

This is the open season for ministers in Bulgaria.

It would seem that Patti's other visits were merely au-revoir tours.

Living is high in New York. Even a dog ate \$100 for luncheon the other day.

At this season of the year no boy needs to be told that swimming is a healthful exercise.

A Minneapolis hospital offers to treat a man free. Huh; most any candidate will do that.

The remodeled White House contains thirty-two miles of wire—and several people to pull it.

They are busy in New York just now counting the green that "Get-Rich-Quick" Gossia plucked.

Bulgaria should join hands with Japan and divide the expenses of the enthusiastic search for trouble.

Any reasonable man will admit that there are two sides to every question—his side and the wrong side.

Mr. Whistler is no more and the gentle art of making enemies is relegated exclusively to our reformers in politics.

What worries the sultan is not that his treasury is empty, but that he has reached the end of his ability to go into debt.

American warships in European waters have been winning peace victories that are no less valuable than those of war.

People who can't get along without borrowing trouble might save wear and tear on their nerves by moving to Paterson, N. J.

Prosperity—among the politicians—is beyond question. The diamond importation has increased 50 per cent during the last year.

It is said that Indians have acquired the divorce habit. Perhaps the real truth is that some of the squaws have decided to strike.

The peek-a-boo shirtwaist may shock us, but it has one great advantage, the dear girl who wears it attracts all the mosquitoes.

The latest bulletin from Jim Corbett's camp proves conclusively that when his "new blow" has been tried out, Jeffries will again be a hooper maker.

Anthracite coal fields have been discovered in Colorado equal in extent to those of Pennsylvania. The Mississippi valley will now be between two fires.

When an old-fashioned mother wants to say in a back-handed way that her boy is good at school, she says that he likes all his teachers.—Aichison Globe.

It is hoped that the Fourth-of-July victims have nearly all been accounted for. The automobile accidents continue, however, to be reported in gradually increasing numbers.

Mrs. Corbett has dreamed that her husband will knock out Jeffries in the thirteenth round. But if she wanted to be convincing, why couldn't she make it some other round?

A New York corporation, of which the stock is said to have been "all water," has been declared bankrupt. The company's floating debt did not keep the directors in the swim.

Peace once more reigns in the educational world since the president of the State University of Vermont, S. D., has been exonerated from the charge of drinking beer and smoking cigars.

Prince Botijar of Paris calls the Servian affair an "operetta." Well, it depends, Prince. If you had been playing the star part doubtless it would have seemed a little nearer the legitimate.

Dr. Stiles claims that in some cases the "laziness disease" has been fatal. The only case just now recalled is that of the man who was too tired to get off the track when the train came along.

England complains that we have seized some of her islands. But we have not. It is merely an exchange. We gave her William Waldorf Astor, and surely he is worth more than any little bunch of islands.

Jacob Jung and Marie Mosser, aged 87 and 53 respectively, kissed each other in Lincoln park, Chicago, recently, and were promptly arrested. Poor young things! How can Chicago tolerate policemen with no tender sentiments in their souls?

When the theosophist lady and gentleman who stood up before their friends the other day and said they were married went to call it off they will find it necessary to go through a few additional formalities. The law is queer about some of these things.

President Butler of Columbia spent the Sabbath with President Roosevelt, and both remained away from church. But let us put away the suspicion that two presidents were out back of the barn playing quoits.

A Missouri editor was fined \$500 for contempt the other day because he criticized a decision of the court. When the citizens heard of it they at once subscribed the money that was needed to pay his fine. Some courts don't know when to let well enough alone.

## Things Quaint and Curious Gathered Here and There

### BOSTON TURNS ON ITS IDOLS.

Leading Journal Pokes Fun at Members of the Governor's Staff. We had not dreamed that in all Massachusetts there was a heart depraved enough to meditate, a hand ruthless enough to commit an act of sacrilege and desecration against the temples or beauty, an act of hostility to the august paladins—the governor's staff. We did not know the extent of human wickedness.



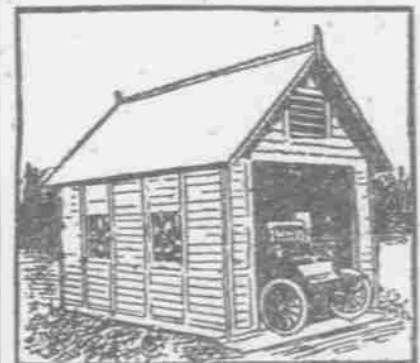
In Thursday's Boston Globe, a journal experienced in colonels and not sinning ignorantly against the light, was printed this hideous caricature:

Thus does Envy, the hell-born hag, gnash her shining teeth and mumble curses at excellence and consistency. If the staff of the governor of Massachusetts is not safe from ribaldry, what is safe? How long will the scarlet of the Boston Lancers escape the mud? How soon will the ancient and honorable artillery, that parapet of war and glory, totter beneath the load of scorn, piled on it by Boston hands? How is the sacred codfish this morning? Have its faithless keepers minced it into fishballs?—New York Sun.

### AUTO HOUSE IN SECTIONS.

Designed to Accompany Automobile on its Travels.

A genius of Springfield, Mass., has invented a portable automobile house, which is made in sections, and which can be put up or taken down in a few minutes, as there is not a single nail used in its construction. The house is made of pine, and the roof is covered with chemically prepared duck or pressed steel, in imitation of shingles.



Both of these roofs are waterproof, and the latter is said to be absolutely fireproof—which the automobile is not, in many instances. Such an edifice may be purchased for less than \$100, and is designed for transportation between the various points where the owner of the automobile may desire to temporarily sojourn.

### Queer Foods.

Human nature may be the same the world over, but tastes in matters of cuisine vary a good deal. For instance, in Arabia horse flesh is a favorite article of food. The flesh of the elephant is partaken of with zest in certain parts of India.

Visit Hindostan and you will find the miserable pariahs contending with dogs and vultures for carrion. Chinese taste, as we all know, runs to cats, dogs, bear's paws and birds' nests.

In the West Indies there is a certain large caterpillar found on the palm tree which is reckoned a luxury of diet, while in Java the nests of swallows are considered edible. Inhabitants of portions of Sweden, Finland and other countries eat clay with gusto; indeed, it is partaken of in all the countries of the Torrid Zone.

### TROPICAL GROWTH EMBARRASSES RAILROADS



The growth of weeds in the tropical jungle is so luxuriant that it is necessary to spray them with a poisonous mixture in order to keep the line clear for the trains.

One of the most remarkable railroads in the world is that which Americans are now building across the Andes to connect Guayaquil on the coast with Quito, the capital of Ecuador. In the interior, a distance of more than 300 miles.

For the first stage the railroad is comparatively level. After passing through a region of plantations it enters dense tropical jungles and forest. Perhaps nowhere else in the world is the vegetation so rich and luxuriant as on the western slope of the Andean mountain.

### A BARON AS A WAITER.

He is a Son of an Austrian Archduke and Cousin of Francis Joseph. Baron Wallburg, though the eldest son and heir to the title and great estates of his father, the late Archduke Ernest, cousin of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, is forced to work as a waiter in a restaurant in Budapest. This necessity comes to him because his father married for love and not for rank.

When Archduke Ernest chose a wife he selected a Hungarian girl of common rank. He bought an estate in Carinthia and he and his wife lived there in retirement from the world.

A few years ago the Emperor, in recognition of the way in which the archduke had kept the "disgrace" of his marriage for love from the world at large, conferred the rank of baron on his wife, who thereupon assumed the name of Wallburg. The imperial decree made no mention of her children, but it was assumed that, as in all cases ofmorganatic marriage, they would inherit their mother's rank and title.

Archduke Ernest died in 1895, and his wife followed him into the grave a few months later, but the Austrian authorities refused to acknowledge their eldest son as Baron Wallburg. On the contrary, efforts were made by the court representatives of the Austrian court to deny the legality of marriage on the ground that no member of the imperial family can con-



tract a matrimonial union without the Emperor's consent.

Baron Wallburg was 34 when he was dispossessed of his father's estates and was practically penniless. He and his family moved to Budapest, in the hope that he would obtain work. By selling the story of his life to a newspaper the baron made \$50; but it was not long before this was spent and he was evicted. He was forced to send his wife and children to the poorhouse, while he continued his search for work. Finally after many vicissitudes he was offered \$5 a week to act as waiter in a restaurant, being allowed in addition whatever he could make by tips.

The baron as a waiter proved remunerative both to the restaurant and to himself, many being attracted to the place out of curiosity. His tips, especially from traveling Americans, have been generous, and the baron now has a comfortable income of \$2,000 a year.

### Draws Oil From Well.

At Cortland, N. Y., Mrs. Lottie Gutches' teakettle would not boil the other night when she made her tea. After waiting an hour she examined the contents of the kettle and found it was oil. She carefully emptied it and drew another kettle from the well. It appeared to be oil, too. An examination of the well showed that it was nearly filled with oil—a good quality of crude petroleum.

### High Heels Ruin Foot.



Bones of the foot as nature made them and as distorted by high heels.

Loss Caused by Empty Bottle. After picnicking under a haystack, a party of holiday makers, near Montauban, France, left an empty ginger beer bottle standing up on the ground. The sun's rays became focused through the glass, and set the stack alight. It was burned to the ground.

### HERMIT OF NEW ENGLAND.

Man of Mystery Lives in a Cave in the Mountains.

Fred Willet, a Boston commercial traveler, tells a strange story of a hermit of New Hampshire.

"One night I built a camp fire on the high side of a mountain in the



The Mysterious Hermit.

rear of the little town of Gilead, across the line," said Willet. "The fire got low, and when I awoke I saw what at first I thought was a bear sitting on the other side of the camp fire. Then as the thing lifted its head and looked across at me I saw that it was a man. And that the man had long white hair and beard sweeping to his waist. He was a very handsome old man, with a peculiarly child-like look in his face, for all of his great age.

"I was so frightened at his queer look that I did not dare stir. Finally he got up and crept down the side of the hill. I still looked at him, with my eyes half shut and my blood frozen.

"Every now and then he turned and looked back at me. It was bright moonlight and I could see every step that he took.

"At sunrise I got up and got my breakfast. After screwing up my courage I walked deliberately down the mountain and saw the entrance to a cave. The old man was not in sight, but some dogs were, and they sprang at me. He heard me fighting them off and ran out to them crying in a strange, unnatural voice to 'Get away



The Hermit's Well.

The dogs fell back respectfully and crouched at his heels, while he came forward and greeted me in a child-like, half-frightened and half-embarrassed manner.

"Well, to cut it short, I found that he had lived there for more years than he could count. He dressed in deer skins and they were evidently tanned and sewed by himself. His beard was white as snow and his voice, from disuse, sounded as if he was talking to himself or was deaf.

"After much coaxing he took me into his cave, the fierce dogs barking and whining all the time to get at me.

"He had no guns or pistols, but in the corner stood an old and very strong English longbow, with oaken arrows headed with iron. With this, he told me, he had killed bears and deer.

"I asked him where he got water for drinking, and taking me by the hand he led me down into the deepest part of the cave, where, pushing aside a plank trap door, he stooped and listened. Running water was far below. Then seizing a deer skin bucket he let it down into the darkness. I heard it strike the water and a minute after it came up brimming full of the coldest water I ever drank."

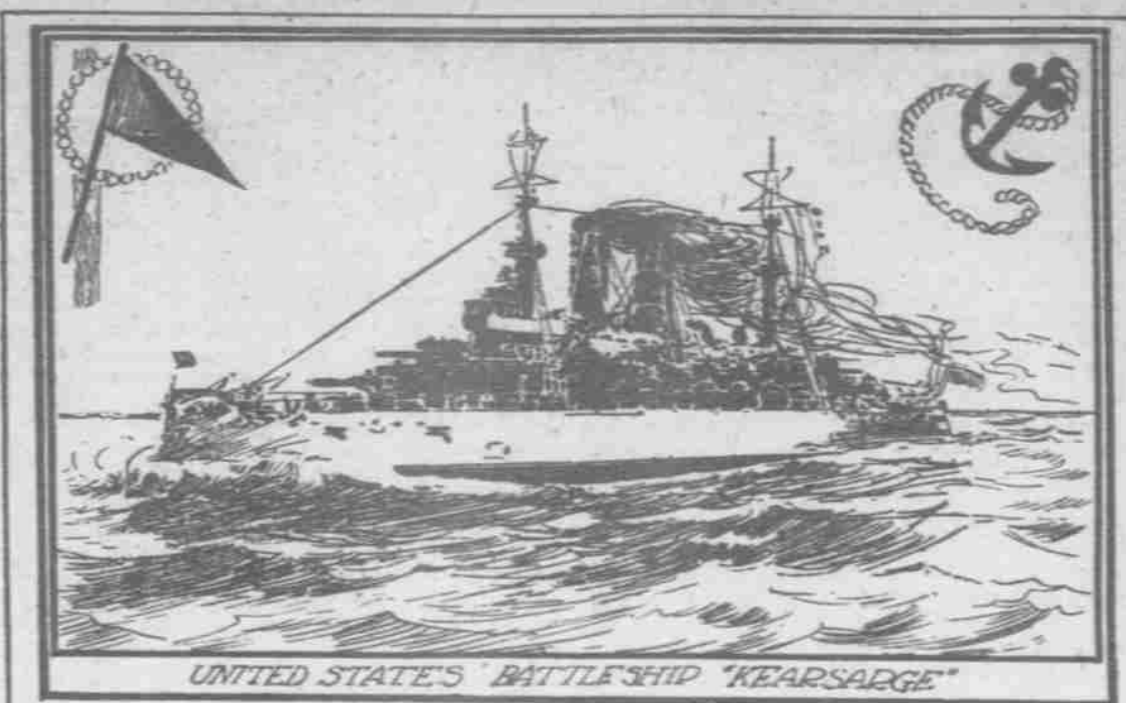
The hermit refused to talk about himself or to come back to civilization and much speculation as to who he is has been indulged in.

Seeks Owner For Gold Watch. While the commencement exercises at Columbia University were going on Thursday a gold watch fell from the gallery into the lap of Louis S. Odell, son of the governor and one of the graduating students. Who had dropped it young Mr. Odell couldn't find out. As he doesn't believe it to have been intended as a graduation present, he is waiting to hear from the owner.

A Nation of Candy Eaters. Candy and confectionery to the amount of \$100,000,000 are sold in the American home market every year, and to this total of manufacture New York contributes \$20,000,000, or one-fifth. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois are the three other states which contribute largely to the total, which is constantly increasing.

Peculiar Rain of Mud. A rain of mud recently fell in Gardini, Italy, which dried up the plants and spoiled the crops. Geologists explain this curious downpour as being of volcanic source, brought from Africa by the winds, but savants say it is a meteoric phenomenon, and that the mud comes from other planets.

## UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP KEARSARGE PROVES ITSELF THE FASTEST FIGHTING FORT AFLOAT



The United States battleship Kearsarge ended a remarkable speed trial when it steamed into Frenchman's Bay, Me., after a 3,000 mile trip from The Needles, England, to test its title to being the world's fastest battleship. It covered the distance of nearly 3,000 miles in nine days four, hours and fifteen minutes.

### FASTEST IN THE WORLD.

Proud Record Held by United States Battleship Kearsarge.

With a great wave under its bow and a black cloud of smoke pouring from its two funnels, the battleship Kearsarge steamed into the harbor at Bar Harbor, Me., July 26, ending the most remarkable passage ever made across the ocean by a battleship and establishing a record from England to this country for that class of ship.

Leaving The Needles at 1:25 p. m. July 17, the Kearsarge arrived at Mount Desert rock July 26 at 12:50 p. m., covering the distance of slightly less than 3,000 miles in nine days four and one-quarter hours, when the difference in time is taken into consideration.

This performance makes the Kearsarge a worthy compeer of the Oregon, which withstood the hardest test to which such a vessel ever was subjected on its world famous trip of 14,000 miles from San Francisco to Santiago.

The trip of the Kearsarge has demonstrated that a ship of its class can maintain an average speed of over thirteen knots on a long voyage without injury to its machinery; that its coal carrying capacity is adequate for a trip of 4,000 miles under full speed; that in time of war ships of this class can cross the ocean and engage an enemy at once; and that the Kearsarge is one of the most perfect ships in the world, and fully equal to any emergency.

"I do not know that there is a great deal to say," said Capt. Hemphill.

### PROPHECY THAT WENT WRONG.

Blaine Unable to See Political Future for Roosevelt.

Someone in Maine has dug up a story of the Republican national convention in 1884, when Blaine was nominated: When the convention was in full blast a number of friends were with Mr. Blaine, helping to interpret messages that came over the wire. When news came of Theodore Roosevelt's brief address the "plumed knight" turned to his friends and said: "That fellow Roosevelt is a spoiled brat. He is trying to make capital out of abusing me, but he will not amount to anything. I have watched public men all my life and I have never known anyone who was near-sighted to succeed. Roosevelt will spend his life in fighting the inevitable." The narrator points out that what the far-seeing Blaine failed to get has been won by the near-sighted Roosevelt.—Chicago Chronicle.

### LANDMARK TAVERN IS BURNED.

Lodi Hotel, Patronized by Washington and Jefferson.

After standing as a hostelry about 140 years, the Lodi hotel at Kearney, N. J., has been destroyed by fire. Gen. Washington and Lafayette are counted among the historical personages who put up at the old tavern. They passed a night there shortly before the battle of Monmouth.

Early in its history its location made it a safe resort for the sporting element and it was a noted place for all kinds of sports. In more recent years the Lodi hotel was a gathering place for the English and Scotch sportsmen interested in quoting and dog racing. It was the place where the latter sport began in this country. Another sporting class which made the old hotel prominent were the trappers of the latter half of last century.

### Sea Captain Claims Libel.

A sea captain, Axel Simonson, has begun suit for \$10,000 against a publishing company of New York for alleged libel growing out of a magazine story. The yarn, as published, described a shipwreck in which the captain was the first to reach shore in the breeches buoy, leaving his crew and a woman passenger to care for themselves. Simonson says he is captain of a ship of the same name, that the boat ran ashore not long ago and that he was not the first to get to land. He declares the story, although it figures as fiction, has set him down as a coward and damaged his reputation as a reliable seafaring man.

### In Whistler's Own Style.

About the time that Whistler, the artist, was causing a sensation with the paintings which he called 'A Harmony in Black and Red,' 'A Nocturne in Blue,' or some such names, he had a misunderstanding with his club regarding dues. The secretary finally wrote to Mr. Whistler saying that the club would be glad to receive from him an arrangement in gold and silver.

"We had a good trip, but I can imagine circumstances under which we might better it considerably. In fact, but for a few untoward happenings we would have come across under nine days. As it is, we are about four and a quarter hours over nine days. Our orders told us to go from The Needles to Mount Desert rock under natural draft. We had fair weather most of the way, but we encountered one gale, about a fifty mile gale, and also some trouble from fog and icebergs. We were obliged to slow down considerably on account of the latter, and one day averaged only about ten knots. We also lost a trifle of time in picking up the rock.

"The officers and men have all done their full duty and worked with a will. They are considerably tired, but if they had the orders they would cheerfully steam back again.

"The Kearsarge is in excellent condition, save that it is dirty, as we took on a deckload of coal on the superstructure deck and we have traces of that with us. We arrived just about the time I anticipated, and so far as everything but coal is concerned could go back just as well and rapidly. We had 1,640 tons of coal when we left England, and now have 400 tons in the bunkers. This would be enough to last four days under economical steam. The trip at this time of the year, could be made much more rapidly if we were going from Mount Desert Rock to The Needles rather than the other way, as we encountered head winds, head currents, and head seas."

Capt. Hemphill said that it is impossible to give the exact figures of the several days' runs, as they must go first to the department.

### POST MAY BE WHEELER'S.

Prominently mentioned as New Ambassador to France.

It diplomatically circles it is generally conceded that in the event of Gen. Horace Parker's giving up the post-



tion of American ambassador to France, Benjamin Ide Wheeler will be given the post.

### Edison and the Cigarette.

Nothing on earth is despised by Thomas A. Edison so much as a cigarette. One morning he found a package of the "coffin-nail" outside his office door, whereon he posted this sign: "A degenerate who is retrograding toward the lower animal life has lost his pocket. The same can be had by applying to the storekeeper."

### Conan Doyle's Misstatement.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is being called to account for saying at the Authors' club dinner in London that a septuagenarian author is as rare as a black swan. His critics point to Herbert Spencer, George Meredith, Dr. Samuel Smiles, Manville Pinn, Tolstol, Ibsen, Sardou and others as proof against Sir Conan's statement.

### Jury is Hard to Suit.

For the second time the jury appointed to select a model for a monument to the Austrian empress, Elizabeth, has failed to assign a prize. Four of the competing artists, Mairai, Marego, Teitach and Zala, have, however, been invited to submit further plans for which they will receive proper remuneration.

### Bets on Coming Yacht Race.

Under the lead of Fred H. Brooks, the Wall street commissioner, speculators in New York have begun to take financial interest in the coming yacht race. Brooks is a Shamrock enthusiast and already has placed a good deal of money on Lipton's entry at odds.

### NEGRO A FINE LINGUIST.

Remarkable Talent Shown by Washington Colored Man.

Daring the pope's illness there was a host of callers at the apostolic delegation in Washington. Their visits brought into notice one of the most remarkable negroes in the country, James J. Mattingly, who answers the doorbell. He is 21 years old and a linguist of considerable parts. James can talk in five different languages and is studying three or four more. The boy talks fluently in English, French, Italian, Latin and Greek, and is now studying Spanish, Portuguese, German and other languages. He has a mania for language studies and Cardinal Satolli, formerly the apostolic delegate to this country, Cardinal Martinelli and Bishop Rooker, who for many years was the secretary of the apostolic delegation, have all helped the jet-black youth to conquer the classics. His parents can hardly read or write.

### JUDGE MAKES AN APOLOGY.

Massachusetts Jurist Handsomely Retracts Hasty Words.

In his haste District Judge McDonough of Bristol, Mass., scolded District Attorney J. M. Swift in open court, and spoke of something he had done as stupid. The district attorney, a young man, kept his temper. Now the judge has apologized in open court and has written a contrite letter to the local newspapers, completely exonerating the young man. "The stupidity was all mine, not Mr. Swift's," he writes. "It is easy to scatter feathers and ill considered words to the winds; it is almost impossible difficult to re-gather and retract them all. I take all the censure, all the blame, all the criticism which I so richly deserve, because of my statements about Mr. Swift, and I thank him sincerely for his patience and forbearance."

### Paris to Have Byron Statue.

Paris is to have a statue of Byron from the chisel of Jean De Carmon, who has made notable monuments of Baudelaire, Sainte-Beuve and Alfred De Vigny. His new work is a commission from the Byron committee, initiated by Sir Edmund Monson and Jules Claretie and including the Duchesse D'Uzes, the Duchesse De Rohan, the Comtesse De Nolles, the Comtesse Greffulhe, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, M. Mounet-Sully, Edmond Rostand, M. Sardou, Anatole France, Francis Coppée, M. Sully-Prudhomme and Sir Henry Irving.

### Oldest Public Officer.

Probably the oldest public officer in the nation is Judge John Slaughter, assistant to the state librarian of Wyoming, who has just passed his ninety-four birthday. He is at his post of duty daily and confidently believes he will pass the century mark.

### Negro Farmers in Texas.

There are 3,000 negro farmers members of the Farmers' Improvement Society of Texas. They own 50,000 acres of land.