

RISK LIFE FOR FREEDOM.

Convicts Offer to Take Desperate Chances in Their Efforts to Gain Freedom.

Climbing 60 feet up a perpendicular wall by the aid of a water pipe is a feat which strongly reminds one of the redoubtable Jean Valjean, of Victor Hugo's story.

Quiqua, a city of South America, is subjected to frequent earthquakes, so the buildings are mostly one-storied, of adobe, or sun-dried clay.

Michael Flaherty, a convict in the Bench city prison in California, had a 15 years' term to serve, but behaved so well that he was accorded more liberty than some of the prisoners and was set to work in the garden.

With this idea he procured a piece of sacking, spread it on the ground, covered it with a suspension of earth and sowed oats on it. Well watered daily, it was soon covered with a thick green growth.

Somewhat similar was the performance of an Italian prisoner at Turin. He was a long sentence man, but his conduct had been so good that he was permitted the privilege of doing work about the prison.

Working one day on the roof, he used his paint brush to such good purpose that he turned his convict garb into a suit of blue overalls.

A prison visitor was made the unwitting means of helping a burglar, named Carey, to escape from the goal in New Orleans a few years ago.

A few days later Carey had vanished. The bars of his window had been neatly cut out with a steel file.

The goal at Toledo, O., had a large, diaphanous chimney about 30 feet high, one side of which abutted on a cell occupied by a prisoner named Miller.

But, though he could see the sky above, he found that alone he could not possibly climb the perpendicular shaft. It was too wide. He therefore took six other men into his confidence.

DEER THAT DOTE ON MUSIC.

Charmed by Violin Playings, They Manifest Preference for Measured Strains.

Col. J. M. Drennan relates an incident of his recent fishing trip at Moosehead which presents a story to rank with both the tale of Orpheus and that of Robinson Crusoe.

The deer had grown wonderfully tame and came daily to crop the sprouting vegetation in the newly-planted fields.

Campling near the Masterman place was Mr. Lougee, a well-known violinist and leader of an orchestra in Bangor.

The music was played softly at first. At the sound of the first few measures the effect on the deer was magical.

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Finally the measures of a march were sent gliding off the strings. The deer became the soul of stately action at once.

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WORLD'S COAL IN 1901.

Standing of the Various Producing Countries in the Output of Last Year.

The forthcoming volume of the Mineral Resources of the United States for the calendar year 1901, United States geological survey, estimates the world's production of coal in 1901 at 866,165,540 short tons.

Of the output of coal in 1901, the United States produced 33.86 per cent., Great Britain and her dependencies 20.86 per cent., and Germany 19.42 per cent., or, combined, 84.14 per cent. of the total production.

Disatisfied American Women.

The American woman is restless, dissatisfied. Society, whether among the highest or lowest classes, has driven her toward a destiny that is not normal.

BITS OF HOUSEHOLD LORE.

A Variety of Information Selected from Various Sources for the Domestic Department.

Egg Gruel is made as follows: To the yolk of one egg, well beaten, add one teaspoonful of sugar, and pour over it one cupful of hot water.

For oatmeal Gruel pound one cupful of the meal until fine. Pour over it a cup of cold water and let it stand until it settles.

Four over the meal another cup of cold water, stir well and again strain. Repeat this operation four times.

A St. Louis physician maintains that the banana makes one of the best foods for a typhoid patient. He explains by stating that in this disease the lining membrane of the small intestines becomes intensely inflamed.

Almost every housekeeper has her own pet formula for polishing her floors, but here is one that is especially satisfactory. Cut one-half pound of yellow beeswax into small shavings and put to soak over night in a pint of turpentine.

This same encaustic may be used with good effect on furniture by beating in one-gill of alcohol. In waxing furniture, the finest polish is given by a cork which has been sandpapered smooth.

Contrary to general opinion, eggs, though a perfect food, are not always to be commended to people of weak digestion. If they leave a bad taste in the mouth after eating, avoid them.

NEGLECT OF THE EYES.

Ocular Defects in Children Should Receive the Benefit of Early Treatment.

Every observant person has recognized the recent striking increase in the number of people wearing glasses, and while this fact can be considered a sign of our advancing civilization, the question may be asked, what it will lead to and is it necessary?

Every oculist has seen case after case of these various conditions promptly relieved by the correction of the ocular defect. He has seen cases where the child pronounced by the parents and teachers dull and backward becomes the brightest in his class after wearing glasses that give him normal vision without the effort that has caused a condition of brain fog.

The mechanism of the eye is perhaps the most delicate system of our entire body. For the perfect performance of its function every part must work in perfect harmony. To secure this harmony both the refraction and the muscular balance of the eyes must be perfect.

Millinery Novelties.

Millinery is as varied of shape as it is in coloring. Some toques have hardly any trimming, but the brim is deep and much draped or applique.

Prepare and Watercress Salad.

Prepare lobster in the usual manner for salad, mix with mayonnaise dressing, then just before serving stir in a few sprigs of the cress, garnish the salad with the claws of the lobster and small bunches of the cress.

PITH AND POINT.

Premontion is what people think they have when they say "I told you so." (Chicago Daily News.)

The world is full of people who would break their necks any time rather than wait for the next car.—Atehon Globe.

First Citizen—"Do you believe in signs?" Second Citizen—"You bet I do. I make my living painting them."—Somerville Journal.

Lady (engaging a maid)—"Was your last mistress satisfied with you?" Maid—"Well, mum, she said she was very pleased when I left!"—Punch.

Another Matter—"Cholly," "Me bill job clothes amounts to ovah \$1,000 a year." Charley "But how much do they cost you?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Hogarty—"I'm not ashamed to say that my wife made me what I am." Bertin—"Had a grudge against you, eh? Before she took hold of you, I suppose you were a decent sort of fellow."—Boston Transcript.

The Greatest Yet—"What," we ask of the librarian, "do you suppose is the greatest library book in the world—the book that is in most demand?" "Carriage's hand book," he responds, confidently, without looking up from his work. Baltimore American.

"These Americans," cries the affronted "Tagni," "are cannibals." "Whatever gave you such an idea," asks the Mori. "I just heard one of those soldiers ask that pretty school-teacher to come and eat a Filipino with him!"—What to Eat.

"And when you marry," she softly said, "I hope you'll remember to invite me to the ceremony." He looked thoughtful. "It will be awfully crowded, no doubt," he said, "but I think I can ring you in somehow." And a moment or two later she declared the ring was an astonishing good fit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CHRISTMAS ON HUDSON BAY.

The Winter Holidays Are Heralded with Much Joy and Considerable Backet.

Christmas day is welcomed at the northern fur posts of the Great Hudson's Bay company, by a firing of cannon from the snow-muffled bastions. Before the stars have faded chapel services begin.

A great jangling of bells announces the huskies (dog teams) scampering over the crusted snow drifts. A babel of barks and curses follows, for the huskies celebrate their arrival by tangling themselves up in their harness and enjoying a free night.

Dogs unharnessed, in troop the trappers to the banquet hall, flinging packs of tightly roped peltries down promiscuously, to be sorted next day. One Indian enters just as he has left the hunting field, clad from head to heel in white caribou, with the antlers left on the capote as a decoy.

A French-Canadian fiddler strikes up a tuneless jig that sets the Indians pounding the floor in figureless dances with moccasined heels till midday glides into midnight and midnight into morning. I remember hearing of one such midday feast in Red River settlement that prolonged itself past four of the second morning.

The Easiest Solution. While a long line of taxpayers were awaiting their turn at the tax office on Monday, along came a burly Irishman, who constantly inquired, "Where is the end of the line?"

From most of the waiting men came the answer, "Behind me, sir." Finally, upon reaching the head of the stairway leading to the basement, and being told by one of the men that he would have to go down stairs and there find the line, he sat down at the head of the stairway, exclaiming: "Shure and D'm tired. O've tried to gi' down to the end of the loine and can't find it, so now O'll set right down where O'am and wait till the end of the loine comes up and foinds me."—N. Y. Times.

Red-Letter Day.

Lawyer (to witness)—Why are you so positive, Mr. Suburban, that the event occurred on the date you mention? You might be mistaken.

Mr. Suburban—Impossible, sir. It was on the day I didn't have to do any shopping in town for my wife.—Chicago Daily News.

BEAUTIFUL BANNER.

Falls into the Hands of the Post Office Authorities.

Sent from Philippines in Address to Brooklyn, Which Was the Home of a Deceit and the Pack.—Age Goes Unclaimed.

A wall in the private office of the first assistant postmaster general at Washington is decorated with a silk panel about six feet long by three feet wide, on which is worked in the most intricate and beautiful weave of colored silks and gold the shield of the United States, surmounted by an eagle with outstretched wings and open beak, a picture of majesty and defiance.

A visitor from the coast happened in the other day, however, and instantly remarked that the banner had been worked in Japan. Then it was noticed that Gen. Washington and all his officers and crewmen had slant eyes and the typical Japanese cast of countenance, and that the figure of the eagle surmounting the whole was a Japanese design.

The banner will be sold at the regular auction of the dead letter office and should bring about \$100.

MANILA UP TO DATE.

The Philippine City Is to Have a Modern Electric Street Car System.

Manila is to have an up-to-date street car service operated by electricity, and a modern electric lighting plant, provision for these improvements having been made in an act passed by the United States Philippine commission. All the essential features of the act were telegraphed from Manila to the war department. In order to give American bidders plenty of time to compete for securing a street railway franchise and the electric lighting franchise, bids will be received by the municipal board of Manila until March 4, 1903.

After 25 years the rates of fare are to be readjusted by arbitration and the city will then have the privilege of purchasing the entire plant at a price to be fixed by arbitration based on the net earnings.

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IMMIGRATION LAWS EVADED.

Many Ineligible Europeans Enter the United States by Way of Canada.

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Intending immigrants who by reason of some disqualification are rejected by the lines running to United States ports are turned over to lines running to Canada, and with few exceptions they are accepted without question. Thousands every year thus find their way to Canada and thence to the United States.

FRENCH BLOOD IN KAISER.

Genealogist Who Tries to Show the Emperor Is Descended from Admiral Gaspard.

A French genealogist has made the strange discovery that Emperor William of Germany has French blood in his veins, starting with the assertion that the emperor is descended from the French Admiral Gaspard II. The genealogist goes on to show the French pedigree thus: "Gaspard de Coligny, born February 16, 1517, at Chailillon-sur-Loing; wedded October 16, 1547, at Chailillon, Charlotte de Laval, and from this union came in time the stock from which all the Hohenzollerns sprang."

The author shows by a genealogical tree that the emperor has another streak of French blood derived from his mother's side, his maternal ancestors having included Charlotte of Bourbon-Montpensier and Eleonore des Mirrae-Dollreus.

A Chinaman's Opinion.

What Wu Ting Fang really thinks of us is a private matter, but, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, we can judge by what he has said to us that, while he admires our ways, he is not quite certain that our taste is the best.

FOR DISAPPEARING CARRIAGE.

Mechanism Opposed by Gen. Miles Is to Be Used Even for the Smallest Horse Guns.

Secretary Root has approved recommendations that the disappearing gun carriage be used in connection with guns of six-inch caliber as well as with those of larger bore.

This action marks the close of a contention lasting many months among the fortification authorities of the war department. The carriage to be used is largely the design of Gen. Crozier, the present head of the ordnance bureau. Its adoption was antagonized bitterly by Gen. Miles, as head of the board of ordnance and fortification.

Congress at its last session, because of the difference, authorized the appointment of a special board to pass on the merits of the invention. That board recommended the use of the carriage, in the discretion of the secretary of war, for guns exceeding six inches in caliber, but suggested that the use of the carriage for guns of six inches or less be suspended.

This suggestion recently has been again under consideration by the board of ordnance and fortification, and in the absence of Gen. Miles, the board has agreed to recommend that the line should be drawn below the six-inch gun rather than above it; that the secretary exercise the same discretion with reference to the guns of higher caliber, and that the carriage should be used for guns of smaller bore than six inches.

PRIZES TO SERVANT GIRLS.

The Premier of Gold Pieces Keeps Domestic at New York in One Kitchen Two Years.

The servant girl problem has been solved in unique fashion by the German Housewives' society of New York for its 300 members. The presentation of 25 ten-dollar gold pieces in as many little white anti-boxes, 24 explanatory cards and 2 bouquets of flowers to the same number of dusky and happy Irish and German domestics at the general meeting of the society in Tuxedo hall the other afternoon illustrated one feature of its methods.

Each recipient of these premiums had held the position found for her by the society two years, and as of them had been in the same place for four years, and thus received their second premium. After the ceremony refreshments were served.

The society was organized about eight years ago, with the prime object of saving German immigrant girls from the clutches of unprincipled employment agents.

FOOTBALL BREEDER OF EVILS.

Chancellor Andrews Tells Nebraska Students That Excess Enthusiasm Over Games Is Wrong.

Chancellor Andrews told the students of the University of Nebraska the other day he feared football enthusiasm and the devil sometimes went hand in hand. Such a condition, apparently, he said, followed the celebration in Lincoln of Nebraska's victory over Minnesota, when students captured a street car and partly dismantled it. That was the devil's work.

The chancellor declared it would have been far better had the team been defeated than to have such an exhibition. His remarks are supposed to be a warning in anticipation of the three big games in Lincoln. He is a great admirer and supporter of the game.

AN ISLAND IN DANGER.

Manitou, in Lake Michigan, Shows Evidence of Dropping Completely Out of Sight.

Anxiety is felt in South Manitou Island over indications that the island may suddenly be swallowed up in Lake Michigan. Capt. LaBerge, in charge of the life saving station at Sleeping Bear point, has notified his superiors at Washington that in his opinion the island will soon disappear. A boat-house recently built by the life savers on the island dropped out of sight, and recent soundings have shown a depth of 30 feet where formerly there were but three feet of water.

Wedding Ring Found in Codfish.

Henry Bauermann found a solid gold wedding ring in a fish the other morning. Bauermann, who has a cafe at Barclay street, New York, stopped at a front street fish store and bought half of a 16-pound cod. The cod had come from Boston the night before and was already cleaned. But when Bauermann was preparing for "free hot lunch" he found the ring imbedded in the ribs, he says. The ring is more than a quarter of an inch in breadth and bears the inscription, "Lew to Lou, '89."

Ohio's Centennial.

Active preparations are already under way in Chillicothe, O., for the celebration of the centennial of the state in May next. The State Historical and Archaeological society and a commission appointed by the governor are jointly supervising the arrangements. Eminent speakers from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky and other commonwealths which contributed to the upbuilding of the Buckeye state are to be invited to attend the celebration.

Can't Stand Water.

It is reported that heavy rains have driven the mud mullah back. We have always suspected from the looks of that fellow's portrait, says the Chicago Record-Herald, that he wouldn't take kindly to water.