AMERICA AND IRRIGATION.

Ours is the foremost country in the world in the reclamation of its arid land. To the untraveled easterner the extent of the irrigation of west. ern lands under direct government sn. pervision is unknown. The work off individual and corporate concerns raises the actual reclamation of arid land in the west to an enormous total acreage. Most of this work has been accomplished within the past decade, while each year the plans for has still further pushing the conquests of with artificial irrigation are extended, says in the Pittsburg Gazette-Times. That be the prestige in this important departand ment of home building belongs to the tion United States is further demonstrated s to by a request, recently submitted to the the state department by the Austraphia lian government. Australia has sevde eral wide extended areas of arid ried land. The reclamation of much of con- this has been undertaken, but the first by difficulty that confronted the governree. ment was a lack of expert knowledge al- of the actual work to be done and of ding the means used to secure the largest . gen and surest returns on the money indue vested. In this dilemma Australia e of turned to the United States, where irrigation on the broadest lines has the been ably demonstrated under government control.

The defendant in a case before Judge Bacon, who objected to being described as a gentleman, may be commended on his refusal, to be labeled with a term which even Sir-James Murray is shy of defining; says the Ler'on Chronicle. There is the old legal definition, "all above the rank of a yeoman," and there is Sir William Blackstone's description of a gentleman as "one who can live idly and without labor." There is also the historic defigition given by a witness at the trial of Thurtell for the murder of Mr. Weare as "one who drives a gig." And the cabman probably expresses the average opinion as to ient what constitutes a man, a gentleman ras-L when he says: "You're a gentleman, lete sir," to the spendthrift who does not ask change for half a crown on a shilling fare.

> The inhabitants of the Danish West Indies have renewed the agitation for annexation to the United States, and . have sent a petition to the home government asking that the islands be sold to this country. The cabinet, it is said, is not particularly opposed to the proposition, but will not take the bitiative, fearing they will be "turned down" by the Rigstag, or national parliament. The United States is not likely to move in the matter at present, but the incident, discloses anew the desire of the Danish West Indies to belong to the big republic. And there are others similarly minded in that part of the world.

> Forestry is one of the recognized professions. There are 80 students now in the Yale school of forestry, and this is but one of the agencies at work for turning out experts. Mrs. Harriman's gift of \$100,000 to endow a chair in the Yale school is but the first of many gifts that are sure to come to advance instruction in for-

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The cinematograph theaters, which are springing up like mushrooms in Berlin and other German cities, are a sociological blessing. Countless thousands who were in the habit of wasting their time, money and substance in beer gardens and cafes are now attracted to the moving-picture shows.

In an attempt to prove a New York man insane they are alleging that he has a poor fist at bridge whist. Probably trumped his partner's ace or renigged, and now they're getting

Besides a voice a prima donna almost always owns a dog or a temperabox ment or something of that sort, and re-generally it is available for use at a itua moment's notice.

A Louisiana judge, in fining a man must \$500 for kissing a widow, told him he ter," ought to have known better. And Fash- now the widow is wondering what he e a meant.

A blizzard will always go out of its way to see that New York is not And slighted.

CITY MAN ON FARM.

It is true enough that farming today is one of the most attractive of occupations. There is more money in tt than ever before. It is little less than criminal, however, to induce city awellers who know nothing of planting, to give up positions and move to a new and wild country, there to lead the life of pioneers, says the Charles ton News and Courier. It is a mistake to think that anybody can farm. It requires skill, just as every other vocation requires skill. City dwellers who wish to go in for farming should settle in an old farming district where there are willing farmers to advise and aid them and where the conditions are not those of the frontier. Moreover, it is hopeless for city men to move to farms unless they own them in fee and have sufficient money to weather a disastrous season. It is undoubtedly true that a great many people would be better off in the country than in the city. Families have to return to the soil at wire. given periods in order to regain vitality. The difficulty now is that the movement of farm boys to the towns is not balanced by a counter movement of city boys to the farms. We trust. do not think this latter movement will ever be of great magnitude until holding companies are formed which will furnish sufficient capital to guarantee a living until former city men have become skilled in farm manage-

An interesting experiment is to be tried by the Swedish railways administration of running third-class sleeping cars. The first of the cars will be run between Stockholm and Malmoe, says the London Globe. At each end of the saloon are dressing tables, etc., with hot and cold water. There will be nine compartments, seven of these will have six beds. By day each compartment furnishes eight sitting places. The other compartments are for four persons by day and three by night. These are reserved for ladies. The cost of this sleeping accommodation will be only as, above the ordinary ticket; If the experiment is well received the plan will be extended. The experiment is not new, for we believe third-class sleeping cars have been run on the State railways in Finland for at least twenty years.

Chicago does not believe in allowing boys to become mollycoddles, and has put a vejo on male pupils in the public schools doing fancy needlework, girl-rashion. The action is taken at the request of many fathers who object to having their sons taught sewing, crocheting and the spicuous ability who has been very successful as an educator, heartily indorses the protest. She believes that boys should be taught how to use the hammer and saw rather than the néedle.

A man in ... York, intent on suicide, threw nimself in front of a street car, and then tried to have an automobile run him over without success. If he had been enjoying life to the full and anxious to postpone death as long as possible, he would have been finished accidentally by a casual automobile in a twinkling, for such the sarcasm of fate.

Radium has also come down among the other necessaries of life, a grain of it having recently sold for \$72,000. IStill, at that rate, the time is not clearly in sight when families can afford to lay in an entire winter's supply with reduced prices for cash.

A veterinarian on Long Island refused to take an anaesthetic for an operation because he wished to watch It that he might get surgical points. A man like this is just the kind not likely to inflict needless pain on

wife he took the false teeth from her bidden fruit. mouth and kept them, sayin; he had Paid for them. Naturally, in court A Boston young woman has been vis- ANDERSON,

Judging from the reports from France, Paris is on the Seine months out of 12, and in it the rest of

Some of the dresses the women are wearing resemble the wrapper of thin cigar. They fit just as tight,

Beware of thin ice.

"Dog upsets auto." An up-setter?

Why is he always called a "lone" bandit? Why not just a "a bandit?"

If Tabby carries around disease we will have to trade her for a rat trap.

A deep snow would help the aviators that have acquired the falling

Now they say that the old hoop skirt is coming back. Here's hoping that it can't.

Russia is importing thousands of typewriters from this country. No, Julius, they are just the machines.

Milwaukee physicians plan to put an end to telephone practice. They cannot see a man's tongue over the

The automobile is acceptable in funeral processions but the aeroplane is still barred out by the undertakers'

Skating season is upon us-that is, ice skating. Skating in a general way is practiced regardless of the

Before long Germany may be eating imported meat exclusively. The pretzels, however, will be manufactured at home as of yore.

the average man would prefer to be operated on for appendicitis only when it is necessary.

If it is agreeable to the surgeons,

A man who marries two wives is a bigamist, but that California man who married six of them is just the old, reliable brand of fool.

That New York person who shot himself five times and failed to kill himself will probably die some day of the pip. You never can tell.

A Washington man has started suit for \$300,000 for the loss of his wife. All of which leads us to remark that she must have been some wife.

"In future," says Doctor Wiley, "the air will furnish heat, fuel and power." It might do so right now if some way to extract the coal from it could be

That Kansas City man, as we understand the case, did not want a dilike. And Chicago's superintendent vorce merely because his wife of schools, who is a woman of con- smoked, but on account of what she smoked.

> Europe's wine shortage this year is said to be the greatest for a century. Still there will no doubt be enough for us who buy it only for medicinal purposes.

A writer in the New York Medical Journal says whisky is not a cure for snake bite, but kindly refrains from expressing an opinion as to its suitability for fish bait.

A lady smuggler arrested with \$8,000 worth of jewels in her stocking claims that that's where she always wears 'em. Evidenly we've been overlooking a good thing.

A few phlegmatic men who never become excited about anything are not going to buy a fruit farm next year and get rich in one season by raising apples.

The fashionable dressmakers are still quarreling over the location of the waist line, and women will have to go along a while without knowing where it will finally be located for the sea-

Now we are told that the Garden of Eden was located at the north pole. Possibly we shall learn also that Adam The meanest man has been found in and Eve were Eskimos and ate of the New Jersey. In a quarrel with his forbidden blubber instead of the for-

she made a biting charge against him. | iting dentists' offices and stealing money and other valuables from the wraps of the patients in the torture chamber. Here's another excuse for not going to the dentist when you ought to.

> Chicago boys are no longer to be taught sewing, crocheting and other plain and fancy needlework. This seems to make it possible that some of them will now have time to learn to spell, read, write and cipher with reasonable degree of proficiency.

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London society has experienced a jar, having taken to roller skates again.

The Salome music has been transferred to phonographic records, but no one wants Salome in that form.

In Pennsylvania is a woman who has waited nine years to be hanged and is in no particular hurry even

It took a postal card 36 years to go from Connecticut to Indiana. Bet a dollar he had it in his pocket all the

There is said to be a wealthy woman in Denver who has never worn a hat. That's probably why she is wealthy.

There are many ways of getting in bad, only one of which is to travel on a train which is about to be wrecked.

Men thirty years old are estimated to be worth \$16,000 to the country, and a good many would like to cash in on that basis.

New York physicians are going to charge for "telephone consultations." Thus is another avenue of free advice closed to the world.

Cats and dogs as household pets, therefore, are a menace. So also is the mule, although he carries his dangerous germs in his heels.

A New York woman says it is utterly impossible for her to live on \$3,000 a year. What hard work some people do make out of living!

Over in Europe somebody has paid \$72,000 for a grain of radium. Still radium is a long way from being con sidered one of the necessities of life.

The department of agriculture's dictum that Welsh rarebit is digestible and hygienic would probably carry a wider popularity if extended to mince

Somebody claims to have invented a new kind of mince pie. It might help more if somebody would invent a better kind of pill to be taken with mince pie.

Most of this country's \$250,000,000 fire loss may be needless, but, as the man said coming down on the train, it demonstrates that the people have money to burn.

The Long Island youth who has fallen heir to a fortune on the condition that he never become a clergyman may be said to have fallen into some easy money.

American mules are preferred to all other kinds in South Africa. American mules receive their early tutelage in strong, rich language, which perhaps puts ginger into them.

A Philadelphia man has been arrested for stealing 200 pounds of human hair, or about enough for four up-todate coiffures, an especially serious offense in view of the present fashion.

We've heard many people sing that old song about wanting to be an angel, But it could be observed that they were always afraid of getting their feet wet during the grip season.

There is a bunch of bachelors in a certain Dakota city who are advertising themselves as matrimonial bargains. We wonder if they have been marked down and out in their own

Here comes a snuffy old professor who says that college women are failures. We suspect that the star-eyed goddess he had been making eyes at has flunked on her examination in conic sections.

The Berlin press says that Americans are preparing to seize Cuba and Italian newspapers that Americans are after the sulphur mines of Tripoli under the guise of an archaeological expedition. How little we know about

It has been a year of big trade throughout the world, as the bureau of statistics at Washington shows. International commerce for 1910 will aggre-AS. ANDERSON JR., County Surveyor-and City Engineer gate \$30,000,000,000, breaking all records. And as the United States will have about a tenth of the total it would appear that protection is not such a tremendous barrier to transactions Tel. 89% with other countries,