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The conservatives are arranging to protest the election of Hon. J. T. Garrow in West Huron. They claim to have about \$50 of the money which was paid out as bribes, the recipients having handed the identical bills over to the opposition was found in cakes of soap or hidman are some necessary to cut up everything to see that they did not contain any prohibited goods. Bars of soap, cakes, turkeys and poultry of all soils, puddings, etc., all had to be dissected, and this work us d to take up considerable of the guards' time. Frequently money was found in cakes of soap or hidman are seed that they did not contain any prohibited goods. Bars of soap or hidman are seed that they did not contain any prohibited goods. Bars of soap or hidman are seed that they did not contain any prohibited goods. Bars of soap or hid out as bribes, the recipients having handed the identical bills over to the opposition.

Department of Interior is advised that 200 families from the States named will move to the territories next spring. They have decided to locate in four townships in the Beaver Lake country, which is east of

-Methodists of the United States have a scheme to celebrate the advent of the twentieth century by raising a fund of \$20,000,000, a millon for each century of the Christian era. Half of this fund will be devoted to educational purposes in the way of loans and gifts to struggling institutions of learning. Dr. Potts' million dollar scheme is a trumpery affair beside bread is sure, for some of the thousand kinds that he likes are always in season and accessible, ranged on the shelves of the mountains like stores in a pantry.

From one to the other, from climate to climate, up and down he climbs, feasting

—Down in Murray township, Mrs. Lillie Rosebusn, a poor woman, with five children to support, pastured her cow on the highway, and consequently the animal was placed in pound. For attempting to rescue her cow Mrs. Ro-ebush was fined, and in default of payment has been sent to gaol for 30 days. The authorities of this township should be proud of their achieve-

-An Oshawa paper says: One of cur subscribers writing from California says that from 300 bushels of barley planted not one blade appeared, the district leing completely burned up. Ranchers with horses worth from \$50 to \$100 sold them for \$2 each to be killed and their bones was fortilizers as they had nothing to deer or a pig be eats warm about as quickused as fertilizers, as they had nothing to feed them. A few more such reports coming to us from abroad will convince us that we are living in a land specially welcomed with tremendous relish. After

-The Miller Electric Construction Co. of Pitsburg, Pa., has invented a new plan ries, with mushrooms and nuts or puck-Lumber, Lath, Shingles, to utilize the power of Niagara Falls, and it is expected work will begin the first of the year, necessitating the expenditure of about \$500,000. It is proposed to erect a large building close to the falls, it being kept in place by anchors and heavy iron cables. With a series of contrivances it is expected to utilize all the force of the falling water. Electric fluid is to be transported by conduits and heavy wire to di tant points.

-Once more the correspondents detect war preparations at Woolwich, Davenport, Portsmouth and Chatham. There is Cordwood and Millwood. Fortsmouth and Chatham, Inches to the activity which prevailed during the excitement of the Fashods incident, but this time the public are left guessing as to the quarter of the globe in which the expected outbreak may occur. This much seems certain, however, that more war materials are being sent out by the Government to foreign stations than was ever known before.

-J. W. Yearsley, customs officer at the ferry dock, Windsor, on Thursday made a seizure of five ladies' mackintoshes from John Albert of Windsor. Yearsley notic ed that Albert looked rather corputent, G. H. M. BAKER, AGENT.

and he was requested to step inside the office when he came off the boat. He objected at first, but when threatened with arrest, followed the officer into one of the private rooms, where he was sear-ched. Three of the garments were found under his overcoat, and he had one strapped around each of his legs under his trousers. He was told that he would have to pay the value of the goods in addition to the duty before he could recover them.

-A crusade against the wholesale di orce business transacted in Indiana has been undertaken by the clergymen of that state. Nearly every denomination was represented at a recent meeting, where it was decided to prepare amendments to the law, to be submitted to the legislature next month. Last year 2,903 divorces were granted, the majority of them for desertion. Judges present at the meeting said that the same men and women are in the divorce courts year aft r year. It into proposed that divorces be limited to the scriptural cause, but only that it be made more difficult to obtain them, and that the re-marriage of divorced pers not

be prohibited. -The terrors of the Wite Pass, on the Skagway route to the Yukon, will soon be but a memory of the past. The railway, which is being built by British capital, will be in operation to Lake Bennett before navigation opens. Wi hin five months 20 miles of the road has been completed, notwithstanding great difficulties, such as at one time in August, when 700 men dropped their picks and deserted to Atlin. The result of the work accomplished so far is that the summit of the Pass can be reacned in a comfortable carriage, and within an hour. The company have among plaster casts of antique statues. extensive shops as Skagway, and are pay. "These are very beautiful, Emily," sa

coming this way after all.

-An Austrian engineer, by name M. Demeter Ovetkovics, will rank as one of the benefactors of his race, if an invention by him proves to be what he claims for it. FRESH MINED

COAL—Coming dibrake by which a steamship travelling at a high rate of speed is to be instant y

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Shent Rocesses Bridges. stopped. Experiments have been maue which are said to have been succe-sful One test was made with the steamship Clotilite, of 2000 tons, and the vessel, it is to her husband. It is considered a very reported, when running 12 knots an hour, reprehensive breach of etiquette. But the was brought to a standstill within Select Steam Coal. Blacksmith Coal seconds, and before she had travelled 40 next morning she is permitted to give free feet the engines still working ahead with | rein to her tongue and may jabber there-

> -During the past three weeks all the letters sent out by convicts of the Kingston penitentiary have had written across | When it spies a fly sitting on the plants them by order of Acting Warden Foster these words:-"Christmas-boxes will not be received at this institution this year.'
> For some years past it has been the custom to not only open all the packages dom misses its aim, and, striking the fly received at this institution for the con- into the water, the fish makes it its prey.

victs, but it also became necessary to cut

four months in the county jail.

-P. F. Rollison of Toronto, the alleged leader of the gang of forgers, who operated ed recently at Ottawa on the London Life Assurance Company, has been arrested in Adrian, Michigan, charged with forging the names of Mrs. Gilbert and Dr. Chabot to a death certificate for \$500.

-John Murray, the operator on duty on the morning of the wreck at Murray Hill, was arraigned last week before Magistrate Dumble at Cobourg and committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter, preferred by Mrs. W. H. Brady, w dow of the engineer of the passenger train.

-The New York Central has purchased three obsolete railroads, the Lebanon Symines Bannington and Rutland which The New York Central has purchased three obsolete railroads, the Lebanon Springs, Bennington and Rutland, which have entrance into Canada. By making a couple of short connections the who'e route will become a through line from Montreal to New York, shortening the time between the two ciries by three hours.

—A number of Uitlanders have organized have been made to the Transvaal. In a recent disturbance Kruger's police opened fire, and shot an Englishman name Edgar. No efforts have been made by Oom Paul to punish the policeman who did the shooting.

—As a result of a visit to the North-west during the past season of four farmers from Minnesota and Wisconsin, the boats have been from Minnesota and Wisconsin, the papartment of Interior is advised that 200 the State and And State and State and State and State and State and State the part of the State and State the first time sea lions have been known to attack men on the Sound.

The New York Central has purchased with an iron-headed halibut club in one hand, a revolver in the other, the animals hesitated. Then o e monster male sprang at the foremost boat, crunch ing to matchwood an oar that was rammed down his open mouth as he advanced. This was followed by a blow on the head advanced. This was followed by a blow on the head advanced. This was followed by a blow on the head advanced. This was followed the sea lion. This gas with their own. After a score of speeches the thing gets monotonous, but it is carried out to the bitter end. Any person omitted would feel aggrieved. In Holland it is the family before everything. A leading barrister was recently compelled to throw up an important case in order to attend the birthday party of an aged father who lived three hours distant by rail. The Dutch are excellent husbands, but quite preposterously jealous. An Englishman who found himself in a party consisting almost entirely of assorted couples were first programment and the foremost boat the first male advanced. This was followed the sea liven. This the first time sea lio

THE SIERRA BEAR.

He Eats Everything From an Insect to a Mountaineer's Bed.

In this happy land no famine comes nigh the sierra bear, says John Muir in The Atlantic. All the year round his bread is sure, for some of the thousand on each in turn, enjoying as great variety as if he traveled to faroff countries north and south. To him, almost everything is food except granite. Every tree helps to feed him and every bush and herb, with fruits and flowers, leaves and bark and almost everything living or dead within reach, animals and insects-badgers, gophers, ground squirrels, lizards, snakes, etc., and ants, bees, wasps, old and young,

deer or a pig be eats warm about as quickly as a boy eats a buttered muffin, or, should the meat be a month old, it still is so gross a meal as this perhaps the next will be strawberries and clover or raspberery acorns and choke cherries. And, as if fearing that anything eatable in all his dominions should escape being eaten, he breaks into cabins to look after sugar, dried apples, bacon, etc., and if still hungry he eats the mountaineer's bed, but when he has had a full meal of more tempting dainties he usually leaves it undisturbed, though he has been known to drag it up through a hole in the roof, carry it to the foot of a tree and lie down on it to enjoy a siesta.

Eating everything, never is he himself eaten except by man, and man alone is an enemy to be feared. "B'ar meat," said a hunter from whom I was seeking information-"b'ar meat is the best meat in the mountains. Their skins make the best beds and their grease the best butter. Biscuit shortened with b'ar grease goes as far as beans; a man will walk all day on a

Dream and Reality. There is this real distinction between when awake I know there is another condition, while in the dream I take no New York Commercial Advertiser.

thought of the waking state. Awake, I know that I have been living the fantastic dream life, and have come out of it into a real life completely distinct from the other. I am in a first state and know there is a second. But when I am dreaming I have no thought of anoth- to tell, why don't you tell it?" er state that I have come out of and must! return to; I do not feel that there is another existence, radically separated from this one, and I never compare the visions of | Samuels' vest pocket, and his life was my dreams with my waking world, for I know nothing of it. I have the impression is." of having always lived the life I am in, which seems natural, and even if I ask whether I am not dreaming it is a merely

sense of the meaning of it. Another distinction, and the only absolutely clear one, is that while we always wake from the dream we never wake from the reality. This is why we believe in the reality and not in the dream .- M. Camille | bed now, and out goes the gas in two ticks. Melinand in Popular Science Monthly.

A "Home Body" In an Art Gallery. A plump little woman with an absurdly infantile air despite a silver thread or two in her hair and a faint crow's foot at the corner of her round blue eyes-eyes of the color we used to call "gander" blue-went into the Corcoran gallery on the arm of a dignified gentleman in clerical garb. They stood, the two of them, a little later.

"These are very beautiful, Emily," said ing out monthly in wages over \$75,000. It is evident there is some British capital and very famous. It is a privilege to see them, and I hope you appreciate it." "Oh, yes, John," said Emily—you could see that her very soul was a "yes, John,"

echo of her husband-"they're beautiful, I think, but, oh, dear, what a work it Slient Korenn Brides. During the first day of her married life

a Korean bride must not speak, not even

full power. It sounds too good to be after to her heart's content. The shooting fish is a native of the East Indies. It has a hollow cylindrical beak. that grow in shallow water, with remarkable dexterity it ejects out of a tubular mouth a single drop of water, which selDUTCH WEDDING AN ORDEAL.

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sisting almost entirely of assorted couples ventured to pay a few compliments and mild attentions to a charming young married woman. He even had the assurance to include her in a general offering of roses made to the company. The husband was furious. He canceled a previously given dinner invitation, and there were awful rumors that, though duels are now very rare, he desired to challenge the oftender, who wisely placed the sea between himself and his would be opponent. Babies have a comfortable time enough

in Holland, where the cramping swaddling pillow is replaced by English layettes. It is, however, expensive to know too many, for every woman who visits or is visited by nurse and infant for the first time must give the former at least 5 shillings. Mourning is very long and very strict. Even the poorest leave off their gold cap pins and headpieces for more than a year after the death of a parent.-London

BOOKKEEPING B. C.

Clay Records of Business Transactions Temp. Darius II.

An American archæological expedition excavating at Nippur discovered in a room 20 feet below the surface some 730 clay tablets, the business records of a rich firm of merchants, Ulurashu Sons. These documents are dated in the reigns of Artaxerxes I (464-424 B. C.) and Darius II (423 405 B. C.). The tablets are of various sizes, some resembling the ordinary cake of soap of commerce. They are covered with cupeiform characters clear and distinct as when the bookkeeper of Ulurashu inscribed them 2,500 years ago. Among them is this guarantee for 20

years that an emerald is so well set that t will not fall out: "Bel-ahiddina and Bel-shumu, sons of Bel, and Hatin, son of Bazuza, spoke unto Bel-nadinshumu, son of Morashu, as follows: 'As concerns the gold ring set with an emerald, we guarantee that for 20 years the emerald will not fall out of the ring. If it should fall out before the expiration of 20 years, Bel-ahiddina (and the two

indemnity of ten mana of silver.' " Then follow the names of seven witnesses and of an official who is described as "the scribe of the Concordance of Proper Names." The document concludes with the thumbnail marks of the contracting

others) shall pay to Bel-nadinshumu an

There are also leases of various kinds and contracts for the sale of sun dried the dream and the waking state-that bricks and other merchandise, and for the loan of seed corn and oxen for plowing .-

> Not Good Enough For Her. "Did you hear about Samuels?" asked Mrs. Graymare's husband.

"No, I didn't hear about Samuels," the lady answered. "When you have anything "Yes, dear. Weil, Samuels was going home the other night when a footpad shot at him, and the ball hit a latchkey in

"Indeed! If Samuels had been going home at a reasonable hour, he wouldn't have met any footpad. Secondly, he carverbal expression, with no accompanying | ried \$10,000 insurance, payable to his wife, and if it had not been for that key she would be a rich widow now. So if you are hunting around for a latchkey you will have to bring home some better story than that one. That's all. I'm going to

saved. So you see what good a latchkey

THE CHINESE CHOPSTICK.

And the Question, Was Middle America Peopled From Asia?

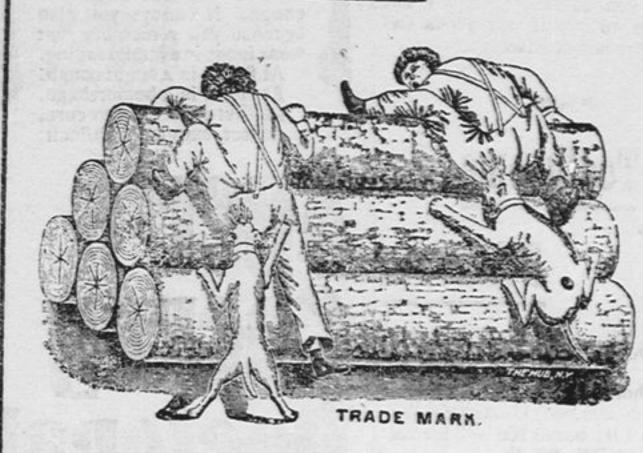
Latchkey indeed!"-Pick Me Up.

With the evidences of Asiatic contact supposed to be so strong in Central America one might have imagined that so useful a device as the simple chopsticks would have secured a footing. These two sticks, held in one hand and known in China as "hasteners or nimble lads," are certainly the most useful, the most economical, and the most efficient device for their purposes ever invented by man.

Throughout that vast Asian region, embracing a population of 500,000,000, the chopstick is used as a substitute for fork, tongs and certain forms of tweezers. Even fish, omelet and cake are separated with the chopsticks, and the cook, the street scavenger and the watch repairer use this device in the form of iron, long bamboo and delicate ivory. The bamboo chopstick was known in China 1000 B. C., and shortly after this date the ivory form was devised. Their use is one of great antiquity in Japan, as attested by references to it in the ancient records of that country.

One may search in vain for the trace of any object in the nature of a chopstick in Central or South America. Knitting needles of wood are found in the workbaskets associated with ancient Peruvian mummies, but the chopstick has not been found. Curious pottery rests for the chopsticks are exhumed in Japan, but even this enduring testimony of its early use is yet to be revealed in this country .- "Was dom misses its aim, and, striking the fly Middle America Peopled From Asia?" by Professor E. S. Morse. in Popular Science

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