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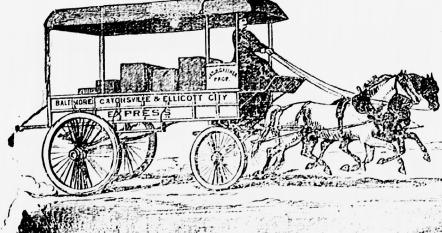
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microscope of what is called in Austria which gave the name of the dead monarch "torfstreu." This is the layer of moss as Pentemenon. spiral cells. These absorb water and other which little use has been made.

better than ordinary straw, since it is side the body. more elastic and less easily penetrated by heat and cold. Herr Zschorner did not rest his investithe remains of reeds and grasses, which, These fibers then were found to have un

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After 12 years of experimenting Herr secured by wires.—Public Opinion. Zschorner succeeded in making the peat fibers weavable. There is now, therefore, scarcely any textile article which cannot be made from peat. Coats, bats, carpets. rugs, ropes, matting and pillows are some of the articles which have been made and have been found useful. What superiority

these will prove to have in practice over fabrics made from other fibers only time will tell. Some of them have, however, already been proved to be immensely superior to any other fabrics. This is especially true of the blankets and other coverings used for horses and cattle, for they greatly excel in warmth, absorbent power, cleanliness and durability. The unspun fiber promises to be a valuable substitute for absorbent cotton, since it will not only absorb a much greater quantity of blood and other fluids than cotton, but it possesses powerful antiseptic properties as well. The coarser fiber it is expected will come into favor for use in upholstery work, its extraordinary elasticity making it most valuable for this purpose The latest achievement of the discoverer of the uses of peat has been the making of paper from the fiber. This has been carried to such an extent that paper of almost every variety of weight and quality can be made, while the toughness and durability of each is equal to that of paper from any kind of vegetable pulp. The above

are but a few of the uses to which this remarkable fiber can be put, but they indicate possibilities which may yet rank peat bogs among the most valuable of the world's resources.—Scientific American.

The Culebra de Sangre Is the Most Deadly of Them All. Costa Rica means the rich coast, and in most respects it is rich, particularly in the snake family, the most deadly of which is

the terrible culebra de sangre, or blood This variety of reptile does not grow to a large size, and perhaps for that very rea-

son is most to be dreaded, as it is not so rasily seen. It is red and resembles a large swollen vein ready to burst with A short time ago I stepped on one of

these snakes, and like a flash he struck at me, but as I had a pair of leather leggings on no harm was done, though it was a close call. Not so fortunate was a poor day laborer who was bitten by the same variety of snake. The man was working for a neighbor of mine, and I did not see him until the day after he was bitten. The moment I heard about it I went over to see the poor fellow, taking with me a remedy for snake bite, thinking it would do no harm to try it, anyway. When we reached the men's camp, the sight that met our eyes was a sickening one. The man was bleeding from his nose, mouth and ears; also from his finger and toe nails. How a man could bleed as Washington Post. much as he had and still live was a maryel. He had been bitten in the foot. Only one fang of the serpent had entered the flesh. The manager of the estate had given him several doses of curarine, a medicine made in Colombia and much used here in Central America for poisonous bites. We also gave him the medicine which I had brought with me, which made him vomit profusely.

In a few hours' time the bleeding stopped, and next day the poor fellow was sent to the hospital. No one expected that he 41 SOUTH HOWARD ST., would live, as the bite is considered ureadly; but, strange to say, he did recover and in a months' time was at work once and in a months' time was at work once to talk to the old gentleman while he would live, as the bite is considered dreadnore. If both fangs of the snake had entered the foot instead of one, he would undoubtedly have died. I have known a parlor. horse to die in a few hours after being bitten by one of the snakes. In hunting in this country one must always keep a sharp lookout for snakes.-Forest and Stream.

> All Londed. During the trial of a case at Woodward, to the presiding judge that he had a regun, every other man in the courtroom

A REMARKABLE MUMMY.

Pentemenon, a Monarch Who Lived 2500 B. C., as He Appears Today. Two most extraordinary Egyptian mummies were exhibited by E. Dufaur at them-they both having been discovered plates and buttons, having decorations of leaves and fruits. On the case containing Credit for the discovery of the possibili- the body were painted figures resembling ties of peat belongs chiefly to a Vienna gen- those of the zodiac. A nearly undeciphertleman, Herr Carl A. Zschorner, His inves- able Greek inscription was also on it. Betigations into its nature began some 12 tween the folds of the dress was found a years ago with a study by means of the piece of papyrus, with an inscription

which covers the surface of most peat | The mummy in its wrappers weighed bogs. It has hitherto, by those who have 160 pounds. Its length was 6 feet 1 inch, made use of the peat for fuel, been, at con- the head was abnormally large, and the siderable expense, removed and thrown shoulders were broad. Next the dress was away. Herr Zschorner's examination found an outer cloth covered with paintshowed that the plant remains which ings and hieroglyphics which denoted that make up this layer abound in hollow, the original was one of the royal house of Egypt some 2,500 years B. C. Next came fluids with great avidity. While ordinary more wrappings and then a close garment straw cannot absorb over four times its of samite, fastened around the neck by a weight of fluids, this peat straw will able sailor's knot. Beneath this, again, were sorb ten times its weight. The peat straw, some finer bandages, like napkins. Next moreover, possesses the antiseptic and came four Egyptian tunies of a kind of disinfectant qualities of peat, qualities linen, with sleeves, and woven without which have long been known, but of any joints. These were fixed to the body at the neck and the ankles by some stuff Herr Zschorner accordingly hit upon of a bituminous nature. Next came bandthe idea of drying the straw and using it ages placed lengthwise from the head to as an absorbent in stables, breweries and the feet with cross bands. Four large various manufactories. For such purpose pieces of linen came next, rolled round it proved most admirably adapted, and the and round the body. The sixth envelope demand for the product soon grew large. was formed of transversal bands of a yel-Having greater absorbtive power than low color, from the bitumen in which they ordinary straw, the peat straw can be used | had been soaked. After this were 15 simimuch longer in any given place, and yet | lar wrappers, next an envelope saturated will have proportionately greater manurial in black bitumen and finally, next to the value. It gives a healthy, resilient footing skin, a thin shirt of the finest linen. The also for animals. For packing of both | toes were wrapped up separately; the arms perishable and breakable articles it is also and hands were laid straight down along-

The mummy was a male and looked about 45 years old. The length was 5 feet 9 inches. The breast and part of the abgations here. A further study of the peat domen were gilt over. The body was itself showed that it was very largely filled with a black balsam. No manumade up of fibers. These fibers come from script was found. The legs had been covered in black balsam. The unrolling of growing and drying in successive general the body took three hours, and no less tions, form the peat. In their submer- than 2,800 square feet of linen were taken gence the reeds and grasses suffered no off it. The hands were long and perfect; anatomical change, but their physical and | the fingers well made, with "filbert" chemical character became entirely differ- nails; the ears entire and the nose, which ent. The organic substance of the plant | had been cut open when the body was became inorganic, so that nothing capable embalmed in order to extract the brain, a of fermentation or decay was left, while little deformed. The face looked almost the fibrous structure remained intact. alive, and the hair was perfectly preserved, very fine, and-what is unusual in usual physical properties. They were Egyptians of the pure breed-a little

> The Census of Japan. The official census statistics for Japan,

exclusive of Formosa, have just been published and are as follows: .41.135.306This shows an increase over 1896 of 53,625 in the number of dwelling houses and 520,599 in population. The number of marriages for the period is 365,207 and of divorces 124,075. Those persons whose ages range from 100 to 110 number 257. The population of the principal cities is as Tokyo ...

-Tokio Letter in Chicago Record. Cubans Learning English

more from their customers. It may be said to the credit of the Havanese that they pick up English much quicker than the Americans form a speaking acquaintance with Spanish. Latins seem to have the facility of acquiring languages not to be found in the Anglothree months English will be spoken in every store of any size in Havana. It may not be the best of English, but it will be English which all Americans can com

in all of the magazines, of an education by mail outfit in another city that professes its ability to teach the languages by correspondence may not have been intended to embody irony at the expense of dreary humor in the ad. all the same. Here are the quotations for mail instruction in the languages: French, \$1; German, 1; Spanish, 30 cents. tion 20 cents or 40 cents or any other approximate figure the sting contained in the ad. would not be perceptible, but 30 cents, the modern American symbol du pave for all that is cheap and outclassed and tawdry-the figure in such a connection is almost pathetically significant.

Opposed to Expansion. waited for Miss Scadds to descend to the "No; I am an antiexpansionist," re plied Mr. Scadds. "My family is quite as large now as I care to have it."—Detroit

schoolmaster, sternly, "I am very much straid from your behavior you wish me to thastise you. Do you remember the old precept beginning, 'Spare the rod?'" "Yessir," said Willie. "Spare the rod and lose the fish."-Harper's Bazar.

The Cheerful Idiot. was started a thousand years ago." Indianapolis Journal.

A KING'S INGRATITUDE. How Louis Philippe Repaid the Gen-

erosity of Americans. Gouverneur Morris, at one time American minister to France, with the generosity always shown by our people toward the unfortunate, upon learning of the forlorn condition of the Duke of Orleans (afterward Louis Philippe, king of the French), offered his assistance to secure him safe conduct to Philadelphia. The Orleans family at that time were proscribed in France, and in consequence were unwelcome visitors to any country of continen tal Europe, being compelled to live in dis-

Morris not only invited the duke to accompany him on the voyage from Hamburg to Philadelphia, but at the same time transferred to the prince an order for £100 to defray his expenses from Bale to Hamburg. The timely assistance was accepted with effusive gratitude by the royal Frenchman. When he reached Hamburg, he found that Mr. Morris had been intrusted by the president of the United States with a diplomatic mission in Germany, and therefore their departure was

At length the Duke of Orleans sailed for Philadelphia on the America, where arrangements had been made for his brothers to join him. The three princes were received with great cordiality by Washington, then in the last year of his presidency. They were present at his farewell address to congress and witnessed the inauguration of John Adams. An invitation to spend several days at Mount Vernon was eagerly accepted. General Washington himself arranged the itinerary of their proposed trip through the country Every substantial assistance was given the three princes, whose mother and sister were wandering from place to place in Eu-

rope, always under proscription. After traveling extensively north and west they determined to go to Cuba, having learned that their mother was living in Spain, where the Duchess of Orleans vainly sought permission for her children to join her. No sooner had they landed in Cuba than they were confronted with the order of the Spanish king refusing them permission to remain in Havana, or "any other part of the Spanish dominions in the new world." In a letter written subsequently to Morris the Duke of Orleans expressed lively sentiments of affection and gratitude toward the United States. But when he came to the throne as 'king of the French" he treated the claims of this country with the most contemptuous unconcern until President Jackson ordered our minister to leave France and called upon congress to give Louis Philippe a lesson by seizing French ships and cargoes. Then and only then were our

Old Jake's Shoes. There is an old one legged negro named Jake Lando in this city who would attract attention anywhere by the picturesque dilapidation of his attire. He is as nearly a walking ragbag as it is possible for a human being to become, and how he holds himself together is a profound and inexplicable mystery. His complicated tatters are all the more conspicuous from the fact that the old fellow always wears an excellent shoe on his remaining right foot, and he seems to possess a great variety of different kinds. Back of this circum tance is a quaint little story. Old Jake's former master lives at Baton Rouge and has also but one leg—the left.

At intervals he sends the crippled darky an assortment of shoes for which he has no use, all being right, and he has kept him supplied in this manner for many years. As it is impossible to sell odd shoes, the old fellow is compelled to wear them, and while the rest of his attire would indicate that he is in pretty hard lines, there is no gentleman in New Orleans who keeps better shod. What Uncle Jake will do if his benefactor should happen to die is a question. He would no doubt find some difficulty in discovering another one legged philanthropist.-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Church Lost In London. There is a derelict church in the Char ng Cross road, the existence of which will be news to most Londoners. It is called by the title of St. Mary the Virgin Desertion seems to have taken place be cause the fabric was crumbling away. Of late nobody has cared to own it, no funds being available to keep it in repair, and the public authorities have been obliged for the safety of passing pedestrians to undertake some precautionary work. They are naturally anxious to discover an owner and have summoned him by notice on the door of the edifice to make good the structural defects, but if there is really an owner he is scarcely likely to place himself in evidence and assume considerable pecuniary liability. The old place will no doubt have to be removed altogether. As some of the walls threaten to fall at any hour the council has charged itself with the duty of shoring them up and will duly Saxons, and we may be sure that inside of | file the account against the missing own-

er. - Liverpool Mercury. Speaking Clocks. In Switzerland they have begun makng phonographic clocks and watches, which, it appears, leave anything heretofore accomplished far in the shade. By merely pressing the button of the new timepiece it pronounces the hour distinctly. The alarms call to the sleeper, "It's 6 o'clock; get up." There are some which even add the words, "Now, don't go to sleep again." The form can be changed poor, old, senile Spain, but there is a to suit the buyer and make the warning more or less emphatic. This application of the phonographic principle is due to a French watchmaker settled at Geneva. He introduces into clocks and watches little slabs of vulcanized rubber, on which the desired words are traced .- Moniteur de la Bijoutere.

Aguinaldo's Gifts to Dewey. "Admiral Dewey's cabin aboard th Olympia," writes John T. McCutcheon to The Chicago Record, "is filled with presents from his admirers, including souve nirs of all kinds. Some of the most beautiful of these are presents from Aguinaldo. The dictator has the greatest admiration and respect for Dewey and has a singular habit of making an elaborate gift to the admiral whenever the latter 'calls him down.'

"That accounts largely for the number of Aguinaldo presents that adorn the cabin. In all the dealings Admiral Dewey has had with Aguinaldo he has treated him with the greatest courtesy when courtesy was called for, and with the greatest severity when firmness was the thing; but, in spite of the rebuffs, Aguinaldo's notes accompanying the presents invaria and illustrious friend.' " Youngest College President.

Frank Pierrepont Graves, LL. D., who has just been instituted president of the University of Washington, in Seattle, is said to be the youngest college president in America. He was born in Brooklyn in 1869, was graduated from Columbia uns versity in 1890, became an instructor in Greek in his alma mater, and later became professor of classical philology in Tufts college, the chair having been created for him. He remained there five years, until the spring of 1896, when he accepted the presidency of the University of Wyoming. He is the author of three Greek books, and has contributed numerous articles to educational journals. He was married in 1895 to Miss Helen Hope Wadsworth, a graduate of Boston university in the class

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O. T., the other day a witness admitted volver in his pocket, and the court fined him \$25. The local paper says: "When the judge fined Tom Word for carrying a sat erect and smoothed his coattails down to hide his armament. When a recess was taken, every man made for the nearest outlet and 'hid out' his battery. The best estimates place the number of guns in the courtroom at the time at about two wagon loads."-Exchange.

found to be very durable, very clastic, to curled. On the left side below the ribs was an opening by which the balsam had been introduced into the body. Under the If a fabric could be woven from them, cloth which covered the face below each it would be one possessing unique prop- eye and on the ball of the cheek a gold plate was found, with the representation would add the warmth of wool, an ab- of an eye and its lids. Over the mouth sorbent power greater than that of cotton i and fastened by a gold wire run through and the indestructibility of asiestus. It and behind the teeth was another plate must, however, be woven without the aid with a picture or representation of a of oils or water, or much of its value tongue placed perpendicularly to the closing of the lips, which were fast shut and

That English is to be the language of rade in Cuba is early evidenced by the efforts of the Cuban and Spanish mer chants to learn the language of the Yan kee invaders. The more progressive merchants have hired clerks who speak Engllsh, and this class of labor is in great demand. Others have clerks who think they can speak English and try to learn

prehend.—Havana Times of Cuba. The following advertisement, published Were the quotation on Spanish instruc-

Oldest Bishop. The Right Rev. Dr. Graves, bishop of Limerick, who has just celebrated his eighty-sixth year, is not only the oldest bishop in the United Kingdom, but he is also one of the most scholarly and accomplished. Dr. Graves has achieved much success in antiquarian research and is one of the highest living authorities on Ogham writing.

Free Press. He Knew. "Willie Jones," said Mr. Grimface, the

"They say," said the prosy boarder, "that there is a newspaper in China that "They must have been the original yellow journalists," said the cheerful idiot .-