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Nine-tenths of the Maine schoolmarms are working for an average salary of from \$6 to \$9 a week. Half of them receive less than \$200 a year.

In comparing the pay of Maine teachers with the wages of cotton mill operatives in the State, says Leslie's Weekly, an investgating committee found that the balance in favor of the former was very slight The 6,530 women working in the cotton mills of Maine get an average weekly wage of 5.99, while the women school teachers get an average weekly wage of \$6.90. The men in the cotton mills of Maine get an average weekly wage of \$8.01, while the men teachers get \$9.18

It costs more to become properly equipped for the teaching profession than it does to become an efficient mill worker, to say nothing of the higher expense of daily living for the

There is no reason to suppose that teachers in Maine are worse off with respect to pay than they are in most other States of the l'nion

Where Illiteracy Is Rare. The lowest rate of illiteracy in the

world is found in Sweden, Norway and Germany in the two firstnamed countries there is no person above the age of ten years who cannot read and write unless he has forgotten those acomplishments or his mental faculties are so feeble that he has not been able to acquire them This fact is so well understood that the census enumerators do not inquire whether a person can read or write. It is not considered necessary to do so. Education is compulsory. Every child is required to attend school and there is no community too small or too poor to provide educational facilities for its children. The same is true, in a great measure, throughout Germany. The only people who cannot read and write are the feeble-minded and the aged who have outgrown their knowledge. -Washington Star

Telephones and Horse Thieves. In Minneota and other Western States the telephone has frequently operated to intercept the horse thief. When the robbery of a horse is reported the sheriff telephones to the farmers on every road, and so many farmers have 'phones now that this is practicable. After every farmer has been given a description of the stolen horse it is pretty difficult for the thief to escape, for he must pass out of the city over some country road, and many captures have been

Making Sand Men.

made in this way

A curious sight in the streets of Tokio is to see an old man seated on a smooth piece of ground, having round him little piles of sand of different colors, red, blue, yellow. black, etc. Placing a pinch from each pile in his right hand, he will draw on the smooth ground the figure of a man or woman, the dress all properly colored by the sand trickling through his fingers. It is done with great rapidity, and shows remarkable dexterity

To Enforce Tax Paying.

The municipality of Orlamunde issued a notice to the effect that admittance to all cafes and public houses is henceforth to be denied to all who do not pay their taxes within the legal limit of time. It is not altogether an innovation. for a somewhat similar measure has been in force for a number of years in Switzerland, and has answered its purpose excellently.

Great Salt Fields.

The great field of crystallized sait at Santon, Cal., in the middle of the Colorado desert, is 264 feet below the level of the sea and is more than 1,000 acres in extent. Its surface is as white as snow, and when the sun is shining its brilliance is too dazsling for the eye. The field is constantly supplied by the many salt springs in the adjacent foothills.

Origin of Chauffear.

The original chauffeurs were disguised robbers who,, toward the end of the eighteenth century, operated in the French rural districts They got the title from a practice they had of roasting the soles of their victim's feet at a fire to force the revelation of hidden treasure.

Educating a Novelist.

Thomas Hardy, the novelist, was little boy when his mother gave himea copy of Dryden's "Virgil." She took great pains with his education, and had him taught Latin at twelve, and at the age of fifteen he received his first lesson in French

The Bedouin's Repast.

The Bedouin Arabs are light eaters. Six or seven dates, soaked in melted butter, serve a man a whole day, with a very small quantity of coarse flour or a little ball of rice.

Refuse Bank Checks.

The Bank of Ireland declines to honor checks written in Erse. The Gaels are indignant. If, they say, the bank accepts checks in Japanese and Russian, why should it reject those in Erse?

In Using Gasoline. The gasoline engine, like the steam engine, in fact, like all engines, is all the better for being run light for a few minutes before it is called upon to exert its full power,

Mays the Automobile Magazine.

HOWTHE SWISS MAKE AN ARMY

887,000 Soldiers to a Population Only Three Millions.

According to the Arena the Swiss system of militia saves millions of money to the taxpayers and gives years of freedom from military service to the soldiers.

Practically all Swiss serve from the age of 20 to 50 in the militia and reserves. The raw recruits go into schools, the infantry for forty-five days, the cavalry for eighty days. After this the cavalry serves six-

teen days each year and the infantry and artillery fourteen days each every other year. The reserves serve only five or six days every four years. The officers, of course, are carefully trained in good schools for a period of years. This short service would be in-

sufficient were it not preceded and supplemented by military training | Matinees, Monday, Wednesday, for boys in school and rifle practice every year by practically all Swiss

Target shooting is the national Evenings-10, 20, 25, 35c & 50c sport, and in accordance with the law a place for target practice must be supplied by every town in the country. As an encouragement prizes of all sorts are offered by the national government

Thus little Switzerland, with a population of less than 3,000,000 of people, has an army of 337,000 of the most martial soldiers of Europe --armed, equipped and ready to take the field at a moment's notice.

Rats and Silver. Rats, like magples and jackdaws, seem to have a partiality for silver. A lady writing in Nature Notes, My sister was staying in a lonely house in the southwest of Ireland. One evening the housemaid, when laving the cloth for late dinner, placed the butter-dish and silver butter-knife on the sideboard and left the room. Returning a few minutes later she found the butter-knife gone, and suspected the rats, which had taken other articles of silver. When search was made the missing butter-knife was found behind the sideboard, and behind a heavy piece of furniture another butter-knife was found which had been lost for three months Half-way down a rat-hole in the pantry a silver fork and an ordinary dinnerknife were found. Silver teaspoons had also been found under the drawing-room floor.

American Mineral Water.

In 1860 about 47,000,000 gallons of mineral waters from springs in the United States were sold; in 1900, 50,000,000 gallons, and 1905 about 75,000,000. The value at the point of shipment now reaches \$12,000,000 a year, and taking into account the expense of retailers \$20,000,000 must be expended each year for American mineral waters. The productiveness of the mineral water springs of the l'nited States is practically unlimited, and at the rate at which the product is increasing it cannot be long before the amount sold each year will reach 100,000,000 gallons, about a gallon and a quarter per capita per year.

A Novel Dinner.

At a cookery exhibit lately held in Paris an interesting feature was the eproduction of a dinner offered to Napoleon I., exactly 100 years before by Prince Talleyrand, his famous Foreign Minister It was an elaborate repast for twenty-six persons. and the original menu of 1806 prepared by Talleyrand's famous cook, Careme, was faithfully followed. The pots and pans used, and the table upon which the dishes were prepared, were actually the same as used at Talleyrand's house a century ago.

"Doping" on Board Ship. In his charge to the Warren county Grand Jury recently Judge Rush drew attention to the alleged 'doping" with cocaine of roustabouts by steamship mates. The Judge stated that it had come to his ears that mates carried a supply of the deadly drug, which they gave to the negroes in liberal doses. When stimulated by the drug the rouster's capacity for work is greatly increased, but by the time the trip is ended he is a physical and mental

Iceland's Wireless System. Iceland, cut off from the rest of the world save for slow mails, is to be linked to other countries by means of wireless telegraphic connection with the Shetland islands This is to follow the action of the Icelandic parliament, at its last session, in voting a yearly subsidy of \$9,380 for twenty years for that purpose.

wreck.-Mobile Register.

A Tican Drinking Customs. In German East Africa the natives who can indulge in the luxury of drinking soda water take it directly from the bottle instead of pouring it into a glass. The Government has forbidden this practice, on pain of severe punishment, lest white men may happen to get the same bottles refilled.

Railroads in United States.

There are 195,000 miles of mainrailroad track in the United States, as compared with 271,000 miles in all the rest of the globe-Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia, Canada, and Central and South America.

When Bread Was Painted. It was the vogue at one time in Venice to gild the rolls of bread and oysters on the supper table. The candles were also coated with gold.

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Berlin Bars the Dime Novel. The American dime novel is too strenuous for Berlin, and the street sale of it has been forbidden by the police. The blood and thunder" sories of American origin are held responsible for a deplorable outbreak of juvenile crime, and henceforth some milder intellectual tonic will be given to youths, which will not lead them to holdups on the Unter den Linden. If Hans, however: can not get the fiction staple he wants he is less acute and perisstent than the American boy, whose chief delight is to baffle the "cop."-New York Tribune.

Belgium Has No Navy. Belgium is, despite its forty-two miles of seaboard, one of the few nations of the world without a navy. There are only two other navyless Powers in Europe - landlocked Switzerland and Servia. Even Bulgaria can boast of a torpedo gunboat and a few small steamers, while Roumania is proud in the possession of "twelve small vessels." Holland. Belgium's neighbor, has quite an imposing fleet of eight ironclads and a flotilla of 100 steamers. If Bulgaria has the smallest navy in the world the tiny principality of Monaco has the smallest army-126 men all told.

Jews in Palestine.

Some twenty years ago Palestine meant little to the majority of Jews. Now all is changing. Nearly every year fresh colonies have been established, till now they number more than thirty, and time is adding to their number and extent. One-third of Palestine proper is once again Jewish soil. So anxious are the Jews to again get possession that they endeavor to purchase all that comes into the market.

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