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AS TO CREMATION.
 Science Approves It and Religion
 Does Not Oppose, Says This
 Authority.

The custom of cremation was Roman,
 but it disappeared with the Christian
 era under the influence of the belief
 in the literal resurrection of the body.
 Its revival in all countries is coin-
 cident with a broader interpretation
 of the teachings of Christianity and
 with the development of modern sci-
 ence. The doctrine of the conver-
 sation of matter, that the only change
 possible is transformation and not de-
 struction, bears powerfully in favor
 of cremation. The transformation of
 the grave is relatively slow, that of
 the crematory relatively rapid, but
 both processes are the same, and, in
 comparison with the duration of the
 world, both are intolerably swift. We
 are cut down and we wither. Whether
 the decay is a matter of hours or
 years is merely an incident of the
 inevitable, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

Those considerations can be felt
 best in a time of scientific domination
 over the intellectual life. The hy-
 gienic and sanitary reasons are most
 potent in an era of the rapid growth
 of large cities. Therefore, it is not
 surprising to know that the revival
 of cremation begun about 1850, has
 grown rapidly not only in this coun-
 try but in Europe. Here we have 22
 crematoria. France has 25. Italy
 and England have fewer. The ap-
 peal of science is for the new prac-
 tice. Religion is not hostile to it, as
 is shown by its adoption by an active
 and devout member of a great church.
 But sentiment association and the
 whole mortuary poetry of the whole
 world are opposed to it. Those are
 forces which are modified slowly. They
 cannot be overcome by shock, and the
 attempt would be brutal as well as
 useless. But the growth of crema-
 tion is accompanying, if not keeping
 pace with, the growth of cities. In
 the next quarter of a century the cus-
 tom will have become general enough
 to aid in the solution of the present
 serious problem of finding suitable
 resting places for the dead.

LITERARY TREASURE TROVE.
 Fortunate Find of an English Book
 Lover at Auction Sale
 in Leeds.

One of those romantic discoveries of
 literary treasure trove which one often
 hears of but somehow has never the
 good luck to experience has recently
 befallen a Leeds man, Harold P. Donn.
 Some five years ago Mr. Donn was at
 an auction sale in Briggate, Leeds, when
 he picked up a battered old volume
 on Hebrew customs for half a crown.
 He has recently become aware that the
 book is of considerable value, and on
 submitting it to a Leeds gentleman
 whose opinion on such matters is of
 some weight he was informed that the
 value of his purchase might be esti-
 mated at between £300 and £500.

The book does not look worth the
 money. It can boast only one cover,
 and the first few pages have disap-
 peared, says the Jewish World. It is
 really three books bound into one vol-
 ume—a book on Roman antiquities;
 "Seven Books of the Attick Antiqui-
 ties," and the work on Hebrew cere-
 monies, which constituted the valu-
 able portion. This is entitled "Moses and
 Aaron, Civil and Ecclesiastical Rites
 Used by the Ancient Hebrews; Ob-
 served at Much Pain for the Clearing of
 Many Obscure Texts Throughout the
 Holy Scripture." There is some more
 title, but this is sufficient for a sample.
 The book is by one Thomas Godwyn,
 B. D., whose preface is dated 1624, while
 the date of issue of this edition, the
 eleventh, is 1678. It constitutes a com-
 plete compendium of Hebrew customs,
 and is compiled largely from authori-
 ties whose works are now lost.

Electricity and Modern Navies.
 One of the improvements in the new
 battleship Kentucky is the increased
 use of electricity instead of steam, say
 a writer in Munsey's Magazine. The
 Kentucky is planned on the principle of
 a trolley line so far as her subsidiary
 engines are concerned. There is a
 motor which performs each particular
 work, and instead of a broiling steam-
 pipe running to it an electric wire con-
 nects it with the central engines. The
 steam is kept where it belongs—in the
 boiler room. This is a great economy
 of space, and the discomfort it saves
 the officers and crew is not easily mea-
 sured.

British Naturalization.
 To be naturalized in Great Britain an
 alien must have lived there for at least
 five years or have served the crown
 faithfully for the same period; and he
 must continue to reside in the British
 jurisdiction, unless he continues in the
 government service in foreign coun-
 tries. A naturalized citizen has all the
 "political and other rights, powers and
 privileges," and is subject to all the ob-
 ligations to which a natural-born
 Briton is entitled or subject.

Phonographic Reminder.
 An ingenious American inventor has
 just patented a speaking clock which
 he claims will be of the greatest value
 to persons of forgetful and irregular
 habits. It consists of a clock phono-
 graph combination. In place of the
 usual striking attachment is a phono-
 graph, which can be set to speak a sen-
 tence at any time desired, thus becom-
 ing an unfailing reminder to its owner
 of the duties of each successive hour.

Hindus Found Bacilli.
 Ages ago the Hindu "medicine man"
 knew all about disease germs and mi-
 crobes, although he was jeered at by
 western scientists because he called
 them "little worms." And, after all,
 when we moderns "discovered" what
 he had known all along, we could find
 no better name for the new organ-
 isms than bacilli—which, being inter-
 preted, is "little sticks."

TOWN QUICKLY REBUILT.
 It Was Destroyed by Fire Last June
 and Already Is Re-
 placed.

The village of Virginia, near Duluth,
 Minn., was destroyed by fire June 9
 this year. All the business portion was
 swept away and 300 buildings were
 burned. Since that time the village has
 been twice rebuilt, and it has now a
 business section of solid brick, extend-
 ing for half a mile along the main
 street. Immediately after the fire
 upon every lot that had contained a
 building there sprang up a mushroom
 growth of wooden temporary struc-
 tures. Families lived in box cars along
 the railroad track, single cars accom-
 modating an entire family with all its
 furniture, from a sewing machine to a
 piano. The depot was in a box car, and
 cloth inclosures served as both dwell-
 ings and places of business, says the
 Boston Transcript.

As soon as the men and material
 could be secured the wooden huts were
 torn down and permanent brick build-
 ings began to take their place. Now,
 four months after the fire, there are
 over 3,000 feet of solid brick buildings
 of two and three stories completed or
 nearly so. There is not a wooden
 building on the main street. A hand-
 some theater, called, of course, "opera
 house," capable of seating 700 persons,
 has been completed; a club for the so-
 cial wants of mining engineers, busi-
 ness men and their visitors has been
 organized and a house for it erected.
 The best hotel north of Duluth is under
 way, and the village is putting in all
 the newest conveniences of civilization.
 An iron mine has been discovered under
 the town and is being opened. The Vir-
 ginia of to-day is very different from
 that of four months ago. It is an ex-
 cellent example of western hustle.

SUNDAYS AT "VINEACRE."
 Nothing Interrupts These Delightful
 Occasions at the Home of the
 Composer of "Narcissa."

Sunday is a great day at "Vine-
 acre," the home of Ethelbert Nevin,
 the composer, at Edgeworth, Pa.,
 writes Willa Sibert Cather, in Ladies'
 Home Journal. All the relatives and
 all their friends troop into the big,
 rambling old house, and Mr. Nevin
 plays and sings for them all day long.
 He has a choir of little girls, selected
 from among the neighbors' children,
 who practice with him every Sunday
 evening before the lamps are lit. After
 they are hustled off to bed he sits
 with his old boyhood friends sing-
 ing the old songs they used to sing to-
 gether when he was just "Bert," and
 telling stories of those good old days
 in Edgeworth. These musical Sun-
 days are never interrupted at "Vine-
 acre," and in all of his wanderings in
 Europe Mr. Nevin always kept the
 day as they kept it at home. Music is
 a necessary feature of daily life
 there. Mr. Nevin's father is himself
 a composer and writer of verses, and
 the first grand piano that was ever
 shipped west of the Alleghenies was
 carried over the mountains for Ethel-
 bert's mother, then Miss Elizabeth Ol-
 phant, of Uniontown, Pa. When, a
 few months ago, his mother was dying,
 she would not allow this musical rou-
 tine, this old habit of song, to be
 broken. On the night she died, sit-
 ting in the room next to hers, he
 played to her, as he had done since he
 was a boy.

RABBIT AND CAT CHUMMY.
 The Singular Friendship That Ex-
 ists Between Two Denver
 Animals.

Dogs and cats have been known to
 become fast friends, but for a cat and a
 rabbit to become inseparable compan-
 ions is out of the ordinary. R. H. Jones,
 of this city, has a rabbit and a cat which
 are boon companions, says the Denver
 Republican.

The rabbit belonged to a neighbor of
 Jones. One day it strayed into the
 Jones yard and got acquainted with the
 cat. The admiration was mutual. They
 became the best of friends, and from
 the minute the rabbit met the cat it
 had not been to its own home. For
 more than a year the two have been
 together, eating from the same dish
 and sleeping together in a box in the
 rear of the yard. The cat will not play
 with other cats, but makes a compan-
 ion only of the rabbit. They romp
 about the yard together and now and
 then the cat will climb a tree.

The dogs of the neighborhood have
 learned to keep out of the Jones yard.
 For one to come into the yard and ap-
 proach, the rabbit is canine suicide. The
 cat bristles up at once and makes it so
 interesting for the intruder that he is
 always glad to scale the fence and get
 in the street.

A Nervy Old Hen.
 Mrs. R. King is the owner of a cour-
 ageous and capable old hen of non-
 descript breed that she wouldn't trade
 for a whole flock of blooded poultry,
 says the Weston (Ore.) Leader. It is
 the only hen in Oregon, perhaps in the
 United States, that ever fought and
 killed a hawk. The battle occurred a
 few days ago, when a chicken hawk
 swooped down upon a band of baby
 fowls of which the old hen was the
 mother. The hen didn't squawk a
 run, calling upon her offspring to fol-
 low her, but with a fierce and well-di-
 rected peck buried her bill beneath the
 hawk's left wing. It was a solar plexus
 blow and a clean knockout. The hawk
 seemed surprised and dazed. It feebly
 arose, flew aimlessly against a cloth-
 line and then dropped into the gar-
 den, stone dead. That hen will be
 queen of Mrs. King's poultry yard on
 Wild Horse creek as long as she sur-
 vives.

American Contributions for India.
 Up to September 5 the United States
 had contributed \$230,257.40 for the re-
 lief of the famine sufferers of India.

ODDEST DELUSION YET.
 Kingston Lunatic Thinks He's a
 Poached Egg and Is Looking for
 Toast to Eat on.

Kingston can boast of a good many
 things of which it is proud, but the
 latest it can make is a little bit eccen-
 tric. Of all the crazy men with queer
 delusions there is none to compare
 with that of an individual who is con-
 fined in the insane asylum in Kingston,
 Ont. He thinks he is a poached egg,
 and for 20 years he has been looking
 for a piece of toast big enough to sit
 down on. When visitors come and
 meet him he always approaches them
 with the request for a moment's con-
 versation in private. As he is per-
 fectly harmless the keepers do not put
 any restrictions upon him, reports the
 New York Sun. If you grant his re-
 quest he whispers in your ear:
 "Have you got a piece of toast about
 you?"
 "No," you say. "What is the mat-
 ter with you? Are you hungry?"
 "Hungry!" ejaculates the man.
 "Why should I be hungry? I get plenty
 to eat. I'm tired. I'm a poached egg
 and I'm looking for a piece of toast to
 sit on."
 Naturally this request leads to laugh-
 ter, and the poached egg retires in high
 dudgeon, but he comes back regularly
 on the arrival of the next batch of
 visitors to see if he can't have better
 luck. All sorts of things which look
 like toast have been supplied to the
 man, but he wants the real thing, and
 as chairs and couches are not made out
 of bread, he is obliged to go on mak-
 ing his perpetual plea to visitors. In-
 al other respects the man seems
 normal, and if this crazy idea could
 only be got out of his head he might
 obtain his discharge. As he persists
 in his delusion he will probably spend
 the rest of his days in the asylum.

DANCING IN RUSSIA.
 It Is Not a Mere Dress Parade, But the
 Guests Keenly Enjoy a
 Real Dance.

The modern society ball in America
 is little more than a dress promenade,
 but in a Russian ballroom the guests
 actually dance; they do not merely
 shamble to and fro in a crowd,
 crumpling their clothes and ruffling
 their tempers, and call it a set of
 quadrilles. They have ample space for
 the sweeping movements and com-
 plicated figures of all the orthodox ball
 dances, and are generally gifted with
 sufficient plastic grace to carry them
 out in style. They carefully cultivate
 dances calling for a kind of grace which
 is almost beyond the reach of art. The
 mazurka is one of the finest of these,
 and it is quite a favorite at balls on
 the banks of the Neva. It needs a good
 deal of room, one or more spurred off-
 icers and grace. Listen to the descrip-
 tion: "The dash with which the part-
 ners rush forward, the clinking and
 clattering of spurs as heel clashes with
 heel in mid-air, punctuating the stac-
 cato of the music; the loud thud of
 boots striking the ground, followed by
 their brilliant slide along the polished
 floor; then the swift springs and sud-
 den bounds, the whirling gyrations and
 dizzy evolutions, the graceful genufle-
 ctions and quick embraces and all the
 other intricate and maddening move-
 ments to the accompaniment of one of
 Glinka's or Tchaikowsky's master-
 pieces, awaken and mobilize antique
 heroism and medieval chivalry."
 There is more genuine pleasure in be-
 ing the spectator of a soul-thrilling
 dance like that than in taking an active
 part in the lifeless make-believe per-
 formed at society balls in many of the
 more western countries of Europe or in
 America.

POLITICS IS NOW A TRADE.
 Men Want Pay for Service Former-
 ly Considered a Patri-
 otic Duty.

In modern politics I have many times
 known of more money spent in a single
 ward for the election of a councilman
 than the entire amount contributed in
 1860 to carry the Pennsylvania election
 in October that gave the republicans
 absolute victory in November, says
 Col. A. K. McClure, in the Saturday
 Evening Post. There is not an earnest-
 ly contested legislative district in this
 city that does not cost thousands of dol-
 ars to run the campaign and pay the
 party workers; and a recent contest for
 nomination in one of the senatorial dis-
 tricts of Philadelphia cost the opposing
 factional leaders not less than \$100,000.
 Under our present system political
 leaders make politics a trade, and every
 ward and precinct has a host of men
 who live by politics and who refuse to
 give political service of any kind un-
 less liberally paid. In 1860 there was
 not an attempt made to buy a vote for
 Curtin in the entire state; and, except-
 ing in rare instances, where special and
 unusual service was required, the entire
 work of that great battle, that revo-
 lutionized a nation, was willingly per-
 formed without pay as a matter of
 patriotic duty.

Fireproof Dwellings for Russia.
 Mr. Porokhovskikh, who some
 time ago published an important work
 tending exhaustively with the system
 to be adopted for the sanitation of St.
 Petersburg and Moscow, has recently
 been among the rural population, ad-
 vising the adoption of incombustible
 wood for village dwellings, says a Rus-
 sian correspondent. He has built in
 the environs of Moscow a fireproof
 "village," which a government official
 has been sent to report upon. If the
 result of the experiment proves satis-
 factory there will be a great future for
 the fireproof wood in the villages of
 Russia.

Farm Machinery in Cuba.
 Modern machinery is fast finding its
 way to the small farms in Cuba. Hard-
 ware dealers of Havana state that their
 trade has picked up wonderfully.

PRISONER TO JAILBIRDS

Has a Battered Position for a Man to Hold, But Is Certainly Profitable.

The jail has a new butler. At least he is new in comparison with his predecessor, who held the position for 18 years or more, and made a small fortune out of it. The old butler was Pete Moran, a red-whiskered, emaciated consumptive, who was compelled to go to Virginia a few months ago on account of his health. The new butler is Sam Shapiro, whose pecuniary instinct is as sharp as an unsharpened dagger.

Every day about 4:30 p. m. Shapiro enters the jail with a huge basket in each hand, and a third one, all heavily loaded with wares, suspended about his neck, says the Kansas City Journal. There is tobacco for this is the very first need of the prisoners—bread, cakes, apples, candy, writing tablets, pencils and such other small things as the men in the cells want and can buy. Shapiro makes the round of the cells. When he goes in his baskets are full. He comes out with them empty. Probably fearing competition, Shapiro very cunningly refuses to say much about the extent or profits of his little business.

"Moran made a profit out of it," he said recently. "When he left town there was \$3,000 in the post office in his name besides deposits in the banks. But there ain't no such money in it now. Things are higher and the profits closer. Moran used to make between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a year out of it. He stayed in the building all the time, from morning till night, ran errands for the prisoners. In that way he made 75 cents or one dollar a day extra. I don't do that. I just come over here once a day."

RAT SHOWED HIM THE MINE.

Gold Ore Discovered to Mr. Ingoldby by a Rodent's Curious Habit.

The actions of a rat led N. R. Ingoldby to the discovery of a rich gold mine in Arizona. He named the property the Rat Hole mine.

Mr. Ingoldby had been spending several months near Mammoth, on the San Pedro river, in Arizona. His purpose was to enjoy the hunting and make a collection of the animals and minerals of the southwest. He pitched his tent in the canyon of the San Pedro, in the Santa Catarina mountains, says a Los Angeles exchange.

He had no neighbors, and was for a long time unable to account for the disappearance of small articles that he left lying about his camp. At last he noticed that when anything was taken something was left in its place. This was usually a bit of stone or wood. The culprit he found to be a rodent of the species known as the trading rat. The habits of the animal made an interesting study for Mr. Ingoldby, and he often lay awake at night to watch for his visitor.

A silver spoon was missing one morning, and in its place was a piece of quartz carrying free gold. This still more excited Mr. Ingoldby's curiosity, and after several attempts he succeeded in following the animal to its home. Near by was the ledge from which the gold-bearing quartz had been taken. Mr. Ingoldby made an examination thorough enough to prove that his discovery was of considerable value.

DOORWAYS IN CHINA.

Planning Use Made of Many Forms That Are Strange to Western Ideas.

It is doubtful if the average reader knows certain interesting facts about the doors of the celestial kingdom—to speak literally, and not in metaphor. In China these are often round, leaf-shaped or semicircular. In placing them the builder usually avoids having one opposite an other, lest evil spirits find their way from the street into the recesses of the building. The doorway separating the courts of a garden is usually of an elaborate kind, and the octagonal form is one of the most popular, says the New York Tribune.

Religious superstition asserts itself in Chinese architecture, and the universal sacredness of the numerals 3 and 9 is shown in the arrangement of temple doors. There is a triple gateway to each of the halls of the imperial palace, and the same order prevails at the Ming tombs, and the sacred person of the emperor, when he was in his Peking home, could only be approached, even by the highest officials, after three times three prostrations. The Temple of Heaven has a triple roof, a triple marble staircase, and all its mystic symbolism points either to three or its multiples.

Afraid of Balloons.

Bicycle races, comic operas and telephones are not the only bugbears of yiddish kiosk. It deters balloons, says a correspondent of a London paper. The reason is that yiddish, though well protected against an invader by land, is powerless against an aerial enemy and stands in constant dread of an Armenian or anarchist attack from the clouds. Balloons, therefore, are prohibited. The horror of the place may therefore be well imagined when a balloon was seen to rise on the other side of the Bosphorus. A host of officials were soon in pursuit of the offender until it was discovered that a schoolmaster had sent it up to instruct his pupils.

The First Elevator.

A patent was taken out on a passenger elevator 68 years ago. But the first patent for a complete and practical elevator was given to Mr. G. Otis, of Yonkers, N. Y., in January, 1851, so that while the idea is much older the elevator is only 39 years old.

A CHRISTMAS FAZAR.

A veritable surplus and blizzard indeed is the holiday exhibit of choice Christmas goods that our enterprising local Dry Goods Store, Berry & Company, have on sale in their pretty store in the Opera House Block. Never has there been such a great variety of novelties shown before in our town. Space will not permit of a complete list of all one can find there to fill the Christmas stocking with—but the youngsters to the oldest can be supplied. Dolls, toys, games, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, kid gloves, baskets, Haviland china, cut glass, collar and cuff boxes, medals, Xmas cards and calendars, neckwear, books by the hundred from Mother Goose to David Farrar, Eben Holden, etc. Books for boys and girls at 25 and 50 cents. Heavy books in big variety. Christmas tree ornaments for 5 and 10 cents, orders for Peck & 8-yr-old slates can be filled there, and Eastman Kodaks are being offered at a special discount of 20 percent. Wallace's boxed candles and so on.

The store will be open evening commencing last Saturday, and continuing until the close of the holiday buying. Customers are invited to look over this stock before going elsewhere. Berry & Co. should have the support of every resident in town in their commendable effort to bring to our very doors the novelties of the season, as well as the every day supplies in their line.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the statute, that it is intended to incorporate a SAVINGS BANK and that the name of the Incorporators is as follows:

THE OVERSEA CRANE, EDWARD W. HALE, E. R. ADAMS, CHARLES BAKER JR., ALFRED C. HART, LEON S. GOVE, ALBERT J. BUCKLEY, EDWIN G. WOODLING, WALTER B. BREWSTER, JOHN D. KANE, HENRY C. WOODRUFF, L. A. W. H. HUBBARD.

That the name of the proposed Savings Bank is CHANFORD SAVINGS BANK; that its location is intended to be in the village and township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey.

On October 3, last, the governor of New Zealand, landed on the Cook Islands and formally annexed them to the British empire at the unanimous request of the chiefs and people. For 12 years the islands have been under the protection of Great Britain and every enactment of the native legislature has had to receive the approval of the British resident at Rarotonga before being regarded as law. But there has never been any formal annexation of the group and the natives are probably delighted to have that ceremony carried out.

The islands, lying far southeast of Samoa, are off the usual lines of steamer traffic, and most of their trade is carried on with New Zealand and New South Wales. They properly bear the name of the great navigator Cook, for he discovered the greater part of the group on his second journey in 1773, and made them better known in his voyage of 1777. Cook named one of the islands, Hervey Island, and the missionaries who settled there somehow got into the habit of applying the name Hervey to the whole group, and to-day they are called indifferently, the Cook or Hervey Islands.

All of them are coral islands, lifted only a little way above the sea level, except Rarotonga, the largest and most populous, whose volcanic mountain rises to a height of 4,600 feet. Rarotonga is one of the pearls of the South seas, and is rich in all the products of the southern archipelagoes. The natives have long used cotton cloth as money, but coin is now likely to be introduced.

Did you ever see a snow storm in summer?

We never did; but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snow storm.

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melt these flakes of dandruff in the scalp. It goes further than this: It prevents their formation. It has still other properties: it will restore color to gray hair in just ten times out of every ten cases.

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The Revenge of Maine Marketmen Who Were Prevented from Shipping Game.

Almost every town in Maine of 1,000 or more inhabitants has from one to ten markets where venison is retailed all through the open season. Here in the very heart of the game region, where from 15 to 30 tons of venison pass every day in the week, no man can buy venison at any price, and men who want the meat of deer must ride far out on the road to Amherst or Ellsworth and run the chance of meeting a tumbler who is bringing a carcass to market, says the New York Sun.

The famine came about through a fit of temper of the marketmen, who are angry because the new law will not permit them to ship game and game birds out of the state. Previous to 1893 from 100 to 250 partridges were sent west from Bangor every day. Marketmen had from ten to twenty gunners constantly in their employ shooting partridges, snipe and woodcock for Boston and New York markets, where birds commanded fancy prices. As soon as the law prohibiting the sale of game birds was enacted, the marketmen agreed to handle no game of any kind, and the embargo has been rigidly enforced.

Last year Fred Johnson, who is the proprietor of Bangor, took out a license to sell venison to such of his customers as wanted deer meat on their tables at home, but the marketmen refused to patronize his place, and did all they could to injure his trade. "This year he found that they were doing him more harm than the profits on sales were doing good, and when it came to take out licenses for 1900 he did not ask for a renewal. Meantime Portland, Augusta, Rockland and other Maine cities that have no deer within 50 miles of their limits, are having all the deer meat they can eat, and are getting it cheaper than the price asked for beef.

"Mad!" he exclaimed. "You course I'm mad, I tell you what we need in this world is some good system of general thought transference or mind reading. You know how hard I worked to get Margaret?"

"Just gave all my waking thoughts to the subject, neglected my business, and all that, and made a fool of myself generally."

"But you succeeded?"

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