

SILK TRADE GROWS

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

Industry Introduced from China Centuries Ago Has Progressed Rapidly Since Commerce with World Began.

Washington, D. C.—Of all the articles which a foreign expert on other countries...

The cultivation of silk in the far east had its origin in China and spread from there to Japan...

It was not, however, until the second half of the sixteenth century that silk culture became fairly established...

The real development of the industry commenced with the opening of the trade ports in 1859...

When the disease pebrine was making frightful ravages all over Europe and extending even as far east as India and China...

The number of boxes exported chiefly to France and Italy—amounted to 30,000 in 1863...

Complaints as to the nature of the eggs became numerous, while on the other hand the discovery was made in Europe...

Japan is second in the world as a raw silk producing country...

Italy, which is the third raw silk producing country, is credited with 4,745 tons...

Endless varieties of silk are woven in Japan, but most of these are only for domestic consumption...

Most of the habutae shipped abroad is sent in its gray state and is then printed or dyed in foreign countries...

ACRES OF EXPLOSIVE FOUND.

Development of Randidite Earth in State of Washington First Step in Powder Trust Fight.

Spokane, Wash.—Development of 40 acres of randidite earth found near Blue Creek, Stevens county, Wash...

Chemists report that it is a perfect absorbent and say it will make blasting and gunpowder much safer and cheaper than the standard brands...

STARTS ON ONE WHEEL TRIP

Backs to His Home on a Wagon with Wheels for Lumber to South-west

Frederick, Md.—With a wagon and sheep combined on wheels, Charles A. Politt and family started to trek to Texas...

Politt spent several weeks in fitting up his wagon that he might have all the home comforts while on his long and tiresome trip...

A more unique feature of the conveyance is the complete blacksmith shop with which the wagon is equipped...

Politt and his wife have relatives in Texas, and they will locate there if the prospects are at all bright...

ONCE COSTLY SHIP IS JUNK.

Navy to Sell Merchant Steamer Zafro, Purchased by Dewey Just Before Famous Battle.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound.—The navy department is about to make another attempt to sell the merchant ship Zafro...

A board of inspection is about to be appointed here to inspect the old hulk again and put an appraised value upon her...

"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 unhome-like atmosphere of the average St. Paul boarding house...

There are books and up-to-date literature and games, and those who came enjoyed themselves...

PARROT SPOTS A CROOK.

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

Elizabeth N. J.—"You're a crook, you ought to be in jail!" shrieked a fortune-telling parrot when Albert Burns, held under bonds as leader of a wharf gang...

"He's a crook! He's a crook!" shrieked the parrot in court. "So they say," remarked the judge...

BOY IS RUGGED NOW

"Smiling Joe," Famous Cripple, Entirely Cured.

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

New York.—Four years ago "Smiling Joe" was strapped to a board down at the Seabreeze hospital at Coney Island because he had tuberculosis of the bones...

Joe has just left the hospital a cured boy. He can run and play and is a picture of rugged health...

Joe said farewell to the institution which has been his home for four years. Then he went to the circus in a big automobile...

Joe is a famous youngster because of his misfortune and his wonderful recovery. Once President Roosevelt shook his hand and wished him good luck...

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...

People would take one look at Joe, strapped to his board and smilingly happy, 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...

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...

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 Fifty-ninth street, four boys and two girls were seen in the custody of elder persons...

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...

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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 on the other day cut Dean's stomach into three sections and removed the middle section because of a cancerous growth...

AGED LIQUOR DUG FROM EARTH.

Canonsburg, Pa.—While digging a cellar in Risine township, William Langfit and Pearen Dean dug up a bottle and two jugs containing whiskey...

"It's a crook! He's a crook!" shrieked the parrot in court. "So they say," remarked the judge. "I'll tack another \$300 onto the \$400 Judds he already carries."

BRITISH PATENTS REVOKED

Protected Articles Must Now Be Made in United Kingdom Within Borders of Great Britain.

London.—The Lloyd George act of 1907, which requires patented articles sold in the United Kingdom to be manufactured there, became operative a few weeks ago...

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RETURNS A CENT HE STOLE.

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

Utica, 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...

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...

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 teacher in America for the Kansas university. The woman who can present credentials of that kind can get a good job for life...

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...

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."

PAINTED CATFISH SOLD IN MANCHESTER.

London.—At a meeting at Leeds, W. F. Dearden, medical officer of the port of Manchester, said fraudulent trade descriptions were extremely common...

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...

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BRITAIN MAY SEND A FLEET

Squadron of Battleships to Be Sent 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...

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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...

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...

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...

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...

Kimball 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...

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

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...

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 first-named ingredient and one part of the latter...

STEAM COLLIER OF CEMENT.

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

Rome.—The Italian engineer Gabellini is now engaged in constructing for the Italian government a steam collier entirely built of stone. Gabellini made experiments extending over several years with small stone shafts, and found them buoyant and strong, and easy to navigate...

This hull, too, is smooth, and can be polished like marble, and no shellfish or seaweed can become attached to it. The upper deck and bridge are also of concrete, and the ship will have water-tight compartments of cement.

WOULD LIVE WITHOUT EATING

Shelbyville Man with Odd Theories is Locked Up as Insane After Clever Ruse.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Believing that he 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...

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 disease of the human skin which has been worrying Tennessee physicians for some time...

HONOR FILIPINO HERO.

Washington.—Quartermaster Tomacio de la Cruz of the naval auxiliary Nansha, a native Filipino, who displayed heroism in efforts to rescue shipmates from asphyxiation 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.