

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE.

Salutation of the American citizens for the Imperial Chief Executive of the Nation. The president is an object of curiosity, but he is also the most distinguished man in the country. Crowds of people flock to railway stations to see other men, and there is a catholic and democratic indiscretion in the popular eagerness to know with the eyes of those who are in the news.

FORTUNES OF AN OLD BELL.

One in Spain and Brought from the Philippines, It Turns Up in Washington, D. C. Chimes from old Spain will henceforth call the workmen to and from their tasks in Uncle Sam's flower garden and propagating ponds south of the monument, says the Washington Post.

HAVANA HOTELS AND CAFES.

Americans Have Difficulty in Finding Food That is Suited to Their Taste. Havana has half a dozen or more hotels and yet an American has difficulty in finding one to his taste. Since food is the chief consideration, there are plenty of things to eat, too, but for the most part they do not please the American palate.

PASSING OF THE STURGEON.

The Day Came When It No Longer Had an Official Standing in Albany. Time was when the sturgeon was considered distinctly an Albany production, says the Journal. As Boston was noted for its beans, so also was Albany known far and wide as the home of the sturgeon, or "Albany beef," as it was facetiously called.

SAFETY IN OCEAN-SAILING.

The Ships of Great Britain Are More Reliable Than Those of Other Nations. "A German vessel for comfort, a French one for good cooking, but give me a British ship for safety," is a common saying among travelers, says the London Mail. The formal abstract of shipping casualties, published by the board of trade, shows the cause of this preference.

THINGS THE SEA GIVES UP.

They Make Jersey Beach Folk Think It Worth While to Live There in Winter. Every winter the storms along the South Jersey coast wash many objects ashore on the island beaches. Much of the stuff that is cast up by the waves is often so battered and broken as to be worthless, yet in this lot and jettison of the sea there are often articles of value.

IMMENSE AMERICAN FARMS.

Texas Has More an Acre as the Whole of Connecticut—Their Operation Profitable. The farms in the states and territories of the southwest portion of the United States are the most extensive in the world. The Centerville (Md.) Record gives an account of the areas of some of them, which, to the unfamiliar mind, are so astonishingly great as to be next to incomprehensible.

WORKERS AMONG NOBILITY.

Among Well-Born German Families There Are Many Who Do Common Labor. In the Almanach de Gotha there is much suggestive reference concerning the whereabouts and occupations of certain members of the families deemed sufficiently noble to figure in that classical compilation. The relatively modest annual "Petites" Almanach, which deals with the German nobility of all ranks, is much more outspoken, says Harper's Weekly.

SADDEST SPOT IN LONDON.

The Little Cemetery of St. Peter's Chapel, Where Mangled Corpses Have Been Entombed. St. Peter's chapel at the Tower of London, has probably more sad memories than any place in London. It was there that the head and body of the duke of Monmouth were placed under the communion table after his execution in 1685. Within four years the presentment of the chapel was again disturbed, and had by the remains of Monmouth were laid the remains of Jeffries, Macaulay, in recording the fact, wrote an eloquent description of the chapel.

NOTHING BUT TREES.

Wonderful Woods of the Great Northwest Extend to the Length of a Continent. Nowhere else in the world is there such a forest as this. As a step in the direction from the woods of the logging hills of one to the primeval woods, writes Ray Stannard Baker in "The Conquest of the Forest" in Century. Turn to the north. A thousand and five hundred miles you may wander, if you will, and never escape the towering silence of this wood.

EVOLUTION OF A BUTLER.

Troublesome and Expensive Process of Converting a Field-Hand Into a House Servant. The evolution of a corn field darkey into a butler is attended by an expenditure of patience on the part of his master and "ma'am" sufficient to endow a school teacher for life. It is accompanied, also, by suffering on the part of man and beast, and by a deterioration of the party and to contemplate the history of Sam Robertson will illustrate such a growth.