SCARCITY OF CHINCHILLAS.

Danger of Extinction of the Valuable Fur-Bearing Animals.

Cnosul Mansfield of Valpariso writes that chinchilla skins, much prized and bighly valued in the United States, England and European countries because of their beautiful color and fine quality of the fur, are a product of Bolivia and Chill only. The consul

continues: The chinchilli is a small animal that burrows in the ground, and resembles in general appearance a rat, except in the coat, which is a beautiful sliken light gray fur. It is found in the Cordillera ranges o' the Andes in Chile and Bolivia, the best quality coming from the latter country. They are found in great numbers in the higher mountain ranges. But like all animals whose skins have a high market value, chinchillas have been killed with imunity in season and out of season in recent years. As a result they are threatened with extinction.

They are captured in various ways, but the most common method is to hunt them with dogs, the fox terrier being the most useful and skillful in their capture. The rapid extermination of the chinchilla and the absolute lack of protection or regulation in taking them has resulted in a tremendous advance in the price of the skins In the past two years. As an evidence of the commercial interest in the fur produced by this little animal two American and two French firms keep expert purchasing agents in the field during the shipping season-January to July. Coquimbo, Chili, is the chief port of export, that being the port of shipment for the Bolivian product also. Last year there were exported from Coquimbo 12,000 dozen skins, the majority of which went to the United States, one agent shipping 7,150 dozen and another 2,500 dozen to their respective New York houses. Prices last year were almost double those paid in

the year previous. At the last session of the Chilian congress a bill was passed prohibiting the killing of chinchillas within a certain season and providing penalties for violation of the law. But the natural habitat of the chinchilla in the wilds of the Andes mountains makes detection and convictions for violation of the law regulating their killing difficult, and it seems probable that this valuable fur-producing animal, like many other wild animals indigenous to the forests' and mountains of North and South America, is destined to early extinction.

SMALLPOX IS EXPENSIVE.

Disease That Costs the State of Pennsylvania a Great Deal of Money.

Reiteration of the value of vaccination and the consequent necessity for laws compelling its acceptance by those who would not of their own free will seek its protection, would be unpardonable were it not for the numbers of the opposition, says American Medicine. From the medical point of view there seems logically only one sine to the question, but there are physicians as well as laymen who insist upon the uselessness and even danger of the process. In a very plain statement recently issued to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania Commissioner of Health Dixon presents solely the financial aspect of neglected vaccination, with the hope of thereby impressing those to whom statements regarding sickness and death do not appeal. At the lowest estimate it costs the state \$350 for each person outside of cities quarantined to prevent the spread of smallpox. This means that during 1905 more than \$2,000,000 of state money was thus expended, or, as well put by Dr. Dixon, was wasted simply to gratity a whim of those who opposed vaccination. If such people do not appresciate this waste of money, surely those who are protected by vaccination are entitled to protest against the resources of the state being "consumed in this way in order to permit a few obstinate fanatics to indulge their pet fancy of being allowed to have smallpox if they so desire." A remedy mentioned by Dr. Dixon, namely, meeting the cost of controlling smallpox by a the upon those who refuse vaccination, would doubtless prove a strong argu ment to such recalcitrants. The experience of Williamsport in expending \$284 for each of its 18 cases of smallpox and at the same time protecting some thousands of persons by vaccinating at a cost of 20 cents each, should appeal to persons whose gray matter can be aroused by excitation of their pocketbooks. Veritably, smallpox is a "luxury and not a necessity."

> Many Indian Names. In the linited States we find 'Indian" names in profusion from ocean to ocean. All the great lakes except. Superior, the largest rivers-Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas-ant countiess other natural features, such as rivers, lakes, mountains and valleys, bear names of Indian origin. 84 do a majority of our 45 states, to saj nothing of countries and towns. Many are of activing beauty—as, for instance, Tippecanoe, Minnehaha, Sus quehanna, Atabama-and while some are harsh, they seem somehow to "at" remarkably well .-- St. Nicholas.

Bustaining Her Reputation. As usual, Connecticut leads in the number of patents issued last year to citizens of any state, although more patents were issued to citizens of the District of Columbia than to those o any state of territory. Connecting is just as famous for ingenuity nes as she was in the days of the wooder nutmeg.-Boston Globe.

FIND RECORDS: GET ESTATE

Lawyer's Long Search for Divorce Decree Rewarded-Divorce Case Data Found.

Lafayette, Ind.—Among the old records, stained and yellow, in the Tippecanoe county clerk's office, Clerk Quincy Earl and his deputy, Mrs. Samuel Savage, have found papers, that will deprive Mrs. Nancy Reed of Frankfort of her right to the estate left by Marshall Fred Thompson, the

Delphi murderer and suicide. Mrs. Reed had gone to Frankfort to prosecute her claim to the estate on the ground that she was his lawful wife and found the lawyers representing W. W. Thompson and Clara Dellinger Thompson in possession of the papers found there. It caused her lawyers to throw up the case.

C R. Pollard, who represented W. W. Thompson, has always maintained there was a divorce. He had the records at Toledo, Lagrange, Logansport and Delphi searched, and also looked here without success. But he kept up

the search. In the old records here was found the divorce case of Nancy E. Thompcon vs. Marshall F. Thompson. It was also found that on November 16, 1865, an absolute divorce was granted Nancy Thompson upon the grounds of cruelty and desertion. A certified copy of these records put an end to the

CATCH CLEVER BOY CROOK Purchase of Auto on Credit Leads to His Downfall at Dres-

den.

Berlin .- A youth, 16 years of age, who has been arrested at Dresden, has had a remarkable career of swindling. He is an apprentice from a country town, and came to Berlin as Freiherr von Bredow. He stayed at the best hotels, entered the best circles, and rode daily in the Tiergarten. He was able to obtain large sums of money on the strength of his high sounding name, which was regarded as sufficient security.

With the money he secured he bought diamonds, which he deposited as security for further loans. When at last Berlin became too hot for him he left his debts behind him and went to Dresden. There he lived as Friedrich Wilhelm, count of Griebenow, Friedrich Albrecht von Elbermann, son of a wealthy land owner of Cologne, and Baron Walter von Bredow. He obtained considerable credit in Dresden.

When he bought a motor car on credit, however, his movements were watched, and the police, having obtained information concerning him, he was arrested just as he was leaving his hotel in his car. He has been handed over to the Berlin authorities.

HOLDS GIRL BY HYPNOTISM

Victim Starts Story of Her Suicide-Escapes, Found, Tells of Mortal Dread.

Connellsville, Ps.-Mrs. Edna Tinkey-Brown, aged 20, who was alleged to have committed suicide, and who has been searched for for several days by her alleged husband, Harry Cassell, of Cleveland, O., has been found here, clive and well, living at the home of

relatives. The girl admitted that it was herself who circulated the report that she had committed suicide, and that her object in doing so was to escape from Cassell, of whom, she declares,

she is in mortal tear. The girl was Edna Tinkey. About two years ago she married William Brown, of Braddock, then disappeared, and some time later appeared in company with Harry Cassell, who is a hypnotist, with a medicine show. The girl says that Cassell exerted such an influence over her that she was forced

to do everything he told her. Finally, fearing for her life, she left him and came to this place to hide. She says that she was never married to him, although she was known as his wife, and declares that she will not go back to him.

\$10,000 A YEAR IS ENOUGH Gov. Johnson Declares No Man Has Need for More-Speaks at Y. M. C. A.

Duluth, Minn.—"I do not believe that any man should have more than \$10,000 a year, for if he lives right he does not need any more," declared Gov. John A. Johnson in an address at the Lyceum theater. Gov. Johnson spoke under the auspices of the Duluth Y. M. C. A.

"The most vicious standard of success in the world," he continued, "is that which sets up dollars and cents as the height of human ambition. There is a man in New York who has get his ambition at \$1,000,000,000 and if he ever lives to acquire it he will be sorry that it is not \$2,000,000,000. The man who makes money the be-all and the end-all of his career is the

most miserable man in the world. "There are many men whose records are tending to besmirch the fair name of the nation," said the governor in conclusion, "but I believe we have at its head a man who is great enough and good enough to guide the ship of state in the right direction."

Yerkes Once Mined Gold. The late Charles T. Yerkes was a gold miner in his youth, having been ment by his father to manage what was known as the Dodge mine, at Lisbon, N. M. It is said that \$65,000 worth of gold was mined there, but the cost of operation was twice the value of the product.

GIVE HOME FOR IDLE

BEDAN, KAN., LOAFERS HAVE UNIQUE CLUB ROOM.

Town Builds Two-Story Band Stand and Gossipers in World's Problems Are Presented with Lower Room for Weighty Debates.

Sedan. Kan.—This probably is the only town in Kansas, and perhaps in the west, where official provision has been made for the town loafer. The public treasury here has been drawn upon to provide this familiar town character with a comfortable and pleasant place to spin his yarns, indulge in town gossip and occasionally dabble in the heavier questions of

When the oil business quickened the pace of the community things became different, and the village loafers received less attention from the busier! store keepers. The oil men were strangers to them and they could no longer entertain the customers while the grocer was getting the order tied up. In fact it went from bad to worse for the group about the stove, and it finally became evident to them that they were becoming less and less welcome. In fact the stores became too busy for them and the space that the motley circle had been filling was needed for stocks.

About this time the town decided that it needed a band stand, for, with its other progress, the musical side had progressed also. A careful search over the community for talent had revealed no less than 15 boys and men who had courage enough to give weekly band concerts. So when the city council finally decided to devote at least \$100 to the cause of music by building a band stand the town loafers promptly asked that it be made a two-story affair and that the lower foom be used for a "police station."

The request was not taken seriously, however, until the town's peace officers added the strength of their official indorsement to the project. The night officer is an old soldier and wanted "company." He knew that if a sort of police station were built he could get plenty of it. So the council granted the request and gave the first floor to the town loafers under the guise of building a "police station."

Recently, to make it more comfortable, windows have been cut in all six sides of the structure and the loafers can now see what is going on all over the business part of the town without leaving their quarters, for the building stands at the intersection of the two most important streets.

A stove had been put up, chairs provided, and lately an enterprising merchant has accommodated the increasing membership by donating several advertising covered benches. The room will hold upward of 30 and it is ull every evening. There are no loafers at all in the stores. The sought the more hospitable band stand "police station."

In summer the crowd takes its chairs and benches outside, and the exact time of day can be told as the loafers "hitch" their chairs around the building to dodge the sun. A better sun dial was never invented. No one regrets the money the city has spent in building this loafers' paradise or the amount that has been spent in improving it. It has removed the habit of loafing from the stores and sidewalks and concentrated it out in the center of a street corner.

The loafers have named their headquarters the "Honk-a-Tonk," and a cigar is named in honor of them. Given a box of these cigars, the sessions open with first the village gossip; then follows a discussion of municipal affairs, which are made interesting now by public improvements that are making. Then comes the handing down of final decisions upon lawsuits that may have been tried that day in the local courts, for to the "Honk-a-Tonk," sooner or later, all appeals must come.

ESTABLISH A DOWER FUND

Unique Plan Promulgated by New Iowa Insurance Concern-Outline of Methods.

Des Moines, Ia.-The "Iowa Marriage Dowry association" is one of the strangest organizations to file articles of incorporation with the county recorder of Polk county. As given in its own words "the object and purpose of this association shall be to enocurage lawful wedlock, to promote economy, we endow homes, to make married life desirable to rich and poor alike, to create by small contributions a marriage dower fund for the mutual benefit of those who contribute to that fund." The capital stock is fixed at \$10,000.

It is understood the purpose of the organization is to carry out a sort of insurance by paying annually into the fund for protection and the benefit to be received upon marriage when a dowry is forthcoming. It is probably the most novel insurance organization ever perfected.

Move When Necessary. Business is creeping into the resi-

dence district occupied by the Vanderbilts, Sloanes and other New York notabilities. This is disagreeable, but they at least have the satisfaction of knowing that they can afford to move.

Too Busy to Get Hungry. A centemporary marvels that the Japanese had enough to eat while the war lasted and only began to starve with the restoration of peace. That's easily explained. In the war they ate up the Russians.

NEW BOON TO BACHELORS Hand Sewing-Machine That Mends

Rents by Simply Turning a Crank.

"I have been wondering for some time," said the girl in the white shirt waist to a New York Press writer, "who uses all of those little hand sewing machines that we sell nowadays. Yesterday I found out. It is the men. I had noticed for several weeks that the masculine shoppers investing in those handy little contrivances far exceeded the feminine, but I set their ponderance down to goodnatured obedience which impelled them to buy at their wives' or sisters'

behest. "But yesterday afternoon a goodlooking, helpless Hercules came in and made inquiries about a machine. His manner showed me he was not hampered with many women folk, so I finally plucked up enough courage to ask him for whom his purchase was intended.

"'For myselt,' he said, innocently; T've seen so many of the fellows up at the school rooling with them this winter-I'm a medical student, you know-that I thought I would see what kind of a stagger I could make at my own mending. You have no idea what expert sewers some of the boys have become. I believe they could make a whole suit on one of these little machines. I've seen them make all kinds of repairs. They were all pretty awkward in the beginning but they persevered until they got ac they could turn the crank with one hand and guide the cloth with the

other as well as any woman." "The young man's breezy explanation nearly floored me, but in the light of preceding experiences I knew it must be so, and I fancy that if seams had voices a goodly number of them could tell of their origin on hand sew ing machines that have been run by the bachelors of New York."

KAISER AS A DESIGNER.

He and His Family as Saints and Cherubs in Stained Glass and Brass.

The kaiser has just designed a mag nificent electrical candelabrum for a new church at Strassburg.

The metal work, of beaten brass, consists of seven huge branches in s highly complicated pattern. The four evangelists are represented in them The kaiser's idea is symbolic; he wishes to say the light of the world comes from the Gospels.

A short time ago, when the elabo rate ornamentation of the chief door of the new cathedral at Metz was unveiled it was noticed that among the figures of apostles and prophets upon it was a model of the kaiser as the prophet Daniel.

In the new cathedral at Worms the stained glass windows contain figures of the kaiser's seven children as cher ubs. The artist used photographs of the children when about six years old.

When the kaiser was asked to give his permission he said his children were far too bad a lot to be displayed as cherubs, and there was nothing cherubic about them, but if the empress would consent, he had no ob jection. The empress gave her con

Finally, in the parish church at Wilhelmshohe, the favorite summer residence of their majesties, there is a window with the empress' picture as St. Elizabeth.

PROUD OF THEIR BABIES.

Observing English Traveler Has a Good Opinion of Fathers in This Country.

"American fathers are the most affectionate in the world," said a traveled Englishman the other day. "I never heard any young married men talk with such affectionate pride about their babies. The usual Englishman is either boisterous or simply satisfied.

"This morning I saw one of the pleasantest sights imaginable. I was riding in a stret car. Opposite to me sat a young couple with a baby. The husband was holding the baby. He was a bronzed and sturdy fellow and he held the pink and white mite very tenderly. He was not in the least embarrassed. He had one muscular finger playing about the child's mouth, and whenever the pink gums snapped at it he looked as proud as a prince and beamed all over his honest face. Now, you'd never see a sight like that in my country. I shouldn't mind standing godfather every day to children of such fathers."

Origin of the Dog. Dr. Lindsay Johnson, the celebrated opthalmologist, says that the dog has two ancestors, one round-syed, the ether oval-eyed. The first is the Lyens, the second the bear, through the raccoon. All dogs descend from these animals. The "corpus niger," or black body of pigment in the eye of the horse, which has puzzled veterinarians, naturalists and zoologists somuch, provides, through the opthalmoscope, a new means of tracing the ancestry and relationship of the horse. It is the same eye curtain that is found in tropical animals—the onager, the camel and the antelope-for protection from sunlight.

Just Married. "Well, old man, you're linked for life now. Linked for life."

"I wish you'd stop applying that expression to me." "Why?" "Sounds too much like being hand-

suffed."-Louisville Couries-Journal.

PLAN TO SAVE TREES

OKLAHOMA COTTONWOODS ARE THEME OF MEASURE.

Scheme to Preserve Them in Timber Park, to Be Maintained at Sole Expense of Indian Territory, Before Congress.

Aline, Okla.-The bill recently introduced in congress by Delegate Mc-Guire to make a territorial park out of the school section near Aline, now known as Big Timber park, is intended to preserve the biggest trees in Oklahoma and a picturesque spot which was, when Oklahoma was still far out on the frontier, a favorite camping ground for Indians, trappers, hunters and military expeditions. In summer or winter there was always excellen:

protection from the elements. Through the grove flows Eagle Chief creek, fed by hundreds of clear, soft. springs, bursting from hillside and canon. Every old-timer who ever followed the cattle trails of the southwest knows the big timbers of the Eagle Chief.

In this park there stands unrivaled the largest cottonwood tree known, and the biggest tree of any kind which is now growing in Oklahoma. It is not a tree that is impressive for its beauty, but primarily on account of its venerable appearance and its evident great age.

The tree's age is a question. At Topeka there is a cottonwood tree which is known to be over 60 years old an i is three feet in diameter.

The Oklahoma giant is seven fee; through and over 30 feet in girth. The frequent fires that swept the Oklahoma prairies before the advent of civilization have left their marks on its trunk, and the winds have frequently torn away great branches.

Considering the setbacks of this sort which it has experienced in its growth, it is estimated that the big tree must be at least 150 years old. Practically all of the south half of the section is covered with a heavy growth of timber, most of walnut and burr oak, with occasional mulberry, hackberry, cottonwood and elm trees. In this vicinity also are what are said to be tha only pawpaw trees in Oklahoma. A walnut log 20 feet long cut from this grove scaled 38 tuches at the smaller

No appropriation is asked from congress, the territory being willing to take charge of the park and provide the means for improvements and maintenance. The last territorial legisla. ture by unanimous vote passed a joint resolution asking for congressional action.

For many years a big G. A. R. reunion has been held in the park every year, and for this reason it was considered that the north part of the section, which is unwooded, should be se: aside as a soldiers' home site, that provision also being included in the memorial adopted by the Oklahoma legislature.

TO BRIDGE ROYAL GORGE.

Top of Famous Colorado Wonder of Nature Will Be Crossed by Electric Railway Line.

Denver - The highest railroad bridge in the world will be built across the top of the famous Royal Gorge, near Canon City, Col. It will be 2,500 feet above the hanging bridge of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad-so high in the air that the roaring of the Arkansas river below will not be heardand the powerful stream will look like a thread of silver running between the frowning cliffs.

The structure will be erected in counection with the plans of F. S. Gracger of San Jose, Cat., to establish an interurban system of electric rafiways in Fremont county from Canon City to Florence and the top of Royal Gorge. Construction began March 1, and it is expected that the line to the top of the gorge will be in operation this sum-

The Pike's Peak road is now the highest railroad in the world, but the proposed line, with its thrilling ride across the gorge, will surpass even the cog road. The cost of the interurban system will be \$500,000, and the suspension bridge spanning the chasm will cost \$100,000 additional.

SELLS A TOWN FOR \$6,000 Proprietor of Village of Solon, Ind., Transfers His Property to

Hoosier Dealer. Solon, Ind.—Orlando Ross is no longer proprietyr of the town of Solon. For \$6,000 he sold it to William Del-

linger, of Scortsburg, Ind. Five years ago Ross bought a crossroads store at Solon, paying \$100 for the stock. About all he had to sell was bacon, molasses and flour. In a

short time he had everything to sell, from a needle to self-binding harvester machines. Solon thrived. Ross built 15 cotbages and established another store.

He bought butter and eggs from the larmers' wives for which he gave them ralico and notions. Ross prospered until he decided he was ready to retire. Along came Mr. Dellinger and asked him what he would take for the town. . "Six thousand dollars for the town as she stands," said Ross. "Throw in your two old market wagons that are out on the route," replied Dellinger. Ross agreed and Dellinger is now king of a village of about 50 souls.

Hint for Spellbinders. An inventor claims to be able to turn wind into electricity. What an argument for frequent campaigas and abundant spellbinding!

PUTS SAIL ON HIS SLEIGH.

Young Farmer Extricates Himself from Predicament by His Great Ingenuity.

Tolley, N. D .- A remarkable adventure befell a Tolley man recently. While the Tolley papers did not have a reporter on the spot, they secured and printed the story, but without those sidelights and highlights that the incl-

dent seems to demand. Michael Pattison, a young farmer near Tolley, was driving home in his sleigh aeross the prairie. The wind had beaten down the snow, the warm waves had melted the top layers and the cold nights had frozen them until there was a crust on the snow that would bear a man's weight. The horse, remembering the baru, was making rapid time for home when the sleigh went into a thank-youma'am and remained there. The horse and shafts went on home.

Pattison stood in the road, stamped his feet and cussed the luck. A fierce wind was blowing in the direction of home and he had about made up his mind that it would be fairly easy to walk the ten miles when an idea struck him. It was a life saver.

Pattison pulled the sleigh out of the rut and dragged it out on the prairie. The wind was so fierce that the sleigh would almost skid along of itself. But Pattison, with two slats and some wire, rigged up the lap robe as a sail, gave the craft a running start, jumped in and was at once stipping across the prairie like an iceboat. The only trouble was that there was no certain way to guide the craft. But Pattison hung one leg out behind and did some little steering with it. Fortunately the wind was in exactly the right quarter or if would have been necessary to do some lying. about how Pattison "tacked."

The wind was right. The craft quickly overtook the astonished horse, who had now reduced himself to a trot, and soon left him hull down in the distance. In fact, the sleigh and occupant arrved home 20 minutes ahead of the brute and in snubbing up banged into the bara

so hard that it frightened the cow. When the hero of this rale told it on the streets of Tolley the Tolleyans started a little and looked surprised. Some of them whistled softly and looked. meditatively away at the horizon. Others doubted.

GOTHAM BANKER'S PRESENT

Jacob H. Schiff Gives Substantial Christmas Remembrances to "Kitchen Jewel."

New York. - Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, gave his cook, Lena, \$5,000 for a Christmas present, which proves that Mr. Schiff is very lucky to have such a cook and that Lena is equally lucky to have such an employer. Every one in the Schiff family has the highest regard for Lena. There is not a dyspeptic atom in a hundred dinners she prepares. Indeed, it is said that the only reason Mr Schiff wanted to fight Cornelius N. Bliss at that famous meeting of the Equitable directors was because Mr. Schiff was late for addinger Lena had cooked.

Mrs. Schiff gave Lena a cluster diamoud ring which, as she mixes mayonnaise will at once dazzle and enrourage the scullery maids who obey her orders in the Schiff kitchen. Mrs Felix Werburg, Mr. Schiff's daughter, presented the cook with a gold watch and a neck chain, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Schill zent Lenz a handsome check.

Lena has served the Schiffs for 25 years. She is a most intelligent wonian, who came to this country to reach German and who found it more profitable to rook in the German fashion. Twenty-five years ago she fell off a Christmas tree, so to speak, into the Schiff household; a gift that would have delighted Lucullus had he ever lived in Germany. She is independent financially. She rooks for love of the Schiffs and of her art.

SUIT OVER INCH OF LAND.

Owner Ordered to Court to Saw & Sliver Off House to Make Up Deficiency.

San Francisco.—A sliver one inch at one end and two inches at the other must be sawed from the side of a house in Berkeley to satisfy a novel suit over an inch of land for which W. Mauch was asking \$2,000 of M. L. Wurts, a Berkeley real estate dealer. If Wurts did not want to buy the inch outright he had the option of paying Mauch five dollars a month rent for it. According to the testimony of Wurts

he was between Mauch on one side and a neighbor's house on the other which abutted on his own lot. He could not move, but rather than submit to Mauch's proposition he took his chance in court. He said that he had offered Mauch \$106. for the strip, which the latter refused. Judge Waste found that Wurts' house,

projected over on Mauch's land and ordered so much of the house removeds for. The house is situated near the Key Route station at Ashby avenue, between Emerson and Stanford streets.

Club of Deaf Women.

One of the most curious clubs en. record has recently been formed by. society women in Berlin. The principal condition of membership is that the applicant must be deaf. The club has over 100 members, who meet regularly once a week in handsomely furnished rooms in the Whilhelm strasse, where they converse by means of ear trampets and sign language and drink

America Like Rome. An Italian historian thinks America now is like Rome at its worst. We wonder what he would think a proper comparison for the corruption of his awn government

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