

HOBSON IS OUTDONE.

Schwab, the Steel Magnate, Makes New Record for Kissing.

Pretty Women of Braddock, Pa., Demonstrate Their Appreciation of His Gift to Remove the Debt of a Church.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, entered the Lieut. Hobson class the other night at Braddock, Pa., and kissed 200 women in 20 minutes.

Mr. Schwab came to Braddock to attend the dedication of the Episcopal church, which he built as a memorial to his mother-in-law, who is still living.

One of the women with a baby in her arms stepped up to the couple and shook hands with Mrs. Schwab.

There was great applause and cheers and when the best woman came up she got a kiss from the steel magnate.

After the kissing Mr. Schwab announced that he intended to do something for Braddock that would be of benefit to the people here.

BUREAU OF STANDARDIZATION

In Which Absolute Accuracy of Weights and Measures Will Be Striven For.

A million and a quarter of dollars has been recently appropriated for the establishment of a national bureau of standards for this government, and the work of designing a remarkable building for this new service will be commenced at once.

There will be maintained in this building a standard of all measures of capacity and distance.

WONDERFUL ICE CAVES.

One of Them Near Flagstaff, Arizona, Supplying Ice for Summer Use.

Several years ago a man who was wandering over the lava fields in the pine woods, nine miles from Flagstaff, discovered a narrow slit in the lava which appeared to lead into a lateral and much larger opening.

In the following March the cave was visited again and found to be as full of ice as it could hold.

In this hollow under the ground the cold air settles in the winter months, producing temperatures below the freezing point.

SLANG FROM THE BENCH.

An Australian Jurist Is Betrayed Into the Use of a Prize Ring Expression.

Even jurists are not exempt from the prevailing custom of using slang in expressing their sentiments.

Oldest Church in the Country.

The oldest Protestant church in the United States is St. Luke's, at Smithfield, Va.

THE DREYFUS CASE IN TATTOO

A French Coachman's Skin Bears 120 Scenes in the Celebrated Trial.

A French coachman in Paris is a walking illustration of l'affaire Dreyfus. Some time ago he was in one of the punishment companies in Africa.

SPOILED THE FLIRTATION.

The Pony Was a Racer and Kept Out in Front of His Rider's Disgust.

A gentleman who is a member of the Meadow Brook Hunt club and delights in horseback riding received a few days ago a wily "cayuse," or cow-pony, as they are called in the northwest.

There was no holding that pony back on even terms with the other horse. It pranced about, jumped from side to side and pulled the bit and would be quiet only when it had its nose well to the front.

A THOUSAND MILES AT SEA.

In Several Parts of the Earth Ships Can Get That Far from Land.

The question has been asked, is it possible to sail 1,000 miles from land? This can be done at several points.

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ELOQUENCE OF THE NEGRO.

Notable Example Was That Presented in the Preaching of Rev. John Jasper.

Rev. John Jasper represented the highest type of ignorant eloquence. Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly contains an interesting account of the famous old preacher.

There were many other discourses, says the author, just as good as the "Sun-do-move" sermon, though not so well known.

"An' deah," he said, "whar will deah be den? Chained-tied fas' to de golden chariot o' de Lawd. He will be takin' up one foot in his head with the suppleance and the activity of a trapeze dancer he hopped and hobbled and sprawled and fell around the pulpit until the congregation, run wild with the perfection of the acting, almost thought they were in the very presence of the chained Deah, and the women shrieked and shouted and the men rose in their seats and shouted like wild.

In his speech John Jasper was denunciatory and as sarcastic as a man could be. He roasted his enemies alive. His strong point was his ability to ridicule his opponents.

"Ef tain' so, frien's, go into de high ways an' de byways an' de streets an' de hedges an' tell ev'rybody you meet dat John Jasper is a liar!"

STILL LEFT IN DOUBT.

Pronunciation of St. Louis Remains a Problem Even to Residents of That City.

At the recent national convention of police chiefs one of the New York police captains called Chief of Police Kiel, of St. Louis, aside and requested a point of information of national importance, says the New York Times.

"Chief, will you tell me how the citizens of your city pronounce its name? Do they say Saint Louis—giving the sound of the final 's,' or do they say Saint Lewi, which I believe is the French way of pronouncing it?"

"Our people are divided on that point. The plain, breezy westerner avoids the French pronunciation by the dropping of the final letter, and the so-called cultured adhere to it with persistent tenacity.

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BEYOND THE SPAN OF LIFE.

Calpurns Are Sometimes Sentenced to Centuries of Imprisonment.

To be sentenced to imprisonment for the term of one's natural life is hard enough, but to be consigned to a dungeon cell for a couple of thousand years is indeed harrowing.

A couple of years ago a young man was arrested in Vienna who, upon his own showing, should have been sentenced to 250 years' imprisonment.

Exploring Syrian Castles.

Castles in Syria, to the eastward of Moab, are being explored by Dr. Alois Nusli, of Vienna.

The Dream Is Italy's Army.

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THE GAMING INSTINCT.

Deeds Upon the Satisfaction Gained Through Acquiring Money and Pleasure Without Labor.

We are now, perhaps, in a position to understand how gambling comes to exist and why it is so fascinating, says the American Journal of Sociology. It is a means of keeping up the conflict interest and of securing all the pleasure-pain sensations of conflict activity with little effort and no drudgery; and, incidentally or habitually, it may be a means of securing money—that is, potential satisfactions of all possible kinds, through the gains accruing to the winner.

NOVEL CHECK FOR TRUANTS.

This Man Has an Ingenious Plan to Keep His Wayward Boys at School.

An Austin father has invented a cure for truancy that is warranted to be effective in the most aggravated cases. He has two sons, one 12 and the other ten years old. They are pupils at a parochial school on Washington boulevard.

The father bought a conductor's punch and gave it to the principal of the school. To each of the boys he gave a card, having much the appearance of a commutation ticket, on which was printed the dates of the school days in the month.

Each school day the teacher uses the conductor's punch on the proper date on the cards, and the boys return home bearing proof that they have been to school.

NEGROES IN WASHINGTON.

Commendable Progress in a Business Way Has Been Made by the Colored Citizens.

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They have \$654,761 invested in business, and they do an aggregate of business yearly of \$1,750,000.

Our Varying Seasons.

The longest cold season is found in the Rocky mountain region, where it exceeds the warm by about ten days.

Quakers in Cuba.

One of the curiosities of Cuba is a Quaker meeting house which has been erected at Gibara, near Santiago.

FEW GREEKS IN GREECE.

Most of the Present Inhabitants of That Country Are of Slavonic Origin.

Greece died because the men who made her glory had all passed away and left none of their kin, and therefore none of their kind.

"Most of the old Greek race," says Mr. W. H. Ireland, "has been swept away and the country is now inhabited by persons of Slavonic descent. Indeed, there is strong ground for the statement that there was more of the old heroic blood of Hellas in the Turkish army of Edhem Pasha than in the soldiers of King George, who led before them these years ago."

Of all thy thousands grant us three To make us new Thermopylae. But there were not even three—not even one—to make another Marathon, and the Turkish troops swept over the historic country with no other hindrance than the effortless depreciation of Christendom.

DEBT AND WEALTH.

Figures on the Former Are Now Easily Obtainable Than on the Latter.

Increase in the national debts and the wealth of the world are keeping pace with each other, and each is increasing enormously, according to the recent figures given out by the bureau of statistics of the United States treasury.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the aggregated debts of the world were about \$1,000,000,000, to which a cipher must be added to get the debts of to-day.

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SILENT NAT HERRESHOFF.

Quiet Personality and Odd Characteristics of the Great Yacht Builder.

Angular in form, with stooped shoulders and a loose, disjointed frame, with the knees slightly "bucked" from Capt. Nathaniel Greene Herreshoff's general appearance no stranger would ever take him to be the foremost yacht designer in the world.

Yet this man, whose appearance calls to mind Markham's lines on "The Man with the Hoe," is master of many difficult professions as was Leonardo da Vinci. Yacht designer, navigator, expert sailor, metallurgist; a recognized authority in all these lines, were it not for his shrewd face and his keen eyes a Broadway bunco steerer would hail him as a gift from heaven.

Thoroughly unobtrusive, caring neither for praise nor adverse criticism of his work, and despising publicity with deep-rooted hatred, "The Wizard of Bristol," as he has come to be called, has made his sleepy little home town more widely known than many home or foreign capitals.

The First Canaries.

Canaries, which were originally green and gray in color, were native to the islands from which they take their name, and were first taken to England on ships plying between English ports and the south of France.

Retired Cities of Yucatan.

There are altogether in Yucatan seven cities, 13 towns, 62 ruined cities, 143 villages, 15 abandoned settlements and 333 haciendas.