CURRENT TOPICS.

In Wyoming, before an election, a woman beat her husband in the nomination for a local office, but the husband took it very good-naturedly because there was a chance the office would be in the family, anyway. This story is told to illustrate the felicities of woman suffrage.

At the session of the Bible School at Northfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Moody was asked whether a choir should be placed at the front or back of the church. He answered the question with the remark: "You notice how our ears are put on." It is not often that a great religious question is so easily and effectually disposed of.

In his cable letter to the New York *Tribune* Edmund Yates corrects the current statement that Queen Victoria means to ask Parliament to appropriate $2,500,000 to cover the expenses of entertaining the royalties attending the Jubilee. The total expense, it appears, was some $275,000, and it is to be defrayed from accumulated surpluses of the civil list.

Another American girl is about to become a European Princess. Miss Winnaretta Singer, daughter of the late Mr. Singer, of Singer sewing-machine notoriety, is going to wed the Prince de Montfellard, whose title dates from the times of the Crusades. His future motherin-in-law, now the Duchess de Camposelice, was the daughter of an English confectioner.

Notwithstanding the probable fact that there is no "electric fluid," says the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, and the known fact that electricity does not "travel," but is merely molecular change, and that consequently thunderbolts never hit anybody, and lightning rods only "lower the potential," people are getting "struck by lightning" and the "electrical fluid" is running up and down steeples all over the country.

The Parsees of Bombay have long been famous for their charitable munificence, and the example of the late Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, known throughout the civilized world for his liberality, is being emulated at the present day by another Parsee, Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Sheriff of Bombay, who has just offered the Government of Bombay one and one-half lakh ($75,000), for the purpose of establishing a female college in that city.

The purlieus of Naples are nearly as crowded with seething humanity at this season as the tenement houses of New York, yet the hot weather makes no such massacre of the innocents as it does on this continent. "The reason," said an Italian lady, "is because poor Neapolitan children are allowed to run about naked, while American babies are swathed in flannels till they die of weakness caused by excessive perspiration."

Roses are the fashionable flower of the present season in London, the national emblem being chosen in honor of the Jubilee. Beds of shaded roses are arrayed on dinner and supper tables, artistically harmonized from the deepest damask red down to pale sea roses. The rose was introduced into Britain at a very early period and has always thriven there, yielding to no other country except the blessed valley at the foot of the Balkans, near Adrianople.

Owing to the disturbed condition of Bulgaria the monument which the officers of the Russian grenadier regiment intended to raise at Plevna in memory of the grenadiers who fell there in 1877 will be erected at Moscow. It will contain five groups of figures and four statues of saints, with the following inscription, in the Russian, Bulgarian, Roumanian and Servian languages: "To their comrades who fell in the glorious battle of Plevna, Nov. 28, 1877, by the Russian Grenadiers."

Dr. Cyrus Edson, of New York, has been investigating the manufacture of cheap ice creams, and he reaches the conclusion that during the heated term the milky preparation is apt to contain a fungus growth that is injurious to health. Young girls who go promenading with economical beaux may expect to hear frequent admonitory remarks about this lurking fungus growth. The girls may suggest, however, that the doctor's analysis relates only to cheap ice cream, and that the high-priced article may still be eaten with comparative safety.

A high-pressure hydrant system is being introduced in England, where manufacturers and insurance people are taking great interest in it. Where fire occurs the ordinary pressure is insufficient at a little elevation for effective work. The system proposes the construction of steel tanks charged with water, connecting with the ordinary mains, which can be submitted to any desired pressure up to 100 or 120 pounds to the square inch. This pressure is maintained by a series of wrought-iron cylinders filled with compressed air.

The tincture of the chloride of iron is a remedy frequently dispensed by the obliging apothecary to those who consult him and appear to need a tonic. It is generally taken well diluted with water, and is often drawn into the mouth through a glass tube or straw "to save the teeth." It has recently been shown that a tooth immersed in a solution of this tincture diluted with eight parts of water has its enamel entirely destroyed in one hour. The water increases the destructive power of the iron, and, on that account, it should not be used in dilution, but syrup is advised instead.

At Muirkirk, in Scotland, a monument in memory of some Covenanters who suffered in the cause of religion has for some time been in course of construction. It has just been inaugurated. The monument is a polished granite obelisk, and is the gift of Mr. Charles Howatson, Glenbuck. The names inscribed on it are Richard Cameron, John Smith, William Adams and John Brown, of Priesthill. The shaft of the monument has two draped figures—one pointing to the earth, where lie bodies of the martyrs, the other pointing to the skies.

An interesting phenomenon has for some time past been observed on the eastern coast of the Caspian Sea. The Kara Bobhas is an estuary nearly separated from the main body of the sea by a bank through which there is an inlet. The evaporation from this gulf is so great that a current continually sets in from the Caspian, and, as there is no return current, the water of the gulf becomes more saliferous, and a deposit of salt is in course of formation. The natural result of this would appear to be that this gulf will be cut off from the Caspian, and being thus dried up, will become an extensive salt bed.

Gold will only melt at a comparatively high temperature, as we all know, but what is not generally known, *The Jewellers' Journal* says, is that if two per cent. of silica be added to the gold it can be melted over the flame of a common candle. From the same source the reader may learn that a pretty alloy, said to resemble gold exactly, can be made with 16 parts copper, 1 of zinc and 7 of platinum. The copper and platinum are covered first with borax and then with powdered charcoal and melted, then the zinc added, and the alloy thus produced is exceedingly malleable and can be drawn into the finest wire, while it never tarnishes.

Through railway communication is to be established across South America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Three years ago the Argentine Government constructed a line of road, standard gauge, from Buenos Ayres to the city of Mendosea, in the Andes, on the boundary of Chili, within 160 miles of Santiago, the capital of the latter country, which was already connected with Valparaiso, the most important of the Pacific ports. It is intended to extend this road through the Andes, a chain of mountains 20,000 feet high, and complete this gap of 160 miles, thus connecting Buenos Ayres and Valparaiso, and forming a line from coast to coast.

There are two styles of complexions in vogue this season, and to attain them cosmetics are used recklessly, says a fashion writer. One, for pallid people, is ivory white, and is supposed to be the accompaniment of soft, brown eyes and hair to match. The style of cuticle that is most popular, however, and which may go with all shades of hair except black and dark brown, is known as the "peachblow." It is a rosy flush suffusing the entire face, tinting the ears a deep rose, and scarcely fading out beneath the chin or at the nape of the neck. Women with this kind of skin will wear pink gowns during the summer, for the "peachblow" is to take the lead in attire as well as in complexion.

Alexander Graham Bell, the Brantford boy, whose telephones are ringing all over the world, has gone to his summer home, near Cape Breton, N. S. He went up there for the first time last summer, rented a house for $100 for the season, and liked it so well that this spring he bought a small island near by for $500, upon which he is trying to keep cool, with more or less success, these torrid days. He has an improvised "cottage," made out of an old farmhouse, this year, but proposes to build a handsome home by next year. It is rather noteworthy that neither Bell nor his thrifty father-in-law (Gardiner G. Hubbard), who is the business manager of their fortunes, has built a house since they came to be millionaires. Both live in Washington in houses built by other men, altered to suit them after they had purchased them.

Mr. Gorham Gray writes of the project of telephone communication between this continent and Europe: "Telephoning through a wire being only and simply a wave of reproduction, similar to an air wave or sound, or I might say a wave of the ocean, is perfectly practicable for three million miles, and in fact more so under water than aerial, for disturbances atmospheric do not occur under water, nor do disturbances occur at a depth below a given sounding distance below the surface of the water, as the water at that depth is at rest. The small steel wire which I already have used for four years under water is a perfect reproducer, and will reproduce three million miles far better than the one hundred miles now so long in my service, and giving clear reproduction of conversation, and without any induction whatever."

Hemorrhage from the lungs is a symptom of consumption which excites the greatest apprehension, not only in the patients, but in friends. It should be remembered that it is not only rarely fatal, but also that it invariably brings relief, in a measure, from the cough and the distressing constricted sensations previously felt in the chest. Many remedies are advised for this emergency, but rest and opium are the most valuable. One grain of opium, or twenty-five drops of laudanum, should be given at once, and repeated in from four to six hours. The patient must be kept perfectly quiet, and not allowed to speak. His fears are best subdued by the force of example, and his friends must appreciate this fact and conduct themselves accordingly. Rest in bed should be enforced for three or four days after the hemorrhage has ceased.

In the tomb of an Egyptian mummy a pair of stockings has been found which proves that short socks were worn by the Egyptians 2,000 years ago, and that the art of knitting had then attained great perfection. These curious socks are made from fine sheep's wool, at first probably white, but now brown with age. The needles with which the work was done are supposed to have been somewhat thicker than those now in use, and the knitting is loose and elastic. The work begins in the simplest manner, with a single thread, but grows fanciful as progress is made. Instead of ending, like the modern sock, with a rounding point, two branches of equal width run out like the fingers of a glove. This was made to suit the sandals, which had a strap fastened at the middle and passing over the sock when on the foot. The work shows a very skilful hand.

In the warmer months the diet should be composed largely of vegetable food. These should be chosen with care, for many of them are extremely unwholesome if not perfectly fresh and sound. Almost all of them, except berries, are improved by washing or soaking them some time in cold water. This renders some of them, such as are to be eaten without cooking, more crisp and refreshing, while all are cleansed from possible contamination. The sources of impurity are so numerous that safety can be secured only by constant watchfulness. The ground in or upon which vegetables are grown, the hands employed in securing them and the localities in which they are stored are too apt to be unclean and the sources of disease. The healthy human stomach has a great capacity for digesting and destroying disease germs; otherwise no one would live through one summer in the city; but when weakened by toil or sickness it loses this resisting capacity to a large degree, and the consequences are seen in the increased mortality list which marks the advent of hot weather.

The library of the British Museum now contains more than 2,000,000 books, which occupy three miles lineal of bookcases eight feet high. The library has increased to such an extent that the disposition of the books has become a serious difficulty to the authorities. There is still so much crowding that in a very short time the state of the library will necessitate the building of a new wing unless other means are devised to obviate the difficulty. The scheme which has now been considered by the trustees and has received their sanction is one for the introduction of movable presses into the library.

The women of the country should give more time to rest and relaxation and less to routine housework. They should make fewer pies and less cake and do more sitting down in the rocking chair on the porch. They would be far more useful in their families as the years go by. The woman who stays at home every day but when she "goes to meeting" on Sunday, who is always "doing for the family," will soon not only have no idea beyond the family circle, but none there to its advantage. She will be worn out physically and mentally early in life, and her children will begin to ignore her before they are gone.

An American engineer, who has made the subject a special study on the spot, has calculated that the Chinese Wall has a contents of 18,000,000 cubic metres (6,350 million cubic feet). The cubic contents of the Great Pyramid is only 241,000 metres. The material used in the construction of the Chinese Wall would be sufficient to build a wall round the globe 1.8 metre (6 feet) high, and 0.6 metre (2 feet) thick. The same authority estimates the cost of the Chinese Wall to be equal to the railway mileage of the United States (128,000 miles). The stupendous work was constructed in the comparatively short period of twenty years.

Ambergris, which commands a high price for perfumery and is prized in the East as medicine and as a flavor in cookery, was once absurdly guessed to be hardened foam of the sea, or a fungoid growth in the ocean, but is now known to be a secretion of the liver of the spermaceti whale, and is evidently a product of some disease in the animal. It is a soft, fatty substance of variegated gray or blackish color, and emits an agreeable odor when rubbed or heated. It is principally found floating on the sea of warm climates, though it is also obtained from the intestines of the whales. The largest piece known weighed 182 pounds, and was bought from the King of Tydo by the Dutch East India Company. A piece weighing 130 pounds was found in a whale near the Windward Islands and sold for £500.

A police justice in the city of New York is an officer of serious responsibilities. This year Police Justice Duffy, who has served thirteen years, passed sentence in more than 16,000 cases. He says that the most difficult of the duties of a police justice is to act according to the dictates of his conscience. By long training he thinks that he always knows when a prisoner is lying. A guilty prisoner's wisest course, he declares, is to say: "Judge, I am guilty. I throw myself on the mercy of the court." In a case of intoxication or disorderly conduct this course is likely to secure his discharge, if it is a first offence. "When a woman weeps before me," declares Judge Duffy, "I remember that I had a mother, a sister and nieces, and I am apt to let her go. When a man weeps, I think the worse of him. I haven't wept myself since I was 16 years of age."

According to Charles Frederick Holden, in *St. Nicholas*, the white ant is the most dreaded of insect invaders. In Africa their houses are dome-shaped mounds often 18 feet high. These insects erect pyramids 1,000 times higher than themselves. The ants on their travels so conceal their approach that their presence is not suspected until the damage is done. They usually tunnel into any object which they attack, often reducing it to a mere shell. In this way they have been known to ascend within the leg of a table, devour the contents of a box upon it, and descend through a tunnel bored in another leg, all in one night. An officer of the English army while calling upon some ladies in Ceylon was startled by a rumbling sound. The ladies started with affright, and the next instant they stood with only the sky above them. The roof had fallen in and lay all about them, leaving them miraculously unharmed. The ants had made their way up through the beams, hollowing them out until a great part of the framework of the house was ready to fall at the slightest shock.

An observer down South says an alligator's throat is an animated sewer. Everything which lodges in his open mouth goes down. He is a lazy dog, and instead of hunting for something to eat, he lets his victuals hunt for him. That is, he lies with his great mouth open, apparently dead, like the 'possum. Soon a bug crawls into it, then a fly, then several gnats, and a colony of mosquitoes. The alligator doesn't close his mouth yet. He is waiting for a whole drove of things. He does his eating by wholesale. A little later a lizard will cool himself under the shade of the upper jaw. Then a few frogs will hop up to catch the mosquitoes. Then more mosquitoes and gnats will light on the frog. Finally a whole village of insects and reptiles settle down for an afternoon picnic. Then all at once there is an earthquake. The big jaw falls, the alligator blinks one eye, gulps down the entire menagerie, and opens his great front door again for more visitors.

A Queen in Scarlet.

The Queen of Portugal wore a scarlet satin dress, trimmed with lace of a combination of cream and gold. Her train had on each side down a border of gold and scarlet silk brocade; her neck and arms were covered with diamonds, and sapphires of enormous size, like gems, were pendant from her ears. On her head she wore an aigrette of scarlet feathers, with diamond stars among the hair, which was gathered very high up.—*Paris Register.*

Wednesday, August 3rd, is Brantford's civic holiday.

THE BEGINNING OF THINGS.

When Coins, Maps, Pens and Other Popular Things Were New.

The first coining of money is attributed to Pheidon, King of Argos, in 895 B.C. Coined money was first used in London twenty-five years before the Christian era, but gold was not coined here till the eleventh century, and money was not given the round form to which we are accustomed until the lapse of another hundred years or so.

The first geographical map of England was made in the year 1520.

Handkerchiefs were first manufactured at Paisley in 1743.

Post-offices were first known in England as early as 1581, and exactly one hundred years later a penny post was introduced for London and its suburbs by an upholsterer named Murray.

Pens were first used in the seventh century. They were, of course, quills, and steel pens did not come into use until 1820, when the first gross of them was sold wholesale for £7 4s. The quality of these pens was greatly inferior to that of those for which we now pay sixpence a gross.

The first navigable canal in England was made in 1134, when Henry I. joined the Trent to the Witham.

Spectacles were first used in the latter part of the thirteenth century. There is no certainty as to who was the inventor of them, but the distinction is generally claimed for Alessandra di Spina, who is said to have made some about 1285.

Woollen cloth was first made in England in 1331, though its making is one of the most ancient arts. It was not dyed or dressed by Englishmen until 1667.

Cricket was first played about the year 1300. It was then and for a long time afterwards known as "club ball."

The first voyage around the world was made in the Vittoria, a ship which formed part of the expedition that sailed under Magellans in 1519.

The first London directory was printed in 1677, and contained sixty-four pages, with the names of 1,790 persons or firms. —*London Exchange.*

Bartholdi's Great Work.

The statue of Liberty enlightening the world, which stands on Bedloe's Island, in the harbor of New York is one of the most sublime artistic conceptions of modern times. The torch of the goddess lights the nations of the earth to peace, prosperity and progress, through Liberty. But "liberty" is an empty word to the thousands of poor women enslaved by physical ailments a hundredfold more tyrannical than any Nero. To such sufferers Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription hold forth the promise of a speedy cure. It is a specific in all those derangements, irregularities and weaknesses which make life a burden to so many women. The only medicine sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. See guarantee printed on wrapper enclosing bottle.

Lord Brassey, having made a present to the town of Hastings of a building for an art school and public library, to cost $75,000, it has been suggested that the institution be called De Bresci Free Library, after the imaginary ancestor of the Brasseys.

The three R's brought Regret, Reproach and Remorse to a great political party in 1884. The three P's, when signifying Dr. Pierce's Purgative Pellets, bring Peace to the mind, Preservation and Perfection of health to the body.

Worse Than Full Dress.

Victoria, B. C., *Times:* An undress rehearsal of the ladies and gentlemen taking part in the paper carnival will take place at 8 o'clock this evening in the skating rink, Yates street.

The Five Sisters.

There were five fair sisters and each had an aim—
Flora would fain be a fashionable dame;
Scholarly Susan's selection was books;
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Anna, ambitious, aspired after wealth;
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In India and Africa certain tribes consider the monkey to be either sacred or equal to a human being. A slave once said: "If I had held my tongue like the monkey I should never have been put to work."

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His Trade to Go.

"Opposed to Commercial Union, eh? And why are you against it?" a citizen asked a tough-looking mariner at Yonge street wharf yesterday.

"It will interfere with vested rights."

"Whose vested rights?"

"Mine. Commercial Union will deprive me of my legitimate calling."

"What are you?"

"A smuggler."—*Toronto Mail.*

Got There Just the Same.

A Boston girl entered Manville's store yesterday, and stepping up to Ed. Manville, said:

"I would like to purchase a diminutive feline intestine prepared expressly for a banjoseph."

"She got a fiddle string at once."—*Whitehall Times.*

Last week Mr. Leeper, hotel keeper at Roseneath, was fined $650 for selling firewater to twenty Indians. This is the heaviest fine ever imposed on one man in the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham for violation of the liquor law

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