

THE WORLD.

They say the world's a sham and life a lease... Of nightmare nothing nicknamed Time, and we...

had hoped to buy as soon as it should be finished. To my great regret, owing to the depression of business, it is necessary for me to deny myself the gratification of possessing this masterpiece.

HARD TIMES. FROM THE GERMAN. By M. M.

Paul Korner was a landscape painter; he was, also, a daily visitor at the Einhorn, the respectable little inn of Gruningen.

The Eastern question was agitating the public mind just then, and people were speculating much over it.

Between the pages lay a fragment of a political newspaper. His eyes fell on a letter from a Vienna correspondent, who, in a diplomatic and ocular fashion, discoursed upon the "situation," winding up with the remarkable declaration:

"We are standing upon a volcano, and no one knows what a day may bring forth!"

Paul, who had never been especially interested in politics, closed the volume with a startling clap.

"The deuce!" he muttered to himself. "War is imminent, and war is the declared enemy of all the muses!"

"There are, forsooth, more simpletons among us than hard times!"

"Dear Sir—I am obliged to give you a different answer from what I had intended, in regard to your 'Landscape by Moonlight,' which I

Most Famous English Actress.



From her latest photograph. MISS ELLEN TERRY. Her fifty years on the stage has just been celebrated with great enthusiasm in England.

Does Away With Sweeping.

One of the greatest inventions of the present time is the suction machine for renovating and cleaning hotels, apartment houses, etc.



It can be manipulated by anybody. Expert skill is not required. In cleaning the rooms the dust is gathered up in the collector, and when the entire house is cleaned the renovator is taken to the cellar and the dust removed.

An Hawaiian Curio.

A curious tower is to be seen in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. It was built by the Japanese residents.

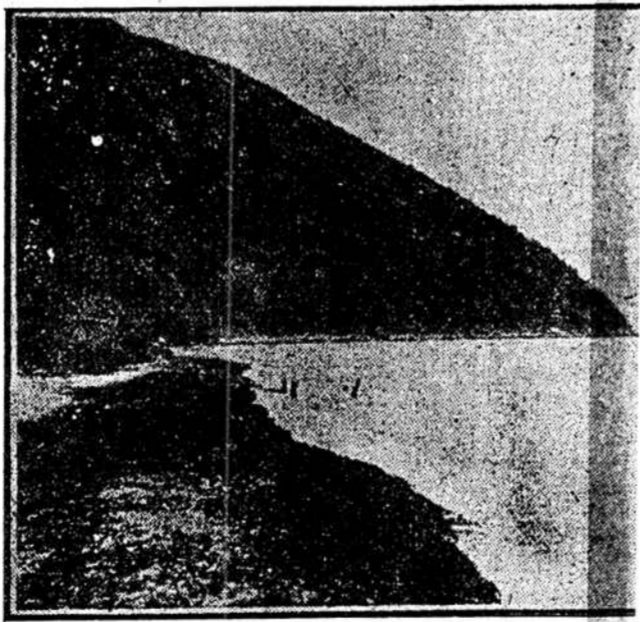


A Curious Japanese "Prayer-Tower."

ers might be offered there to their detest by the anxious Japanese for the success of the armies of the Mikado during the recent war.

Little Susie's ( After a week at the Suste was being waige "When she came sb scales at forty-nine p Uncle Jack, "and now forty-two."

HISTORIC SPOT



THE PLACE WHERE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS LANDED ON THE ISLE OF PINES.

New Potato Knife.

It had been surmised that inventors had reached the limit in the improvement of household inventions,



Saves Time Cutting. Improvement of household inventions,

but this does not seem case. Inventors still are out for some device that household necessity, as they realize it will command a ready market.

The life of the great guns of a modern battleship is almost a definite number of discharges.

POPULAR SCIENCE

State Geologist Perkins, of Vermont, reports that the asbestos mines of that State are not profitable because the rock is too hard.

So successful has the application of the X-rays been in the treatment of children suffering from ringworm, that the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, has been enabled to discontinue the use of one of the two institutions reserved for such cases.

Dr. Symes Thompson says the length of time taken in communicating by touch is one-seventh of a second before there is a consciousness of the touch.

The Oregon Electric Railway Company has arranged to penetrate the Willamette valley south of Portland with an electric road constructed for the handling of freight as well as passengers.

Reinforced concrete piles have always been constructed by depositing concrete around reinforcing bars or frames in wooden molds.

It is estimated that at least 2,000,000 bales of cotton are lost throughout the South every year because of frost and scattered cotton left in the field by the pickers.

MORE USES FOR DEERSKINS.

Prices Therefore Going Up in the Maine Woods the Last Year or So.

One firm in Bangor, Me., has agents all over Northern Maine buying deer hides, and thousands of the hides are received here every season and shipped to Boston to be tanned.

It is only within the last year or two that the traffic in deer hides has reached large proportions.

The deer hides are now used by the manufacturers of gloves and other articles, and there is a steady demand for them.

A deer has no material looks, binder articles, these articles because the it cheaper in of leather-purposes.

FARMERS BURN FACTORIES

Trust Tobacco Destroyed at Princeton, Ky.

Apply the Torch to Stemmeries Controlled by Tobacco and Snuff Companies in Reprisal.

Princeton, Ky.—The tobacco stemmeries of John Steger and John G. Orr, the latter controlled by the Imperial Tobacco Company, of New York, were destroyed by a fire which was kindled against them by a mob of masked men.

The mob, which numbered about 300 men, entered Princeton between 1 and 2 o'clock a. m., seized the night town marshal and disarmed him.

The masked men stood on guard, permitting nobody to come near until the buildings were completely enveloped in flames and help was useless.

When the mob saw that the fire was beyond control they left the town, going in the direction of Hopkinsville, discharging revolvers and rifles as they departed.

Steger factory is controlled by the American Snuff Company, and Mr. Steger is the Princeton agent for that concern.

Louisville, Ky.—The destruction of tobacco stemmeries in Princeton by a mob is the result of the strife which has been in progress for several years between tobacco growers and the Tobacco Trust.

An association was formed some time ago in the dark tobacco section of the State to pool the products of the different planters and sell them in their own warehouses.

The Tobacco Trust fought the association vigorously, and some of the farmers refused to join.

SUICIDE TO AVOID ERRORS. Railroad Man Lived in Constant Fear of Causing Disaster.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Constant fear that he would make a mistake that would cause a wreck and death to many drove James Oliver Page, aged forty, day foreman in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad yards, to blow his brains out.

FOE TWICE BURNS THEIR HOME. This Time the Barn and Live Stock Go With It.

York, Pa.—Awakened by the noises made by the live stock in her barn, which was being burned to the ground, Mrs. Peter Runk, who lives near York, grabbed a lamp and started downstairs.

APPLES FOR EVERYBODY. 36,120,000 Barrels the Estimated Production in the Country This Year.

New York City.—The apple crop in the United States has just been estimated at 36,120,000 barrels.

A Canadian Ambassador. A London paper declared that it would be a wise course for the Imperial Government to appoint a Canadian as British Ambassador at Washington.

American to Advise Siam. Professor H. E. Strobel resigned as Bemis professor of international law at the Harvard Law School to become general adviser of the Government of Siam.

Prominent People. The late Major-General William R. Shafter, who died at Bakersfield, Cal., left an estate of \$15,000.

Marquis Ito and Field Marshals Yamagata and Oyama have been created princes by the Japanese Emperor.

Mme. Melba has such a good memory that she can learn an entire opera in one week.

In Russia there are no fewer than eighty-six general holidays in the year.

RUSSIA'S FAMINE HORROR

About 20,000,000 People Face to Face With Starvation.

Crops in Seven Provinces Fall and in Twenty-one Harvests Are Very Poor—Parents Sell Girls.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Princes G. E. Lvoff and Orbellani, the representatives of the Moscow zemstvo famine relief organization, who have just returned from the stricken districts, have given the following description of the conditions in the famine provinces:

The crops in seven provinces, Samara, Saratov, Bakhmire, Kazan, Penza, Tambov and Ufa, were practically total failures.

Contrasted with other years the present famine is the largest since 1891, that of 1905, though affecting eight million persons, being far less intense.

In some regions the inhabitants have been suffering from starvation for ten years, passable crops having been gathered in only two out of the ten years.

The Moscow zemstvo relief organization calculates that \$75,000,000 and possibly more will be necessary.

Though the conditions in the famine regions are now most distressing, the real terrors will begin in January.

The villages are convulsed by agrarian troubles, though the inhabitants are actually in the greatest need of food.

On the strength of his practical knowledge Prince Lvoff reaffirmed the truth of the report, lately officially denied, that girls in Kazan Province had been sold into slavery and taken to Mohammedan harems in the Caucasus.

SHIP CAPTAIN FROZEN. Died After Reaching Shore With Crew—Sailor Lost.

Digby, N. S.—Captain Berry, of the three-masted schooner Emma R. Harvey, was frozen to death near here after the Harvey had gone to pieces, and he and all but one of his crew had forced their way through the breakers to land.

The Harvey, of Bucksport, Me., sailed from Appleland, N. S., bound for New York, with a cargo of lumber.

TOWN RUINED BY FLOOD. Clifton, Ariz., Dam Breaks, Destroying Life and Property.

Bisbee, Ariz.—Anywhere from seven to twenty persons are reported drowned in the flood that came down the San Francisco River and Chase Creek and struck the town of Clifton.

Convicted of Murder. A first degree murder verdict was returned at Canton, O., against Jas. Cornelius for killing his wife.

Hudson River Closed. The Hudson River was closed to navigation, it being the earliest tie-up since 1890, with four exceptions.

Loans on Real Estate. A bill authorizing National banks to make loans on real estate security was passed.

The Field of Sports. Rhyolite, Nev., has offered \$20,000 for a fight between Dick Hyland and Battling Nelson.

The English Lawn Tennis Association refuses to vote Beatie G. Wright as the American representative on the English council.

At the recent exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society, of Victoria, in Australia, the exhibit of trotting stallions rivaled that of the thoroughbreds in quality.