

LIKED THE SMOKE.

Reminded Her of Her Husband While Fighting in the Philippines.

One bright afternoon lately a pretty little woman of 30 or thereabouts, with a wistful expression of countenance, boarded a Fourteenth street open-carway uptown.

"You are on a smoker's seat. Won't this cigar annoy you?" "On the contrary, that is why I took one of these seats," she replied.

ACETYLENE GAS.

How a Canadian Metallurgist Accidentally Stumbled On To a Good Thing.

The facts relating to the discovery of acetylene gas are interesting. It appears that some years ago Thomas L. Wilson, of St. Catharines, Ont., was setting for metallurgical purposes, says the Western Electrician.

HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON.

How the Rive Droite and the Rive Gauche, Paris, Differ in Characteristics.

Boxes of books line either side of the Seine and stooping figures hover about them; but the Rive Droite and the Rive Gauche have little in common, says the Saturday Review.

Youth possesses the other side. Blithe figures caper about. Upon this jeunesse, Notre Dame casts her shadows; the dome of the pantheon rises proudly above it.

An American traveler in Persia reports being asked by a village soldier if he knew of dog-worshippers.

The Bishop Would Have Got Wore. A sermon for a certain mission was preached at a church in the Midlands, England, and it so happened that the preacher was a bishop.

SCARCE SORT OF MAN.

Chicago Real Estate Dealer Makes a Startling Discovery in Human Nature.

Two facts hardest for the average man to credit are the love of God his Father and unselfish motives on the part of his brother man.

"What are you going to use it for?" "To live in." "Yes, but how are you going to make your money out of it?" "Don't expect to make money out of it."

WHITE HOUSE CHINA.

A New Set Specially Made and Marked for Each Incoming Administration.

The white house china is manufactured and decorated especially for the president's house, says the New York Mail and Express.

The china of the white house is in the special charge of the steward, and he is responsible to the government for it.

METAL TRADING CHECKS.

So General in Parts of Minnesota as Almost to Supplant Government Coin.

The use of metal trading checks has become so general in some of the country districts in Minnesota as almost to supplant the use of government coin.

Carious Christian Name.

In the Canterbury Diocesan Gazette there is an interesting and authentic record of the use of Acts of the Apostles as a Christian name.

Spagus Saunages.

A writer in the London Lancet demonstrates that saunages are made nowadays which do not contain meat at all.

Disappearance of an Island.

Australian newspapers report the complete disappearance of Metis island, which as late as 1890 projected 150 feet above the ocean.

A HUMAN OSTRICH.

Boston Negro Eats His Suspenders and Has Indigestion.

Seeks Relief at a Hospital—Physicians Perform an Operation and Remove the Article of Wearing Apparel.

A human ostrich has been discovered in Boston, and the physicians at the city hospital are endeavoring to save his life.

ESTES DEALS IN SNAKES.

Minnesota Man Who Makes His Living by Selling Those Reptiles.

O. W. Estes, famous throughout southern Minnesota under the sobriquet of the "snake king," has just received a consignment from Texas of 500 specimens of serpents.

Mr. Estes has been very diligent in his pursuit of the local reptiles that formerly abounded about Rochester.

MISS LINDLEY ON KISSING.

She Smilingly Denies the Report That She Had Never Been Kissed.

Marguerite Lindley, the enemy of kissing, is at Cleveland, O., from New York to attend the International Women's Health Protective league.

REED'S NARROW SHOES.

Washington Shoe Dealer Tells of the Peculiarities of the Great Man's Feet.

"Comment about Speaker Reed's necktie when he sailed for Europe," said a Washington shoe dealer.

Two Electricians on Sleep.

Edison and Tesla, both eminent electricians, are not agreed as to sleep.

Great Britain in China.

Great Britain's "sphere of influence" in the Yang-tse-Kiang valley, China, embraces 630,000 square miles and a population of 180,000,000.

THE ARMY RATION.

As It Now Exists It Is Not Suited to Hot Climates and Will Be Changed.

Orders which were sent to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines directing the formation of commissions to discuss the proper rations for hot climates will, it is believed, result in some radical changes.

The tendency of soldiers, it is said, is to eat too much meat in warm climates and to overindulge in fruit and cooling drinks at the same time.

GUN GIVEN CITY OF RALEIGH.

Presentation by the Cruiser of a Spanish Cannon Captured at Manila.

One of the most interesting ceremonies in connection with the presence of Capt. Coghlan and other officers of the United States cruiser Raleigh in Wilmington, N. C., occurred the other day in the parlors of the Hotel Orton.

"I take this occasion, gentlemen, of formally presenting to you here in the presence of my fellow-officers a gun recovered from the Spanish cruiser Reina Christina.

"Raleigh is an inland city and the cruiser bearing her name can never visit her people. It is for this reason that we present this gift.

QUITS WORK ON KEELY MOTOR.

Investigation Abandoned by Men Who Had the Plans and Manuscripts.

T. Burton Kinraide, of Jamaica Plain, Boston, to whom the matter was submitted for investigation, has abandoned all work on the Keely motor.

Since the alleged exposure of duplicity in the Keely laboratory some time ago Mr. Kinraide has done no work on the machine.

REBELLION RECORDS.

Immense Cost and Stupendous Extent of This Account of the War.

Up to June 30, 1898, the government had expended \$2,610,921 in printing the official records of the union and confederate armies.

Miss Braddon, the Novelist.

Miss Braddon is still, at the age of 66, as industrious as ever, and a new novel, "The Infidel," which has been promised for publication soon, makes it sure that 1899 will not go by without a novel from her pen.

Marriages in England.

Since April 1 Nonconformists in England have been able for the first time to be married by ministers of their own faith.

PARTIAL TO WIDOWS

Club Formed at Peoria, Ill., That Has Unique Pledge.

The Thirty-Five Members Have Agreed to Marry None But Those Who Have Had Experience in Matrimonial World.

A club with 35 charter members has been formed in Peoria, Ill., all pledged to marry none but widows.

The promoters of the club say their object is a worthy one: that dignified girls experience no trouble in securing husbands, but a widow is handicapped, especially if she be left with children.

When a member violates the rules of the society and marries other than a widow he must pay a fine of five dollars and must invite the club to the wedding.

Letters from eligible widows are pouring in upon the secretary, and personal applications are also made.

PROVIDED WITH NEW FLAG.

Vessels Engaged in Coastwise Trade of Cuba to Fly a Blue Field with a White Union.

Cuba has been provided with a new flag by the United States government. That was designed for Cuban-owned vessels engaged in coastwise trade.

The vessels which will fly this flag were formerly Spanish. In order to preserve to the Cubans the coasting trade of the island, a privilege of much greater value to them than their slight participation in the foreign trade.

GOES TO AUSTRALIA TO WED.

Sequel to a Romance in the Lives of Two Deaf-Mutes of Minnesota.

A sequel to a pretty little romance which had its inception years ago in the Minnesota school for deaf and dumb at Faribault has just developed in the starting from St. Cloud for Australia of Miss Pearl French, the 22-year-old daughter of J. S. French, a well-known citizen.

WHITE HOUSE PETS.

Two Birds That Keep Mrs. McKinley Company and Distract the President.

Mrs. McKinley has two pets to keep her company while the president is occupied with the affairs of the nation. These pets are two birds—"Willie," a canary, and "Mac," a mocking bird.

UNIQUE COAL BARGE.

One of Special Design Being Constructed for Weighing and Putting Coal on Steamers.

A coal barge unique in its design is being constructed at the Nixon shipyards, Elizabethport, N. J. The barge will be used by the United States government and will load coal on steamers.

Francis Joseph's Fine Library.

Although a private library, yet in importance, interest and wealth that belonging to Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria ranks among the foremost libraries of the world.

LIGHT ON THE COHERER.

Important Discovery in Wireless Telegraphy Made by Professors at the University of Missouri.

Prof. M. H. Lockwood and E. E. Wheeler, of the University of Missouri, at Columbia, announce that they have discovered the true action of the coherer, the most important instrument used in telegraphing without wires.

The properties of the coherer have heretofore puzzled all experimenters. The result of the experiments conducted by the professors will be of great value, it is expected, in practical application of the new discovery.

Investigation has disclosed that the action of the Branley tube is due to an actual cohering of the particles. The action consists first in an electrostatic attraction, causing the particles to come in contact; and, second, in the fusion of the points of contact.

If a considerable difference of potentiality is maintained and the point brought in contact with the filings and then carefully lifted, a thread will attach itself to the point and may be drawn to two or more inches in length.

The experiments have been highly satisfactory and soon will be conducted on a larger scale than at present.

NEW RAILWAY.

It Is to Cross the Holy Land from the Caspian to Haifa to Damascus.

Secretary Hay has received details of the new railroad which is to cross the Holy Land. The proposed capital is \$30,000,000, but no shares will be put on the market, so it is said, until the line is completed as far as Nazareth.

While the Jaffa-Jerusalem, the Beirut-Damascus-Hauran, and the Lebanon tramways are narrow gauge concerns the Haifa-Damascus railway will be of standard width.

Active operations have commenced on the division between Haifa and the Jordan, and the line is to be completed in less than two years as far as Damascus. The Thames iron works being crowded with orders, it is likely rails, locomotives, and other material will be bought in the United States.

CORPSE SHIPPED AS BAGGAGE.

Theatrical Manager Takes Transporter a Body to Save Payment of Fare.

The body of a man was found in a box in the freight depot at Kingscross, England, the other day. The box had been consigned from Middleborough to London as containing theatrical properties.

The discovery aroused suspicion of murder, but it was ascertained that the body was that of William Ryder, known in the music halls as "Jimmy Green," who had died from pneumonia. It had been consigned by Tom Fritchard, the manager of the Collinsor Burlesque company, who said Ryder's last words were:

"Take me back to London, too." Fritchard was short of money and consigned the body as theatrical baggage to save expense. The consequence was that the body was brought to London for 16 shillings, whereas if it had been shipped as a corpse the cost of its transportation would have been nearly £12.