

The Newest Notes of Science

Pneumatic balls as well as springs support a new bicycle saddle.

Spain has 992 plants for public electric lighting and 987 are for private use.

Mica is produced commercially in eight states, North Carolina leading in the industry.

Press cloth for use in the manufacture of vegetable oils is made from human hair in France.

In 35 nations oysters support special fisheries and in several others figure in the food supply.

A French inventor claims that his system of wireless telegraphy will transmit 200 words a minute.

A folding metal seat, which will grip any size window sill, has been invented for window washers' use.

Fuel oil that works well in engines of certain types is being produced in Sweden from shale and slate.

The inventor of a motorcycle tire claims so to compress the rubber that it automatically closes punctures.

Motorcycle sidecars are being successfully used for carrying the mails through rural districts in England.

A new motor truck for carrying coal carries the body on a turntable so that it can be unloaded at any angle.

A remarkable photograph of the trail of a meteor in flight recently was made by an English soldier in India.

Pennsylvania's mining laws require a mule to be given 700 cubic feet of air a minute and a miner 200 cubic feet.

Shafts sunk into a coal field in Germany which had been burning several years revealed eighteen veins of blazing coal.

In a Chicago maternity hospital prints are made of the babies' feet with ink to make their identification certain.

Italian peat too low in fuel value to be used for heating is being utilized in the manufacture of nitrogen fertilizers.

Electrification of steam railroads in the United States last year brought the total of such equipment up to about 2,500 miles.

By a generator connected with its crank mechanism a new French motion-picture projector is furnished with its own electric light.

A thermostatic device invented by a Los Angeles man automatically lights smudge pots used in orchards to protect them from frost.

Ice cream is frozen without ice in a new English freezer that is a miniature refrigerating plant, using compressed carbolic acid.

A vacuum cup to be worn on the hand, which he claims will enable any person to curve a baseball, has been invented by a Nebraskan.

Gold is being mined at a depth of more than 5,000 feet in South Africa, and it is believed that the shafts can be sunk 3,000 feet more.

Iowa is the first state officially to establish a library of motion-picture films of current events for the use of future historians.

The British meteorological office has established a station for furnishing weather information and forecasts to aviators and aeronauts.

What is claimed to be an unbreakable watch crystal has been patented, made of celluloid and held in an undercut groove in a watch bezel.

A window that a Frenchman has patented consists of a number of pivoted sections which may be moved to any desired angle by pulling a chain.

A new muffler to lessen the noise of a motorboat exhaust permits the waste gases to expand considerably and cool before reaching the air.

Japan is planning to adopt an artificial catarrh cure.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

phabet of 47 letters, including most of the Roman characters, some Russian and the rest original symbols.

For the construction of cylindrical concrete articles a form has been invented that can be expanded or contracted to various desired sizes.

So serious was a recent invasion of Uruguay by locusts that an agricultural and live-stock census of that country was postponed for three months.

A recently patented lens for helping persons to thread needles is mounted on a wire that may be thrust into a spool to hold it in position for use.

Two English scientists have evolved the gas neon from supposedly pure hydrogen by passing electricity through the latter while at low temperatures.

For cleansing surfaces from sand and grit a fountain sponge has been invented, mounted on a metal base that is connected by tubing to a water supply.

A French bicycle rider is the inventor of a man-power street sweeper consisting of a tricycle with a revolving brush mounted between the rear wheels.

The annual production of sulphur in the United States has increased from a few more than 3,000 tons to more than 230,000 tons in the last dozen years.

To enable persons to take breathing exercises systematically and on a progressive scale in the purpose of a simple apparatus invented by a French doctor.

An Indiana woman has invented a kitchen table with a mirror set in one leaf, so it can be turned up against a wall to convert the table into a sideboard.

A light-house on an island in the British channel has been equipped with a telephone so that shipping men can land and converse with persons on the mainland.

A patent has been granted a Michigan inventor for an umbrella with electric lights in the handle and at the tip and ends of the ribs, all fed by a dry battery.

Experts have estimated that the tin deposits of Austria, which have been but little developed, can be made to supply about three fourths of that country's needs.

Sun glasses have been invented for baseball players, so hinged to a cap that a touch will drop them into position for a man to see a ball coming toward him while looking directly at the sun.

To protect wallpaper, carpet or furniture from injury by steam or hot water escaping from a radiator valve is the purpose of a recently invented glass valve cover.

Instruments invented by a German to register the electricity produced by the heart and its distribution enable physicians accurately to diagnose diseases of the organ.

To save the use of collar buttons there has been patented a tape to be passed through the buttonholes in a collar and shirt, fastening with an ornamental clasp in front.

A Frenchman has perfected a horizontal windmill with the vanes so shaped that nine tenths of them utilize the force of the wind no matter in what direction it is blowing.

To enable his automobile to run over deserts and sandy roads a Californian has equipped it with canvas belts which revolve around the rear wheels, providing smooth tracks.

To hasten the mending of badly fractured bones an English surgeon has invented a system of screws to pass through the pieces of bone and nuts to press them into position.

Sanitary advantages are claimed for a Pennsylvania inventor's wire handle for milk bottles which converts them into pitchers, a spring controlled cover fitting into their tops.

A process has been perfected in France for applying colors to glass by heat so that stained glass windows can be made without fastening many pieces of glass of different hues together.

An Englishman has invented a safe fastened with a wire stretched to respond to a musical tone produced by some instrument, its vibrations affecting electrical mechanism that operates locks.

As an addition to the Bertillon system of identification an Omaha

dentist has perfected a way to register the ridges of upper gums, which he says never change and are different in every individual.

After fifteen years of experimenting a Dresden engineer has succeeded in perfecting a rocket carrying a camera to photograph objects and places over which it passes, being returned to the ground by a parachute.

To avoid the trouble of answering a door bell when a peddler calls there has been invented a sign, displayed by pressing push buttons installed through a house, informing him that his wares are not desired.

Guns that automatically load themselves with accipiens and discharge themselves have been invented by a Scotchman for fog signalling, the mechanism being set in motion by wireless waves from central stations.

Edward H. Sothern, one of the foremost actors on the English-speaking stage to-day, is the latest to succumb to the lure of the once-despised movies.

"Until recently," said Mr. Sothern, "I regarded motion pictures as comparatively unimportant as compared with the speaking stage. In the legitimate theatre I appear before several hundreds—possibly a thousand or two—six nights a week for a matter of 40 weeks. In the movies, I am told, I will appear before hundreds of thousands every afternoon and evening. The temptation was too strong."

Mrs. Sothern (Julia Marlowe) will not be seen with him on the screen.

C. Haddon Chambers, who has rewritten his play, "The Idler," which is shortly to be presented by Joseph Brooks by a group of players extraordinary even in this day of all-star casts, has renamed it "The Great Pursuit." The complete cast is as follows: Phyllis Neilson-Terry as Lady Harding, Marie Tempest as Mrs. Glynn-Stanmore, Jeanne Eagles as Kate Merryweather, Cynthia Brooke as Mrs. Crosby, Bruce McRae as Simon Strong, Charles Cherry as Mark Crosby, H. Graham Browne as General Merryweather, and Montague Love as Sir John Harding.

Sir Herbert Beerholm Tree is to revive "Henry VIII" upon a sumptuous scale at the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York last in March with a notable company of American and English actors.

The Tree Shakespearean revivals have been a feature of the London season for some years past. Just now things of a rather more serious nature than the theatre are occupying London and the notable celebration of the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death is to be appropriately celebrated with a season of Shakespearean plays at the Strand Theatre instead of at His Majesty's Theatre in London.

The Park Theatre stood on what is now Park Row at numbers 21 to 25, and the public thoroughfare back of these buildings up to the present day bears the name "Theatre Alley."

Now making his last tour of America, Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson will appear by special invitation at the Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., on March 9th, presenting "Hamlet" in the Campus Theatre. On March 11th he will be seen in "Passing of the Third Floor Back" and "Hamlet," under the auspices of the University of Illinois. The University of Wisconsin at Madison has also extended an invitation to Sir Johnston, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to accept on account of previous contracts in other cities. Forbes-Robertson's tour also includes Ann Arbor and Battle Creek, Mich. In the latter city he has also extended an invitation to Sir Johnston, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to accept on account of previous contracts in other cities. Forbes-Robertson's tour also includes Ann Arbor and Battle Creek, Mich. In the latter city he has also extended an invitation to Sir Johnston, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to accept on account of previous contracts in other cities.

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