

HE SAVED THE OWL.

An Ice-man's Wonderful Story That His Friends Doubt. An Ice-man told a story the other evening, a story which he says is the truth and nothing but the truth.

He was going to a pond a morning or two ago, rather early, and to get to the scene of his labors was obliged to pass up a railroad track.

The bird was all right in a day or two and now, says the ice-man, it refuses to leave and will eat only from his hand.

German housewives have a step ladder contrivance which, if univcrsally adopted, would do much in the way of the elevation of mankind.

Every one knows that many of our ordinary stepladders, having the brace at the back to preserve the equilibrium, keep the worker standing on the top at a distance from the wall.

From the top of the German ladder, and from the step below, is a double platform, held with braces and adjustable, so that it can be folded in when not in use.

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Worshippers Write Their Prayers and Throw Them up as Balls.

Along the sacred road of Nikko, Japan, is an idol about which centers one of the most curious worship in the world. Upon the surface of the statue are seen little pieces of what appears to be dried paper.



Such a mode of prayer is even more curious than the praying wheels of the Buddhists, who set the wheel revolving and reel off prayers by machinery.

Even on Coal Dock Where It is Utilized for Motive Power. Even on a coal dock, where saving fuel would seem to be as unnecessary as anywhere on earth, electricity has been adopted as the sole motive power.

Car Platform for Real Use. This is the roomy rear platform of a new trolley car ordered by the St. Louis Traction Company for service to and from the exposition grounds.



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AN ODD INDIAN RELIC.

Autograph Letter from Thomas Jefferson, Written Century Ago. An autograph letter from Thomas Jefferson, written a hundred years ago to the Indians of the Louisiana purchase, has recently been unearthed from the archives of the Sea and Fox Indians in Oklahoma.

Temperature of Insects. The temperature of the human body is essentially the same in the tropics and in the polar zones. Insects at rest have a temperature practically the same as that of the surrounding air.

Bride of 1833. This was the way our grandmother was dressed as a bride.



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Old Smallpox Germs. A peculiar case recently came to light at the McKinley Wood ranch southwest of Big Horn, in Wyoming.

Fish Story of Interest. In the harbor of Sydney, N. S. W., thirty-four years ago a fisherman killed and towed ashore a shark, cut him up and found a London newspaper inside of him.

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SPECTACLES ON THE DEAD.

Undertaker Places Glasses on Corpse Only at Request of Relatives. At a recent funeral it was noticed that the face of the dead was adorned with glasses.

Squats to Write Letter. When an Equadorian woman writes a letter she sits on the floor and uses a squatting table like the one in this picture.

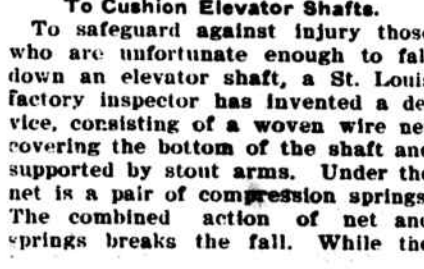


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CAST FROM WHITE HOUSE.

Several Chandeliers Are Rescued Because of Their Associations. Having been cast aside by the executive, several chandeliers of historic significance to those familiar with the White House have been rescued and sent to Congressional committee rooms.

To Cushion Elevator Shafts. To safeguard against injury those who are unfortunate enough to fall down an elevator shaft, a St. Louis factory inspector has invented a device, consisting of a woven wire net covering the bottom of the shaft.



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SCYTHES AS ORNAMENTS.

Placed There to Commemorate Peasants' Defense of Their Faith. At first sight the scythe is a strange ornament for a church, but there is nothing incongruous in these curious agricultural implements as seen in the parish church of St. Mary's at Horn castle, in Lincolnshire.

Capturing a Sea Bass. Royal Bliven of Pleasant View, R. I., captured a 9 1/2-pound striped sea bass a few days ago on the beach.

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News of Interest TO AFRO-AMERICANS



Lynchings Are Deplored. At the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal church a resolution was unanimously adopted deploring the increase in the number of lynchings in the north as well as in the south.

Farm Bought for Ex-Slaves. The committee of ex-slaves, which is endeavoring to provide a home for ex-slaves in that immediate section, has purchased a farm near Atlanta, Ga., and expects to have a number of homes located on the place within a short time.

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continued in the United States-supreme court by Attorney General Anderson and F. W. Christian, both of whom contended for the validity of the suffrage clause of the new state constitution.

Mr. Christian confined himself largely to the presentation of the question of jurisdiction, holding that the procedure was not such that it was competent for a federal court to act.

OLD CLOCK A WONDER.

Ancient Timepiece Furnishes Minister on Sunday Mornings. The old-fashioned grandfather's clock is becoming a rarity, and only now and then one of them is offered at a public sale in the country districts.

Recently C. C. Moyer of Orwigburg, Pa., bought one of these antiquated timepieces, and as a result of his reconstruction the clock, instead of merely striking the hour, now strikes fifteen bells for the hour and the half-hour on Sunday mornings.

Young Moyer, who is 24 years old, is noted for his ingenuity. As an early age he became interested in the construction of odd machines.

A Land of Little Soap. It is gratifying to learn that the consumption of soap in China, according to official statistics, has increased over 100 per cent of recent years.

Clock Centuries Old. A clock which, it is believed, was used in the days of Columbus, has lately come into the possession of Emily Knapp of Manchester, N. H.

Religious superstition asserts itself in Chinese architecture, and the universal sacredness of the numerals three and nine is shown in the arrangement of temple doors.

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