

CURRENT COMMENT

The fire loss of the month in Canada and the United States was \$16,248,350.

It is now thought that when the affairs of the Ontario Bank are adjusted the shareholders may realize 40 cents on the dollar of their stock.

The drastic enforcement of the Church and State Separation law in France is causing much hard feeling and unsettlement, and there is a prospect of serious difficulties ensuing.

During the last U. S. fiscal year, 9,763 persons were killed and 86,008 injured on United States railways.

McMaster University is to receive a gift of \$60,000 from Rockefeller, and the money will be used in building a gymnasium, lecture room and dormitories.

The Philadelphia Bulletin remarks that the American Peace Society is working for "the conclusion of a treaty, obligatory arbitration, as general as possible, to be signed by all the Powers of the world."

With regard to horses used for pleasure and sport in this country there has generally been a fashion. Probably at the present moment breeders of hackneys are the most particular with regard to color.

Speaking of what it calls "Simplified Spelling Foolishness," the New York Journal of Commerce says the U. S. Congressional House Committee has run up against the order "which the President rashly and without the least authority of law forced into executive documents and upon the public printer."

A Philadelphia druggist obtained judgment for \$62,214 damages against the U. S. National Druggists' Association, because it conspired to ruin his business by refusing to sell him goods.

The evidence as to fashion in the color of teams is no very pronounced, though it is almost certain that every four-in-hand driver has some particular fancy in this direction.

Lord Roberts' alarmist propaganda is said to have led to a new fad in England, the formation of numerous "air-raid clubs," which regularly practise and give prizes for marksmanship.

The excitement caused by the Hohenzollern memoirs is by no means over and the emperor has been greatly vexed thereby.

On one occasion Gregorio Leti, an accomplished Milanese, made his appearance at Whitehall. "I hear, Leti," said the king, "you are occupying yourself in writing a history of the English court."

Twelve months ago air-gun and miniature rifle shooting was an almost unheard-of recreation in Wales. To-day an air-gun league, consisting of about thirty clubs with a membership of over a thousand, is in existence.

Reference a Long Way Off. (Cleveland Plain Dealer.) "Have you any reason to believe that she loves you?" "Why she told me to see her father."

"Then you did not know her father was in Australia?"

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FASHIONS IN COLOR OF HORSES

Chestnut the Most Approved in England Just Now.

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Of course, when one sees a smart pair go quickly past which one is unable to identify, it is impossible to say offhand whether they are true, that is, stud book-hackney or not.

Bay and brown are, it need hardly be stated, the commonest colors among all half bred horses.

The trial at night by the Sanhedrin was illegal, and another session had to be held in the early morning to confirm the verdict of the night.

What had Jesus to oppose to these assaulting forces of malice and falsehood? Nothing but the words of truth.

Ind's Growth and Population. The number of persons to the square mile in India in 1901 (the last census) was 42,390.

Moki Beauties. The average Moki woman is, perhaps invariably, not large or obese.

Message Likely to Last Well. (Terre Haute Stars.) The message which Lieutenant Peary left near the pole is very interesting reading.

Dear Mother Your little ones are a constant care in Fall and Winter weather. They will catch cold. Do you know about Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, and what it has done for so many? It is said to be the only reliable remedy for all diseases of the air passages in children.

No Fly Screens in England. An Englishman who visited the United States during the last summer, when asked what he liked most about the country, promptly replied: "Your fly screens."

DUCKS 1,200 MILES AT SEA.

Birds Circle Around Steamship, Taking It for an Island.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Mariposa, Captain Lawless, arrived from Tahiti with twenty-three passengers and a cargo of tropical products.

On the afternoon of November 9, Captain Lawless was surprised to see twelve black and white ducks flying overhead.

The Truth of Trial. Falseness and injustice go together. These men whose lives were false were quite unscrupulous about the measures by which they hoped to accomplish their purpose.

Fast Work on Banana Boats. The cargoes of banana steamers are discharged in less time than those of other sea-going vessels coming into the New York port.

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CURIOUS PLIGHT OF TOPPESFIELD. English Village With 93 Girls and Only 11 Boys in Its School. The rural village of Toppesfield, in North Essex, has become prominent on account of a remarkable phenomena in the births recorded there.

HOW IT SPREADS. The first package of Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid (the infallible Pile cure) that was put out went to a small town in Nebraska. It cured a case of Piles that was considered hopeless.

SHOWS VALUE OF HEREDITY.

Candidate for Parliament at Last Declares His Religious Belief. A Parliamentary candidate was being heckled. One of the questions had reference to the religious denomination to which he belonged.

"Well," he said, "you asked me an honest question and you shall have an straightforward answer. My grandmothers was a Scotch woman—a rigid Presbyterian."

"Obvious disappointment was shown in the faces of the audience, so the candidate proceeded."

"My grandfather was English and therefore a member of the Church of England."

"Still no enthusiasm, but rather the reverse."

"My father, on the other hand, was a good Baptist," went on the desperate candidate, who was still unrewarded by applause.

"Instantly all faces were radiant, so he concluded."

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ODD CASE OF COMBUSTION. Rose Bushes Shipped in Wet Moss Almost Burned Up. A peculiar case of spontaneous combustion, or something like it, is described by a writer in Cassier's Magazine.

UPON ARRIVAL steam was issuing from every crevice of the cars. Upon removing the tank covers it rushed out in large volume. The doors were opened and ice was put in the tanks; the free circulation of cold air soon cooled the contents of the cars.

In unloading it was discovered that some of the upper layers of boxes were badly damaged by heat, which naturally was most intense near the top of the cars.

The temperature must have been nearly up to the burning point, as many of the green stems of these plants were black and brittle.

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Irving and the Lawyer. Sir Henry Irving was at one time a witness in a case of street robbery. He had seen a sneak thief make off with a girl's pocketbook and he consented to appear as a witness for the girl.

The thief's lawyer was of the type that roars and rants at witnesses and attempts to break them down. He tried this method on the distinguished actor.

"And at what hour, sir, did this happen?" asked the lawyer.

"I think," began Sir Henry, when the lawyer interrupted with: "It isn't what you think, sir; it's what you know that we want!"

"Don't you want to know what I think?" mildly asked the actor.

"Well, then," said Sir Henry, "I might as well leave the witness box. I can't talk without thinking. I'm not a lawyer."—From the Caledonian.

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