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Old John Vanderbilt went to the Hexankopf, or Witch's Head mountain, many years ago and bought a



JOHN VANDERBILT.

tumbledown brick dwelling of considerable size, which, because of its condition, was sold to him with several acres of almost worthless mountain land for \$450. It stands on the top of the mountain, screened by dense foliage from observation though no observer ever passes that way save out of curiosity, and the nearest neighbor, Mr. William Rautabach, lives a mile away.

In his way John Vanderbilt is a kindly man. A great spider has spun its web across his doorway; he stoops on entering that its home may not be destroyed.

Efficient Postal Service. The annual report of the third assistant postmaster general contains strong testimony in favor of the honesty and efficiency of the postal service.

Dictates the Price of Wheat. Samuel Greeley, a commission merchant of Chicago, testified before the National Industrial Commission in session in that city, that a combination of five wealthy grain men, of which Philip D. Armour is the directing genius, control the price of farmers' products.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

In this age of aggressive competition the fact is often overlooked that in every business transaction, large or small, reputation is at stake and that only such measures as are based upon honor and integrity will, in the long run, lead to the narrow road of success.

Russians Want Typewriters. The latest Russian information received indicates that a considerable modification of the Imperial Russian law affecting the use of typewriters in that country is about to take place.

La Porte, Texas. The progress of the construction work at La Porte, Texas, the future great deep-water shipping point at the head of navigation on Galveston Bay on the Gulf of Mexico, is progressing favorably.

McClure's Magazine. Which, almost from its start, has set the pace for competitors in the same field and has come to be almost synonymous with enterprise in magazine work, is now about to forge another link in that chain of notable features which began some years since with its life of Napoleon, and has been added to year by year with something striking and original.

First Class in Arithmetic. "These examples what's in the 'rithmetics aren't any good," writes a boy. "What I want to know is, if I trade my knife for a top and six marbles, and then trade the top for a mouth organ and the marbles for an apple and a jeweharp and then eat the apple, how much do I make.—Stray Stories.

See Splendid Surroundings. "Myrtle Gushion writes that she is now living surrounded by splendor." "I suppose she's got a new silk petticoat.—From World's Comic.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

What Drives Men to Drink. From Larks: Temperance Orator—"What is it that drives men to drink?" Voice from the Crown—"Salt fish'll do it."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until very recently was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure the patient, pronounced it incurable.

From Life: Newspaper Man—"I should like to telegraph home that the commanding general is an idiot." "Censor—"I regret to inform you that we can permit the transmission of no military secrets."

Chinese scholars claim that iron swords were in use in their country 4,000 years ago.

When the Boers migrated from Cape Colony to the Transvaal they were forced to clear the way by killing 6,000 lions.

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Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Millinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '90.

Tangier is a city without vehicles. Donkeys are used for transportation.

Col's Cough Balsam is the oldest and best. It breaks up cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Pacing horses are not looked upon with favor in continental Europe.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. Be a mother's friend.

Toronto has, according to the assessor's returns, 192,907 people.

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