

N. S. Sept. 24.—William
arrived at Gloucester Bay, C.
preparations for the
of a trans-Atlantic wire
communication between Canada
Britain.

The Lake Hotel Burned.
Lake, N. Y., Sept. 24.—The
residence was burned this
night, entailing a loss
of \$270,000. The hotel was
the season last Saturday.

Raymond, Wis., Sept. 24.—
Shumway, former state senator from
this district and president of the National
Building & Loan association,
died of a paralytic stroke at his home
here Sunday. He was 57 years old.

Wisconsin Pioneer Dies.
Hustis Ford, Wis., Sept. 21.—John
Hustis, a pioneer of Wisconsin, and
one of the leading spirits in the
development of the state, died here
in the ninety-seventh year of his age.

At the National Capital

Gossip of People and Events Gathered in Washington

PRESIDENT TO HAVE PEACE CONFERENCE OF HIS OWN

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt is not satisfied with the amount of work done in the interest of peace by the conference at the Hague, so he is going to have one of his own. His idea is to call a conference of the ambassadors of the great powers, and to have it at the White House. The conference is to be held in the autumn, and is to be a purely informal gathering. The president is to be the only one to call it. The conference is to be held in the autumn, and is to be a purely informal gathering. The president is to be the only one to call it.

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LOOK TO ROOSEVELT TO AID LAKES TO GULF CANAL

WASHINGTON—The convention to pass the bill for the construction of a canal from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, is now in session. The bill is known as the "Gulf and Mexico Canal Bill." The bill is to be passed by the House of Representatives. The bill is to be passed by the House of Representatives.

MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED FOR GRAIN INSPECTION

WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives has passed a bill for the inspection of grain. The bill is known as the "Grain Inspection Bill." The bill is to be passed by the House of Representatives. The bill is to be passed by the House of Representatives.

WHITE HOUSE FAVORITE TO WED SOUTHERN BELLE

WASHINGTON—The announcement of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller is a great event. The wedding is to be held in the White House. The wedding is to be held in the White House.

MAN'S LIFE OF LITTLE CARE

Mexican Laborer an Invertebrate Enemy of Hard Work

There is no more independent person in the world than the Mexican laborer. He is a creature of habit, and he is a creature of habit. He is a creature of habit, and he is a creature of habit. He is a creature of habit, and he is a creature of habit.

THE PRIVATE COMPLAINT

The late Gen. Shafter used to enjoy telling about the life of a private soldier. He used to tell about the life of a private soldier. He used to tell about the life of a private soldier.

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EXAMINER

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FOR BUREAU OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS

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THE BRAINS OF THE GREAT FLEET FOR THE PACIFIC

MEN IN COMMAND OF THE BATTLESHIPS Striking Personalities of Three Rear Admirals and Sixteen Captains to Whom Are Intrusted the Men and Millions Who Represent America's Might on the Ocean.

Next in rank to Capt. (afterward rear admiral) Herbert A. Winslow, the officer who commanded the battleship USS Oregon, is Capt. Samuel P. Clegg, of the Alabama. This officer is also in command of the battleship USS Oregon.

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From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Lansing.—Gov. Warner caused the introduction of a new system which it is believed will result in a great saving in the management of the public institutions of the state. He has called upon the various institution managers for a monthly statement as to the prices paid for groceries, meats and provisions. These are compiled and printed in the form of a comparative table showing the different prices paid and copies of the table are sent to every institution manager and board member. There is a marked variation in the prices paid for beef, pork, potatoes, etc., at the several institutions. For example, it is shown that at the Michigan Soldiers' Home beef was purchased in July for \$5.74 per hundred, while at the Eastern Michigan Asylum \$7.38 was paid. The Industrial School at Lansing bought beef at \$5.50 and \$7.41 was paid at the Kalamazoo asylum. There are similar variations in other items. The comparative table, the governor believes, will remind managers and superintendents that they ought to buy certain articles cheaper and that there will be a general benefit to the institutions and the taxpayers.

Copper Output Slashed.

Lake Superior copper production shows a heavy decrease, being approximately only 19,000,000 pounds of refined copper, or practically 1,000,000 pounds less than in previous month. A few of the mines made slight gains. Whether it was by design or accident that the lake district shows a falling off in production, the fact is that smaller production is in the interests of the companies. With copper accumulating rapidly and comparatively little being sold, there is nothing to be gained in pushing the mines to their capacity. It is conservatively estimated that there are now upward of 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 pounds of refined copper in the lake district. While the copper looks formidable in its large piles on the docks, the accumulation will be cleaned up in remarkably short order when the large consumers enter the market for large quantities of the red metal.

Fishermen Reap Harvest.

Fishermen in Grand river above the Platt dam are reaping a harvest that is likely to be afforded once in a lifetime. The finest lot of fish ever taken from Grand river are being lifted out of various places along the river for several miles. The water was let out at the Platt dam and the surface of the river is lower than it was before the dam was built. The drawing off of the water stranded a lot of fish all along in the depressions, bays and sloughs. They cannot get away and the enterprising fishermen are reaping a glorious crop. Hundreds of fine pike and bass were taken and the ground lately covered by water is still being hunted over.

Thirteen Get Embalmers' License.

Out of 15 applicants for embalmers licenses examined at Escanaba by the state board of health, 13 were successful. Licenses have been issued to the following: George A. Prince, Powers, J. H. Boyle, Bark-River, Birger Hell, in Escanaba; Clyde E. Henry, Crystal Falls; Edwin Louis Zinke, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Fred A. Watson, Frankfort; Henry Carlson, Escanaba; Geo. Fillion Jr., Lake Linden; Guy B. Turner, Mesick; Theodore Lange, Houghton; Wellington C. Tate, Munising; Fred Eugene Hemingway, Deerfield; John F. Grabek, Calumet.

Ward Prohibition in Michigan.

Determined efforts to secure in the constitutional convention some action looking to prohibition of the liquor traffic in Michigan will be made by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. At a meeting of Lansing Central Union steps to promote the plan in Lansing were taken. The district union has sent out petitions which are to be circulated among the constitution makers. Committees were appointed to secure the consent of Lansing pastors to preach sermons, on some day yet to be designated, in support of the movement.

Horse Radish a Staple Crop.

Among the crops that have now become important staples in the Saginaw valley is horse radish. The largest horse radish factory in the world is located here. The growth of the business shows its adaptability to the soils of the Saginaw district for the production of a high class product. The company is completing a three-story factory building that is being equipped with thousands of dollars worth of new machinery.

To Improve Corn.

Articles of incorporation of the Michigan Corn Improvement association have been filed. The association is organized for the purpose of improving the quality and yield of corn and it is supposed that a demand will now be made on the auditor general for the appropriation of \$500 made by the last legislature for the purposes named in the articles of incorporation. Prof. James J. Jeffery, of the Agricultural college, and A. W. Jewett, of Mason, are among the incorporators.

Prof. After Their Money.

An answer and cross-bill has been filed in the circuit court at Ann Arbor by Prof. T. A. Boyle, receiver in the case of Theodore Most, against G. H. Purchase. This is the case of the Canadian oil leases into which a number of university professors put their money. The charge is made that there has been no full statement made of the affairs of the company by the trustees and it is further charged that the sum of \$13,500 subscribed was not used by the trustees for the oil lease as was stated.

Constitutional Delegates.

The election of delegates to the constitutional convention in Michigan resulted in the choice of the Republican nominees in most instances, but there are some exceptions. In a few districts nonpartisan nominations were made. Republicans were victorious except in Wayne, Saginaw and the Fourteenth district. The vote was the lightest of recent years. Four Democrats were elected to the convention from Detroit—Hally, Ingram, Merrell and Tossy. L. T. Henfins beat Odell Chapman in Ingham and Shiawassee. There will be eight Democrats and 84 Republicans in the convention. The list of delegates from the various districts follows: First district, Henry M. Campbell, Wayne; Henry M. Duffield, Wayne; Thomas H. Brown, Wayne. Second, C. M. Burton, Wayne; Levi L. Barbour, Wayne; Charles C. Simons, Wayne. Third, Noble Ashley, Wayne; James F. McGregor, Wayne; D. Augustus Straker, Wayne. Fourth, Ignatius J. Salliotte, Wayne; William C. Manchester, Wayne; George W. Coomer, Wayne. Fifth, Clark E. Baldwin, Lenawee; George B. Horton, Lenawee; L. B. Robinson, Lenawee. Sixth, John S. Flanders, St. Joseph; Charles Chapman, Branch; Orval Cornell, Hillsdale. Seventh, L. C. Fyfe, Berrien; V. M. Gore, Berrien; W. C. Jones, Cass. Eighth, Charles Thaw, Allegan; Judge Heckert, Van Buren; Guy A. Wickshall, Van Buren. Ninth, E. E. Nichols, Calhoun; Delos Fall, Calhoun; W. R. Taylor, Kalamazoo. Tenth, Charles L. Deland, Jackson; John A. Fairlie, Washtenaw; John F. Lawrence, Washtenaw. Eleventh, N. S. Boynton, St. Clair; J. G. Brown, St. Clair; George W. Moore, St. Clair. Twelfth, W. H. Acker, Macomb; Andrew L. Moore, Oakland; Kiebert R. Rockwell, Oakland. Thirteenth, John J. Carton, Genesee; H. L. Freeman, Genesee; Jay D. Watson, Livingston. Fourteenth, Willis M. Kilpatrick, Shiawassee; Lawton T. Hemans, Ingham; Albert M. Cook, Shiawassee. Fifteenth, J. M. C. Smith, Eaton; E. A. Turnbull, Eaton. Sixteenth, Henry T. Reaid, Kent; James F. Barnett, Kent; E. J. Adams, Kent. Seventeenth, Roger J. Wykes, Kent; Forest T. Barnaby, Kent; George E. Rowe, Kent. Eighteenth, H. E. Powell, Ionia; J. L. Sutherland, Ionia; Frederick Baldwin, Montcalm. Nineteenth, John W. Holmes, Gratiot; Frank Montfort, Gratiot; Henry E. Walbridge, Clinton. Twentieth, Charles D. Thompson, Huron; James H. Hall, Huron; William Dawson, Aamini. Twenty-first, W. E. Brown, LaPere; Theron W. Atwood, Tuscola; W. S. Watson, Tuscola. Twenty-second, John Baird, Saginaw; Ernest A. Snow, Saginaw. Twenty-third, Charles M. Black, Muskegon; William E. Orum, Muskegon; Colon C. Little, Ottawa. Twenty-fourth, Floyd C. Post, Midland; Frank S. Pratt, Bay; Luther Backwith, Bay. Twenty-fifth, Edwin O. Shaw, Newaygo; A. M. Fleischauer, Clare; Archibald Broomfield, Mecosta. Twenty-sixth, P. R. Bishop, Mason; Fred J. Russell, Oceana; R. S. Babcock, Manistee. Twenty-seventh, L. F. Knowles, Charlevoix; E. F. Sawyer, Westford; M. E. Louissell, Benzie. Twenty-eighth, Eugene Foster, Gladwin; Henry H. Woodruff, Roscommon; O. H. Smith, Alcona. Twenty-ninth, W. L. Townsend, Otsego; Meritt Chandler, Presque Isle; A. L. Deuel, Delta. Thirtieth, W. J. Oberdorfer, Menominee; Frank Mead, Delta; A. E. Sharp, Chippewa. Thirty-first, Charles H. Watson, Iron; Davis T. Morgan, Marquette; Richard P. Flannigan, Dickinson. Thirty-second, Gordon R. Campbell, Houghton; W. G. Calvaley, Houghton; C. H. Houch, Gogebic.

Military Academy Opens.

The Michigan Military academy at Orchard Lake opened with the largest number of new cadets that have entered the school at any time within a number of years. Capt. Akin, commandant for the last three years, has resigned and his place is taken by Capt. Leonard C. Sparks, a graduate of the academy in June, 1905. George P. Edmonds, athletic director, has become principal of the high school at Escanaba, and his place is taken by Dr. David L. Dunlap of Lenox college, Ia. Dr. Dunlap is well known throughout the state because of his athletic prominence while at the University of Michigan. The only change in the administration of the school is in the introduction of unmarried teachers into the divisions of the barracks as general supervisors and friendly advisers.

Mormons Inset Michigan.

The Mormon elders who have been conducting a crusade in the country districts of central Michigan are launching additional doctrines. The elders are claiming that from 320 A. D. until 1829 there was no one on earth who had the right to save sinners; at that time, however, an angel descended from Heaven and conferred the right upon Joseph Smith, and since that time the elders of the Mormon church have had all the rights that were possessed by the prophets of olden times.

New Line is Nearing Lansing.

Workers of the Northern Construction company are now within 2 1/2 miles of Lansing in the grading for the Lansing-Mason section of the Lansing-Jackson branch of the Michigan United Railways. Work is progressing slowly. The United States Steel corporation has the contract for furnishing the steel rails for this end of the line. It is expected that the work of laying will commence at the Mason end of the line and proceed north from that city.

HEAD OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION



At its recent annual convention held at Portland, Maine, the American Bar Association elected Jacob M. Dickinson, general counsel for the American Bar Association, president. From 1895 to 1897 Mr. Dickinson was assistant attorney general of the United States.

'BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.'

Newspaper Man Was Casting an Anchor to Windward.

Although Joseph Pulitzer still keeps in active charge of his great newspaper, the New York World, his son, Ralph Pulitzer, has taken over some of the burdens of editorial and business direction.

There is a baby in the Ralph Pulitzer family, a small son, who is the pride of his grandfather as well as of his father. A short time ago there was an editorial conference at the house of Ralph Pulitzer, and John Slaght, one of the star reporters on the World, was called to attend. While waiting to go before the council Slaght sat in the hall of the house, before an open fireplace. The nurse came in with Pulitzer Third.

"Nurse," said Slaght, "do you want to do something for an ambitious, hardworking and honest young man?" "Sure," the nurse replied. "Well," instructed Slaght, "when that baby begins to talk, you teach him to say, first thing: 'Slaght; grand man; great reporter.'"

Fresh Air. Each room should be flooded with fresh air and sunshine once daily.

MILK BATH FOR THE FACE.

Peculiarly Effective for Those with Dark Colored Skins.

Now wash the face well with fresh milk, scoop it up and dash it over the face and neck, rubbing in well with the hands. This is a particularly good treatment for the faces that are thin and angular, and it also answers well for those with dark colored skins. I have heard some women recommend the application of orange oil to the face in hot weather. This is done by applying orange peel to the face, or allowing orange peel to soak all night in the water that is to be used for washing the face with in the morning. To those who like to try an orange flower cream during the day to cleanse the face I can recommend the following: Mix two ounces of white wax with four ounces of oil of sweet almonds and then beat in, drop by drop, four ounces of orange flower water. This is both cleansing and cooling, and should be used both morning and evening.—New York

Greatest Linguist. Father Erasmus Hering, the world's greatest linguist, died at Landshut monastery recently at the age of 76. He had been a monk in the monas-

UNCOMPLETED BRIDGE THAT COLLAPSED



This structure, six miles from Quebec, over the St. Lawrence river, designed to cost \$10,000,000, was to have been the largest cantilever bridge in the world. It collapsed without warning, and in its fall of 150 feet to the river carried 84 workmen to their death. Work has been in progress on the great structure for seven years.

Even in winter this is not to be omitted. Better economize on something else if you think it takes too much equal to counteract the effect of all outdoors.

If there is a smoker in the family, then should this daily airing be repeated after the midday cigar. Open all the windows of the room in which the smoking was done, also the door into the vestibule. In this way in one or two minutes a current of air will remove all traces of that most disagreeable odor of stale tobacco, which every woman feels is a reproach to her housewifely instincts.

His Happy Release.

"Poor John!" He was a kind and forbearing husband, sobbed the widow on her return from the funeral. "Yes," said a sympathizing neighbor, "but it's all for the best. You must try to comfort yourself, my dear, with the thought that your husband is at peace at last."—Illustrated Bits.

Those Girls.

Stella—He threatened to do something rash when I refused him. Bella—Ah, then he proposed again?

Alcohol as Fuel.

Use of fuel in submarine boats, or other hazardous places and the superior safety of alcohol may lead to its ultimate adoption. If a can of gasoline is left open near a flame, it is likely to explode by the ignition of its vapor. This could never occur with alcohol. Then, again, water is useless to quench burning gasoline, serving to spread the fire, by floating the burning liquid. Alcohol can never present this danger, for it mixes with water in all proportions, and in so doing becomes non-inflammable.

tery for more than 50 years, and he had absolute command of 33 ancient and modern languages, an unprecedented intellectual achievement.

The celebrated Giuseppe Mezzofanti, who died in 1849, was reputed to be able to speak 52 languages, while Mr. Jeremiah Curtin, who died last year at Milwaukee, Wis., is said to have known 70 tongues.

A good many of these languages, however, were merely dialects or modifications of other root languages.

View Point.

Mrs. Crawford—I don't see how you can say that woman on the first floor has a lovely voice. I think it is just awful. Mrs. Crabshaw—But my dear, you can hear everything she says up the shaft.—Puck.

Wrong Steer.

"The doctor told me I was eating too much." "Well, what is there about that to get angry about?" "Come down to our boarding house and take dinner if you wish to find out."—Houston Post.

Eagles Hatched by a Hen.

Shamokin comes in the front with an entirely original story. Two young eagles were hatched under a hen. Two months ago Roman Ukleski, of Shamokin, received from his brother in Germany two eagle's eggs. He placed them under a hen and awaited results. The other night the eggs, having ripened, bore forth fruit and two little eagles are being cared for by the proud mother hen. There will be further doings when the lords of the air attain the full growth.—Philadelphia Record.



THE CHURCH AT WORK

FATHER AND CHILDREN.

Stirring Story of the Progress of Christianity in Uganda.



DAUDI CHUA. The Present King of Uganda.

From darkest Africa in 1875, Stanley sent out the challenge, through the London Daily Telegraph, "Now, where in all the pagan world is there a more promising field for a mission? Here, gentlemen, is your opportunity; embrace it!"

Three days later the challenge was accepted. A gift of \$5,000 was offered for the establishment of a mission in Uganda. And men went forth to lay down their lives in the land of Livingstone. It was not only the fever that killed them. Uganda had extraordinary tragedies. Among the rest was the death of the missionary, Bishop Hannington, who was murdered by an African chief by command of the wicked King Mwanga.

Mwanga was the son of the king who first greeted the missionaries in 1877. Mwanga, the father, bade them hearty welcome, and was very desirous to know whether they had brought the "book" with them. But his friend-ship was fickle, and the son who succeeded him was both a worse man than his father and a weaker one; and under his reign the missionaries were often in peril of their lives, and some of them, like Hannington, met martyrdom.

It was a most discouraging sequel to the welcome accorded the missionaries by Mwanga's father, and there were those in England who proposed to give up the mission altogether. By that time Mackay was there, and by his courage and tenacity and the faithful devotion of others the mission continued.

The son of the king who welcomed the missionaries became the murderer of the missionaries. But he, too, had a son. In 1885 Hannington was murdered. Twenty-one years later, in 1906, the son of Hannington baptized the present king, son of the man who murdered his father. Here, surely, was an example of poetic justice; and a proof of the value of holding on.

Religion, says the Youth's Companion, has a firm hold in Uganda today, and thousands attend worship every Sunday. Those who endured the persecutions of 20 years ago rejoice that times have changed. The life of Hannington was not thrown away. Men die, but the work lives. There is a verse in the Psalms which is full of promise for generations that have reached the limit of their upward progress: "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth."

QUEST FOR SOULS.

Purpose of the International Men's Gospel League.

For the purpose of encouraging personal work in soul-saving, a new organization has come into being with the great evangelist R. A. Torrey as president. It is known as the International Men's Gospel League, and the other officers of the organization are C. M. Alexander, first vice president, Birmingham, England; W. Wellington Wood, treasurer, Philadelphia, U. S. A.; George T. B. Davis, secretary, Chicago, U. S. A. The motto is Salvation and Service. The Prayer—O God, show me Thy will; give me strength to do it, and I will do it, through Christ. The Purpose—The winning of unsaved men to Christ by men who are already saved. No membership fees, or dues are charged. There is no soliciting of funds. No financial obligations of any kind are assumed by the society. Any three members in any one place may organize a local Men's Gospel League independent of all other leagues, but cooperating with them in the work of soul-winning by personal work. It is well worth while for earnest men engaged in the same work to keep in touch with one another through some central medium, the victories of each thus inspiring all others to increased faith and endeavor.

NOTES.

The Salvation Army is established in 45 countries and colonies and preaches the gospel in 31 languages. "How shall we secure a greater attendance of young people at our Sunday schools?" inquires an anxious superintendent. If everything else fails, brother, try a box of fudges, says the Chicago Tribune.

The heroines are not all dead yet. One of them returned from Japan last month, where she had been a missionary for 13 years. She left her two young children in America when she went to teach Christianity to the Japanese, and when she returned they had grown so that she did not recognize them as they stood on the pier, waiting for her to disembark from the steamship. If the Japanese do not appreciate the sacrifice that she has made for their sake, remarks Youth's Companion, all mothers will understand how great it was.

Agnes Paynter and Nellie M. Bryant.

Agnes Paynter and Nellie M. Bryant, missionaries in Ceylon, write: "One of the objects worshiped on Komati Lanke Island was a huge, high post, with a few bunches of corn tied at the top."

The convention of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of America will be held in Cincinnati, November 12 to 14. There will be an exchange of practical information about the work, successful organizations are doing.

FOR BEST BAKING ..USE..

STATE SEAL FLOUR

WHITEST AND BEST.

MANCHESTER ROLLER MILLS

LONIER & HOFFER.

ERIE CANAL HELD ITS OWN.

Showed That Inland Waterways Were by No Means Obsolete.

When the New York Central paralleled the Erie canal, over 50 years ago, it looked very much as if canals were a thing of the past. When the West Shore hemmed it in on the other side canals had fallen in public opinion to the "raging canal" of the humorists. But the truth is, the Erie canal did not rage at all, it kept growing—slowly, as befits a canal. When it was completed in 1825 it was four feet deep and 40 feet wide; in 1835 it was deepened to six feet and took barges of 240 tons burden. Later it was given another foot, and was enlarged to a width of 70 feet at the top and 55 feet at the bottom, and there it remained. And while the railroads competed strenuously, its boats kept appearing at Buffalo and hauling the treasure by the only and original route to the sea. As late as 1891 it is said to have carried as much through freight as did these two trunk lines together, and it kept on doing it, despite the long-drawn jaws of locomotives.—The Century.

TAKES HIS VACATION ALONE.

Hard Worker Brings Arguments to Support His Position.

"Am I justified, or not," said a married man, "in going off alone on my vacation? I think I am, the wife agrees with me; but I confess the neighbors shrug their shoulders. The case stands like this: I work hard all the year, ten full hours a day; and when I come home at night, there's the wife with her worries, and there are the children with their noisy play and their noisy quarrels. So for 50 continuous weeks—and on my brief fortnight's vacation I need a change from all that, a complete change. Therefore I go off alone to the mountains. I fish all day, and in the evening, dressed in my evening suit, I talk with beautiful young women in the hotel corridors. I want a change, I get it, and I return home a new man. But with the wife and kids alone, I'd return home the same man."

"Look at All the Ugly Men!"

Senator Charles W. Fulton of Oregon was a stumper whose methods were as effective as Dolliver's. He would begin something like this: "Well, I must say I'm disappointed at this crowd! Look at all the ugly men! Not a good-looking man in the whole convention! How does it happen that such a lot of misshapen features on the masculine side have been able to attract so many beautiful female partners? Here I've been a bachelor for 40 years; but if I had known you fellows could do as well as you've done I'd never been a bachelor for 15 minutes," etc. By this heart-to-heart method he placed himself on the best of terms with his hearers, and then took a dive into politics. The joke of it all was, according to an article in Appleton's, that his wife was probably sitting in the audience listening to his remarks.

French Duel Test of Courage.

The only circumstance which we take the trouble to notice in modern French duels is that they seldom do much harm; the fact which is uppermost in the French mind is, the obviously implied one that, whether a duelist come to any manner of grief or not, a man cannot take part in a duel without deliberate risk of his life. His act, though probably only conventional, may turn out to be fatal. And even though, in general, it happily prove a mere formality, it involves, on the part of all concerned, a brave acknowledgment that anyone who pretends to belong to civilized society must hold himself responsible for any deviation from the code of conduct which its traditions prescribe and which its existence involves.—Scribner.

"The Devil's Bible."

The volume which is called "the devil's Bible," is in the library of the royal palace of Sweden. It is a huge copy of the Scriptures, written on 300 prepared asses' skins. One report says that it took 500 years to complete this copy, which is so large that it has a table by itself. Another tradition says that it was completed in a single night, due to the assistance of his Satanic majesty who, when the work was finished, gave the monk a portrait of himself for a frontispiece. The illuminated likeness of the devil still adorns the front-page of the work. The volume was carried off by the Swedes in the Thirty Years' War from a convent in Prague.

Peculiar Foods.

Du Chafflu, in his African travels, speaks enthusiastically of haunch of monkey. Other travelers are loud in their praise of "elephant carbonates," also hippopotamus steak, and a fowl cooked, native fashion, in clay.

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Future for Afghanistan.

Afghanistan at present, as compared with any civilized country, is very poor, but its mineral wealth, together with the progressive attitude of its present ruler, make it certain that its wealth, and hence its foreign trade, will inevitably increase. During the past year its trade with India alone increased over \$6,000,000.

Good Use of Spare Moments.

Chancellor D'Aguesseau, finding that his wife always kept him waiting a quarter of an hour after the dinner-bell had rung, resolved to devote the time to writing a book on jurisprudence, and, putting the project in execution, in course of time produced a work in four quarto volumes.

Wall from Male Golfers.

The London Express says the golf links of the country are fast becoming "vast harpin cemeteries" and that unfortunately most of the millions of harpins in them are only half buried "with their business ends uppermost" to the annoyance and even danger of the players.

A Cocky Weinkle.

I learned it from a professional, whom I saw setting cookies to bake on the bottoms of pans turned upside down. The reason for the upside-downness was to prevent burning. I have done it ever since and never had a scorched cake.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Staircase That Plays Tunes.

A staircase has been invented which plays tunes as it is walked up and down upon. A series of pins is pressed by the feet and plays songs and drums while others are connected with collapsible chambers which blow various instruments.

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