

DOG ON A LONG JOURNEY.

Traveler Moraines on Canine Crated Up for Shipment Across the Continent.

"Passing along a city street the other day," said a town traveler, according to the New York Sun, "I saw tied on the end of a loaded express wagon standing in front of an express office, a crate containing a dog, a dog that was being shipped somewhere by express."

"Curiosity prompted me to look at the shipping tag on the crate. The dog was going to a city on the Pacific coast, a long journey, but I didn't doubt it would get there safely. "The crate was big enough for its comfort, and it seemed to me that the dog was one likely to stand the journey well, to make friends with all the expressmen and messengers it met on the way, and to get the best possible treatment."

PUDDLING FOR BULLPOUT.

How the Fish Are Caught with the Bare Feet in Canadian Lakes, New York.

"Puddling for pout" is a novel method of catching what are commonly known elsewhere as bullheads or "bullheads"—a species of catfish common to all the lakes, ponds and mud-bottomed streams of this region. It is done with the bare feet, says the New York Sun.

The puddler—and there are only a few of them, owing to the truly ticklish nature of the pastime—frequent the marshes along the inlet at the head of the lake at the season when bullheads "hole in." A puddler's outfit consists of a basket or a bag thrown over his shoulder to hold the fish. Nature does the rest. The puddler goes into the marsh in his oldest—and sometimes his only—garments, first rolling up his trousers and sleeves as far as possible. Then he moves along cautiously, bare-footed, on the muddy bottom, feeling with his feet for the holes that form the lying-in-places of the female bullhead. When his carefully groping foot comes into contact with a smooth, slimy, slightly squirming substance he knows that he has found his quarry. Deftly reaching down he slides his hand along the fish's body so carefully and gently that the preoccupied pout suspects no evil. He maneuvers until his hand can tightly grip the wedge-shaped body of the bullhead and then, quick as a flash, he grabs the fish and has it in his bag almost before it can flop.

FICTION IN FREE LIBRARIES.

Much of It Read by English Readers When History and Biography Would Benefit More.

Viscount Goschen presided at the summer meeting of the University Extension students at Oxford, and in an interesting address which he delivered, dealing with free libraries, he referred to the complaint that fiction played so important a part in these institutions, reports the London Telegraph. In some he had heard that as much as 80 per cent of the volumes issued was of that description, though he was glad to know that in others it was but 45. There were critics who doubted the use of public libraries if this class of literature was to play so great a part in their work, but they should remember that generally the readers had no books at all at home. While fiction was recreative and educational, it often was highly stimulating and satisfactory. A great many of the readers in the public libraries came home wearied from their work, and in a frame of mind in which it might be difficult for them to apply themselves to some of the more serious books, but if they would only try biographies, histories and works of that kind, they would find them as soon as the plunge had been taken, as great, or of even greater interest than works which seemed lighter reading.

Exports of Butter.

Argentina exports more than 3,000,000 pounds of butter annually, nearly all of it to Great Britain. It brings 16 cents a pound at the ex-manufacturer, and the exporter gets an average of 24 cents a pound. Butter from no other country except Denmark brings as good a price. The cows are principally Durham crosses.

Bavaria's Beer.

The Bavarians are well aware that they make the best beer in the world. Their exports last year amounted to 2,600,000 hectoliters, while the imports were only 1,975,926 hectoliters, mostly from Austria.

Exhausted His Vocabulary.

The captain of the Titanic declares that he is so exhausted and humiliated by the state which leaves him little to say when the first automobile chugs into Constantinople.

The World Over.

American telegraph instruments click in Siberia and in Italy, while our telephones are "hooked" through by the Chinese, East Indians and Egyptians.

EDISON CLAIMS CANCER CURE.

Famous Inventor Says Growth May Be Healed by Introduction of Pure Blood.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has announced that he had branched out temporarily into medicine, and had made a study of a cancerous growth which started on the arm of his assistant, Charles Dally, after Dally had been burned by Roentgen rays. The inventor says he thinks he has hit upon a cure for similar cancerous growth, although he will not work out the problem himself, but let doctors do it. Mr. Edison's theory is that any cancer which begins as Dally's did on the surface can be cured by the introduction of fresh blood from a healthy subject into the blood of the person affected. He asserts that cancer resulting from burns produced by exposure to radium is in the same class as that started by Roentgen rays.

Dally's malady began with a slight flesh wound on the back of his hand. He has since lost his arm because of the cancer that grew upon it. Mr. Edison believes that if the treatment he now proposes had been applied in Dally's case in the beginning of the trouble Dally might have avoided most, if not all, that he has since been forced to undergo. The inventor says that he believes that there are in the human body cells which are capable of movement, and whose sole function is to restore shattered and injured tissue. Mr. Edison points out that in the case of a cut, wound, or even an ordinary burn, nature through the medium of these cells, sets to work to restore normal conditions, and if no outside influence interferes, succeeds.

LINER SOLD FOR JUNK.

Steamship Britannic, After 29 Years of Service Between New York and Liverpool, to Be Broken Up.

The announcement that the White Star line steamship Britannic has made its last voyage marks the passage of one of the most famous of the Atlantic steamships. The Britannic was built in 1874 and soon after being put in commission, reduced the time between Queenstown and Sandy Hook to less than seven days. The vessel established a record for the eastward voyage of seven days and 16 hours.

The Britannic was considered a wonder in its day, not only for speed but for size and luxury. It has used the engines and boilers which were put in when the vessel was built, never missing a day through accident or disability. The Britannic made better time after years of continuous service than when first put in service, making its four hundred and eighteenth trip in September, 1899, in seven days, six hours and 47 minutes, breaking its previous record, made in 1897, of seven days, nine hours and 30 minutes, afterward coming in record days, six hours and 52 minutes. The vessel's best westward record was made in August, 1898, seven days, seven hours and 39 minutes. Twenty-nine years of service under its original engines and boilers is a record not likely to be approached by ocean steamships for years to come. The Britannic, between 1874 and 1899, made some 260 voyages between New York and Liverpool, crossing the Atlantic more than 500 times. It traveled about 1,800,000 miles, or enough to take it more than 75 times around the world, and carried more than 200,000 passengers.

When the British fleet was started in 1899 the British government claimed the Britannic for use as a transport. In 1900 the vessel was selected to convey the Imperial corps which escorted the prince of Wales on his tour of the colonies, making the trip of 20,000 miles. This was the last of the vessel's military service and after that it was taken to Belfast.

WIFE STARTS RIVAL STORE.

Domestic Discord Brings On a Unique Competition in Jersey City, N. J.

Two stores which might have been one, two windows displaying rival brands of stockings and hosiery, tell of the domestic war which has made Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, of Jersey City, N. J., business rivals. There is no divorce nor legal separation contemplated, and the friends of the competing merchants predict that there will yet be a reconciliation. Meanwhile prices of coal oil, ice cream and granulated sugar have gone down to rock bottom in Grant street. Mr. Hamilton is at the old place, No. 684, and No. 684 is the establishment which his wife started after a burst of feminine indignation because she could not have a regular allowance.

She declared her independence, the other morning, and within two hours she was putting up shelving in a vacant store-room. Funds drawn from her private bank account furnished capital to start business, and besides she drew from the other store some of the stock which she said she had purchased with her own money, in anticipation of domestic war. She even commenced to cart away two tons of coal, but Mr. Hamilton intervened. She is now a bona fide competitor.

The One Exception. A man had an advanced stage of cancer of the neck. Any ailment will yield to the power of the price of something in a few days. Everything has come up to date. Milwaukee Journal, except all things.

New Spheres of Influence. Japan now proposes to trade Corea to Russia for Manchuria. As Japan does not own Corea, and Russia has no title to Manchuria, remarks the Washington Post, both nations would profit of the bargain.

WOULD HAVE IDEAL WIFE.

Wealthy Michigan City, Ind., Farmer in Search of Helpmate Will Give Any Woman a Week's Trial.

"I know exactly what kind of a woman I want for a wife, and I can't be imposed on by any gold brick schemers. I'm too old to be in a hurry, but I'm getting anxious to settle down and have it over with. I'll give a bunch of money and half a beef to the man that finds me what I want."

Thus spoke Daniel Overmyer, an elderly and well-to-do farmer, who lives on the line between Fulton and Pulaski counties, in Indiana, and who has been advertising for a wife. He means business and has had responses to his "ad." He owns 200 acres of good land, well improved, and considerable stock and grain, and is out of debt. His standing is good among his neighbors, and there is nothing queer about him, excepting a little indolent eccentricity. Seen at his farm home he spoke freely of his matrimonial hopes, and described the woman he is seeking. "She must be young enough to cackle, and she mustn't be afraid to work nor too tired to spruce up a bit and go to a picnic with me once in awhile," Overmyer said. "I like them Sunday excursionists, too, and I don't want to drag no dead woman around with me. She must have good sense and suit my eye for looks."

Overmyer is a good looking fellow of about 50, dresses neatly, has a pleasant home and raises fine stock. He declares that he can do stunts in farm work with the best man in the country. He has 11 heirs, and will divide his property and give his accepted wife her share in "cold coin" at the wedding. "I'm a good provider," he continued, "and will contract to kill three young beaves and five hogs on the place every year. If any lady wants to look me over for a week I will meet her at the train and send her back with all expenses paid if she is not satisfied."

TO BUILD PALACE ON WHEELS.

New Company Will Establish Magnificent Hotel Service Between New York and San Francisco.

The Harris Patent Car company has

started New Jersey with a capital of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of operating a train of five rolling palaces between New York and San Francisco, with so many improvements and conveniences that "Fifth Avenue hotel" patron will not know he is out of New York if he doesn't look out of the windows. This five-car train the company purposes to build will be known as the Waldorf-Astoria de luxe train. Its patrons will be kept exclusive by the fact that the passengers will be booked from one of the best hotels in each city through which it passes. The train will have everything from palm gardens to a laundry, and nothing a patron of a swell hotel can get by pushing a button will be lacking. To make it unique arrangements have been made with the railroad lines over which the train is to pass to have it complete its trip across the continent and back in ten days so the train will leave with its passengers every tenth day.

The idea is the outgrowth of the defunct Harris Patent Car company, in Boston, which went under in an avalanche of litigation over patents and ownership of stock in 1889. "If we find the scheme takes," said Mr. Harris, "we will put on additional trains so as to have three a week leaving New York and San Francisco. We have capital and men behind the scheme, and it is only a question of a few weeks before work will be started on the new cars. A schedule will be issued immediately on their completion."

EDELWEISS GROWING SCARCE.

Wholesale Destruction Threatens Extinction of This Pretty Alpine Flower.

Attention has again been called to the wholesale destruction of edelweiss by an advertisement in the Davoser Zeitung asking for 125 pounds of the flowers. The advertiser is a Zurich dealer. The trade in this pretty Alpine flower has within the last few years developed into quite a large industry in Switzerland. It is extensively used for funeral wreaths, and some time ago a large wreath was made here composed entirely of edelweiss, the value of the flowers being over \$1. It may be added that a fairly extensive allied industry is the manufacture of edelweiss. The disappearance of some of the rarer Alpine flowers is continually being reported in the Alps, and edelweiss in particular is altogether extinct in some places where it was abundant not many years ago. An unlimited supply. Two more American businesswomen, Miss May Goble and Miss Grays Deaton, are expected to become the wives of English dukes in the near future. It is simply wonderful, remarks the Chicago Herald-Herald, how the supply of English dukes holds out.

More Appropriate and Later.

A man had a bill for five dollars on raising one-dollar bills to five dollars, has been placed under arrest at Louisville. The Chicago Daily News remarks that the man should confine himself to raising babies rather than dollar bills.

What They Are For.

Compressed milk and other things are soon to be on the market. Foker chips is our duty to say, remarks the Chicago Tribune. In the present instance, are fed to the kitty.

SHIPS TO CARRY OWN MODELS.

American War Vessels May Have on Board Miniature Skeletons of Themselves.

It is probable that in a short time every ship in the navy will have a model of herself on board. It is known as a supplementary plan or skeleton model. The ships of the German navy have them. At present even officers sometimes have no clear conception of the construction of the hidden parts of the vessels. The only ship that now has a skeleton of herself aboard is the turret ship Monterey, commanded by Commander W. H. Beecher, who was a naval attaché at Berlin for several years. He is perhaps best known to the public by the fact that the Kaiser used to call him "Bill". Beecher became imbued with the German ideas while he was at Berlin, and when he was sent to the Asiatic fleet to command the Monterey he could not rest until he had provided his craft with a skeleton model. He hired Chinese carpenters, and for two months they toiled fashioning a model of the Monterey to a scale of a quarter of an inch to the foot. The model can be taken apart, and the men serving on the Monterey can look under the boilers at any time instead of having to wait until the fires are drawn. This fact alone has saved more than the cost of the model.

By means of the toy ship the warrant machinists were able to decide that a new set of boilers of a different type could be put in. Otherwise the question would have had to be referred to the bureau of steam engineering in this city, and a month would have been lost. The model has been found to be of invaluable benefit in training the men for collision and fire emergencies. The Chinese carpenters charged only \$110 for the work.

ROUGH DANCES MUST GO.

"Yale Glides" and "Harvard Dips" Are Held Up to Scorn by Professors of the Terpsichorean Art.

Football tactics of the ballroom floor must stop. No more "Yale glides" or "Harvard dips" or distorted attempts to tread a measure in two-four time when the music calls for three beats in the bar. Such is the ultimatum of the American Society of Professors of Dance.

War has been declared by the professors on what they call the invasion of their special field by college students. Banning a two-step to waltz time and the grotesque positions assumed by the dancers are the evils attributed to the college fads that have vitiated the public taste. "Some of these students," said a prominent professor, "invest a series of similar contortions or feebly tactical and call it the 'Yale glide' or the 'Harvard dip' or some other abomination with a college name to it. The public thinks it is all right because the college men do it. Now we want to stop all this and bring dancing back to the old style, when a graceful carriage enabled the dancers to express the beauty of motion to music. The football rush type of dancing is a disgrace. "The majority of people now seem to dance the two-step to waltz music," added Prof. Duenez. "This is not right. The two-step is easier to teach, as it is common time, but dancing it to waltz music is not a correct movement."

FELT DEATH WAS COMING.

Young Railway Workman Predicts Personal Calamity and Dies Three Hours Later.

Owen Turner, aged 20, employed on the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railway, near Chicago, Ind., said the other morning that he felt that something awful would befall him on that day, and he would not go to work. Two hours later he fell from the top of a big hoisting crane, alighting in the machinery below. Both legs were cut off. "I told you it was coming," he moaned. He then implored the workmen to publish on a train and make a run for the city, eight miles away, to save his life. He was brought as fast as the train could carry him, and an ambulance that was waiting at the station carried him quickly to the hospital, but he was unable to stand the shock, and died an hour after his arrival.

REMEMBERED IN HIS WILL.

Pennsylvania Colored Man Received \$5,000 for Saving a Life on the Battlefield.

Daniel Prime, of Easton, Pa., a colored man, has received a letter from Charles Smith, an attorney of Jackson, Mich., stating that Prime is a legatee to the amount of \$5,000 under the will of Jonathan Moore of that place. In the will was Prime was a sergeant in Company H, 12th-fourth colored Massachusetts regiment, Jonathan Moore was a first lieutenant in the Eleventh Michigan in operations near Charleston, S. C. Moore was wounded in the leg. Prime took off his own blouse and wrapped it around the leg to stop the flow of blood, and carried the lieutenant to the rear. The men never got back, but again, but Moore bequeathed the name of the man who saved his life.

Needs a Gentle Warning.

The Japanese are expected to be fed for war with Russia. Somebody with a hand behind remarks the Chicago Herald-Herald, ought to tell the Japs a few things concerning the slip of Russia.

Where She Hides.

In hatching the new plan for the Groves the Chicago Herald-Herald says, Pa. Cleveland shows an appreciation of the fact that money comes first as far as family matters are concerned.

TUNE THAT LED TO COURT.

A Fair New Jersey Music Teacher's Novel Revenge Caused Her Arrest.

All Vineland, N. J., is talking of how Miss Florence Hoffman, a widely-known music teacher, sang herself to court. Miss Hoffman had among her pupils the wife of Artist Hotchkiss, who is one of the best-known residents of the borough. The work was progressing finely to all appearance, and Miss Hoffman presented her bill. Mr. Hotchkiss was in doubt as to the amount due, and he told the teacher there was an error. He paid what he was quite sure was the correct amount, but Miss Hoffman was not content with it and told him so. They were apparently unable to settle the matter amicably, for the other night the fair teacher was arrested and taken before the recorder on the complaint of the artist.

"What is the charge?" asked the recorder. "Using abusive language," said the complainant. "What was it all?" "She stood in front of my house and sang loudly so that all the neighbors could hear her." "What did she sing?" "She sang the ditty, 'Why Don't You Pay Your Debts?'" The recorder frowned deeply and looked at the culprit, who seemed ready to laugh, but let it go at a smile. "I shall have to hold you for a further hearing," he said. She entered the necessary security for her appearance and went gayly forth.

FIREPROOF STADIUM ERECTED.

First of Them Opened in California Has a Seating Capacity of 5,000 Persons.

The plan for a fireproof stadium to be erected on Soldiers' field, Cambridge, Mass., has been anticipated by the completion of a similar structure dedicated to a different purpose at the University of California. The latter building is an open air theater, made of concrete, which stands in a grove of trees, forming a part of the general scheme of the college buildings. The plan is a close reproduction of the old Greek theater of Dionysus.

HOW BILL GOT THE VOTES.

Was Up for Sheriff and All But Lost the Negro Support—The Name.

Bill was good at politics, knowing just how hard to slap a man on the back, or to whom the bottle should be passed, or when electrocution, but he had made himself a bit unpopular with a big negro audience that occupied a bottom near the county seat by refusing to take a hand in a negro baptizing over at the pond, and after a canvass among the voters of that section found them all to be really indifferent about his being elected. Some seemed not to care about voting at all, the way things stood, and others talked like they might scratch the ticket for one time.

BABY WEIGHED 25 POUNDS.

Louisville, Ky., Mother Brings Into the World Child of Extraordinary Size.

Mrs. Clark Broadway, of Louisville, Ky., was delivered of a girl baby the other day which weighed at its birth 25 pounds. Dr. Samuel Manly at Dr. Robert C. Kenner attended the mother and they said this was one of the most remarkable cases on record. The average weight of a child at its birth is about seven pounds, the weight ranging between six and ten pounds, but rarely exceeding the latter figure.

Dr. Kenner looked up the obstetrical records in the medical works and found only one case on record where an infant at birth weighed as much as 25 pounds. This recorded case was that of Mrs. Bates, wife of the great Captain Bates. Mrs. Bates was six feet ten inches high and her husband was also a giant. Mrs. Broadway is of ordinary size and her husband is not a large man. Hundreds of women in the vicinity of the Broadway home have called to see the infant prodigy, which is well formed, and Dr. Kenner says is one of the handsomest infants he has ever looked upon.

MEN SINGLE LONGEST.

Statistics Taken from British Records Prove the Fair Sex is Early Inclined to Matrimony.

A Mr. Long, in a printed reply to a question in the British house of commons, states that the mean ages at which men and women have married in recent years are: Men, 26.1; Women, 24.1. The mean ages at which men and women have married in recent years are: Men, 26.1; Women, 24.1. The mean ages at which men and women have married in recent years are: Men, 26.1; Women, 24.1.

Good News for Small Boys.

God liver oil has risen in price several hundred per cent. It is becoming a delivery that only the extremely rich can afford.