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SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

VARIOUS TOPICS OF THE DAY WHICH
ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT.

**Remarkable and Destructive Volcanic
Eruptions in Various Parts of the
World—A Brief Account of the Re-
cent Explosion in Japan.**
The past few years have been remarkable
for the number of destructive volcanic eruptions
in various parts of the world. The ex-
plosion of Krakatoa, where an entire island
was blown into the air, occurred only five
years ago, and a short time afterward a tract
of country in New Zealand, several miles in
extent, was converted into "a land of fire."



FIG. 1—RECENT VOLCANIC EXPLOSION IN JAPAN.

The latest volcanic catastrophe is reported
from Japan, where, on the 15th of last July,
a large portion of Mount Bandai was broken
up into dust and fragments, and scattered
over the adjoining country. The accompanying
illustration (Fig. 1) shows the appearance
of a formerly fertile valley after it was filled
with debris from the explosion, and is from a
photograph taken by Mr. W. K. Burton of
Tokio, who was sent by the Japanese govern-
ment to investigate the explosion, and whose
report is published in The British
Journal of Photography. Fig. 2 is a diagram
showing the part of the mountain destroyed
by the explosion.



FIG. 2—EXPLOSION IN JAPAN.

This phenomenon, says Popular Science
News, is properly spoken of as an explosion
rather than a volcanic eruption. There was
no trace of lava or igneous phenomena of
any kind. It was simply an immense ex-
plosion like that of a steam boiler, where the
overlying mountain was torn apart by the
force of the steam generated by the ter-
restrial heat. Clouds of steam escaped from
the ground in the vicinity of the mountain for
some time after the explosion, and when the
pressure was first relieved by the destruction
of the mountain, torrents of water and mud
rushed down the valleys, causing immense
loss of life and damage to property.

In some respects this explosion is similar to
the eruption which destroyed Pompeii, when a
large part of Mount Vesuvius was de-
stroyed; but in that instance the usual
igneous phenomena were more evident, al-
though the loss of life was apparently much
less. The dwellers at the foot of Vesuvius
had ample warning of the eruption before it
took place, but the unfortunate Japanese ap-
pear to have had no opportunity to escape
the catastrophe.

What the Indians Have Cost Us.
The amount expended in Indian wars from
1776 to June 30, 1886, can at best be esti-
mated. The several Indian wars after 1776,
including the war of 1812 in the west and
northwest, the Creek, Black Hawk and Sem-
inole wars, up to 1860, were bloody and
costly. Except when engaged in war with
Great Britain and Mexico, or during the re-
bellion (1860-1865), the United States army
was almost entirely used for the Indian ser-
vice and stationed largely in the Indian coun-
try or along the frontier. It will be fair to
estimate, taking out the years of foreign wars
with England (1812-1815), \$66,614,912.34, and
with Mexico (1846-1848), \$73,941,735.12, and
the rebellion (1861-1865) and reconstruction
(1865-1870), \$3,374,359,350.02, that more than
three-fourths of the total expense of the
army is chargeable, directly or indirectly, to
the Indians.

The total cost of the Indians of the United
States, as set forth in the Smithsonian re-
port, is as follows:
Indian department proper, from
July 7, 1776, to June 30, 1886, \$222,503,006.34
Expended by war department for
Indian wars and incidental
thereof from July 4, 1776, to June
30, 1886 690,229,277.63
Total \$912,732,284.02

Claims Made by Astronomers.
The claim that the planet Mars has snow
and rain and evidences of animal life is not
a new one. But now Signor Schiaparelli, of
Milan, who has been taking observations
through one of the finest telescopes of the
world, is credited with having made the
wonderful discovery of a series of canals in
that planet. They are nearly a hundred miles
wide and run from the sea coast to the in-
terior. According to Professor E. A. Boyle,
of St. Louis, other astronomers have seen the
same phenomena. Signor Schiaparelli claims
that Mars is inhabited by a people somewhat
like ourselves.

Fecundity of the Eel.
Mr. Fred Mather, the well known fish cul-
tivist, has been estimating the number of
eggs in a six pound eel in November (in what
is known to fishermen as "eel fat," but which
are really the ovaries), and credits that eel
with fully 9,000,000. Under the microscope he
found that they measured eighty to the linear
inch, and taking one ovary and dividing it
by means of the most delicate scales known to
science, he halved, quartered and further
divided the mass seventeen times, until he
had a section small enough to count, the eggs
in it.

Gold and Silver.
The director of the United States mint has
reported that, according to his established
methods of computation, the gold production
of the United States for the calendar year
1887 was \$23,068,000, compared to \$34,869,000
for 1887, and the production of silver \$33,403,
800, compared to \$51,321,500 for 1886. The
world's consumption of gold and silver in the
arts for the year 1886 is estimated at \$46,000,
000 gold and \$23,000,000 silver. The world's
production for 1886 he estimates at \$98,764,533
gold and \$126,457,500 silver.

Gentlemen wear very large boutonnières
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ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

**Rocking Chairs That Are Things of Beauty
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One variety of the modern rocking chair
for the house beautiful is handsome and
showy and dainty enough for a queen's bou-
doir. It is woven of willow in graceful shape
and artistic pattern, enameled with white
and decorated with gold bands, stripes and
knobs. The palest of moss green, goblin
blue or old pink plush is fashioned into cush-
ions and tied in place with broad sashes of
delicately tinted ribbon. Some of the smaller
chairs are modeled after the tall, quaintly
carved, slender patterns popular many years
ago and copied from French models. Other
rockers are sleepy hollow, inviting, plush
covered resting places.

Sometimes the willow chairs are gilded or
bronzed all over, and cushioned with pale
green plush. Large, old-fashioned, carved
oak rocking chairs are also used, made after
the fashion of our grandmothers' colonial
furniture—roomy, massive, ancient, quaint,
and, best of all, exceedingly comfortable. A
pretty cushion for that chair is of dull old
red or pale green, these tints harmonizing
with the light, soft color of the wood.

Simple willow rocking chairs, of various
styles, are morey varnished, or stained the
color of cherry, and ornamented with mov-
able cushions and chair rolls of bright col-
ored chintz.

Care of the Clothing.
Where a young lady has no lady's maid
(and in democratic America we surely ought
not to consider such a personage as indispen-
sable to a young and active girl) she must
remember, and in good season, to look over
the costume that she is to wear, and to see
that it is in perfect order, since she will not
have time to brush off dust or restore a way-
ward button in the hurry of dressing for a
dinner or a ball. One of the secrets of re-
taining the bloom of youth in a street dress is
to shake it out of the window as soon as it is
taken off by the wearer. Indeed very neat
women perform this office for undergarments
as well—I have known those who always
brushed out the inside of their boots! A silk
dress should, if possible, be cleaned without
the aid of a brush. A piece of soft flannel is
the best instrument for this purpose—white
for light colored silks and black for black
silks.

Baked Rice with Tomatoes.
Baked rice and tomatoes make a very ap-
petizing hot dish. Boil a coffee cupful of
rice; when cooked, strain perfectly dry and
mix with an ordinary sized can of tomatoes.
Add a little onion, chopped very fine and a
small piece of butter; season with pepper and
salt to taste. Put the rice and tomatoes in a
dish that is well buttered and strewed with
bread crumbs, and put a few small pieces of
butter over the top. Then bake in an oven
to a rich golden color.

Old and Pleasing Work.
A somewhat quaint style of work is mak-
ing flower-pot covers and shaped vases, large
and small, in cretonne over cardboard. The
cretonne is selected to look as effective and
like Oriental china as possible, and the shape
is first cut out in pliable cardboard, covered
with the cretonne, the edges neatly and care-
fully laid together, then joined up by sewing
over. There is a lining of sateen put in be-
fore the sections are joined and a tin inside
holds the water and the flowers.

One Nice Pumpkin Pie.
Following is a recipe for pumpkin pie, the
quantities given being for one pie only: A
generous half pint of rich milk, one heaping
tablespoonful of stewed pumpkin, one egg
(white and yolk separately beaten), and half
a teaspoonful of flour. Sugar to taste; a
little ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg. Beat
well together, all except the white of egg;
add this last, stirring in quickly but thor-
oughly, and bake in a quick oven.

Griddle Cakes in Variety.
One cupful of boiled rice broken into ker-
nels in one cupful of milk, two cupfuls of
flour, into which is sifted two teaspoonfuls of
baking powder and one teaspoonful of salt.
Mix thoroughly, adding more milk, and add
two eggs (whites and yolks beaten separately)
the last thing before baking.
Hominy, barley, oatmeal, tapioca, farina,
cereals, etc., may be used, and a great vari-
ety be produced.

Orange Sponge.
Orange sponge furnishes a delicate dessert.
Dissolve three and a half sheets of Cooper's
isulglass in water and add to it one pound of
sugar on which you have previously squeezed
the juice of six good sized oranges and one
lemon and a half. Add the whites of three
eggs well beaten, and beat all together till
the mixture is thick and frothy. Turn into
a mold and set on ice.

Delightful Doughnuts.
A lady noted for making delightful dough-
nuts uses the following recipe: Four pints of
flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder,
one grated nutmeg, salt, one pint of sugar,
one tablespoonful of butter. Beat up four
eggs in a pint cup and fill it up with sweet
milk. Mix and knead well.

A Favorite Style in Work Bags.
Simplicity and daintiness seem to be a
fashion in work bags just now. Many are
made in the ordinary sack shape, with a
heading five inches deep, the bag itself twelve
inches long and ten inches broad. At the
base in one corner a piece of velvet is placed,
as though the point turned up; a bow at the
apex and a star worked in silks and gold
thread on either side.

A moss green plush bag the same size is
lined with pink sateen, the heading only with
satin of the same color and drawn in with a
cord. Good colorings for these are brown,
peacock, olive or ruby, with the lining in
contrast.



BROCADE BAG.
The bag shown in the cut is from a Parisian
model. It is of old brocade, lined with
plush and trimmed with lace, and is drawn
with satin ribbon to match the plush.

Finish for a Hard Wood Floor.
The cheapest of all finishes for a hard wood
floor, and one which has a good effect, is to
apply to the floor a coat of boiled oil that has
previously been mixed with fine whiting col-
ored with burnt umber, Venetian red or
French yellow in an impalpable powder ob-
tained by passing the same through a piece
of crape, the preparation to be well
rubbed in.

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