

LEFT EAR IN TELEPHONING

Is Brought Into Use for Reasons Which at a Glance Are Understandable.

Everybody puts the telephone receiver to the left ear. No one, in using the telephone, ever listens with the right ear. It is always the left.

BEAUTY OF AMERICANS.

Secret of It Lies in Freedom from the Mercenary Spirit in Marriage.

The beauty of the American race has for a long time been the wonder and the envy of the world. The tall, lithe young men of America, with their bold, intelligent faces, and the tall and graceful young women so pretty and clever, have impressed foreigners profoundly.

WOMEN JURORS IN NORWAY

Responsibilities of Citizenship Are Taught as Well as Home Duties.

Students of female emancipation may be interested to learn from the report of the National Council of Women in Norway that that country has recognized the right of women to sit on a jury.

Transvaal Gold.

South Africa claims for the Transvaal the leading position among the gold-producing countries of the world.

Put to Sleep by Wheel.

An ingenious inventor has produced a megeric machine which he expects to be of considerable service to those who are unable to sleep.

Columbus's Obituary.

Columbus, says a writer in the New York Tribune, was arguing that the world was round.

HAVE MELONS IN WINTER.

Luxury That Is Now Attainable Through Modern Horticultural Progress.

The increase of our knowledge of the vegetable world has given us many good things. Perhaps the most recent of these is the winter melon, which is now becoming such a luxury, and what is still better, an attainable luxury.

FINLAND AND THE JEWS.

Position of the Semitic Race Worse, in a Legal Sense, Than in Russia.

An anti-Semitic movement which so far cannot be traced to the Russian government appears to be absorbing Finland. The Jewish World, in commenting on this circumstance, declares that the manner in which the civilized world gave unlimited sympathy to the Finns out of the area is expelled the country.

Disposal of Public Documents.

Unquestionably we are tending in this country toward the sale of federal literature. Free distribution arose under totally different conditions of production from those which prevail at the present time.

Another Blow to Mosquitoes.

A new means of destroying mosquitoes within the house has been tried with good results in New Orleans, where their presence is particularly dangerous because of the number of those which may spread yellow fever.

Figures at Hand.

Statistical Boarder. Have you the remotest idea, for instance, what the world's supply of honey is?

Better Look Elsewhere.

He-I think a man should marry a girl he has known from his childhood.

'TRADE AT HOME.'

PROBLEM THAT IS BROUGHT HOME TO COMMUNITY.

Why Do Mail Order Concerns Thrive When Consumers Are Not Benefited?—The Home Advertisement.

The increasing volume of business which is being directed from local dealers to the big mail order houses is threatening the prosperity of thousands of country towns and cities. The business of these big concerns is multiplying at an alarming rate, and if the ratio continues the ultimate denationalization of business in many rural towns is a foregone conclusion.

But the question naturally suggests itself, why does the business of the mail order house increase at such an alarming rate if the consumers are not being benefited?

BUZZARDS MENACE HEALTH

Coast Towns of Mexico Find That Carrion Birds Pollute Their Water.

San Antonio, Tex.—There is an agitation now on in the coast towns of Mexico to eliminate the vultures, Mexico, like most of the states of America, has cherished the carrion crow or turkey buzzard and a fine is imposed for killing these birds.

FIGHT FLAMES WITH WINE.

Hundreds of Gallons of Red Beverage Used in San Francisco Fire.

San Francisco.—Red wine, hundreds of gallons of it, was used in fighting the flames in the Latin quarter on the slope of Telegraph hill, and the wine won.

Quakes and the Panama Canal.

The engineers who recommended a sea level isthmian canal did not lay particular stress upon the greater ability of that type to withstand an earthquake shock.

Modern Definition.

Professor Suppose an irresistible force should meet an immovable body, what would be the result?

BLACK SPECTER IN MINE.

Two Men After Warning of Subterranean Apparition Are Speedily Killed.

Eveleth, Minn.—Superstition has been aroused among the miners at Eveleth and its surrounding locations by statements said to have been made by Walter Koki and Hjalmar Linna, mining partners, who were killed in the Adams mine recently.

Linna was deeply impressed by the fate of his partner and talked with several countrymen about his experience with the "black man." He was told that he was the victim of a practical joker, but nevertheless he adhered to his resolution not to work in the shaft again.

FISH ROE IN GREAT DEMAND

Good Prices Offered in France for Important Product of Atlantic Coast Fisheries.

There is now offered to the fishermen of the New England coast a ready and profitable market in France for fish roe or spawn, an important by-product of the cod, hake and pollack fisheries.

Pulpit for Sale.

A bishop's robe, a portable pulpit, a bookmaker's platform, bottles of champagne, horse medicines, sewing machines, bicycles, flatirons, Alpine stocks, snowshoes, cricket bats and billiard balls were among the things left in London railway carriages by absent minded passengers.

IMMUNITY FROM PNEUMONIA

May Be Ensured by Healthy Living and Attention to Sanitary Conditions.

Though modern medical science has decided that pneumonia is an infectious disease that fact need not terrify if one take a little trouble to learn something about the disease. It is produced by a special microbe, the existence of which is so common in the mouth of even healthy individuals that it is considered almost as a normal inhabitant of the upper part of the digestive tract.

From these facts it can be seen that the problem of the method by which pneumonia is contracted is exceedingly difficult. The presence of the germ is not sufficient alone to produce the disease, but there must be a certain predisposition on the part of the patient, followed by the deposition of this germ on a mucous membrane.

PIPE COLD AIR FROM WELLS

Cheap and Effective House Cooling System Put in Use in Montana Town.

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ENGLAND'S VAST INSURANCE

Home Companies Close Year with Balances That Are Tremendous.

London.—The people of the British islands are now insured by 96 companies to the enormous total of £241,878,726 (\$4,795,398,530), and this does not include the figures of the colonial and foreign companies.

Dogs Devoured Church.

From the loneliest mission station in the world, on an island 700 yards broad in the remote arctic regions north of Labrador, Rev. E. J. Peck has reached England after a perilous voyage in a 50-ton schooner.

Getting Timid.

Assistant—That railroad official wouldn't have pictures of his office taken.

Photographer—Why not?

"Because I told him we couldn't do it by flashlight, and would have to make an exposure." Baltimore American.

The Eternal Problem.

The Young Man (enthusiastically)—I say who is that beautiful woman here? Do you know her?

Business Honesty.

"And now, my son," said the bank manager, "on this, the threshold of your business life, I desire to impress one thought upon you. Honesty, ever and always, is the policy that is best."

Yes, father," said the young man.

"And, by the way," appended the graybeard, "I would urge you to read up a little common law. It will amaze you to find how many things you can do in a business way and still be honest."

PICTURESQUE ROCK GONE.

Famous Old Landmark at Santa Monica Crumbles During Rainstorm.

Santa Monica, Cal.—After having withstood the storms for generations, picturesque Arch rock, one of the historic landmarks of the beach above Port Los Angeles, has finally succumbed to the action of the elements.

Arch rock was as old as the hills when the mission padres who preceded Father Junipero Serra to this bay first wended their way up the coast in search for an easy route to the Spanish missions situated farther north.

Indians and Mexicans who lived in this section early in the century have handed down their traditions as they received them from their sires and grandfathers, and according to their stories the rock was formerly much larger than it is now, and when the sea was at its height the water rushing through the cave would roar and reach as the mad breakers would dash against the sides of the tunnel.

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Thompson Falls has a large number of wells that furnish cold, fresh air, which rushes upward all summer long. The wells are dug for water, but the supply of cold air is fully as important.

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