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The dawn of cheap postage in China's best news of progress. In the writing of many letters there is great spread of civilization.

A woman traveled from London to Chicago to marry and she backed out. Fortunately for her, she had time enough to change her mind.

By putting Martha Washington's portrait on our postage stamps the Government will do something toward meeting the charge that women are not sufficiently recognized in public affairs.

According to London's new census returns, just published, there are 1,019,545 families in the British metropolis, and the average number of persons in each family is 4.4. The female exceeds the male population of London by 252,000.

Fashionable society in London is being dangerously threatened by a new drug whose use it has adopted. It is popularly regarded as a substitute for sleep, and the evil consequences of destroying that restorer of human vitality are becoming conspicuously noticeable.

The British Museum is to be provided with a new fireproof building near Hampton, at a considerable distance from the main structure, for the exclusive storage of old newspaper files. These files will doubtless constitute the chief source of materials for future historians.

From San Francisco to St. Petersburg by rail in twelve days, with only a thirty-mile transfer across Bering Strait in enormous steel lighters. This is the promise of the men who announce that the Trans-Alaska road will be finished in five years. The opinion of the countless explorers who risked and lost their ships and their lives in search of the Northwest Passage would be interesting.

The demand for American peacocks is almost wholly confined to England, and this demand never has been very active. On the racecourses of Italy and Denmark, and even of Australia and New Zealand, are to be found representatives of the American thoroughbreds, and in those countries as well as elsewhere the sterling qualities of these animals have been demonstrated.

The tide of benevolence and good will has risen to a greater height than ever before. Men and women of means are giving more bountifully, and their benefactions are more widely diffused than in any spring of earlier years. Libraries and hospitals and churches, universities and colleges, and charities and good causes and undertakings of almost every kind are fairly flooded with showers of gold. The world goes very well now so far as the open hand can make it go, observes the New York Tribune.

Whether a man shall retire at sixty, or eighty, or at any age, depends upon the man. Retiring at sixty, as Andrew Carnegie says, seldom brings the happiness expected, "because so many having the abundance to retire upon have so little to retire to." It is easy to understand how a lover of books, or of art, or of nature, or of the refinements of life could devote his time to really living after the age of sixty. But the man who has no tastes or a kindred character—who would be so cruel as to consign him to the torture of idleness, the unhappiness that would come from dropping out of life's ever interesting strife?

Minister Thomas, of Stockholm, calls attention to the fact that the American Minister at Stockholm is not permitted, directly or indirectly, to present names for any Nobel prize. There are, however, certain individuals and institutions in the United States that are authorized to present names for the prizes; but it is desired that the names of these individuals and institutions should not be made public. It is presumed that the name of anyone who has been so great a benefit to mankind as to be worthy of a Nobel prize will suggest itself to those among his countrymen who are authorized to present his name without any solicitation or effort on his part. It is hoped that in all cases the prize shall seek the benefactor, and not the benefactor the prize.

There isn't much room for sentiment in business these days. It is the effort of every business man to drive hard bargains and to conduct all transactions on a purely financial basis. The emotions are held in leash, sociability is regarded only as a profit-producing proposition, and the human instincts are kept in subjection by the commercial instinct. This is to be deplored. If more sentiment were infused into our commercial relations business would be a more attractive thing, and there would be less inclination to play "sharp games." Sentiment is the life and soul of honor and integrity. Without it, these virtues become dead letters. It gives a sterling value and an irresistible charm to all things. Let's make room for sentiment in business, bleeds Profitable Advertiser.

## A Franco-Yankee Hat

By Elizabeth McCracken.

THEY were at breakfast at the little round table on their little side porch. The sun was shining; the morning glories, so carefully trained by Lilla, were waving their bright rainbow-tinted cups; the vases, which had a nest under the eaves, were chirping. George was softly whistling over his harness of hair, but Lilla was wrapped in silence. She gazed meditatively and silently into space.

George began to take alarm. Silence, especially at breakfast, was not Lilla's normal state. Unless she went into town to shop, she did not see George from breakfast until evening. As she had been married but four months one week she did not often go into town to shop; and she always had so much to say to George!

"What are you thinking about, my dear?" he asked, finally. He was fond of calling her "my dear"; it made them both seem so much older.

"Hats," was Lilla's reply. "I must get one," she continued, "and I was wondering what kind. What would you advise?"

"My dear," exclaimed George, in ungrammatical English, "don't know anything about hats!"

"You are an artist," said Lilla, "and besides, you've always admired mine."

"I'll take you to the millinery," suggested eagerly.

when Lilla herself, hearing his steps, came out into the fading light to meet him. She had never more eagerly awaited him than on that day, never than on that day more happily wandered about the city streets, which together were scarcely larger than her father's drawing-room, and which yet held a glory that all the money in the world could never have bought.

"You are a goose!" she said and retold George. "A perfect goose! Do you suppose I care how much money you have? No, I care how much you care for me!"

"You are a perfect brava!" she said, and certainly she looked far more charming, all flushed and bright-eyed, in it than she had looked in the Parisian original.

"A CIRCULAR COLOSSUS." Thirty Cars Required to Move a Wheel to the West.

An enormous wheel is now in process of construction at a factory, and will be shipped to Michigan on a train of thirty cars, to take its place in the Colburn and Hecla Company's works.

The milliner said that she had seen a hat that was made in the same way that Lilla had seen in the window. It was, she said, very simple. He went into the shop, and to another attendant than the one who had so recently shown Lilla the hat.

"It is very simple," he gasped to the attendant.

"Yes," said the attendant, "but it is from Paris."

## TALES OF PLUCK

His First and Last Accusation. WHEN Charles T. Condon played the role of aeronaut for a wager, three years ago, his experience cost him his reason.

Finally a celebrated bear hunter of that region, while dressing a bear, discovered the half-eaten entrance to a tunnel, and thinking that perhaps wild animals might be occupying the place, sent his dogs in to investigate.

Several attempts were made within the next two weeks to clean out the colony of cats, but to no purpose, as no dog man could be found who dared venture into the tunnel.

The balloon had ascended over 1000 feet before Condon caught a glimpse of the land, clinging for life to the frail rope and utterly without support other than his own strength.

He held on to the rope on the other side of the balloon as the wind whirled and the balloon found it impossible to reach him.

Love's Thrilling Experience. FRED TIEHM and Miss Rosie Beard, living a few miles below Painesville, Ind., in trying to reach a preacher's house to be married, were forced to cross a long streak of bottomland covered with about ten feet of water.

A Sure-Enough Wildcat Mine. Several mining men who chanced to meet in the office of a hotel in Portland were discussing the various mines in a certain district in Oregon, when one of them spoke of a "wildcat mine."

Alaska Agricultural Stations. Three Government agricultural stations have been established in Alaska, and from all come more favorable reports than were looked for.

of the hill, but, finding no coal, had finally abandoned the workings. There were wildcats in that section, and the parties who had been prospecting for coal left several cats at their cabin.

While the fight was going on the old hunter took a hand to help his dogs, and with his clubbed rifle killed twenty-seven wildcats, but they finally showed an intention of attacking him when he used the business end of his rifle and shot a lot more.

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Next day a crowd gathered about the entrance of the tunnel, and the fuse was lighted. As it burned along into the tunnel the flame, smoke and they began to come out, and as fast as they came in sight they were shot down.

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Something New "Under the Sun." In an article in Lippincott, the author says: "I recently met an Englishman who told me he had been interested in a company formed for the purpose of serving tea by wagon in London after the American fashion."

Dickens's Unfortunate Love. Concerning Charles Dickens, it is well known that though he married Catherine, one of George Hogarth's three daughters, in 1836, he was later devotedly attached to her sister Mary.

The Largest Sailing Ship. The American builders of many-masted vessels have been successful in their wish to retain pre-eminence in the size of their ships.



In a paper lately read before the New York Academy of Sciences Dr. Jullien brought forward evidence to show that the injury done to the lungs along the coast is often due as much to the wind as to the direct action of the waves.

The average reader falls, perhaps, to see any connection between printing paper and spruce gum, and yet the constantly increasing demand for the paper has run up the price of the gum and may, in a few years, make it unobtainable.

The perpetual conservatism of the Chinese, by which customs are perpetuated generation after generation, finds an odd exposition in the tool steel used in the manufacture of the bamboo "bamboo steel," probably from its similarity to the bamboo, their favorite structural material.

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## A REALIZED IDEA.

It's often very hard to find. A man who is given me. A man possessed of breadth of mind—Most people are so dense.

Religion—well, that's where it's strong. And this man backs it right along. As what all people need.

"Do you ever have any quarrels in your woman's club?" "Oh, no; we sell them 'debates.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"In coming life's worries I'll little things that sell. All girls with small brothers know this very well."—Philadelphia Press.

"Little Elmer (who has an inquiring mind)—'Papa, where do those pessimists who are always reading about life?' Professor Broadhead—'On an island of egotism in the midst of a sea of noon.'"—Smart Set.

"Two young ladies were talking the other day about a third who had just become engaged to a widower, who plays the cornet and has four children."

Archaeology in London. Archaeology, according to Dr. Freshfield, who lectured at the London Institute, becomes an absorbing passion when once the initial stage is passed and the victim is too engrossed to find time for any other occupation.

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