

AMERICA AND IRRIGATION.

Ours is the foremost country in the world in the reclamation of its arid land. To the unraveled easterner the extent of the irrigation of western lands under direct government supervision is unknown.

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.

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.

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.

The cinematograph theaters, which are springing up like mushrooms in Berlin and other German cities, are a sociological blessing.

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 reneged, and now they're getting even.

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

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

A blizzard will always go out of its way to see that New York is not 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 it than ever before. It is little less than criminal, however, to induce city dwellers who know nothing of planting, to give up positions and move to a new and wild country, there to lead the life of pioneers.

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 Malmo, says the London Globe.

Chicago does not believe in allowing boys to become mollycoddies, and has put a veto on male pupils in the public schools doing fancy needlework, girl-fashion. The action is taken at the request of many fathers who object to having their sons taught sewing, crocheting and the like.

A man in New York, intent on suicide, threw himself 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 is the sarcasm of fate.

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

A veterinarian on Long Island refused to take an anesthetic 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 others.

The meanest man has been found in New Jersey. In a quarrel with his wife he took the false teeth from her mouth and kept them, saying he had paid for them. Naturally, in court she made a biting charge against him.

Judging from the reports from France, Paris is on the Seine 11 months out of 12, and in it the rest of the time.

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

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 habit.

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 wire.

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

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

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

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

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 found.

That Kansas City man, as we understand the case, did not want a divorce merely because his wife 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. Evidently 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 season.

Now we are told that the Garden of Eden was located at the north pole. Possibly we shall learn also that Adam and Eve were Eskimos and ate of the forbidden blubber instead of the forbidden fruit.

A Boston young woman has been visiting 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 a 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 yet.

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

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 considered 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 pie.

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-to-date 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 town.

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 ourselves!

It has been a year of big trade throughout the world, as the bureau of statistics at Washington shows. International commerce for 1910 will aggregate \$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 with other countries.