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DEATH ABOARD SHIP.

HOW BURIALS AT SEA FROM OCEAN LINERS ARE MANAGED.

Little Ceremony and Hasty Funerals the Rule When Sailors or Steerage Passengers Are the Victims -- Efforts to Cheat the Sharks.

There is no place where death is more unwelcome than on board a passenger steamer, and between the death and burial of a sea traveler the melancholy influence of the event extends to every one on board. The limitations of space are very likely responsible in part for this, for there is the feeling that until the body has been cast into the arms of the sea there is no getting away from it. So spake a man who has crossed the Atlantic ocean many times and who on more than one occasion had been a passenger on one of the big liners when death had claimed a victim from among those on board.

Sallors dread a death on board their vessel as much as anything, and when one occurs they are all anxiety to render the body the last service, and this fact is often responsible for the haste and scant consideration with which burials at sea are too often conducted. But the days of such ceremonies are. fast dying, and efforts are now being made which will permit of the body being carried for the remainder of the journey after death and properly buried on land.

Even now it is generally only sailors and steerage passengers who are buried at sea, and frequently these are cast to the waves without so much as the vessel being slowed down and within an hour or two of their death.

Often enough a death occurs in a vessel without the fact becoming known to more than one or two of the crew or steerage passengers. Every effort is made to keep the event secret, and in the stillness of night, when better class passengers are comfortably curled up in their bunks, a little band of men, moving like shadows across the deck, bear a body from below, and, while the vessel is plowing the sea, the mortal remains wrapped in canvas or inclosed in a crudely made box, are quietly slipped over the ship's side into the mysterious deep.

The presence of a dead body on board has sometimes not even been suspected by the passengers until some one has noticed the sharks that are following, for it is no mere sailor's story that sharks know when a ship contains a corpse. A vessel carrying a dead body the service, but the substantial part and passing through waters frequented of it.

THE PHONOGRAPH.

Some of the Puzzles That the Interesting Invention Presents.

"There are lots of mystericus things about the phonograph that puzzle even those who are most familiar with their mechanism," remarked a gentleman who has had long experience in the talking machine business. "As a matter of fact, no scientist has ever been able to explain exactly why the thing talks. They say a 'duplicate vibration' is set up, but when you pin them down they all are obliged to admit that they don't know why the operation of the transmitter should produce any such result. Then, again, the difficulty in recording certain tones has always been a puzzle.

"The most improved form of the machine has, as you know, an extremely large cylinder, nearly four times the size of the ordinary one, and for some unknown reason it very materially increases the volume of sound. It would seem, then, to be a logical inference bless her dear little heart, hasn't a tooth that the bigger the cylinder the louder the tone, and, proceeding on that theory, a very bright young electrician of this city started the other day to build an instrument that was really gigantic.

"He put it together without much trouble and made an experimental cylinder nearly a foot in diameter. I was present when it was tested. Every part of the machine worked perfectly, and a beautifully engraved record was secured, but when the transmitter was attached we were astonished to find that the sound was barely audible. As nearly as we could figure it out the tone was magnified up to a certain point by making the cylinder larger, but beyond that the process was reversed, and it was progressively diminished. Queer, wasn't it ?"-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE FRENCH MENAGE.

Complaint That It Is Not the Model Affair Claimed For It.

An English writer who has evidently suffered inveighs rather severely against the long extolled thrift of the French housekeeper, which, if it be thrift, is, according to his notion, pernicious economy. He considers the meager messes served and reserved until the last scrap is consumed which make up the course dinner of the French people most unsatisfactory and far from appetizing. "It has been said," he quotes, 'that a French housekeeper will serve a grilled chicken foct, making it a substantial course." This he denies-not

As to the soup of the provincial by sharks is almost sure to be followed As to the soup of the provincial by one or more of those fishes, if it does French home, he asserts it is not a The Smart Young Wife.

Young Mr. and Mrs. Smith were preparing to make a visit to friends for a few days. Their baby was only 2 months old, but was an important member of the family just the same. Mr. Smith was up stairs and Mrs. Smith down stairs, patting on her things and getting ready to start. "Hubby," she called int to her better half on the floor above, 'please bring me my gloves! They are bing on the dresser. And bring me my overshoes and veil and that hatpin lying on top of the chiffonier and a few of those animal crackers for baby, and don't forget the baby's toothbrush."

Poor hubby had a hard time finding everything his wife wanted. He was a long while making his appearance and finally his wife called to him, "What is keeping you, dear ?"

"Oh, that confounded toothbrush for baby! I have everything but that."

Then Mrs. Smith laughed. "You silly duck," said she, "did you not know that I was only joking? The baby, to her name.'

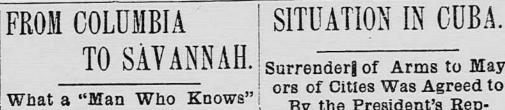
That was why hubby got so mad and "said things" as he was coming down stairs. A man never likes to have a joke played on him by his wife.-Pittsburg Chronicle.

A Real Bottomless Pit.

Few indeed are they who have penetrated to the innermost recesses of Willis' cave-to the great rotunda where the icy water of the "big spring" takes a leap into the midnight blackness of the "bottomless pit." The entrance to the cave is at the summit of a hill near Versailles, Ind.

Rider Haggard, in his imaginary pictures of underground horrors, has told nothing that would equal the true story which a single misstep would furnish in Willis' cave. A stream of water pours from the rock, and, pursuing a devious underground channel for a quarter of a mile, emerges into a vast chamber with a slanting, slippery floor inclining to a sink hole in the center. Down this hole the stream pours and is lost forever. By means of ropes and weights the sink hole has been sounded to a depth of 400 feet, and still the bottom has not been reached. The room is surrounded by a narrow ledge of rock, on which daring explorers have made a complete circuit. One step off the ledge upon the slippery floor would mean almost instant death in the bottomless pit.

Consumption and Fresh Air. It is a matter of common knowledge, says an English exchange, that the late Sir Andrew Clarke cured himself of consumption by living as much as possible in the open air. The principle involved has since been generally recognized by the medical profession, with the result that the old bad practice of keeping consumptives in warm, stuffy rooms has been almost entirely abandoned. It is fresh air which is mainly responsible for the cures worked at such places as Davos, where the patients spend 14 hours a day out of doors, breathing cold, bracing mountain air, while they are exhilarated by bright sunshine. The result is that each diseased spot in the lungs is cut off from the healthy tissue by a ring of stretched cells, across which disease germs cannot pass, and so the malady is arrested until the strengthened body can overcome it.



Has to Say.

The Atlanta Journal says : A man who knows said this morn-

ing: "I have it straight from the chief engineer of the Southern railway that contracts have been let for the building of a road from Columbia, S. C, to Savannah Ever since the Seaboard Air Line got possession of the Florida Central and Peninsular road it has been rumored that the Southern would build a line from Columbia to Savannah, but in many quarters it was doubted.

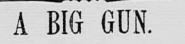
"But it is going to be done, cer tain The distance is from 150 to 200 miles, and it will take a pile of money to do it, but the Southern seems bound to have a line in and out of Savannah. This new railroad will prove a great developer of southwestern South Carolina, and is bound to pay in time, for it will populous counties in the Palmetto State

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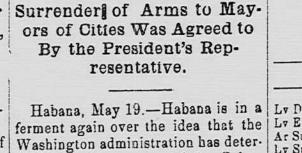
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The Largest Cannon in the World Now Building.

The largest gan in the world is now being constructed by the United States government at the Watervliet arsenal and it will be ready for the firing test in September The gun has a calibre of 16 inches, is 50 feet long and weighs 125 tons Its charge of powder and shot will weigh 2,400 pounds, and it is estimated that the muzzle velocity of the projectile will be equal to 84,000 tons, or the equivalent of the ramming energy of the battleship Oregon moving at a speed of 14 knots an hour. It is safe to say, however, that the government will not build any more gans of this size, for the reason that they do not give satisfactory results. and Great Britain has already ceased building them. The recent war with Spain demonstrated the fact that the most destructive weapons are guns of smaller calibre, such, for instance, as the 4. 5, 6, 8 and 10 inch rifles. The Pittsburg Post has this to say of the tig gun at Watervlict arsenal : 'The steel ignot from which the main tube is constructed was cast at South Bethleheim and weighed 222, 230 pounds In order to assemble the various parts of the new gun, it was necessary to build a new plant at Watervliet. The guo will be larger than any German, French or English gun in length, weight, bore, velocity and penetration. It will be mounted as part of the defensive system of New York harbor, perhaps in a turret on a foundation to artificially built up on the the Romer shoals. These shoals, as is well known, are a little inside of Sandy Hook, and a fort built up on them will be in a direct line with the Sandy Hook defenses and those on the opposite side at Plum island. The 16 inch gun was a favorite with the late chief of ordnance, General Flagler, who urged it for years, using every argument in its favor."



mined to take the arms of the Cuban troops and to retain them in military possession This view of the latest news from Washigton has been telegraphed to the various cities. Gov Gen Brooke is thus far unaware, save through the press telegrams, of any dissatisfaction on the part of Gen. Alger, secretary of war, with his (Gen. Bcoke's) plan to have

the arms deposited in the care of the mayors of the municipalities, nor has he received any other inkling of the secretary's purpose to lay the matter before President McKinley Consequerily, unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Washington administration, the governor general's order respecting the distritraverse some of the most fertile and bution of the \$3,000,000 as modified, will be issued tomorrow. The secretary of war has been informed of the substance of this order, in the usual course of business.

Habana's midday papers publish the Washington news, some of them commenting editorially upon it As the point about where the arms are to be kept appears to be thought of vital importance in Washington, the conviction announced there that the mayors cannot be trusted with them is a cause of fresh discontent, just at the moment when the various com plications appeared to be unraveled. The mayors are the appointees of the governor general, and when the military assembly dissolved, they were made its representatives to re-

ceive the arms Article 4 of the agreement between Gen Gomez and Robert P Porter, President McKinley's special representative, runs as follows : "The Cubaps shall surrender their arms to the Cuban assembly or to its representatives."

Gen Gomez, who at the time of coming to the agreement with Mr. Leave Co Porter had not quarreled with the Arrive S assembly, insisted upon this point. Eince the quarrel, he has again raised the point repeatedly, saying also that | Leave St Mr Porter brought full written au | Arrive F thority from President McKinley and, in the president's name, sgreed that the arms should go into the custody of the assembly or its representatives. At Monday night's meeting of the society of veterans of independence -organized by former members of the assembly-the speakers dilated upon article 4, asserting bad faith, the president's plenipotentiary having agreed to deposit the arms with the representatives of the assembly while, through the connivance of Gomez, they were to be surrendered to the American army. La Discussion says : "Secretary Alger appears ts wish to provoke a conflict here. He is more distinguished in the United States as a business man than as a politician, and | N his relations with certain syndicates are well known. He opposes every. thing that Cuba wants and favors everything that would cause feeling and provoke excitement. His attitude prompts the question, what does he want? Does he desire a war here similar to that in the Philippines? We are forced to believe that he only approves what is unsatisfactory to Cuba." Cubans of prominence object to talking for publication on the subject, but wherever they have been interviewed, they say, without exception, that such an order as is referred to in the press dispatches from Washington would cause much trouble and would still further separate Cuta from the United States Le Kingstree Ar Florence

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not outspeed them.

Rather than bury a corpse while sharks are following a vessel the captain will sometimes have the bcdy placed in the ice chamber and full steam put on the engines until the hungry fishes have dropped astern completely.

In one case at least a body was actually cremated on board by the captain's orders because of the sharks. But sharks are not often obstacles to prompt burial, and, generally speaking, when a death occurs at sea, the body is slipped into the water at night with none to witness the proceeding but a couple of the crew and the captain, who reads an abridgment of the service from the prayer book.

The manner of burial of oourse depends greatly upon the captain's own feelings in respect to the dead, and it must be acknowledged that these feelings are in some cases all that they should be. Some captains have the greatest objection to "dumping" a dead body into the sea and, when it is unavoidable, will do their uttermost to conduct the ceremony with all possible reverence and respect.

For all that, there is always the feeling of the ship's crew and the melancholy effect of the presence of a corpse to be reckoned with, and the argument that more consideration is due to the living than the dead often prompts a captain to "dump" a steerage passenger in the dead of night without mentioning the event to more than a couple of hands.

Thus it often happens that while a concert or a private theatrical performance is going on in the salcon the captain is engaged making arrangements for the burial of some unfortunate creatore.

The "Change of Air" Cure.

"There is no sense," said a New York physician, who has passed the days when he must practice even if he does not wish to, "in the haphazard way in which a patient is sent away from home to exhaust his strength and spend his money in the slope that a change of air will do him good. There is no use in sending a person away to die.

"Many physicians are not at all coneiderate about this sort of thing. There are some cases in which the influence of climate is a potent factor in the treatment of certain diseases, but not balf so many of them as is generally supposed. Quiet and rest at home, plenty of sunshine, good food and pure air are worth far more than a change of climate, that is so often recommended as a cure all. "-New York Herals.

thing to be described by the uninitiated. and it is certainly not meant for a delicate palate. It tastes like hot water in which quantities of cabbage have been boiled. "Then," he goes on to affirm. "the only dish of meat will often consist of that which has been used in the making of the soup.'

This testimony is borne out by American travelers, who get very tired of soup meat as a dinner dish. For the flavoring and finishing of a dish the French are doubtless unsurpassed, but the allegation that the sauce is made more important than the substantial and that the garnishing takes precedence over the dish it surrounds is not without considerable foundation. The well known story of the French cook who won a wager by serving a boot heel scraped and stewed and simmered and finally served with an entrancing sauce is a good illustration of much French cooking.

Census Taking In China.

In china census methods are simple. They don't have much trouble to take a census there. When the time for making a count of the families and their individual members comes around, the head of each house is compelled by law to write on a slip of paper the number of individuals living with him and the name of each person. The authorities lay particular stress upon correct spelling, and there is a severe penalty attached to any misrepresentation either as to the number of persons or their names. This obviates in the beginning the wrestling with unpronounceable names, which helps to make life interesting for the American census taker. and reduces the enumeration of the population of a Chinese city to a very simple process.

Sensitive Clocks.

A Lewiston (Me.) merchant has in his store an old fashioned clock which is peculiarly sensitive. It sometimes stops, and if any one steps into the store or goes by it will start again, and if a horse steps on a certain spot in the street it will start.

A man who happened to notice it and who had one like it himself said that his would not run after he had started his furnace in the fall. In the spring, after he ceased to keep a fire, it would run all right.

Great Lovers of Water.

The Siamese are more devoted to the water than any other nation in the world. They are nearly always bathing, generally with their clothes on, and they never go anywhere by land if ed?" they can possibly go by water. The

table he found apparently that there a bottle of Chamberlain's Fain Balm. It dld man of great wisdom, but we have no Exile Necessary. would be an express train due at 4 so much good that I would like to know o'clock that afternoon. The Euglish-Doctor-Your husband must have record of his ever having been ques-"PERFORMAN COPYRIGHTS &C. COPYRIGHTS &C. Anyone sending a sketch and description may outckly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communice-tions strictly condidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receivs special notice, without charge, in the Scientific American. tioned by a 6-year-old child .- St. Louis complete rest. what you would charge me for one dozen man was on time with his grip, etc., Wife-I know it. I talk to him seven Star. and so was the express train. The inbottles " Mr. Acderson wanted it both for New subscribers to the WATCHMAN or eight hours every day so as to keep tending passenger watched it approach New formed lakes, canals, etc., of-AND SOUTHRON, or old subscribers not his own use and to supply it to his friends his mind off business. and thunder by the station at top speed. in arrears, who pay for one year in ten become mysteriously populated with and neighbors, as every family should have a Doctor-On second thought, madam. The traveler was anneyed, and, turnfish. This is believed to be effected by advance, will be presented with any I conclude that the one chance for your ing to a colored man who stood near. bottle of it in their home, not only for rheubirds which, having been feeding on book they may select from the above husband is to take him to the hospital A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest cir culation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers. remarked: fish spawn elsewhere, alight in the new matism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, list. The book will be delivered with instructions that no one but the "That train didn't stop!" waters and drop some of the spawn trained nurse and myself be admitted. "No, sir," replied the colo. ed citizen cuis, bruises and burns, for which it is unpostage paid to any address in the MUNN & CO. 361Broadway. New York Branch Office. 625 F St., Washington, D. 2 from their b United States, Canada or Mexico. -Detroit Free Press. cheerfully: "didn't ev'n hes'tate." | equalled. For sale by Dr. A. J. Chiua, 2.2

Mr. Choate's first speech in London has elicited some criticism here because of the tone of levity in it. He spoke of our fondness for twisting the lion's tail, etc. But the speech pleased his auditors and was generally praised by the English press. The St. James Gazette says that the most noticeable thing about the speech was the fact that Brother Jonathan has become conscious of his imperial destiny. But it should be added that he doesn't get tirescme over it.

Odd bits of gossip are continually circulating about the Princess of Wales, whose temper appears to be subject to continual changes. The latest story is that she is strongly inclined toward Catholicism, and that this has more than once brought on a disagreement with the prince.

Not So Bad.

Dotty Thimble rushed up the stairs to Lucy Cleary's room and burst through the door.

"He isn't such a fool, after all!" she exclaimed.

"Who isn't?" asked Lucy wonderingly.

"That Gerald Thompson."

Lucy's lip curled. "What makes you think so?" she asked.

"'Cause he kept us all guessing for three hours at Maria Eveson's library party last night."

"Did he? How?"

"He came in with a bicycle lock tied on 'his shoe."

"What did that mean ?"

"That's what none of us could make out until it was time to go, and then he told us and it was so simple he made us all feel like fools.'

"What book was it that he represent-

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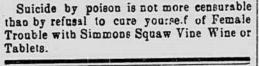
York county, Penn., who saw the hardest in both directions, so that they might thought of it before. I always order land had occasion to investigate the be spared the effort of rowing. kind of service at the front, is now frequenttwo quarts and pay for two quarts, but running time of the trains that passed it never measures more than three ly troubled with rheumatism. "I had a through the small place where he was Just Where He Was Wise. pints."-Detroit Free Press. stopping. Carefully searching a time severe attack lately," he says, "and procured Solomon is reported to have been a

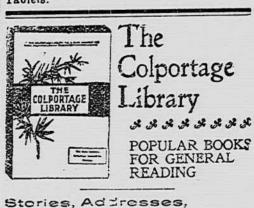
Andrew Carnegie is now confronted with a great problem -how to spend a hundred million dollars. Julian Hawthorne suggests that he devote \$50,-000,000 of it to tracsporting the negroes from this country to Brazil, thus doing great good for both races.

Paris, May 18 -The entire force of postmen in Paris went out on strike here this morning owing to the failure in the senate of a bill passed by the chamber of deputies to increase the carriers' wages. The whole postal service of the city was tied up, 3,000 men being idle and no mail even reaching the foreign

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