Japanese Mills Are Second in World's Output of Goods.

Industry Introduced from China Centuries Ago Has Progressed Rapid'y Since Commerce with World Began.

Washington Of all the articles, was a Tapan exports to other countried recens sperhaps none on which the full ture prosperity of the nation is so de pendent as that of raw silk and sill faprics

The sultivation of silk in the fail +ast had its origin in China and spreads from there to Japan, its introduction into the latter country taking place atout 195 A. D., when a Chinese prince came to Japan, bringing with him several of the Chinese species of sakworm.

It was not, however, until the second half of the sixth century that silk culture became fairly established About that time silk fabrics came into general use for wearing purposes, and consequently seri-culture and weaving tecame general on a small scale throughout the country. From about 1700) the enforcement of rigid sump tuary legislation whereby the wearing of silk by the common people was prohibited had the effect of throwing the industry into a sudden decline.

The real development of the industry commenced with the opening of the trade ports in 1859, when the market for silk and silk stuffs was extended all at once and the foundations were laid for the permanent prosperity of the industry.

When the disease pehrine was making frightful ravages all over Europe and extending even as far east as india an i China, Japan remained almost immune, and consequently a new industry, the export of slikworm eggs. was developed in the country. Before long it had asumed significant size and had a powerful effect upon the silk culture of the country. The export of these eggs began in 1860,but must have been conducted somewhat se cretly up to 1865, as up to that time an old law existed forbidding the same under penalty of death.

The number of boxes exportedchiefly to France and Italy-amounted to 30,000 in 1863, to 300,000 in 1864 and 2.500,000 in 1865. This immense sale and the enormous profits therefrom. which mostly enriched Japanese merchants, led to the practice of sending out egg cards of inferior quality.

Complaints as to the nature of the eggs became numerous, while on the other hand the discovery was made in Europe of the process of producing inoculated eggs, and these circumstances had the effect of gradually diminishing The exportation of Japanese eggs until

they entirely ceased to be sent abroad. Japan is second in the world as a \*\*\*\* silk producing country. China holding first place. From Shanghal and Canton combined -- and they export the bulk of Chinese raw silk—the export for 1906 was 5,830 tons. The quantity consumed internally in China is of course vast as compared with that consumed in Japan.

Italy, which is the third raw silk producing country, is credited with 4.745 tons. France, the fourth country, produced only some 605 tons, so that - raw silk industry is conducted or a large scale in the countries of China. Japan and Italy only, but neither China nor Italy can show such phe nomenal progress as Japan.

Endiess varieties of silk are woven In Japan, but most of these are only for domestic consumption, and the kinds exported to any extent are limited to habutae, handkerchiefs made of habutae, kaiki, usuginu (thin silk). taffeta and creve, monsike sating and silk muslin. Habutae and handkerchiefs together form about 80 per cent. of the total value of silk piece goods. exported from Yokohama.

Most of the habitae shipped abroad is sent in its gray state and is then printed or dyed in foreign countries. It is put to all sorts of uses and finds its way to nearly every country in the world. The very finest qualities are taken by America, where habutae is used for women's dresses and blouses.

## ACRES OF EXPLOSIVE FOUND.

Development of Randanite Earth In --Btate of Washington First Step In Powder Trust Fight.

Spokane. Wash.-Development of 40 acres of randanite earth found near Blue Creek, Stevens, county, Wash., porth of Spokane, where experts say are deposits which will yield more than 2,040,000 tons of this rare substance, meed as a filler for high explosives, is the first step in the fight to be waged in the Pacific northwest against the powder trust Dr. J M. Goosing of Spokane, who with his associates in this city and Wallace, Idaho, owns the land where the randanite was discovered by acident a short time ago, declares this is the only known body in 🗽 existence.

Chemists report that it is a perfect absorbent and say it will make blasting and gunpowder much safer and cheaper than the standard brands. Experiments have been made with randanite and they are satisfactory. This substance takes the place of charcoal made from special wood, the output of which is controlled by the trust Dr Gooding says that powder making will develop into one of the most important industries in the northwest. providing satisfactory rates can be obtained from the railroads.

STARTS ON OUR LINE TO

Blacksmith Fits have Wiree's for Land and ay to Sout, west.

Frictiand, Md -With a home (b) shop combined on wheels, Cranston A. Pollitt and family started to trok to Texas, San Antonio being their desit nation. Father mother and year off. child will make the entire journey in their wagon

Pollitt spent several weeks in fitting up his wagon that he might have all the home comforts while on his long and tiresome trip, and when he had completed the task everyone who saw it marveled at the skill which he displayed in rendering his wheeled home cosy. The wagon has all the conveniences of a small residence and is fitted up with sleeping quarters and a cosy little combination cooking and dining room.

A more unique feature of the conveyance is the complete blacksmith shop with which the wagon is equipped. Pollitt being a first-class smith, it is his intention to work at his trade during the trip, shoeing horses and repairing farm implements wherever needed. The outfit is drawn by only one horse, but the animal is of extraordinary size and weight. Politt: said that he would bet money on the horse taking him to his destination not later than the early fall if it kept

Pollitt and his wife have relatives in Texas, and they will locate there if the prospects are at all bright. They have a long pourney ahead of them, and as their proposed trip to the far southwest had been well advertised there were innumerable friends present as well as those out of curiosity, to see them off and wish them bon voyage.

#### ONCE COSTLY SHIP IS JUNK.

Navy to Sell Merchant Steamer Zafire, Purchased by Dewey Just Before Famous Battie.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound.-The navy department is about to make another attempt to sell the merchant ship Zafiro which, for several years, has been about as useful as a baby elephant to the government. The old ship was purchased by Commodore Dewey a few days before the battle of Manila in order to obtain the coal aboard her to enable him to take his fleet to the Philippines from Hong Kong. The Zaaro was an old hulk, even when Dewey paid for her a price reported to be about \$1,000,000. Shortly after the close of the Spanish-American war the little ship was brought to this yard and placed out of commission. Several attempts have been made to give the ship to the army, to use as a cabin ship, but army officials, after inspecting the craft, declared that she was unseaworthy.

appointed here to inspect the old hulk again and put an appraised value upon her. If any one will take the ship at the figure named, the navy department will gladly sell.

Although the Zafiro is out of commission, it requires a shipkeeper aboard all the time, and this expense amounts to about \$6 a day.

# "SPOONERS" FIND A FRIEND

Church Parlors in St. Paul, Minn. Thrown Open for Use of Swains and Sweethearts.

St. Paul. Minn.-Having in mind the barren and unhomelike atmosphere of the average St. Paul boarding house, also the publicity attending the efforts of young women and men to "spoon" in such places, Rev. Harold Pattison. pastor of the First Baptist church, announced that the church parlors would he thrown open to all young people who live in boarding houses.

Cards were distributed in all the big stores inviting young couples to take advantage of the church parlors. Next day the pastor beamed when asked whether his "spooning parlor"

was a success. He said: "There are books and up-to-date literature and games, and those who came enjoyed themselves...It is a great opportunity for the church. We have no ulterior motive, however. The opening of our parlors is not a move to increase our membership. It is simply offering a chance for the working young women of St. Paul to have a cozy and comfortable place to bring their young men friends. We will provide chaperons for them and; they will be taken care of."

# PARROT SPOTS A CROOK.

Gang Leader Resents Aspersion of Fortune-Telling Bird and Lands in Jail.

Elizabeth, N. J - You're a -crook; you ought to be in jail!" shrieked a ortune-telling parrot when Albert Burns, held under bonds as leader of a wharf gang known as the Y-O's, approached the cage on which the bird was being carried through the city by in organ grinder the other afternoon. Burns resented the bird's seeming in sight into his affairs and knocked it off he perch. The organ grinder interered, and Burns blackened his eyes The Y-O leader was held in \$300 ball when taken before Judge Mahon on

he organ grinder's charge "It's bad enough to be under those harges without having a dinky green bird throw it up to you in the street." shouted Burns in court.

"He's a crook! He's a crook!" screeched the parrot in court. - "So they say," remarked the judge Til tack another \$300 onto the \$400

souds he already carries."

# BOY IS RUGGED NOW

"Smiling Joe," Famous Cripple, Entirely Cured.

Was Strapped to a Board in New York Hospital for Years-Photograph of Him Wins Money for a Home.

New York -- Four years ago "Smill ing Joe" was strapped to a board down at the Seabreeze hospital at Coney island because he had tuberculosis of the bones. The doctors had an idea that they could cure Joe with the help of the ocean air and good food and care, just as they hoped to cure a score or more of Joe's tiny companions in misfortune, most of them from the slum districts of Manhattan.

Joe has just left the hospital a cured boy. He can run and play and is a picture of rugged health. There was a "smiling Joe" party at the home by the ocean in the morning, at which 39 of Joe's playmates helped to celebrate what the doctors think is a remarkable case of recovery from a dread disease.

Joe said farewell to the institution which has been his home for four years. Then he went to the circus in a big automobile, along with a few of his fellows who have made sufficient progress in convalescence to go out upon such an adventure.

Joe nor his playmates ever had been in an automobile before: none of them ever had dreamed of such a gorgeous thing as a circus. After the circus Joe went to his home in Manhattan and his little companions went back to the Seabreeze home.

Joe is a famous youngster because of his misfortune and his wonderful recovery. Once President Roosevelt shook his hand and wished him good luck. But it was Joe's picture that gained him real renown. They photographed him soon after he was taken to the hospital, apparently a hopeless cripple, and that picture has been printed in almost every newspaper and magazine in the United States.

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. which manages the Seabreeze home, says frankly that this picture did more than any other thing to raise about a quarter million dollars from John D. Rockefeller and others to carry on the work of curing little children whose parents are too poor to pay for doctors.

People would take one look at Joe, strapped to his board and smilingly happily, and that was enough. The contributions came in fast.

The other day Joe, sturdy now, was hoisted up on a big policeman's horse, while his playmates danced in a circle around him, and a photographer took his picture again. The two pictures represent an interval of four years in Joe's young life.

The doctors say Joe is entirely cured. Some of his little playmates at the Seabreeze home looked wistfully after him as he went away in the automobile. Their time has not come yet, but they are hoping and the doctors can't see any reason why most of them should not do as well as Joe.

## DOG CHAINS FOR CHILDREN.

New York Nurses and Mothers Lead Charges on Street-Innovation Called Good Thing.

New York.-Children on leash appeared on Fifth avenue the other day. From Thirty-fourth street to Fiftyninth street, four boys and two girls were seen in the custody of elder persons, to whom the children were connected by bonds of affection and dog chains.

The chains were twice the length of the ordinary dog chain. One end was fastened to a belt around the waist of the child. The other end was in the hand of the woman in charge of the child. The latter enjoyed almost as much freedom of movement as did those children to whose belts no dog chains were attached, and they were a great deal safer than were the chil-

dren who roamed chainless. The children were evidently strangers to each other. Three of the women who were in charge wore maid's caps and the other three were seemingly the mothers of the children. Those who witnessed the successful demonstration decided that the innovation is a good thing.

Must Eat Six Times a Day. St. Louis.--Charles H. Dean, a patient at the city hospital, has only half a stomach, yet he must eat six times a day or suffer from the pangs of hunger. At each meal, however, he can eat only half the amount he has been accustomed to. Surgeons the other day cut Dean's stomach into three sections and removed the middle section because of a cancerous growth. The two outside sections were then sewed together. The patient is doing well and on the way to recovery.

Aged Liquor Dug from Earth. Canonaburg, Pa .-- While, digging a cellar in Blaine township; William Langfitt and Pearen Dean dug up a bottle and two jugs containing whisky. From the pattern of the jugs and the taste of the liquid the liquid is believed to have been buried during the whisky rebellion. The "examination" of the liquor was made at Taylorsville, where a consultation as to its merits was held. "Authorities" for miles around are coming to see it-favored ones are permitted to smell it.

#### BRITISH PATENTS REVOKED.

Protected Articles Must Now Be Wan ufactured Within Borders of Great Britain.

London - The Lloyd George act 1977, which requires patented articles sold in the United Kingdom to be manufactured there, became operative a few weeks ago. As a result the controller general of patents has revoked two patents, and the German Sanategan Company has transformed an old smelting house near Penzance. Cornwall, into a factory and has en tered into large contracts for milk with local farmers.

Of the two patents revoked one is an invention relating to electric arc lamps, of which the registered proprietors are the British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. Ltd: The secretary of the company urged that the patented article had been manufactured to a large extent in the United Kingdom, and that of 1,308 made at that works at Old Traf ford up to last October, 274 remained unsold at that date

The controller general found, however, that between 1906 and 1908 9,856 lamps have been imported by the Westinghouse company's licensees, Koerting & Mathison, a German com pany. He is satisfied that the allega tion that the patented article is manufactured mainly outside the United Kingdom is correct, that the patented article is not manufactured to an ade quate extent in the United Kingdom, and he, therefore, decided, subject to an appeal to the courts, to revoke the patent forthwith and order the paten tees to pay to the applicant the sum of 75 guineas in respect of his costs.

The second patent related to an American invention for adhesive stays used in boxmaking.

#### RETURNS A CENT HE STOLE.

Restitution is Made with Interest for Little Theft of Thirty-Seven Years Ago.

Titica N Y .- William R Nash a retired hotel proprietor at Morrisville, near here, has just received a remarkable letter from a clergyman now residing in India, whose conscience evidently has been troubling him. The letter was written and dated at Dar jiling, and says that the writer during the year 1872, while Mr. Nash conduct ed a tennin alley connected with a hotel at Morrisville, had stolen a cent from him.

He said that he had been converted, and for some time had been working as a missionary among the natives of India. His conscience had troubled him over the small theft of 37 years ago, and he was anxious to return the stolen mite and secure Mr. Nash's forgiveness

To make good the theft with interest, as well as to cover the postage on a letter of forgiveness for which he asked, the writer inclosed an order for 10 pence (20 cents). Although the letter was signed, Mr. Nash was unable to recall the name of the penitent writer, and presumes the conscience-stricken man who robbed him of a cent so long ago was at the time some boy he had engaged to set up tenpins in his alley. However, a letter of acknowledgment has been sent

# LIFE POSITION FOR TEACHER.

Governor of Kansas, However, Insists on Having the Best Woman in the Country.

Topeka, Kan.-Gov. W. R. Stubbs wants the best domestic science teachor in America for the Kansas university. The woman who can present credentials of that kind can get a good Job for life.

Prof. Carruth of the university was discussing that institution with the governor. He remarked that the regents would likely make a tour of the country to find professors to head the physics department, the electrical engineering department, university extension and domestic science.

"Here are four fine positions," said he, "and I hope the regents will be able to fill them with big people." "Of course I want big people for all

of those places," replied the governor, "but I want the biggest one for the domestic science department." "It's like looking for a wife," replied

Carruth. "It's more important," said the governor. "For if a man makes the wrong

selection in a wife it only injures him and her. But if the university makes a wrong selection of a domestic science teacher it affects from 800 to 1,000 girls who are to become wives some time." Short But Costly Road.

Paris.-To the many light railways that have been constructed over Switzerland must now be added the Montreux-Glion line, which has just been formally opened. The line is a short one, the journey taking just 19 minutes, but the building of it has not been child's play, for the trains have to cross a suspension bridge and pass through no fewer than five tunnels, one of which burrows under a

part of old Montreaux. The actual

making of the line has occupied 20

months. Carries Initials Carved in 1838. Washington, Ind.—On the under side of a terrapin exhibited by Thomas Greenwood, a farmer, was carved "J. W. P., 1838." The terrapin was found on his farm in Harrison township. According to the inscription, the terrapin is 71 years old, and the initials carved are thought to be those of J. W. Peachee, a pioneer who once

lived in that section.

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# IN GELL FOR YEARS

North Dakota Man Long Imprisoned by Enemy.

For 14 Years Had Been Mourned as Dead, Returns Home with Remarkable Tale of Persecution and Bad Treatment.

Larimore, N. D -- Mourned as dead for 14 years, a handsome monument over his supposed grave, and his wife in possesison of insurance money on his life, Glen R. Klimball, former banker of Deadwood, S D, suddenly appeared on the threshold of his wife's home here last week. Transfixed as if made of marble, Mrs. Kimball recognized her husband.

His mother, just coming up to the porch, also knew her son. This dramatic scene was the climax of a remarkable series of events many of which are not yet clear. It was, however, a happy reunion. While Kimball is legally dead, his wife is in comfortable circumstances and it is understood that he will be received as if his long absence had not occurred It was not the return of a modern

Enoch Arden for Mrs. Kimball had remained single during all the years of her husband's absence. It was on an unlucky September 13,

14 years ago last fall, that Kimbafi left his home at Deadwood to go on a three days' hunting trip. On the day he was expected home the supper table was set with all the things be liked best and the wife and his mother awaited his return, but he came

As the days passed and no word of the missing man was received a search was instituted which was fruitless. On Kimball's arrival last week, so soon as the shock of surprise had given place to the joy of reunion, the husband was asked for an explanation of his absence. The story he has told is disconnected and lacking in many important facts. It, however, contains a number of sensational features and intimations of serious charges against a Deadwood man whose name is not given.

In reply to many interrogations anxiously put by his relatives. Kimball will only state that he has been confined somewhere against his will and allowed no communication with the outside world. He declares that he wrote letters, that they were torn up before his eyes and he was told he was crasy. Allegations of shameful abuse are made by Kimball and in support of these he points to the absence of several front teeth which he avers were knocked out by those who were his keepers. It is intimated that all of Kimball's troubles were due to an enemy in Deadwood, whose name is wirhheld by the family After Kimball's disappearance the

dead body of a man resembling him was found under the snow fence along a railroad track by some laborers. The body was positively identified as being that of Kimball, the estate was probated and the insurance on his life collected from the A. O. U. W, amounting to \$3,900. The body was buried at Reno, Neb., near which place it was found. A year later it was taken up and and taken to Deadwood, S. D., and there interred. Two years later he was again exhumed and iald at rest in the family cemetery at Prosper, Minn., where a handsome monument was erected. When Kimhall left home he was traced as far as Lincoln, Neb., where he was finally arrested. The conductor says that Kimbali boarded his train and went into the baggage car where it was found that he had no ticket. He paid his fare to the next station and was ordered out of the baggage car into a coach. The conductor noticed that he had a large roll of bills and a big revolver sticking out of his pocket. After passing one more station the conductor again collected fare and once more ordered Kimbali out of the

Charge. Kimbali had on his person several valuable papers relating to mining stock and about \$500 in cash. Kimball gave the police an assumed name, and as there were no charges against him and his home could not be located he was shortly released.

baggage car. He did not go and the

conductor wired the officials at Te-

cumseb, where he was taken in

Similar events transpired at Linroin, Neb. There the traff ended Kimball stoutly refuses to give any particulars of his travels or of his alleged incarceration.

Blind Girls Waltz on Skates. London.-The extraordinary number of careers and amusements open to the blind was demonstrated at the annual prize festival of the Royal Normal college and Academy of Music for the blind. Organ playing, plano tuning, woodwork, needlework, short hand, typing and singing were all wonderfully well done.

In the roller skating rink two girls performed a waltz on skates, keeping excellent time and knowing apparent ly by instinct when to turn from the

In the swimming bath four boys gave an exhibition of life-saving.

Painted Catfish Sold in Manchesten London.—At a meeting at Leeds, W F. Dearden, medical officer of the port of Manchester, said fraudulent trade descriptions were extremely common He made the startling announcement that tons of "painted" catfish were put on the market and sold as finnon had-

#### BRITAIN MAY SEND A FLEET

Sauadron of Battleships Be Sert to San Francisco to Participate In Festivities.

London . That the British government will not only send one battleship, but probably a squadron of battleships to participate in the festivities in San Francisco harbor during the week of October 19, is the encouraging information just given to Charles A. Moore of San Francisco by First Lord of the Admiralty McKenna. Lord McKenna said:

"We feel that the feat accomplished in rebuillding San Francisco is typical of the spirit charactering the Anglo-Saxon race, and as such should arouse pride in every Briton as well as in all Americans. Consequently not only do we want to send a ship as evidence that we share in the pride, but if possible, we are likely to send a whole squadron. Circumstances make it impossible for me to say offhand whether we shall be able to send a squadron, for we couldn't transfer the Atlantic aquadron to the Pacific in time for the celebration, and we have nothing on the Pacific coast, adequately to represent us. We want to send our best battleships and not armored cruisers."

There is good reason to believe that Lord McKenna cabled the British China station as to the expediency of mending a battleship squadron across the Pacific from the far east.

# NEW JAG DOSE FOR KANSAS

Concoction Called "Jackson Cocktail" as Subtle as Any Ever Sold Over Bar.

Topeka, Kan.-The old adage that necessity is the mother of invention is again exemplified; this time the old lady comes to the limelight through the inception of the "Jackson cocktail." a concoction as subtle as any ever pushed across the bar and at the same time well within the rigid restriction of the new Kansas law, which is said to be the most drastic measure ever enacted.

The Jackson cocktail, which is named in honor of Attorney General Fred Jackson, is made of apple cider and Jamaica ginger Those who doubt the efficiency of the jag-producing qualities of the beverage should mix three parts of the firstnamed ingredient and one part of the latter

If a man wouldn't rob his own trunk after taking three of them it's a moral certainty that the quality of his ingredients are not up to the Kansan standard.

#### STEAM COLLIER OF CEMENT.

Italian Ship Will Have Sides as Smooth as Marble and Able to Defy Shellfish and Seaweed.

Rome. -- The Italian engineer Cabellini is now engaged in constructing for the Italian government a steam collier entirely built of stone.

Gabellhi made experiments extending over several years with small stone skiffs, and found them buoyant and strong, and easy to navigate. He is now building a steamship on an fron keel, forming a double framework first, into which coment in poured, thus forming the hall, which is extremely light and absolutely watertight.

This hull, too, is smooth, and canbe polished like marble, and no abellfish or seaweed can become attached

The upper deck and bridge are also of concrete, and the ship will have water-tight compartments of co-

## WOULD LIVE WITHOUT EATING

Shelbyville Man with Odd Theories is ... Clever Ruse.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Believing that be could live without eating, that his mouth had grown shut, and that he could live 1,000 years, caused a sanitary commission to hold an inquiry into the mental condition of Charles Watkins, and they declared that he was a person of unsound mind.

Being a friend of Sheriff Butler's, he was asked to go to the jail to fix a lock on one of the cells. He consented, and as he passed through the jafl door to the cell the door closed on him and he will remain there until papers arrive to take him to the insane hospital. He was born and reared here, and for many wears was a member of the lecal fire depart-

Bar "Blue Eye" Corn.

Evansville, Ind.—Grain dealers of this city have been warned by Nashville (Tenn.) millers against further shipments of "blue eye" corn from this territory, it being alleged that to this peculiar blight in corn is due a dissease of the human skin which has been worrying Tennessee physicians for some time. The "blue eye" is due to a combination of warmth and wetness in the last ripening stage, it to said, producing a fermentation which affects users of the corn products. Practically all of southern Indiana's corn is shipped to Tennessee.

Honor Filipino Hero.

Washington.—Quartermaster Tonscio de la Crus of the naval auxiliary Nansha, a native Filipino, who displayed heroism in efforts to rescue shipmates from asphyziation May 27 while the vessel was on the way from Cavite to Hongkong, has been warmly commended by Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop. He saved two men, but five met death.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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