

YANKEE GOLD IN MEXICO

Railways Absorb \$50,000,000 of American Capital.

INDUSTRIAL STIMULANT

Despite a Pronounced Decrease in Railway Construction in This Country Our Sister Republic Has Attracted Capital to Construct New Roads.

More than \$50,000,000 of American capital has gone into Mexico for railroads and attendant industries during the past year. This is a striking fact because of the pronounced decrease in new railway construction in the United States within the same period. Traffic managers of United States railway systems say that the Mexican lines, as a rule, get a larger proportionate profit for their freight and passenger business than do the American lines. Much of the railroad traffic in Mexico is local in character, and the short hauls afford a larger percentage of profit than the frequent very long hauls on the American roads.

Huge Coal Storage Plant.

President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company has awarded to the Link Belt Engineering Company, of this city, the contract for the construction of the largest coal storage plant in the world. The plant, which will have a capacity of more than half a million tons of coal, will be located at Abrams, on the main line of the Reading Railway, near Bridgeport, Penn., and will have railroad frontage of fully a mile. The plant will consist of eight piles, with a capacity of 60,000 tons each. It will have a guaranteed receiving capacity of 14,000 tons in ten hours, and a discharging capacity of 10,000 tons in the same time.

"Relics" of Waterloo.

The last time Victor Hugo went to Waterloo he saw some Belgian bumpkins discharging old firelocks at the walls of a freshly whitewashed farmhouse. As he saw no target, he asked why they did this. An elderly man of prosperous appearance, with a broad grin showing gaps in the teeth, said: "It is for the tourists." "How for the tourists?" "You see, the premises began to look out of repair, and the house untidy. I had fresh plaster and white-wash put on. We are now making bullet marks to show the excursionists whom the old sergeants take round," and then, grinning more broadly, "You are a Frenchman, and do not believe in relics. The English gape at them and buy them manufactured, and write about them in note books."—London Truth.

Fears Earth Will Stop.

Frederick Laub, a corporal in the quartermaster's department, at League Island Navy Yard, has prepared a petition which he intends submitting to Congress asking to have the Standard Oil Company restrained from further operations. Laub claims that the oil in the earth is necessary to lubricate it, in order to keep it revolving, and that if the oil is removed, as is being done in vast quantities by the Standard Company, the revolutions will cease. This would, he claims, deal a fatal blow to a plan of aerial transportation, which he is now working out.

Washing His Lies Away.

Like the poor Italian, the poor Japanese has always a little shrine in his house, in which is enthroned one of the Seven Gods of Riches or a family saint. Every morning he makes an offering of a cake, a little rice and



a sprig of green, and every night he lights a little lamp in front of it. In Japanese worship ablutions play a large part, and the boy shown in the illustration, having indulged in the luxury of many lies, is undergoing a process of purification. The illustration is from the London Graphic.

Consumption of Paraffine Wax.

The consumption of paraffine wax is increasing all over the world, and it is reported to be doubtful whether the output is increasing correspondingly. The exports of paraffine wax from the United States in 1903 were larger than in any preceding year, amounting to 204,119,928, and domestic consumption has been greatly increased. The wax is obtained from the higher grades of petroleum.

\$13,000,000 Gold Yield.

A dispatch from Dawson says the gold output to June 30 has been \$150,000 more than during the same period last year. The season's output is estimated at more than \$13,000,000.

CRANIUMS OF CANDIDATES.

What They Reveal as Read by a Phrenologist.

Prof. Charles F. Boger, a Chicago phrenologist, has completed a study of the craniums of Roosevelt, Parker, Hearst and Bryan.

"Mr. Hearst is not so logical as Mr. Bryan," said Prof. Boger. "Neither is he as practical as Judge Parker. Bryan, too, is more theoretical than practical. William R. Hearst is only fairly social, and, notwithstanding his well-known advocacy in the interests of the masses, is at heart an aristocrat and exclusive in his friendship and affection."

Among other things, Prof. Boger says of Judge Parker:

"His head is large and well developed in the moral, esthetic and subjective regions. In speaking he would be inclined to use his hands only little. He lacks the strenuousness of a Roosevelt and the magnetism of a Bryan. He is ultra-conservative and secretive. He manifests a very high regard for things beautiful."

"President Roosevelt's head is well balanced. He is utterly devoid of pretense or affectation. He is sincere and loyal to the core. President Roosevelt knows instinctively whom and whom not to trust. President Roosevelt is a living example of righteous and abstemious living. He is a doer, not a dreamer."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Stewart's Grave.

The Secretary of the Navy was informed recently that the grave of Rear Admiral Stewart (the hero of the War of 1812, was in a neglected condition and unmarked in the Ronaldson Cemetery, Philadelphia.

The Secretary has directed the Bureau of Navigation to investigate fully, and, if the grave is identified as that of Admiral Stewart, to select either the National Cemetery at Arlington or the Naval Cemetery at Annapolis as a place of interment.

Admiral Stewart's daughter married Mr. Parnell, an Irish gentleman, and was the mother of Charles Stewart Parnell.

Man Should Not Grow Old.

No one wants to grow old, and according to Professor Metchnikoff no one need—if only one can capture and kill the microbe which is productive of the disease. Old age, the professor insists, is not a necessary condition, but is a chronic ailment the cure for which science has not yet discovered, but surely will.

Man has a distinct aversion to growing old feeling instinctively that in old age there is something abnormal. Now, we give medicine to allay pain, why should we not discover some remedy for old age, which after all is a chronic disease?



A FLAG SELLER IN THE STREETS OF TOKIO, JAPAN.

Counterfeits Fall Off.

The annual report of the operations of the Secret Service Division was made to Secretary of the Treasury Shaw by Chief Wilkie. Among other things, reference is made to an effort on the part of the division to secure an estimate of the amount of counterfeit money in circulation in the United States. The figures indicated about \$3 in counterfeit coin for each \$100,000 of gold and silver in circulation, and a little less than \$1 in counterfeit notes for each \$100,000 of paper circulation.

Finds Cure for Bright's Disease.

Professor Winfield Ayers, associate professor of the Post Graduate Hospital, New York, caused a sensation at the meeting of the American Medical Association here by announcing that he had discovered a cure for Bright's disease, an ailment heretofore considered fatal.

His treatment consists of injecting curative drugs directly into the kidneys. By doing this he is able to use much stronger medicines than could possibly be used through the stomach.

God Save the King.

A Greek professes to have discovered that the British national anthem is merely a plagiarism from the Byzantine. The statement is that on a manuscript just acquired by the National Library in Athens there is inscribed the notation of the hymn of Constantine Paleologos, the last Emperor of Byzantium, and this, on being transcribed and played, is said to have presented so many similarities to "God Save the King" as to strike everybody familiar with the English air.

Ship Cut Whales in Two.

One of the finest fish stories of the season came into port recently with the American schooner Adella T. Carleton, from Marcoris, Santo Domingo. Her captain and crew swore the stout ship had cut clean through and killed two whales that tried to cross her bows.

TWO NEW AFRICAN RAILROADS.

Lines Just Opened in the Far Interior of the Dark Continent.

Two notable events have occurred in Africa within a few weeks.

One is the completion, after years of labor, of steam connection between the French port of Dakar at Cape Verde, Senegal, with Bamaku on the upper Niger. Hereafter all who wish to visit the city of Timbuctu, which a few years ago was closed to the Christian world and which only four or five white men had ever seen, may travel every foot of the way by railroad or steam vessel.

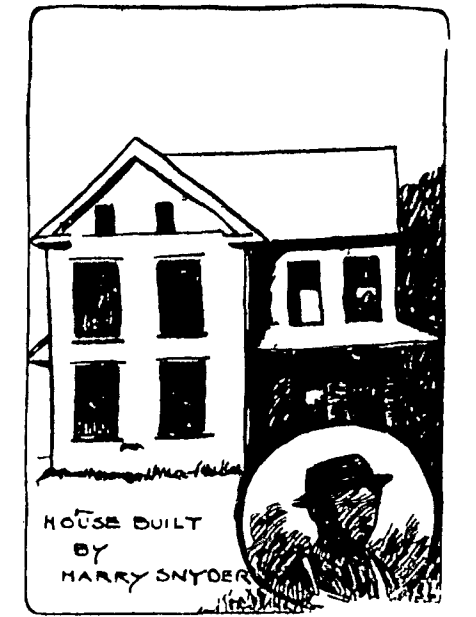
The other is the opening of the Cape-to-Cairo railroad as far north as Victoria Falls on the Zambesi.

It took eight years to build the first ninety miles of it. Then the enterprise stopped and was not revived till five years ago.

About 4,000 black laborers have built the road under the charge of sub-overseers of their own race and French superintendents and engineers.

Boy Builds a House.

In the hamlet of Martinville, Pa., in Lower Windsor township, is an example of precocity in the person of Harry Snyder, fourteen years old, who built a two-story cottage house, which when finished with be worth \$900.



HOUSE BUILT BY HARRY SNYDER.

The building material was bought with the lad's own money, which is the result of his industry during vacation months.

Young Snyder will find a tenant for the house. Some day he may occupy it himself, and take a bride there, but his thoughts are not upon matrimony now. He says he expects to own many houses before he is old enough to think of marrying.

Crusade Against American Whalers.

Canada is now planning a crusade against American whalers fishing in waters she claims as her own. She has had in Hudson Bay since last summer the Newfoundland seal ship Neptune, with an armed expedition headed by Major Mouldie, of the Northwest mounted police, who bears a commission as "Governor of Hudson Bay," with the object of driving out New Bedford whalers.

The outcome of the present agitation will doubtless be that the American whalers will be forced out of the waters they have frequented so long unless some compromise is effected in their behalf. The only beneficiaries, as matters look at present, would be the Scotch and English whalers, who, as subjects of the British empire, will have full rights to chase the cetaceans in Canadian waters, and will be aided there by the absence of their American rivals.

Worst "Bad Man" Dead.

"Kid" Curry, one of the last of the Western "bad men," is dead. For cool, unflinching outlawry he takes his place with "Billy the Kid," "Wild Bill," "Apache Kid," the Barps, the Youngers and the James boys. True to tradition, he died fighting. Wounded, cornered by a posse, he said calmly to a companion who sought to rescue him, "I'm all in," and, turning his pistol to his head, sent a bullet through his brain.

Thus the most desperate of recent bandits met his death.

Triumph for Self Made Man.

The placing of the contract for the Nile bridges at Rodah Island, near Cairo, with Sir William Arrol is another triumph for the self-made man. Two score years ago young Arrol was earning a few shillings a week in a cotton mill; four years later he was a blacksmith's striker, and, when little more than a boy, was married on 30s. a week. Since then he has built the Forth Bridge at a cost of £1,600,000, the Tay Bridge, and the Tower Bridge, London, and carried out great schemes innumerable.

Small Ice Crop.

In the state of Maine, where in former years the harvesting of ice for market in more southern latitudes was carried to enormous proportions, the total quantity cut during last winter, though there were perfect conditions for securing a large crop, was but 485,000 tons, against 700,000 gathered in the winter of 1902-03.

New Mountain Railroad.

Another one of the Swiss peaks near Interlaken—the Wetterhorn—is to be made accessible to tourists by rail. Funds are being collected for an overhead cable system, the cost of which will be comparatively small.

Large Yield of Opium.

Estimates received from producing sources in Smyrna say that the crop of opium will be between ten thousand and twelve thousand cases, which is about 100 per cent greater than the average yield.

MAN TAKES CUE FROM WOMAN.

Her Attitude Toward Him Shapes His Conduct and Even His Character.

The code of manners which prevails in any age depends very largely upon the standard set up by its women, and this fact is one of the chief cogna in the great wheel of society.

A woman's personality, her airs and graces, her little faults and foibles, are all more or less instrumental in rounding out and polishing off the manners of men, and if she be truly "as wise as a serpent" the influence does not stop there, but continues to the shaping of men's conduct and even of their character.

It has been said that "woman has only herself to thank or blame for a man's attitude toward her, and whether his manner be careless or deferential, he has taken his cue from her." This may be putting it rather too forcefully, and yet, ever since the days of Mother Eve, unjust as the old story and its consequences may seem, woman has had to look well to her ways lest she be misjudged and condemned for man's shortcomings.

"How much it is to be regretted," says one writer, "that women should sit down content to polish where they are able to reform, to entertain where they might instruct."

Nothing delights men more than strength of understanding, when true gentleness of manners is its associate. It is the two allied in a woman that makes her the brightest ornament of human nature.

How to Wash the Hair.

There is a right way and a wrong way to wash the hair. Mr. F. de Donato informs me, "and one of the wrong ways is to apply the cake of soap directly to the head. I suppose nine out of ten people do this, but it is wrong, nevertheless. When the cake of soap is rubbed on the hair it crusts there and often cannot be rinsed out with the most elaborate applications of water."

To wash the hair properly, so as to cleanse the head thoroughly, and at the same time leave the hair in good condition, a lather should be made from soap in some-what the same general way as for shaving, and this latter then applied to the hair. Hot water ought also to be used for the rinsing, save toward the finish of the operation, when cooler water may be employed to prevent any possibility of taking cold when the hair is drying. The rinsing should be most carefully done, for the smallest quantity of soap clinging to the hair will prove a veritable catch all for dust and germs and perhaps lead eventually to a diseased condition of the hair and scalp.

For Pretty Teeth.

"A pearl in the mouth is worth two on the neck" is an up-to-date adage which women would do well to ponder over. A woman of many charms will often fall of impression if her teeth are not delicately clean and whole. There are many factors which go to determine the soundness of one's teeth, but none more potent than that of use. Good vigorous action is necessary in order that a supply of blood may be called to the teeth to nourish them, says Woman's Life. Give a muscle no exercise and the veriest novice knows it will get soft. Give the teeth no work and they become chalky and an easy prey to decay. Too much cooking of food and the use of soft, prepared dishes have had much to do with getting people out of the habit of chewing. Those who live on coarse foods requiring thorough mastication have the perfect teeth of animals, white and hard and even. The blood supply is perfect on account of the stimulation given by thorough exercise of the jaws.

Success of Professional Women.

In the professions women take high rank in this country and statistics show that they are encroaching as elsewhere. There are 7,000 actresses in round numbers, over 1,000 women architects, designers and draughters; 11,000 artists and teachers of art, 3,400 women preachers, 790 pecticoated dentists, 400 electricians, 84 surveyors and civil engineers in skirts, over 1,000 Portias, 2,200 journalists who can't sharpen a pencil, 6,000 scientific and literary feminine geniuses, 8,000 doctresses, 9,000 female government officials, 1,000 female commercial travelers and 36,000 women who sell merchandise at retail and 300 at wholesale. There is practically no industrial or commercial field in which women have not gained a secure footing. There are over 300 bankers and brokers of the gentler sex. All told, 5,500,000 women in this country are engaged in gainful occupations.—Chicago News.

Breaded Lamb Chops.

Carefully trim the chops, and after sprinkling with salt and pepper dip them in melted butter and let it cool on them. Have ready the yolks of two eggs, well beaten; dip the chops in this and sprinkle with finely grated bread-crumbs. Let them broil over a clear fire. Add one teaspoonful of lemon juice to the gravy, and garnish with lemon, sliced very thin, and curled parsley.

How to Keep an Umbrella.

An umbrella should not be opened out to dry, as the stretchers are apt to warp in the bent form, giving an unsightly appearance when the umbrella is closed. The silk should be left to drain with the handle downward, and gently wiped with an old silk handkerchief.

In the game of love Cupid often deals from the bottom of the deck.

WOMEN ARE NARROW MINDED.

They Allow Themselves to Get into a Rut.

"The accusation that women as a sex are narrow minded would soon become a thing of the past if women themselves were to realize how prone they are to live their lives in ruts," said a clever woman recently.

"There is nothing easier to get into, and nothing more difficult to get out of, than the ruts of life's highway, and they seem to frequently come in the way of the footsteps of woman-kind. The stay-at-home women are the stay-at-home and ultra-domesticated because they have grown into the way of finding all their interests at home, and their talk is all of cookery, servants and nursery lore. Their sole literature consists of magazines, devoted to the interests of simple-minded womankind, and they have no attractions in the outside world to dig them out, even occasionally, of this deep domesticated rut."

"Then there is the rut of the girl devoted to her profession—which she spells with a capital 'P.' She is musical, or scholastic, or highly scientific, but she only lives for her own particular line in life, and does not consider the lives of other people half as interesting as her own. She is living in a very bad rut—a clever woman in a rut is a deplorable spectacle, but we often see it."

"The society devotee is even a more wearisome type than the ultra-domesticated. She considers the people who do not cultivate the social graces simply beyond the pale, and her idea of success in life is to go to more functions in the course of a week than any other woman in her set. The social rut is a remarkably dangerous one, for it is comfortable and is easy traveling. If you are a keen lover of pleasure by nature and no violent upheaval of your road happens, you will remain in the social rut to your journey's end, never knowing the difference between your little narrow path and the wider stretch of highway on either side of you. You may develop in this rut, but the development will be into a heartless, artificial sort of being, or worse than all, a snob. I do not know what the feminine of snob is, but it is a truly terrible person. I have met several quite lately."

"As it is quite impossible to obtain a good wide, all-round view of the beautiful existing panorama of life as you travel from the depths of a rut, avoid anything and everything that seems to point to the danger of 'getting in a rut.'"

Dressy Cloth Skirt and Coat.

For a dressy cloth coat and skirt is shown an exceptionally pretty model from La Nouvelle Mode. The long severe jacket with the short double bounce skirt is particularly effective, finished with the decided rows of stitching in deep gray—a shade to be revived this spring—in blue, tan, purple, lavender or any good spring color, this suit would be attractive.



The velvet collars and revers bring out the color to advantage, while the collars and jabot of lace are always becoming. The lace ruffles in the sleeves should be put in in such a way that they can easily be detached and the sleeves still be finished, for when a coat is just new and fresh lace ruffles may look attractive, but as soon as it has been worn a short while so simple a style of coat is better without the lace. This jacket is single breasted, finished with large buttons. The coat comes some inches below the knees, but if more becoming it may be slightly shorter. All skirts if short, are the sensible walking length—from two to three inches from the ground—and all cloth costumes are now made this length. With tailor gowns small hats are in vogue, the toque being the favorite.

PRETTY FLOOR COVERINGS.

Linoleums of Nice Colorings Taking Place of Carpets and Rugs.

It is not long since oilcloth was regarded only as the plebeian but proper covering for the kitchen floor. Those who could afford it sometimes substituted the more aristocratic linoleum, which was wider and thicker and offered a larger selection of stereotyped patterns.

Today the old fashioned and conventional figures have given way before an infinite variety of design, and linoleum is being used to cover the floors of bedrooms and dining rooms, as well as those of offices, stores and hospital buildings. One does not at first take kindly to the thought of linoleum upon the bedroom floor, but in these days of steamheated apartments it apparently possesses no unpleasant associations to debar the choice, and the patterns in which it is shown for this purpose prove by their popularity that it is by no means an unusual covering for them.

Among the designs which are sold for this use several are so charming that one can understand the temptation to buy them. A dull cadet blue ground shows a double Maltese cross, the outer one of darker blue.

There is no glaze in any of the linoleum patterns, which makes for a much more artistic finish. Another novel "carpet pattern" is that of dark red tulip with an unconventional design of deep green leaves upon a ground of dull cream color. This very pretty pattern is shown in other colors. One good effect is had by using a pompadour red ground and making the tulips a deep cream, almost tan color.

Another effective floral idea is the wild rose, unconventional, with a trailing spray of the leaves. This is shown in two tones of dull red and also in a very charming blue. Perhaps the most surprising pattern, because of its fidelity of design, is the "Turkish carpet." This reproduces the exact colors and design of a rug, in the warm, rich and dull effects which are the chief beauties of genuine Turkey carpets.

Holders may be had to match most of the design.

A pretty pattern much used for dining rooms is a blue ground with Empire wreaths in a lighter shade. This is also effective in red of two tones. Many parquetry designs are to be had in such close imitation of real wood that it bears comparison side by side with the latter.

Even the wood grain is beautifully carried out, and some of the best patterns show the mild squares of a darker color. These patterns are among those best liked for dining rooms.

They may be cleaned and polished in the same manner as a parquetry floor, with oil. Most of the conventional designs are used for the kitchen, but light colors have quite superseded the dark patterns once so much used.

Pretty kitchen patterns are of blue and white small squares. Others have the effect of tiling, mostly in blue and white. Some neat patterns show brown conventional figures on a white ground. Many linoleums are being sold now for summer homes. Some cottages prefer the material oilcloth and "carpet" the entire house with it, using a few cotton rugs for bedrooms which match the color of the linoleum on the floor. Bedrooms have the floral designs, the Turkish pattern finds a place on the sitting room floor and the kitchen is provided with a blue and white tile design.

The sanitary value of such floor covering is demonstrated by its continued use in hospitals or invalids' rooms, and now that it can no longer be regarded as unsightly there seems to be no reason why its popularity should not increase.

It is more easily cleaned than matting and will wear much better. It may be scrubbed with castile soap and dried with a woolen cloth. Yellow kitchen soap should never be used.

If it is desired to polish the floor may be first wiped with the soap and water and polished with an oiled cloth, exactly as one would proceed with a wood floor, or it may be dusted and oiled without the use of water, if preferred.

Honolulu Has a Woman Policeman.

Another calling which has been opened to women is that of an officer of the law, though it is doubtful if many of the gentler sex enter this new field. The city of Honolulu has a woman filling this position, and she is not only young and pretty but wealthy. She is Miss Helen Wilder, and her father is one of the great sugar kings of the Pacific, worth several millions. It was her love of children and animals which caused this young woman of twenty-four to seek this appointment. She is a mounted officer and wears on her soft felt hat the silver badge of her calling. She carries a revolver. Not long ago this unusual young woman found that the captain of a vessel which had lately put into port had for some slight offense locked his two little girls in a cabin and kept them on bread and water for three days. Alone she went aboard the vessel and ordered the protesting ruffian ashore, where he was duly punished.

Farm Area.

It is estimated that the total area for farming purposes in the United States is 841,000,000 acres—an area larger than England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Japan and the Transvaal. There are 10,439,000 persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, while all other industries employ but 18,845,000.