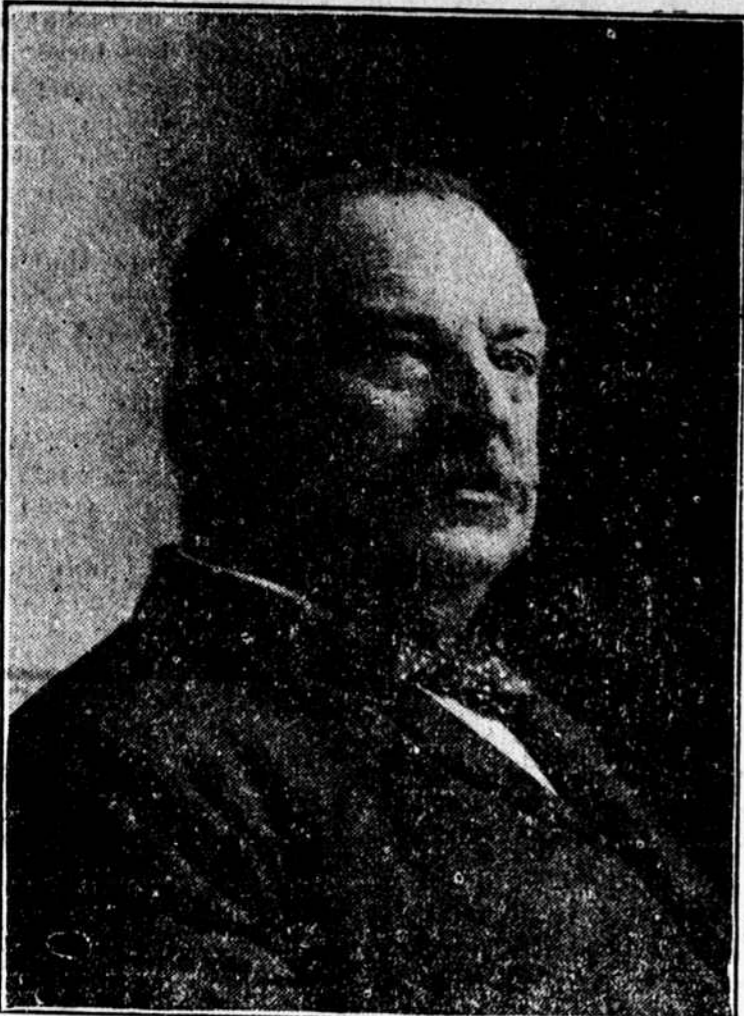


IN THE PUBLIC EYE



GROVER CLEVELAND.

A LEAF FROM THE PAST.

When a New Straw Hat Was a Novel and Treasured Possession.

In the early part of the last century there were fewer factories in this country than now, and many things were made by hand...

In driving along country roads, in Massachusetts particularly, late in the summer, one would see great bundles of the straw hanging on the fences to dry...

The daughters of farmers did not have many pennies of their own in those days, and all were eager to earn money by braiding straw...

"District school" was in session only six months of the year—the rest of the time the children helped their mothers with the housework...

The factories where the straw was sewed were in the large towns. The simplest hats were of the braids alone. More elaborate ones had a fancy cord, also of plaited straw...

A poor country girl would begin to think of her hat from the time of seed-sowing. All summer she would watch the billowy grain...

When the braids were finished and sent to the factory, how impatient she waited! Perhaps grandma contributed some of the cord she had made last winter that the new hat might be more beautiful...

Simple Experiment to Prove Earth Round. Although it was demonstrated more than 2000 years ago that the earth is globular in form, there are certain persons who maintain that it is flat...

The place chosen was near Bedford, England, where there is a straight six mile stretch of water. At both ends in the middle of this water posts were erected, each of the same definite height above the water level...

These experiments were recently repeated in a more scientific manner by H. Yule Oldham, who read a paper on the subject before the Glasgow meeting of the British Association...

Genuine and Imitation Perfumes.

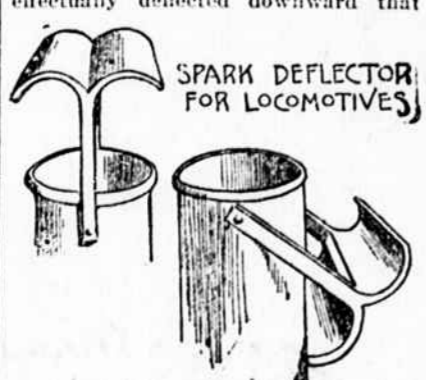
"Perfumes are becoming more popular every year," said A. H. Mitchell, representative of a Detroit, Mich., perfumery concern...

"It may seem peculiar, but perfumes are adulterated and imitated just as baking powder and other things are. For instance, we have a high grade carnation pink perfume from the flowers themselves...

TO MINIMIZE FOREST FIRES.

New Devices For Suppression of Smoke and Spark nuisance.

Among the numerous causes of forest fires probably the most prolific means of all is the shower of sparks which are thrown high in the air from locomotives...



SPARK DEFLECTOR FOR LOCOMOTIVES.

They will scatter only a very short distance. When not in use this device is released from its upright position, where it is held by a spring...

Canadian Bison.

The woods of northern British America are still infested with a queer species of bison, known as the "woods buffalo."



JOSEPH F. SMITH, President of the Mormon Church.

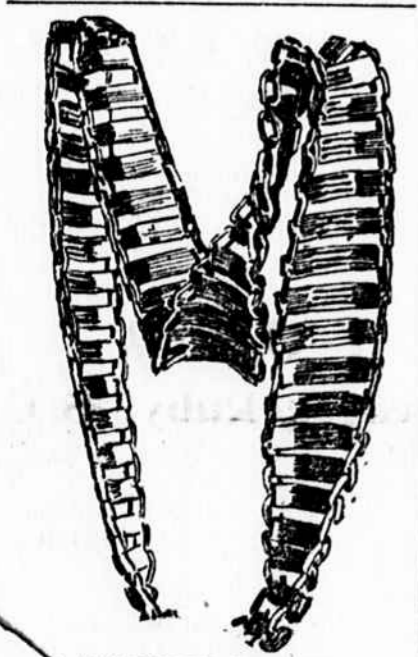
A Curious Tropical Phenomenon. A curious phenomenon has been noticed in the tropics that can never be seen at higher altitudes. A mining shaft at Somberete, Mex., is almost exactly on the tropic of Cancer...

E. Phillips Oppenheim, a popular English novelist, is visiting this country. He is not a stranger here, as he married a Boston girl several years ago.

CREEPERS FOR THE AUTO.

Device Designed to Prevent Slipping of the Wheels.

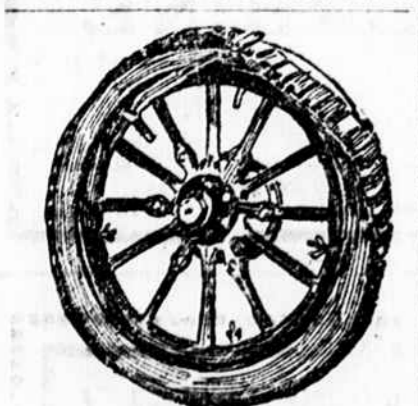
An account of the "slide-slip" contest which was held a few weeks ago by the Automobile Club de Saint-et-Oise was given in these columns...



ANTI-SKIDDER DETACHED.

der" which won the prize is known as Lemperoff.

As will be seen from the two illustrations it consists of a number of steel plates, connected at their extremities by two encircling chains...



ANTI-SKIDDER IN PLACE.

cannot heat, and may be removed or affixed in a few minutes. When not in use it can be rolled up into a very small compass, and therefore takes up very little room on the car...



TIMPAH CAVALRY.

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LITTLE WOMEN ARE MIGHTY ATOMS

As the tall young woman entered the dining room with her friend, a little woman who was one of a party at a table near the door...

The tall young woman acknowledged the tributes gracefully, then sighed as she settled into a chair at her own table...

"Why, I thought she seemed very pleasant," replied the friend. "I suppose you thought she really meant what she said just now, and that she showed a sweet, generous nature in making that remark..."

"Of course she is," said the tall young woman, whose tone now bordered upon asperity, "but she need not make invidious comparisons at my expense in order to call the fact to people's attention..."

"That is their indirect method. The direct is more effective and usually consists in calling attention to their shoes. Sometimes it is gloves and belts, but usually it is shoes..."

"What do you think of these new shoes of mine?" she demanded engagingly. "Aren't they perfectly huge? But you know I thought that for once I would get shoes that wouldn't scuff out the first time I wore them..."

"You know I am five feet eight and weigh 150, and my waist measures twenty-five. I had never been sensitive about any of these statistics, or given them any particular thought until Mrs. Grimston began to emphasize them..."

"Another universal trick of little women is to assume the helpless, dependent role, which, of course, appeals to all mankind. They have to have someone check their baggage and buy their tickets for them..."

"Invariably, too, the smaller the woman the greater is her social assurance. All my life I have wondrously watched little women, who, with the most serene composure and self-confidence, preside over women's clubs, star in amateur theatricals, or respond to dinner toasts..."

"Perfumes are becoming more popular every year," said A. H. Mitchell, representative of a Detroit, Mich., perfumery concern. "Ten years ago the use of these scents was exceedingly restricted, and the use now is much more general..."

According to an official statement just published, 1,310,223 bicycles were taxed in France in 1903, being 103,841 more than in 1902. The Department of the Seine (Paris) had the largest number (244,888) and Corsica the smallest (337). The number of motor cycles was 19,816, and of automobiles 19,889.

THE MODERN GENTLEMAN.

He is, After All, Not Modern, But Has Always Existed.

In some of our earliest immigration records the more favored arrivals were designated as "gentlemen." For instance, one cargo of colonists comprised a score of "gentlemen" and several hundred laboring men and handicraftsmen...

In these days the designation of "gentleman" is formally used in Great Britain, but in America there has been a gradual disappearance of its ancient employment. The other day the scion of a family that had won wealth and kept it was on the witness stand. He gave his occupation as "gentleman."

Nothing kills so swiftly as ridicule or absurdity. This accounts for the gradual elimination of "gentleman" as a definition for directories or official certificates. And—shall we call it the sarcasm of fate?—the word that takes the place of "gentleman" in these practical but unromantic chronicles is "capitalist."

But while we smile let us remember that we have not removed the gentleman from our social category. Rather have we given to the word a better significance. We can even surmise that there were more real gentlemen among the handicraftsmen than among the favored twenty who alone bore the appellation...

After all, there is really no new idea of the gentleman. It is as ancient as the hills. "Though all the honors of thy line bedeck thy halls, believe me, virtue alone is true nobility," said old Juvenal. "Oh, give me inborn worth! If thou really merit the character of blameless integrity, of staunch love, of justice, both in words and deeds, then I recognize thy right to be esteemed a gentleman."

Pet Bear Joined in the Ceremony. Bruinski, the pet bear of the Columbia's jacksies, was not sent to the "Zoo" because he tried to eat the captain's dog, says an officer of the ship, but because he turned a solemn ceremony into a farce. Every day after dinner, Bruinski and his particular friends indulged in a nap. Bruinski stretched himself out on the deck, and his chums spread themselves around him, using him as a pillow...

Then he turned, and, backing slowly, wedged himself into the line. His solemn visage and pendulous paws were too much for the commandant as well as the other officers. The ceremony was cut short and Bruinski hustled below. The captain of the ship thought the presence of the bear could be dispensed with after that, and he was given permanent shore leave...

Might Have Been Twins. "I was trying to impress on one of my classes the other day the greatness of the Southern Confederacy, and at the same time to let it know how wonderful a man was George Washington," said J. L. Pembroke, a professor in a primary school in Paducah, Ky., at Seelbach's last night.

"If the Confederacy had succeeded," I asked, "what would Washington have been the father of?" "Twins," was the prompt reply of one of the boys.

"At another time," said Mr. Pembroke, "I was trying to impress on my class the fact that Anthony Wayne had led the charge up Stony Point." "Who led the charge up Stony Point?" I asked. "Will come of the smaller boys answer?" "No reply came."

"Can no one tell me?" I repeated, sternly. "Little boy on that seat next to the aisle, who led the charge up Stony Point?" "I—I don't know," replied the little fellow, frightened. "I—I don't know. It wasn't me. I—I just came here last month from Texas."—Louisville Herald.

A French Bicycle Tax. According to an official statement just published, 1,310,223 bicycles were taxed in France in 1903, being 103,841 more than in 1902. The Department of the Seine (Paris) had the largest number (244,888) and Corsica the smallest (337). The number of motor cycles was 19,816, and of automobiles 19,889.

TORTURING PAIN.

Half This Man's Sufferings Would Have Killed Many a Person, But Doan's Cured Him.

A. C. Sprague, street sweeper of Normal, Ill., writes: "For two whole years I was doing nothing but buying medicines to cure my kidneys. I do not think that any man ever suffered as I did and lived. The pain in my back was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I could not ride a horse, and sometimes was unable even to ride in a car. My condition was critical when I sent for Doan's Kidney Pills. I used three boxes and they cured me. Now I can go anywhere and do as much as anybody. I sleep well and feel no discomfort at all."

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A Cruel Creed.

"Our Puritan ancestors had a religion," said an artist, "that was black and cruel." "In the garret of my farm, last week, I found a lot of religious poetry that pleased our ancestors 200 years ago."

"Here from the collection is a sample stanza of Michael Wigglesworth's religious poem, 'The Day of Doom,' written in 1622," and the artist read: They wring their hands, their catfish hands, And gnash their teeth in terror; They cry, they roar, in anguish sore, And gnaw their tongues for horror; But get away, without delay, Christ plies not your cry; Depart to Hell; there you may yell And war eternally.

AN EXCEPTION.

"My son, don't forget that there is always room at the top." "Yes; but think of what happens when there's a fire."—Chicago Journal.

One of the largest and most noticeable business signs seen anywhere is that of the National Casket Co., on their mammoth new factory at Nashville, Tenn., made on a wire frame with aluminum letters six feet high and one hundred feet long, which can be read from a long distance by day, and when reproduced in electric lights, can be read even further at night. This is the concern that is called on to furnish caskets for the most prominent people everywhere, including among its recent orders, Caskets for Presidents William McKinley, Benjamin Harrison and the late lamented Gen. John B. Gordon, and yet whose goods can be had through the smallest undertaker in every town. From the fact that they are called on to furnish caskets for the best citizens everywhere, there must be some merit in their claim that their goods are the best, and the South should be proud to have a branch of such a high class establishment within her borders.

IN KENTUCKY.

Friend—Have you called in Judge Bludso to help you? I hear he has been talking. Attorney for the Defense—Called him in? No, I have called him out.

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THE MACHINE'S CANDIDATE.

"Nurtich expects to get the nomination for Governor." "Indeed? What does he base his hope on?" "Well, he's a self-made man, and—" "But the successful gubernatorial nominee is usually machine-made."—Philadelphia Press.