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BATH SCHOOL

NATIONAL LESSON FOR JANUARY 10, 1892.

What shall this song be sung in... We have a strong city...

...the King of the... the King of the... the King of the...

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PLANS OF VIRGINIA'S CREDITORS.

A Surrender of Defaulted Bonds Proposed in Place of a Cash Deposit.

New York City, (Special.)—Frederic P. Olcott, William B. Bull, Henry Budge, Charles D. Dickey, Jr., Hugh R. Gardner, and John Gill, the committee of Virginia bondholders, met here Saturday.

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The plan is that Virginia shall issue nineteen millions of 190 year bonds to take up twenty-eight millions of indebtedness.

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Something Interesting About the Co-Operative Stores.

How the Plan is Successfully Carried Out in England, and Its Adaptability to This Country.

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The political results growing out of the farmers' convention at Ocala may or may not vanish like smoke.

One state depot of the National Union company has already been established at Louisville. Thirty-five branch stores to be founded elsewhere in Kentucky.

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SELECT SIFTINGS.

One-half of the people born die before the age of sixteen. There are 755 fire-alarm boxes in Philadelphia, Penn.

The Persian has a different name for every day in the month. Two pounds of beet are consumed to one of mutton in England.

The Mexican orange trade with the United States is gradually increasing. Twelve oranges grown at De Land, Fla., completely filled a peck measure.

The Digger Indians of California prefer insects to any other kind of animal food. A man in Missouri has twenty-seven pet rattlesnakes which come when he calls them.

The proportion of travelers killed in railroad accidents in the different countries is as follows: In France, one to every 21,000,000; England, one to every 6,000,000; Germany, one to every 6,000,000; Belgium, one to every 6,800,000; United States, one to every 2,800,000.

EXPLOSIVES FOR THE NAVY.

HOW THE AMMUNITION FOR OUR WARSHIPS IS PREPARED.

Leading the "Tanks" for the Big Ten-Inch Guns and the Eight-Inch Rifles—Powder in Sacks.

Inside the damp and gloomy casemates of the old water battery at Fort Mifflin, a force of experienced men has been kept hard at work the past few weeks preparing the ammunition for the war-ships fitting out at the various navy yards.

On entering the fort one ascends several flights of winding stone steps between walls of gray stone and under a stone ceiling. One could almost imagine himself in some historic fortress or prison built during the medieval ages.

For the eight-inch rifles the tanks used, of course, are not so large, and the weight of the projectile is 295 pounds. Only a small quantity of this caliber has been prepared at the fort, the only ships using them being the Baltimore, Chicago, Atlanta and Boston; in all only twelve guns.

For this calibre the powder charges are of two kinds, the full weight being forty-six pounds and what is called the reduced charge for use at target practice being thirty-three pounds.

The gunner and his assistants at Fort Mifflin do not manufacture any of the powder, large any of the shells or make any of the powder tanks in any way.

An African Pumpkin.

Through their many biological peculiarities the family of the pumpkin has become known to everybody. Cucumbers, melons and pumpkins belong to the heaviest fruit and yet they grow on a very slender stalk.

The home of the *Heterococcus* is in the Dark Continent and this is undoubtedly the reason why we have not been made acquainted with it earlier.

On the outside three rows of frowning gables face the narrow water, while the waters of the bay beat against the base of the massive walls. The place has long been abandoned by the soldiers, who are now quartered inside the big fortifications on the hill above.

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WAYS OF THE MUSKRAT.

THE LITTLE ANIMAL THAT IS FOUND EVERYWHERE.

Winter Home of the Muskrat—Its Food—Trapping the Muskrat for Its Fur—The Best Trap.

Of all our wild fur-bearing animals, the muskrat seems to hold its ground best against advancing civilization. It is to be found everywhere in North America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Rio Grande to the Barren Grounds, swelling the animal kingdom by many millions.

It is a small animal, and its body is covered with a soft, downy fur. It is a very hardy animal, and it is able to live in the most inhospitable climates.

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The heaviest gun made for the navy are twelve-inch, forty-five-ton breech-loaders.

For such a small country, Belgium has made great progress in the adoption of electric lights.

Illuminated walking sticks are among the latest applications of electricity. A small incandescent lamp is concealed in the head.

A new invention is an elastic rubber cushion for the back of the chair, the special object being to give relief to those who are compelled to stand all day on wooden or marble floors.

The method of determining specific heats by the use of Joule's law has only been successful in liquids which were good conductors. A new method has been adopted for such measurement by means of a glass spiral filled with mercury.

An automatic cut-out that replaces a new fuse when one is burnt out is being introduced by a firm of electricians. A rotating drum with the severing wire on its surface is so arranged as to turn around and insert a new fuse when a burnt-out one occurs.

A new life-belt has been patented in Germany. It is in the ordinary form, but is made from rubber and covered with canvas, and is much heavier than the belt of cork.

THE CRANK GAME.

Walked Into a Louisville Bank, but Did Not Wait for the Money.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., (Special.)—The bank mania has struck Louisville. The bank mania has struck Louisville. The bank mania has struck Louisville.

New Uses for the Scrub Palm.

Everybody who has been in Florida, and especially on the flat lands along the St. Johns river, has learned that the scrub palmetto, a stunted palm growth, has been a poor, despised thing since the white men trod Florida soil.

Heartrending Scenes at the Wreck.

The Unfortunates Were Pinned Down and Scalded to Death.

New York, (Special.)—The accident which occurred on the New York Central railroad at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, has proved so much greater than that reported by reports received. The official list of the dead, as given out, numbers eleven people.

That Awful Wreck.

Heartrending Scenes at the Wreck.

The Japanese practice reeling cruelty to delight their palates. They believe that the fish called the *tsu* is most delicious when eaten alive.

The Coming Royal Wedding.

LONDON, (Cablegram.)—The Duke of Cambridge is credited with endorsing the Princess Victoria Mary with £5,000 yearly. It has been decided that the dresses to be worn by the bridesmaids of the Princess will be of white and silver.

A New Way to Swallow.

An Englishman has invented a way to facilitate the operation of taking food. He attaches to a glass a small funnel which rests the pill, and the glass is tilted forward so that the pill is pushed down the funnel.

Deeds in Bullets.

During a shooting match in presence of the Governor of Caudahar the latter noticed to his astonishment that the heads of sparrows were the favorite butt of the marksmen, who but seldom missed their aim.

A Shrewd Trick of Lester Tillevs.

Do you see this letter, too here in the middle of this side? What do you suppose did it? Done by the string that is used to tie up the bundle of letters in this mail bag? That is what is most every one thinks, but it isn't the fact. It is done by a postoffice thief.