

NEW YORKER'S GREWSOME HOBBY

Wealthy New Rochelle Man Collects Relics of Tragic Deaths as a Pastime.



COL. COWLES' NEW ROCHELLE HOUSE

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The collection is in a little attic room at the top of Col. Cowles' home, 15 Trinity avenue, adjoining the residence of Frederic Remington.

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He was greatly interested in occult lore, and studied enough of it to gain himself the title of chelah or disciple.

Offered Growsome Relic. Col. Cowles gave her some brandy, whereupon she revived somewhat and handed to him a small slip of paper upon which were scrawled some peculiar designs.

Col. Cowles threw up his hands in disgust and went away. A week later he sailed for London.

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the world. There is a jasmine-stemmed pipe with a bejeweled bowl which caused the death of a Persian who inhaled poisoned tobacco smoke, put there by a rival sweetheart.

A delicate fragrance is still imparted from some of the oriental articles in the collection, and about the whole room is a musty flavor which carries with it a strange feeling, as if one were in a strange land.

Relics of the Early West. In his travels through the west Col. Cowles gathered up a great many of the most famous gaming tables in the country, over which many a man has been shot for cheating or stabbed in a quarrel over cards.

Mrs. Cowles smiles when she is asked if she is not afraid sometimes to live in a house which contains so many mysterious things and which represent so many tragedies.

NONCONTIGUOUS TRADE LARGE

Figures for Fiscal Year Show Business with "Dependencies."

Washington.—Trade of the United States with its noncontiguous territories amounted in the fiscal year just ended to \$119,394,511.

The shipments to the noncontiguous territories amounted to \$31,866,666.67, against \$43,500,000 in the fiscal year 1905.

The value of gold of domestic production shipped from Alaska to the United States in 1905 was \$12,500,000, against \$9,000,000 the preceding year.

GIRL IS AUTHORITY ON STOCK

Young Woman on Ranch Knows All Ins and Outs of Business.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Miss Johnnie Gardner, born on a cattle ranch on the Rio Grande, in Reagan county, Tex., is an accepted authority by the cattlemen who know her in matters pertaining to cattle and their management.

"I was brought to the ranch on which we now live when so young that I have no recollection of the time," said she to your correspondent.

Stone in Ear Seven Years

Shelbyville, Ind.—Seven years ago, while playing in a sand pile, little Minnie Huffman, then aged six years, got a piece of gravel in her right ear.

Hen Walks on Wooden Leg

Calumet, Mich.—A hen with a wooden leg is one of the curiosities of Joe Sawyer's henryery.

MOST DEADLY BULLET

NOW BEING TESTED BY GOVERNMENT AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Is Nearly Third Lighter Than One in Present Use and Has Greater Muzzle Velocity—More Deadly, But Less Accurate.

Springfield, Mass.—Earthworks and trenches will be slight protection to soldiers arrayed against the United States army when the infantry is equipped with the new bullet which has been undergoing tests at the ordnance department of the United States army in this city.

The bullet, which scarcely is an inch in length and is encased in a jacket of nickel steel, will be nearly a third lighter than any bullet now used in the standard army rifles of the world.

At short range the new bullet will penetrate 39 inches of seasoned oak; at 500 yards 32 inches of white pine, and at 1,000 yards 14 and one-half inches.

The bullet is estimated to be 100 per cent. more deadly than the present army bullet because of an almost flat trajectory.

The bullet now in use, in firing at a 1,000-yard range, is elevated 23 feet from the base line at 500 yards.

The difference in trajectory between the two bullets means that with the present bullet an advancing infantry line would be safe for 700 yards on a 1,000 yard range.

The possibilities of the new bullet are better appreciated when it is considered that the new army rifle has an effective range of five miles.

Experts are confident the single objection to the sharp-pointed bullet can be overcome and that the final test will favor the new bullet even in respect to accuracy.

Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance of the United States army when in Springfield a few days ago expressed the opinion that the new projectile was the best which had ever come under the observation of the ordnance department.

AMERICAN TARS BEST SHOTS

Target Contest with English Navy Marksmen Urged by Officers.

Washington.—"American gunners lead the world in marksmanship when their records are compared with the scores of other nations," says Rear Admiral Bradford.

The admiral was discussing the comparative records made by the British and American sailors in target practice.

Many officers of the navy declare that the American sailor leads the world. To demonstrate this it has been suggested that the American navy designate a battleship manned with picked gun crews.

Won't Pay Wife's Bridge Debts. Denver, Col.—Dr. Frank E. Waxham inserted a legal notice in the papers warning persons who held bridge debts against his wife that he would refuse to pay them if presented to him.

GIRLS BEST FARM HANDS

Men Will Not Stay No Matter What Inducements Are Offered.

Battle Creek, Mich.—Farmers around Battle Creek who expected an improvement in the farm labor proposition this summer are disappointed.

Good farm hands are getting as high as \$1.50 a day within a few miles of Battle Creek, with board and lodging thrown in, and in many cases the use of a horse and carriage.

The trouble does not end with the inability to secure men to work for hire. Farmers' boys are still leaving the nine dollar a week jobs on the farm, with good food and beds, to come to town and work for less live in cheap lodging houses, and eat poor food.

"The only available men we get at present," said a Penfield farmer, "are men from town used to clerking or running street cars or such labor."

Minneapolis, Minn.—Lying upon the floor of a little shop on Fifth street is the great twin throne of the "king of oysters."

His majesty in the original state ruled over the vast beds in the tidal waters of the Columbia river, where he was by right of birth king of oysters.

How the upper and nether shells chanced to come to Minneapolis is simple as a story. A friend of Harriet B. Whitford, on leaving for the coast, promised to send her something in the way of a novelty.

The bivalve was shipped to Minneapolis, and when weighed it tipped the scales at 9 1/2 pounds.

The two huge shells are each about as much as one can lift from the floor, and a toy boat floats about in water in one of them.

LONGWORTHS WERE SNUBBED

Frau Wagner, Composer's Widow, Vents Ire on Them in Berlin.

Berlin.—Now that Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth have returned to America, the real reason for their sudden departure from Berlin is revealed.

The army of clerks used 68,875,244 sheets of paper, cut letter size, every year. These sheets placed side by side would cover a plot of 2,346 acres and have some left over.

The government last year purchased and distributed 4,371,840 pens points, buying more than 250,000 penholders in which to utilize them.

There were issued to the clerks 75,080 pints of black ink and 5,765 pints of red ink.

The government used 6,747 pounds of pins, which, according to count, run 24,752 to the pound. This makes an aggregate of 167,601,724 pins.

Pure. The Customer—How about this breakfast food? Is it all right?

In Deep Water. "How did you feel when he kissed you?" "I felt all right, but the canoe was terribly upset."—Houston Post.

SOCIETY OF BACHELORS

UNIQUE ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC.

Weddings Often Result from Reunions—History of the Odd Organization Which is Fourteen Years Old.

Nokomis, Ill.—The famous bachelors' picnic was held the other day at this place, the home of the Illinois bachelors' association.

The bachelors' state is regarded in this community as the ideal life. Bachelors parade the principles of their cult to the world from the mecca of single blessedness.

Unmarried persons of both sexes attended by companies and battalions to aid in the beautification of bachelordom.

The history of the association dates back to Aug. 10, 1892, when a few forlorn and hopeless bachelors of Nokomis invited their fellow unfortunates to unite with them in a grand picnic.

Many marriages were given in this reunion, and even the president of the order fell a victim to the charms of a fair enchantress.

On these occasions, as on previous ones, every member wears a yellow badge upon which was inscribed the motto of the order, "None that I love more than myself."

At the last reunion the prize of the oldest bachelor girl was awarded to a giddy young woman of 92 summers, who, in spite of her advanced age, failed to exhibit any signs of being afraid that she would lose out in the contest for a bachelor's heart and a happy home.

After the last two reunions an epidemic of weddings broke out. A matrimonial wave seemed to sweep through the ranks of the society and its faithful officers, who tendered their resignations and became benedicts.

A number of bachelor girl clubs in central Illinois are the outgrowth of the bachelors' reunions. Prominent among them is the Hillsboro Bachelor Girls' club, of Hillsboro, which dates its organization back several years.

The present officers of the association are C. P. Hamilton, president; G. D. Scott, first vice president; William W. Addison, second vice president; Fred W. Ernst, secretary; and George Hiel derbrandt, treasurer.

USES A MILLION PENCILS

Uncle Sam's Yearly Stationery Bill Shows Huge Sum of Trifles.

Washington.—The enormous quantities of supplies used by clerks in the nine executive departments here is forcibly illustrated by figures for the fiscal year ended June 30.

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