THE HAPPY PONDO.

Wives Work to Support Him.

that a savage is not necessarily a fool.

Mr. James O'Haire, missionary of the

Catholic church in Umtata, explains the

working of the system in a letter. "Po-

lygamy," says he, "is the very life's sup-port of the Pondos. The number of wives

a man has settles the question as to his

previous wealth, for each wife was bought,

and for her he must have paid her father

may be simply described as natural human

farming. Each daughter is worth, say.

she may sell for 40; then, too, the sons

wives work, and so do the daughters. But

more after marriage.

row."-South Africa.

be in a state of wreck?

the head of the family, the man, works no

The "dignity of labor" is so noble a

thing that one cannot but admire the com-

plete self abnegation of the polygamous

Pondos in leaving it all to the females.

And yet the absence of work does not seem

to prey upon their spirits. "They are as happy as the day is long. They all smoke

tobacco and drink beer and eat mealies

and beef or the flesh of wild animals or

wild birds. They sleep a great deal, and

then rise and laugh and sing and dance

and play and work a little, and are with-

THE HUMAN STOMACH.

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Almost Beyond Bellef.

devouring faculty, asks a French statis-tician, with man himself, or what ma-

chine wrought by human skill out of steel

or iron compares in point of endurance

it to be wondered at that after wrestling

with so many tons of solids and so wide

flowing a stream of liquids a man's digest

What insect pest can compare in mere

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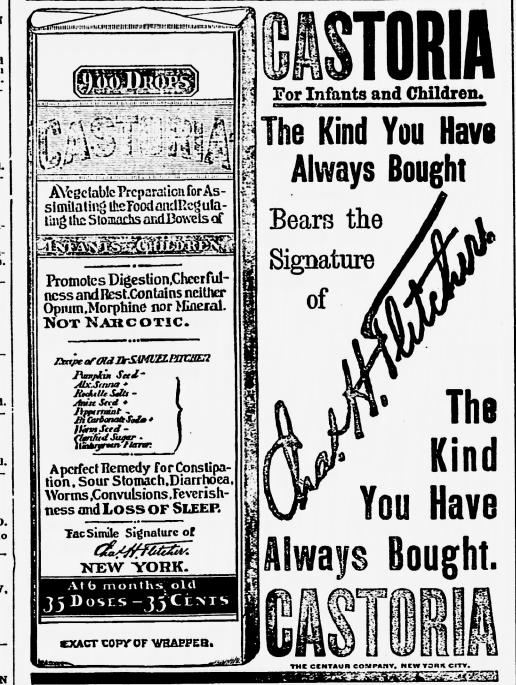
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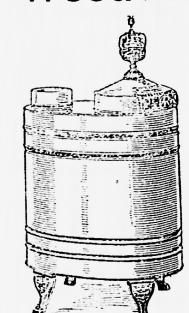
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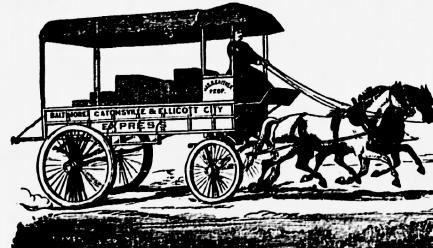
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ment diet. As extraordinary as this may seem, a more unusual circumstance is now transpiring in the voyage of the battleships Oregon and Iowa, which are at present beyond Bahia, Brazil, on their way to Manila. Accompanying them is the sup-ply ship Celtic, which left New York with the fleet about three weeks ago. The Celtic is a veritable floating warehouse filled with needed supplies of every kind required by a man-of-war and its crew on a long voyage through varying climates. But the chief interest of this novel ship centers in her meat stores and refrigerat-Before leaving New York there were put into her hold 250,000 pounds of fresh frozen beef, 25,000 pounds of fresh frozen mutton and 250,000 pounds of vegetables.

FRESH MEAT AT SEA.

te's Food Supply.

States, as well as the government itself,

have done some unheard of and wonder-

ful things recently in the way of refrigera-

tion and of feeding an army in the field,

as well as a fighting navy, on a fresh

The great meat concerns of the United

These supplies are so arranged that the battleships can at any time take from the cargo whatever meat and vegetables are needed for the mess during the long voyage to the Philippines. These stores are placed on board for the use of the fleet's men. Such a thing is unparalleled and unheard of in naval history. And it has been left to this government and to one of the greatest packing companies to store up and send with a fleet on the longest voyage of record a ship loaded with fresh supplies from which the officers and crew can be fed, the same as on land, in any climate. She left in company with the Oregon and the Iowa, and will feed them en route as they go. Besides being novel in naval history, it is a new departure in the meat trade. The meat was specially got up for this shipment. It was sewed in cheesecloth, frozen in Chicago and brought from there to New York in refrigerator cars in out a solitary care, without sadness or sor a frozen state. To thus maintain carcasses of beef in a frozen state during so long s freight journey is a big undertaking in itself. It is seldom attempted by the largest and best equipped companies even for shorter distances. The cargo was carefully stored in the ship under the personal su pervision of L. H. Heyman, the general eastern manager of the company, who is specially qualified for this kind of work. The whole cargo was loaded in a frozen state, and will be kept at a frigid temperature until it is consumed or the residue landed at Manila. Before the ships—after touching at Honolulu—reach their destination, the storeship Celtic will have per formed the most wonderful voyage in the world's history in the meat line She will have carried in her hold and through all climates, a cargo of frozen fresh meats over the longest voyage of a meat ship in existence. She will have demonstrated e limitless possibilities of refrigeration ing the world's surplus meats and provisions to those climes and people who re quire them. This voyage of the warships and of their floating store, the Celtic, will take more than 100 days Heretofore a

concerns.-National Provisioner

MONEY IN ALASKA.

The Natives Prefer Silver to Gold.

Some Queer Trading.

they had carlier in the season sold meat

and dogs at exorbitant prices. In a gen-

eral way, they knew its value, but they

ratio. When they wanted to drive a good

plunkers. They seemed relieved when we

There are very few pennies in circula-

tion on the Yukon, the bit being the unit

One of the Indians named Bailey tried

to purchase a rifle with 6 cents he had

The Indians are suspicious in their bar-

gains and afraid of being cheated, and in

our desire to do the square thing by them

The Indians are honest in their way,

but not moral. Early in our stay at Sel-

the meanwhile till they looked as if they

something like 100 permutations and com-

binations with all the other articles of our

nothing to boot that way, however.

The next day an entirely different In

dian came to the cabin with the trousers

on his arm and a very serious expression

on his face. He turned them over and over,

and finally pointed out some very minute

flaws in the cloth and, solemnly shaking

his head, said, "No good!"

prised him.

had had a week's wear, and discussed

in some way accumulated.

tite, a reasonable income and lives for 70 years, his average consumption of bread in all forms of baked flour would be 15 tons, representing in bulk 1,200 cubic feet about the size of a suburban villa: ba con, if placed end to end, 4 miles; chops sufficient to reach from Westminster abbey to St. Paul's, London; beef equal to 20 full sized bullocks, representing a monster standing 15 feet high and weighing over 18 tons; 5 tons of fish, 10,000 eggs, a voyage of 60 days for a frozen meat ship ton of butter, 336 pounds of cheese, vegehas been regarded as a marvel in trade tables enough to load a train of cars; peas circles. The whole affair is one of great alone, if in a single pod, 31/2 miles long; credit to the government at Washington sugar, 9,000 pounds; salt, 15 hundred and to the energetic contractors in the weight; pepper, 8 pounds; mustard, 100 premises. The possibilities in the case in dicate indefinite expansion for the meat

Assuming that he drinks three pints of and provision industries of the United fluid a day, the total of this would be 76,-States, and the ment trade is under obli 700 pints, or nearly 43 tons. While as for gation to the commendable daring of our his tobacco, the consumption of the averofficials and of our enterprising business age smoker would be half a ton, or of cigarettes about 250,000.

Altogether a man consumes about 1,280 times his own weight of food and liquid in 70 years, or, more exactly, he eats 53% tons of solids and drinks 42% tons of fluids. If these 961/4 tons of solids and liquids were converted into terms of mechanical force, they would be sufficient to raise 87,600,000 tons one foot high or to lift the Forth bridge a quarter of a mile in

Mr. Oliver Not at Home. Just across the river from St. Michael's is one of the most fertile farms in Talbot county. Some years ago a Mr. Oliver purchased this large estate and began farming. Here he lived for many years. we would find out the mistake we were. He enlarged the house and filled its rooms with the finest furniture and pictures. Mr. Oliver was an eccentric man, yet very popular with the neighboring farmers. But one day Mr. Oliver suddenly disapof value, and the Indians have not yet peared, locking the doors of his house and

leaving his property in charge of his ten-Everything in his Talbot home is just as it was kept by Mr. Oliver years ago. The supper table was left standing in the middle of the floor, not a plate or any of we suffered financially. Instead of getting the food having been removed. Even the many times the value of the articles sold, rubber boots which Mr. Oliver had worn the price received for the better class of on the day of his departure are left on the things, as a rule, was below the real value. | floor, and not a piece of the furniture has been removed from its original place. The interior of the house is just as it was when kirk I traded a new pair of trousers for a the old bachelor resided there, save for the caribou skin that we might sleep the more thick coating of dust. No one has ever comfortably at night. It took the Indian | heard of Mr. Oliver. He left no instrucnearly two hours to complete the bargain | tions with his tenant for the disposition and he had thumbed over the trousers in of his property, nor has any relative ever come forward to prove his claim to possession. The house is a massive structure of bricks said to have been imported from England. It is said that Mr. Oliver is property he could see or imagine. He got still living in Virginia, and that he is aware of all that is going on at his farm.

> Watching the Stomach. The applications of the Roentgen rays, especially in the domain of medicine and

_Baltimore Sun.

surgery, are of constantly widening usoulness, although one hears less of them in the daily press now that the keen edge Then he laid down the trousers and walked over to where the caribou skin of novelty has been blunted by a world's appreciation. Two fields of exploration made possible by the fluorescence of vacuum tubes, and recently entered, are of noteworthy promise. One is the examination of lung tissue in the case of consumption. The healthy lung gives comparatively little shadow in the sciagraph, while the diseased tissue has a much darker appearance in the picture. It is thus would give him that he would overlook possible to ascertain exactly the part affected and to attempt palliative or remedial

> ray of especial value is in observing the movements of the stomach and its contents in the preliminary digestive process. By mixing subnitrate of bismuth, which is the movements of the stomach may be seen by means of the fluoroscope under suitable conditions. The knowledge thus gained is of great importance to the physi-

mysteries of nature.—Western Electrician.

An Old Timer. In an old diary bearing the date of 1775 several pages are devoted to each accounts. On one of these is a quaintly worded statement, duly witnessed and dated. The spelling is not particularly comendable, but spelling was an uncertain

NOVEM. 29th 1775. This is to sartifle to all Parsons home it may IT'S ODD ABOUT GEESE.

can't Stand a Rainstorm When An Unprecedented Scheme-The Celt- Ho Lonfo and Guzzles While His Thirsty, Says an Old Poultryman. "Geese are peculiar," said an old poul-One of the problems of civilized man is try salesman in Manhattan market. "Put how to live with a wife. The question them out in a rainstorm when they have that worries the Pondo is how to get along a good thirst on, and they are liable to with only one. Monogamy is to him a die. About ten years ago I was engaged condition of abject poverty. When, howby a firm to go out through the west to ever, he can afford the luxury of three or buy live geese and chickens. I bought four wives, he is fairly assured of success about ten carloads, put them in crates and in life, and with half a dozen or a dozen started east. The geese were in the crates he is rolling in wealth. The explanation nearest the floor of the open car-that's of this paradox is simple: Whereas civithe regular way to ship them—and on top lized man is expected to support his wife, of them were piled the chicken crates. the Pondo leaves to his women folk the "We got about ten miles from St. Joprivilege of supporting him. This shows

seph, Mo., when the load on one of the tars sagged, and the whole pile of crates was spilled on the side of the track. In piling the crates on again the geese were piled on top. I knew I was taking chances, because a rainstorm meant death to the geese, but there didn't seem to be any storm in sight, and I thought we could make St. Joseph and shift the load "The train had only gone a short dis-

from 8 to 30 oxen, and now his wealth may be estimated by the number of wives and children, because the whole affair ance when a storm came up so suddenly that the rain was falling almost as soon as the clouds were noticed. The geese had been without water for some hours, and ten oxen. If she is well built and pretty, the moment they felt the rain they were stretching their necks through the openwork in the care of cattle, for the whole of ings between the slats and holding their the Kaffir property consists in cattle. The bills open to catch the drops. Well, I got an old coat and laid it over as many of the crates as it would cover, so as to save as many as possible. "Then I got a switch and tried to force

the others to keep their heads inside the crates. They didn't mind the switch very much, and I had to give each one four or five good hits before it would pull in its head, and when I started on a new head the old one would pop up again. When we got into St. Joseph, it was still raining, and every goose in the crates, with the exception of those under the coat, was

"Whether they died from drinking too much or from drinking while their necks were in an unnatural position I do not know, but every man who has handled live geese knows that a thirsty goose in a rainstorm in a crate is as good as dead. I've never told of this peculiarity about geese without being doubted, but you just ask any poultryman if it isn't true."-New York Sun.

A BUSINESS LESSON.

and energy with the human stomach? Is How Peter Cooper Taught One Man the Value of Money. Peter Cooper was one of the most sucessful, careful and prudent business men ive organs at the end of the process should of his time. He was strongly opposed to the methods of many merchants who Assuming that a man has a good appelaunched out into extravagant enterprises on borrowed money, for which they paid exorbitant rates of interest. The following anecdote illustrates this point very forci-

> with an acquaintance, the latter said he would have to borrow the money for six months, paying interest at the rate of 8 per cent per month "Why do you borrow for so short a time?'' Mr. Cooper asked. "Because the brokers will not negotiate

"Well, if you wish," said Mr. Cooper, 'I will discount your note at that rate for "Are you in earnest?" asked the would

"Certainly I am. I will discount your note for \$10,000 for three years at that rate. Will you do it?" "Of course I will," said the merchant

"Very well," said Mr. Cooper. "Just sign this note for \$10,000, payable in three years and give your check for \$800, and the transaction will be complete." "But where is the money for me?" asked the astonished merchant.

"You don't get any money," was the reply. "Your interest for 36 months at 3 per cent per month amounts to 108 per cent, or \$10,800. Therefore your check

for \$800 just makes us even." The force of this practical illustration of the folly of paying such an exorbitant price for the use of money was such that the merchant determined never to borrow at such ruinous rates, and he frequently used to say that nothing could have so fully convinced him as this rather humorous proposal by Mr. Cooper.--Exchange. A Story of Colonel Waring.

"I was living in Memphis in 1879," said Mr. G. E. Norton, now of Charleston "when Colonel George E. Waring, Jr. who died the other day, was engaged to design a sewerage system for the city. It was a gigantic engineering problem, and Waring attacked it with his habitual vigor. One night while the work was in progress I had occasion to call on him at his hotel. I had never met him before, and when I entered his room was staggered by the evidences of concentrated la bor that met my eyes. He was in his shirt sleeves at a big table, writing furiously. His hair was disheveled, his pointed mustache bristled menacingly, his writing material was in wild disorder and the floor was littered with sheets of paper. I concluded that he was deep in some stupendous calculation and made my stay as brief as possible.

"A few days later I saw him at the office of the sewerage works. He was faultlessly dressed, perfectly groome l and cool as a cucumber, although busily engaged in the examination of some intricate drawings. The startling contrast con-vinced me that my former visit had been doubly inopportune, and I said something to that effect. 'Not at all,' he replied laughing. 'I was writing a short story when you dropped in. It's a way I have of amusing myself. He mentioned the title, and I afterward read the tale in his book called 'Whip, Spur and Saddle.' New Orleans Times-Democrat.

As Kaiser Wilhelm rode through the streets of Damascus recently it may not have occurred to him that it is only 66 years since that privilege was first accorded to a Christian. It was only in 1832, when the city was taken by the Egyptians under Ibrahim Pasha, that a foreign consul was permitted to enter. The British consul entered it mounted and in full cos tume, with an escort of Egyptian soldiers. It may also not be entirely reassuring to his mind that as recently as 1860 the great massacre of the Christian population took place. The Moslems, taking said to be a harmless powder, with the food, advantage of the disturbances in the Lebanon, rose against the Christians, burned their whole quarter, and massacred in cold blood 3,000 males. Thousands who

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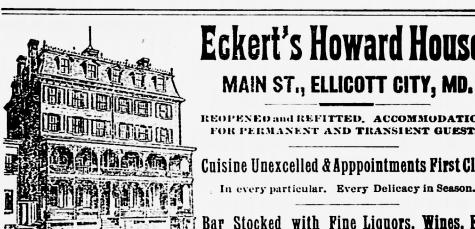
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Pikesville, When we refused to pay and turned them out, they seemed to think they had been

cheated.-Forest and Stream. A Bullet Proof Heart. The Baltimore Sun says that the late

William B. Smallbridge of Glenville, W. Va., a veteran of the civil war, carried a bullet in his heart for 37 years. His death was not due to the presence of the bullet, and, in fact, he never suffered any inconvenience from it. Before his death he saked his physician, in the interest of science, to make an autopsy in order to find the bullet. The physician did so and found it imbedded in the heart.

hung and made a motion to pull it down. Mac promptly interfered, and it looked as if there was going to be a fight then and there, for the Indian seemed bent on repudiating the exchange. Thinking, however, he had carried his bluff far enough, the Indian suggested that Mac's hat suited him very well and intimated if we

the defect in the trousers. It was a flimflam game, pure and simple, and we showtrentment accordingly. ed the Indian the door in a way that sur-The other recent use of the Roentgen The Indians have one uniform business rule in their dealings with white men. They raise their prices when opportunity offers, but they never come down. Snowshoes at the Pelly are now \$40 a pair, because a white man with more money than brains tried to buy from an Indian wom-

He offered her \$10 first, and when she said "No sell um" raised the price by ologist and the physician, as many facts flyes to \$40, and then the woman told the hitherto unknown are revealed. other Indians that white men give \$40 for | It is not strange that an English writes snowshoes, and the price has been that playfully remarked that the X ray may We had previously bought two pairs of sphinx. It is certain that Professor Roentsnowshoes for \$25, and the Indians came gen gave to the world a discovery which is around and tried to collect the difference. bringing to mortal gaze many of the deep car. A prettier houseboat cannot be found

> art in those days, and even now is a gift denied to some:

Consarne that I have Paid a sufishent charge for a redish Colord Surtute with a Blow Velvet Cape, wich I now wair. John Smith. escaped perished from wounds, famine or

privation.-London Chronicle

street, in the Ohio river, is a houseboat in the colony of such craft that throng Paducah's water front. The body of the car has simply been mounted on a small hull, which was large enough to leave a narrow deck all around the car. There is, of course, a door at either end, and the square windows are neatly curtained. The interior furnishings of the car have been torn away, with the exception of one seat. and in their place two small but cozy living rooms may be seen within. The street car houseboat was built at Nashville