth \$30 a ton, and raisins from \$18 to \$30. It is difficult to sell good raisins for over \$20 a ton. Some time ago I concluded to use raisins as horse feed instead of grain. As an experiment I bought an old horse and fed the animal 12 pounds of raisins a day.

WHIRLED THE VARNISH AWAY.

Hardened Lacquer Runs Like a Liquid from a Rapidly Revolving Dynamo Disk.

A curious observation was made in the shops of an electric establishment in Berlin the other day. For the purpose of making certain experiments a disk covered with varnish and lacquer was mounted upon the axle of a rapidly-rotating dynamo, and it was noticed that when the number of rotations was increased to several thousand per minute the lacquer covering on the outer surface would crackle and break off, says the Philadelphia Record.

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On the sides the varnish, which had been quite solid, began to flow toward the outer edge and in about an hour every vestige of it had entirely disappeared. It is doubtless the centrifugal power which caused that unusual flow of solid lacquer.

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