

HERMES TRISMEGISTUS.

By HERMES TRISMEGISTUS. At a distance, Hermes described the principles that rank as wholes in two worlds of books; or, as we are informed by Manetho, he perfectly understood these principles in three volumes; and he has written the inventions of their wisdom to this day, inscribing all their own writings with the name of Hermes Trismegistus.

TWO WEDDING DAYS.

Every thing had been duly and properly arranged for the wedding. The engagement of Miss Nell Bartley to Mr. Betram Langley had been announced in the fashion column of a leading "society journal," and the wedding day had arrived.

"Nell! Nell! Excuse me, Bert—"

"I staid and I staid," she said, but turned on her heel and strode away. No sooner had I reached my hotel than I was heartily ashamed of myself; and when Tom, my elder brother and only living relative, rushed in and told me that he had left his wife ill at home, so anxious was he to see me married, the last bit of crossness departed.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

Some Curious Facts About Members of Congress. During the first forty-five congresses, but only 142 out of the 5,337 members were born in the United States—New York having 705, Pennsylvania 598, Virginia 535, Massachusetts 439, and Connecticut 340.

HOME LIFE OF THE CZAR.

How the Russian Emperor Lives—His Court and Character. The general arrangement of the buildings, besides offering the advantages of accommodation to be found in a large mansion, afford a special security for the personal safety of the emperor, whose apartments are completely isolated and unapproachable except by narrow passages that are carefully guarded.

A DUTCH KERMISS.

The Annual Festival of Dordrecht, Holland. Dordrecht, on the Meuse, writes a Holland correspondent, was the scene of the Kermis which I am about to describe. The town is very old and has its full share of canals and water ways.

A CONVICT'S LIFE.

Prison Discipline and Behavior of the Convicts. The prevalence of drunkenness in the State prison at Auburn once puzzled the officers for a long time. It was at first supposed that whisky was brought in by some one, but finally the present covered that distillery was in full operation within the walls of the institution.

REMEMBERING A BROTHER.

Remembrance of a Brother. The late General Houston of Tennessee, was reprimanded before the bar of the House for having yielded and knickered down with a blue-eyed William Stanbury, a member of the House in the Thirty-second Congress, on account of words spoken in debate.

SHALL WOMEN SMOKE?

Well, that is a question for her to decide. The practice is a pernicious one; it pollutes the breath, and it is a healthful habit. It is a habit of the most refined and cultivated people. It is a habit that is becoming more and more prevalent.

ALPINE CLIMBING A TRADE.

Alpine climbing has within the last twenty years become a science and a trade. Alpine clubs accumulate experience which is at the disposal of all who wish to have their mountains climbed. They have their maps, their ropes, their staves, their boots, their food, their tools, and their guides.

QUEER REWARDS FOR DOCTORS.

The late express of China having recovered from her former serious sickness, some half a dozen surgeons chosen by the governors of provinces and sent to Pekin, according to imperial directions, to attend upon her majesty, have been rewarded by various appointments. One, it is announced, is to be made a tootai, or attendant of the empress, another a prefect, another a magistrate, and so forth.