

STONES NATIVE TO AMERICA.

Nearly a Gem Known Which Has Not Been Found in This Country. America is rich in precious stones, although its natural resources are woefully undeveloped.

CITY AND COUNTRY CONDITIONS.

Typhoid and Malaria Are Really Country Diseases. While it is true that both malaria and typhoid prevail in large cities, it is none the less true that they may with a certain degree of accuracy be termed country diseases.

The Feeding of a City. Under normal conditions the food supply of a city seems to come naturally that it is scarcely regarded as a problem at all.

UNPAID LONDON SINGERS.

A Movement to Give Their Due to Musicians at Social Entertainments. The London social season has been longer than in other years and quite as brilliant as regards amusement provided for guests.

HOW SNAKES HUNT.

The Idea That They Exert a Hypnotic Influence Explored. Many are the tales told of how snakes of various kinds exert a hypnotic influence over their prey.

Long Honey Moon.

Marriage among Moslems in India is followed by other ceremonies. The bride with the bridegroom is taken back to her father's house after four days.

A Jury of Women.

A Colorado woman ordered a dress and then refused to pay for it on the ground that it did not fit her.

Mind and Matter.

The power of ideas in producing and dissipating functional troubles is being more and more realized.

Belgian Fowls.

The Belgians have a breed of fowls the feet of which they have shortened in order to lessen their powers of doing damage by scratching in gardens.

A Curious Coincidence.

It is a curious coincidence that Canada's greatest railroad man, Sir William Van Horn, is a native of the United States.

Secrets.

Here is an excellent rule to follow: Don't swap secrets. Never trust anyone with a secret who communicates one to you.

Long Time Underground.

Electric haulage has supplanted animal power in Comstock lode and 12 of the mules which were brought to the surface had not seen daylight for 20 years.

High Priced Peaches.

A commission agent in the Paris fruit markets recently shipped a basket containing 33 selected peaches to London.

The Telephone.

If all the bell telephones made each year were blended into a single instrument it would be nearly 300 miles high and weigh 4,000 tons.

Phonograph in Schools.

In some Viennese schools a phonograph which repeats speeches as recited by eminent actors has been introduced in order to teach the pupils declamation.

The Sailors Tobacco.

Three hundred tons of tobacco are distributed annually among the sailors of the British navy. It is sold to them at cost.

Postal Service in the Desert.

A new monthly postal service across the Sahara has just been established. The messengers are mounted on camels.

A Big Sawmill.

Louisiana has a steel sawmill with a capacity of 600,000 feet a day, which is said to be the largest in the country.

When Tilled the Ostrich Will Travel 25 Miles an Hour.

The Philippines have about 300 miles of railroads.

Bishop Makes Clerical Changes.

Bishop McQuaid has made the following changes in the diocese: Rev. Stephen Byrne, of Seneca Falls, to become assistant for Rev. P. Brophy, St. Monica's church.

Five Minute Sermon.

The Parable of the Supper.

The supper mentioned in this Gospel signifies the entrance into paradise, after which there is perfect peace and rest, and nothing to disturb the mind or tire the body.

Personal.

The president of the Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven, Rev. John Talbot Smith, LL. D., was a guest of Bishop McQuaid at home last week.

Baker Theater.

Next week the Baker Theater Stock Company will present the best offering of the present had been ill for three weeks with season, "In the Heart of the Storm."

A Bit of Forestry.

"Do you know how to tell a hard wood tree from a soft wood tree?" said a forester. "I'll tell you how to do it, and the rule holds good not only here among our familiar pines and walnuts, but in the Antipodes, among the strangest banyans, baobabs and what-nots.



Hayden Stevenson—leading man at Baker Theatre

Auburn, N. Y.

Last Sunday was a notable one for the congregations of the St. Mary's church and also the Holy Family for on that day two of the former school boys of the church said their first mass after being ordained to the priesthood.

Catholic Convention Dates.

The fifth annual meeting of the Catholic Educational Association will be held at Cincinnati, O., in July 6, 7, 8, 9.

Cook Opera House.

On Monday night June 22nd the attaches of Cook Opera House will give their annual benefit in the shape of a big Vaudeville Jubilee.

the amount of money realized from the affair was the largest in the history of the organization.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

First Regiment Makes Fine Appearance At Annual Parade.

The Knights of St. John, First Regiment, held their annual parade Tuesday night. The regiment formed for the parade in Andrew street with the right resting on Clinton avenue north.

The following commanderies were in line:

St. Mauritius, Captain F. L. Hauser; St. George, Captain Frank Koch; St. Eustace, Captain Fred Wegman; St. Bernard, Captain Edward Bott; St. Theodore, Captain Charles Claus; St. Boniface, Captain Kolb; Holy Rosary, Captain Sullivan; St. Michael, Captain F. Kesel; St. Peter and Paul, Captain Joseph Zick; St. Louis, Captain G. Crist.

The regiment was reviewed at Chestnut street and East avenue by Major Edgerton and Colonel F. J. Schwab and his staff.

Wednesday morning at nine o'clock the members of the regiment of the Knights of St. John attended a solemn requiem mass for the deceased Knights at St. Michael's church.

The Natinal Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold their convention in St. Louis, Aug. 4th to 6th inclusive.

The seventh national convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies will be held at Boston, Mass., Aug. 9th to 12 inclusive.

The different churches of the city are making great headway in the coming picnic and lawn fete to be held at the Auburn Asylum grounds on July 4th.

The entire day will be given over to the celebration and it is expected to make the event the greatest success ever given for the asylum.

The Willing Workers club have closed up their seasons work for the benefit of the asylum and