

RISK IN TWO ADDRESSES.

One on Each Side of an Express Package May Result in Double Charge.

The clerk in the express office was just about to toss the package back off the counter, says the Philadelphia Record, when he noticed that it was addressed on both sides. "It's good I saw that," he said. "Charges might have been collected twice."

COIN DOLLARS IN PRIVATE.

Italian Tells of Money Which Is Minted in Palermo—Shows Samples.

One evening I was sitting with an Italian friend at a restaurant, relates Everybody's Magazine writer, and we were discussing American laws and restrictions, at which he was very much inclined to scoff.

SIGHTSEEING IS A STRAIN.

Headaches Invariably Follow the Constant Use of Elevator Muscles of the Eye.

"Academy" or "sightseers" headache is not uncommon experience, and some recent observations of Sirmon Snell, London, appear to throw some light on its causation.

AUSURN TRESSES POPULAR.

Woman with Bright Red Hair Tells How Locks of a Tilted Shade Have Become Desirable.

"If I had waited 20 years about getting myself born, I'd have saved myself innumerable heartaches," said Georgetown woman to a Washington Post reporter.

KEEPS COW IN HER PARLOR.

Buffalo Woman's Home Also Houses Her Pigs, Goats, Dogs, Chickens and Children.

"Buffalo, N. Y.—Dr. William B. May, an inspector for the health department, and Detectives Condon and Shook, under orders from Capt. Ward and Health Commissioner Greene, investigated a case of unsanitary living the other day, which they say is beyond belief in this age of unlimited soap and water and rigid sanitary regulations."

THE WOMAN WHO DROPS IN.

A Social Nuisance That Apartment Hotels of the Cities Are Fortified Against.

One nuisance that modern customs have done away with and that promises to become extinct in cities is the person, man or woman, who makes a habit of dropping in to call on a friend or acquaintance at all sorts of hours, without regard for the engagements or duties of the one visited.

GROOM TAKES TRIP ALONE.

Bride Is Left at Home When Her Husband Starts on Honey-moon.

Booker T. Washington says that a domestic long in the service of a well-known Alabama family recently gave notice of two weeks, explaining that she desired to get married.

TEACHING OYAMA TO SHOOT.

American Tells of Delightful Experiences with Now Famous Japanese Field Marshal.

"Twenty-five years ago I was an experienced rifle shot," writes Horace Fletcher, in World's Work, "and could hit a moving object every time."

MODERN PILGRIM VILLAGE.

Town of Duxbury at Plymouth Bay Is as Picturesque as in Antiquity.

Quaintly picturesque is the little Pilgrim town of Duxbury, declares Austin Cook, in Four-Track News. The water of Plymouth bay washes its long sandy beach, while to the south rises the green slope of Captain's hill.

ASHOD SIEGE THE LONGEST.

Town Held Out Against Egyptians for Period of from Nineteen to Twenty-One Years.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that the longest siege of antiquity was that of Ashdod by the Egyptians. According to one authority it lasted 19 years.

PENSION LIST INCREASING.

More Than a Million Names Added to the Roll, and More in Prospect.

Washington.—The pension roll of the United States has reached the high water mark, now containing 1,000,81 names, an increase of more than 4,000 since June 30 in his last annual report Commissioner Ware stated that the pension rolls then carried more than 997,000 names.

CALLS JAPS POOR WORKERS.

A German Writer Says They Are Inferior to the English or Americans.

Dr. Max Nitzsche, writing in the Preussische Jahrbucher says that European industry has nothing to fear from Japanese competition. It takes three Japanese to do the work of one Englishman.

TRAIN SPIDERS TO CHEAT.

Insects Weave Webs About Wine Bottles Thus Producing Aged Appearance.

In this age of shams even spiders' webs may be fraudulently attached to wine bottles, for there is an elderly Frenchman who makes a comfortable competence by supplying unscrupulous wine dealers with specially bred spiders at a fixed rate of \$2.50 per 100, which may be relied upon, if turned loose among wine bottles, to at once proceed to spin abundant webs among them.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN SCENES.

No Better Way to Go Abroad Than to Start Journey in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Those of our fellow citizens who imagine that the only way to go abroad is via a trans-Atlantic liner, need to get acquainted with certain spots in southeastern Pennsylvania. There is no better starting point and time for his voyage after novel sights and interesting experiences than the city of Lancaster, the seat of the richest county in the state, on any local market day, says W. H. Richardson, in Four-Track News.

SHOCK BRINGS BACK VOICE.

Physician Says That Electricity If Judiciously Used Often Restores Speech.

A young woman who had not been able to speak for five years has recovered her voice through electricity. One of the hospital surgeons who operated said: "We occasionally get patients who are unable to speak, not through any organic ailment, but simply because they are in a hysterical condition, and we often cure them by a strong electric shock."

ANIMALS ENJOY TELEGRAPH.

Monkeys Perform Many Complicated Evolutions on Wires in British East Africa.

In British East Africa the animal kingdom looks upon the 2,190 miles of telegraph wire strung through that region as an innovation to be utilized. The wires arouse curiosity and stimulate experiment. The latest official report speaks of monkeys as incorrigible. They have ceased to pay much attention to the locomotive and even the shrieks of the whistle are not permitted to interfere much with the fun of swinging on the wire.

HEADSTONE FOR HORSE.

Lover of Steeds at Le Sueur, Minn., Erects Marble Shaft Over Grave of Pet Animal.

Le Sueur, Minn.—George M. Tousley, of Le Sueur, is a great lover of horses, and his love for them takes a different trend than is usually the case with horsemen. He cares not particularly to use or drive them, but merely to have them in his ownership, and see that they have a good time.

FOOD VALUE OF OYSTERS.

They Are Easily Digested and Contain Many Important Substances.

Interesting experiments made in the Lancel laboratory show the great digestibility of the oyster, says the New York World. When the oyster was crushed and placed in cold water about half of the solid matter was dissolved. When the oyster was placed uncrushed in the same medium one-fourth of its solid matter was dissolved. It is believed that if the oyster be chewed more than half of it is dissolved in the mouth.

The Patient Brain.

The brain is one of the most patient and industrious organs of the body. It can be induced, by good treatment, to perform prodigies of labor. Few realize its capabilities and endurance. But it is sensitive. It will not look brook abuse. It bristly responds to the whip at first, but if the lash is laid on too hard and often it balks. It insists upon having plenty of good, red blood when it works hard; and good, red blood is made from wheat and roast beef, not from pie a la mode, lobster salad and cocaine or whisky.

A Colt That Assisted.

One rainy day a farmer opened the barn door and tried to call in the cows, so that he would not have to walk in the deep mud to drive them. One cow refused to come, although he called her name repeatedly. A colt, standing at the other side of the yard, watched him, as he vainly tried to drive the cow without stepping into the mire. Then the colt quietly stepped up to her and bit her. Of course she moved. He followed, giving her a nip whenever she moved in the wrong direction, until she went trotting back to the other side of the yard.

WOULD KILL INCURABLES.

French Professor Advocates Ending Lives of Seriously Afflicted Patients.

A French professor is advocating the establishment of deathrooms in hospitals, where patients affected with incurable diseases who have lost all desire to prolong their days may, at their own request, be sent painlessly out of the world, says the Newark News. It is extremely doubtful if such measures will ever be adopted in France or any other civilized country. Occasionally people are met with among ourselves who profess to believe that this kind of work is done in some hospitals, but they are quite wrong. It is the business of the physicians and all those connected with the care of the sick to prolong human life, not to shorten it, and under no circumstances whatever do they consider themselves justified in departing from this rule.

Radium Emanations from Springs.

Monieur Curie, whose wife was the original discoverer of radium, has lately investigated the radio-active gases given off by the waters of certain mineral springs. These emanations are strongest from the waters of Bad Gastein in Austria. They are also found in the waters from Plombieres, Bains-lès-Bains, and Luxeuil in France.

Tramp Is Wealthy.

Detroit, Mich.—Otto Gans, a tramp, was arrested for begging on Grand River avenue the other day. Police men went through his clothing and nearly fainted when they found 1400 shares of western mining stock, 600 shares in a salt works, deeds to 13 lots in New York city, and \$11.85 in cash. Gans claims he came to Detroit from Columbus, O., but declined to give a history of himself. He was sent to jail. It is believed he is mentally unbalanced, and may have wandered away from home.

Bridge Lights Mean Much.

There are three lights on the Brooklyn bridge which are never seen by those who have occasion to use the bridge at night, but these three lights mean much to the masters of sailing vessels whose masts approach or exceed the 115 feet between the center of the span and the water. One of the three is directly in the center of the span and marks the highest point; the other two are at each side of the center, about 100 feet from the towers, and mark the danger limit.

Pyramid Building Not So Hard.

When the pyramids were built the laborers did not work under such disadvantages as have long been attributed to them. Researches show that they had solid and tubular drills and lathe tools. The drills were set with jewels and cut into the rocks with keenness and accuracy.

Hard Name to Master.

According to Yasya's manager, the celebrated violinist's name should be pronounced as though it were spelled Ee-sah-ee-eh. Here are some of the common attempts heard: I-say, Ye-say, Why-say, Easy, Easay, Isay, Is-Yay, Is-Yay, Is-say-ee, Isah, Why-say-ee, and numerous other two-syllabled and three-syllabled variations.

Navy Rejects Smokers.

It is stated that nearly 20 per cent. of the recent applicants for admission to the naval academy at Annapolis were rejected because they were suffering from "lobacco heart," caused by smoking cigarettes.