SAYS MEXICO WANTS BALLOONS.

Aeronaut Assorts Natives Are Inter-· w ested in Aerial Craft.

New York .-- Lincoln Beachey, well known among all American aeronauts as a dirigible pilot, has returned from Mexico, where he has been giving exhibition flights since carly last Docom-

ber. In the City of Mexico, in Pueblo and other cities he says his aerial performances caused great excitement, because it was the first opportunity given there to see a steerable craft in" actual flight.

"In many places," he said, "the people had seen ordinary spherical balloons, but when they saw a man take an airship up and circle about over their heads they simply went wild. They would be willing to give up bull fighting down there if they could have all the airships they wanted.

"And it is surprising," he continued, "that even in that country, which we are disposed to regard as not very progressive, they are seriously interested in aerial navigation. And they know a great deal about it. They get most of their information from European newspapers, and I was astonished to discover that they were very familiar with what the Wright brothers have been doing in France. They also knew a lot about the big war dirigibles of France and Germany, and some of them made rather embarrass. ing comparisons between my dirigible and the big one now being operated by Count Zeppelin."

During December, January and February Mr. Beachey made about flity flights over Mexican cities and towns. He stated that many of the wealthier sportsmen were enthusiastic over his performances and told him they would try their skill in the air as soon as they could get the balloons.

PLUCKY YOUNG IOWA WOMAN.

Works as Stenographer and Runs Hotel on the Side.

Des Moines, Ia.—That there is success in the world for the girl with grit has been demonstrated by Miss Anna Murphy of this city, a stenographer in a law office, who with her savings has bought the Gladstone hotel, a threestory structure with 50 rooms, and is operating it with success. She has not given up her stenographic position. She hires the help, directs the affairs, buys the provisions, keeps the books and banks the profits during hours that she is not working as a stenographer. Miss Murphy makes up in grit what she lacks in size. Byery one of her employes has to toe the mark.

Of course, she didn't have cash enough to pay for the hotel outright. It was necessary for her to give notes and mortgages. Her years of experience in a law office enabled her to draw up her own legal papers. The hotel, she says, is paying a profit, and she is paying off the incumbrance.

"It is all in having a little nerve l understanding something about îthe way business deals are carried on these days," said Miss Murphy incommenting on her enterprise. "Women and girls, I think, are too conservative as a rule to make a success in the business world. You have to take long chances to win. I poticed that in the dealings of men. I took a chance, of course, in investing in this hotel and running it. But I am making it pay out and expect to win. The patronage is increasing all the time and my guests my I give them the best table in Your Just a little side investment in high finance, you know."

BEE STINGS STOP RHEUMATISM,

Trestment Used Successfully on Four New York Hospital Cases.

New York-The sting from the series bee to being used successfully an Rosserein basseral for the treatment of rheumation. Dr Arthur W. Ewanz is meducing the experiments. In Swans says of the treatment, which was sproken of in his youth

"I have tried the bee treatment on four obstinate cases and at least it has resulted in a temporary improvement in each case. I think this iss based on the fact that the sting causes a counter irritation, or that the peculiar poison of the bee sting acts a an antidote to the pric acid, which causes rheumatism.

"I picked out four of the worst so ferers from rheumatism—those whose joints and limbs were stiffened by the disease. After washing the afflicted parts with alcohol, so as to insure certain cleanliness, I put two or three bees into a glass and then inverted the glass over the limb, which I had covered with a piece of thin gauze. When the patient had been stung once for twice they were removed. The treatment is renewed daily, the number of bees being increased until I have seen as many as ten bees under the glass at a time."

Oldest Office Boy Quits.

Trenton, N. J.-Samuel K. Brackett, famous as the "oldest office boy in the world," bas been pensioned and placed on the retired list by Mrs. Clark Fisher of this city. Brackett began work in the Fisher anvil plant as a mere boy, and, while in the years that followed be attained to positions of trust and responsibility, he was always known as the "office boy."

Leses His First Tooth at 82. West Tremont, Me.—Capt. William Dix, who is 82 years old, is mourning the loss of his first tooth since childhood. Capt. Dix reads without glasses, can walk as far and as fast as the average man of 50 and at the prayer meeting lifts up his voice in song with the best of them.

TO PHOTOGRAPH SHELL'S IMPACT Effort to Be Made to Determine Angle

at Which It Strikes Ship.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Newton E. Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance, navy department, will shortly conduct an interesting and novel test at the naval proving grounds to determine the exact angle at which a 12. inch shell hits the side of a battleship when fired from a rifle 8,000 yards distant. By an ingenious contrivance the shell, just before it hits the target, will cause to be operated a heavily armored camera so that a picture of the shell at the moment of impact may be

obtained. The purpose of the experiment is to determine definitely the position of the shell as it travels over its trajectory. It is not known whether the shell keeps the same angle to the earth from the time it leaves the muzzle of the gun until it hits the target, or whether the shell follows its trajectory so that the nose strikes the target a direct instead of a glancing blow. There has been much discussion on this subject.

The plan is to have constructed a target representing a section of the side of a battleship and to place before this plate successive screens of canvass or half-inch pines. The shell when fired will cut through these successive screens before it hits the target and the size and appearance of the holes will show, it is said, the posttion of the shell when it goes through, An arrangement of wires on one of the screens will connect with a camera so that when these wires are cut by the shell the lens is thrown open automatically at the moment the shell strikes

the target. In 1895 an effort was made by the bureau of ordnance to obtain a picture of the impact of a heavy shell. The first picture was taken a trifle late and showed a ball of fire. At the second attempt the camera was smashed to pieces by flying fragments of the

OLD COLONIAL TUNNEL FOUND.

Skeletons Discovered in Passageway 7 from Philadelphia Church.

Philadelphia.—The long perplexing mystery as to how the chimes of old Christ church were removed from the building during the revolutionary war, when the building was closely guarded by British soldiers has been solved by the finding of a subterranean passage leading from the church to Market street, over 200 feet away. In the tunnel were found the skeletons of eight men by workmen excavating for a subbasement under the hardware store of James M. Vance, 211 Market street. The bodies were heaped in a pile.

The tunnel is about two hunderd feet long, three feet wide, seven feet high and 17 feet underneath the surface of the street. The entrance to the passage, where it was first discovered, begins at a point underneath the basement floor about five feet from the Market street curb. It runs back across Church street to a point directly underneath the tower of Old Christ church. At that point the remains of an old stairway were found, but across the stair a wall of masonry was found

When the tunnel was constructed is another of the mysteries of the many subterranean passages that have from time to time been discovered in this oldest part of the city. Some of these passages lead from the river front for hundreds of feet under the city and terminate in blind walls.

ATHLETE IS 103 YEARS OLD

Elisha Miller Boxes All Comers, Although He Is a Centenarian.

Ukiah, Cal.—The entire membership of the Mayflower Athletic club of Point Arena helped Elisha Miller celebrate his one hundred and third birthday anniversary because he can still do athletic stunts with the young men and is no mere novice in the handling of dumbbells or in swinging the Indian

In the roped arena he is at home and meets all comers, but is like Nelson in the dictation of the number of rounds, and he refuses to go more than six is one evening.

It is reported that Miller donned the gloves on several occasions with Stanley Ketchell when the middleweight was rusticating at Point Arena bot springs last summer, and gave the conqueror of Papke value received.

He issues a challenge to the outside world to produce his equal in the ring. either in wrestling matches or with the gloves. The color line is drawn, but nothing is barred for age, anybody under 193 being eligible.

Needle, Not Neuralgia.

Bayre. Pa -After being in her body so long that she cannot remember hos or when it entered, a No. 8 needle worked out of the neck of Mrs. D. F. Shannon, of Canton.

For the past month she has ha severe pains in her back and neck and thought they came from rheuma tism or neuralgia.

The other day, while rubbing the back of her neck with a lotion, she felt the needle. It was extracted by a physician and the pains at once

Shoots 100 Shots a Minute. Cleveland, O.—The desire to indulge in a whim for fancy shooting on the stage has led John Szebo, an Austrian machinist of this city, to the invention of an attachment for a rifle which enables him to fire 100 shots in less than a minute. Szebo, who is an expert marksman, perfected an auxiliary magazine which enables him to discharge many more shots than the average repeating rifle magazine contains without reloading.

BEARS KINGLY SIGNATURE.

Document, Signed by George III. When Blind, in Sale. New York.-A document signed by

George III. of Great Britain when he was blind is in a collection of interesting literary and political autographs which will be sold at Ander-Son's. It is a two-page folio, license for the protection of an American ship, and is dated 1808. It reads:

"Ships of War and Privateers are directed not to molest the said Vessel on her voyage from Liverpool to the United States of America, either on account of the existing War or of any other Hostilities which may take

There is a letter, two full pages, octavo, written by Donald G. Mitchell ("Ik Marvel") and dated Edgewood, January 12, 1886. "I find it hard," he says, "to put myself in the mood of writing-merely for the sake of making an article, or even for the money (tho' sorely needed); yet I do have many notions—longish and shortish -notions about books, about art, about homes-about this or that craze of the day, making game of things like a very pot hunter. What should you, say to a series of such Through Country Eves?"

There are several interesting letters by the late E. C. Stedman, the banker poet. In one of them he defends Lo-Byron against the criticism of Sa. burne, as follows:

"Swinburne made a wild onslaught on Byron (whom he himself resembles in certain traits—though falling desperately short of B.'s manliness) in one of the great English reviews last year. To this replies have been made, and there has been a Byron controversy. Swinburne's article was a comment on Matthew Arnold's comparison of Wadsworth, Byron, etc."

BUIT OVER 18 CENTS IS ON.

Costs Aiready \$27, Appeal Taken to Common Pleas Court.

Philadelphia -- With costs already amounting to \$27 the litigation over 18 cents was carried another step upward by Henry J. Scott, attorney for C. G. A. Loder, a druggist, taking a writ of certiorari to common pleas court No. 1, from the judgment of the magistrate in the suit of Henry C. Terry to recover the 18 cents. The suit was based on the allegation that Mr. Terry had purchased a bottle of tooth wash, but when he came to open the bottle it contained but about a teaspoonful of the preparation. He demanded another bottle or the return of the price paid, but was refused. He then sued Loder before a magistrate

and obtained a judgment in his favor. "In support of the certiorari it will be contended that the judgment was wrong because Mr. Terry had brought the suit in his name for the Salvation Army, and he admitted that he had noauthority to act for the army, but did "charity," and further that the judgment was excessive, as he admitted that there was some of the preparation in the bottle and that would reduce the loss to about 15 cents.

MACHINE WILL ANSWER 'PHONE.

Michigan Man Incorporates Company to Manufacture His Device. Detroit, Mich.-J. F. Land, an ex-

pert known throughout the country in his business, has begun the manufacture of a device which will answer the calls of telephones when the party called is out. It will repeat twice, to each call of the 'phone, any message the person expecting to be called desires to impart to it.

Mr. Land has incorporated his company. The usefulness of the device was explained by the president of the company, E. M. Hopkins.

"There are many things about the annunciphone that commend it to the public," said Mr. Hopkins. "See what a convenience it will be to the doctor. He leaves his office at times when there is nobody to answer the telephone. This phonograph arrangement is told the piece to speak and during his entire absence it answers the telephone. No matter how many calls, it tells when the doctor will be back. perhaps it tells where he is, if he wishes to impart that information."

Finds Egg Laid Sixty Years Ago. Youngstown, O.-For 60 years an egg lay in a small stream under the henhouse of Wesley Van Auker. whose farm is not far from this city. The petrified egg was found by Van Auker, and the discovery cleared up a mystery that has remained with Van Auker all these years.

When he was a lad on his father's farm, a favorite Plymouth Rock hen laid an egg each day in a nest under the henhouse. One day there was no egg there. Never before or after that, until the time of its death, did the hen fall to leave an egg in the accustomed place. The loss of that egg was an episode in Wesley's life. He never forgot it.

When he found the egg it was solid

Rounited After Sixty-Three Years. Kittanning, Pa.—After a separation of 63 years, Mrs. James Hawley of Kittanning and her sister, Mrs. Rachel Seese of Felfx, Somerset county, were reunited here. Both were born at Scalp Level, Pa., but in

girtheod they drifted apart. For years neither knew whether the other was living, but finally, through a stepbrother, who had learned of Mrs. Hawley's residence here, correspendence was begun. Mrs. Hawley is now 75 years of age and Mrs. Boose is nearly 19.

ONLY BAD BIRDS ON HATS.

Bill to Preventing Wearing of Certain Kinds Before New York Assembly.

Albany, N. Y.—Perversity may prevent women from exercising the ballot, but she is not to lose the privilege of adorning her hat with mountain ranges of bird plumage if Julius M. Mayer, former attorney general of the state, has anything to say about it. For that reason, and incidentally at the beheat of the Eastern Millinery association, Mr. Mayer led the fight before the assembly committee on fisheries and game recently against Assemblyman Francis' bill, which, though aimed to protect wild birds of the state, may interfero with the plumage headgear of femininity.

Officials of the Audubon societies and of the federal department of agriculture contended, on the contrary, that the birds must be saved, even if fashion's winged hats are consigned to elimination. Mr. Francis' bill, however, leaves a

loophole of esecape for womankind.

provided they consent to decorate

their headgear with plumage of the

sparrow, the crow, the "sharp-skinned"

hawk, the cooper hawk, the goshawk,

the great horned owl or the kingfisher, for those members of the ornithological family are not given shelter under its terms. The measure prohibits the possession or sale at any time of the plumage, skin or body of any other wild bird, "whether killed within or without the state." "The state of New York," said Mr. Mayer in the course of his argument, "has no more right to say whether birds shall be killed in Patagonia than

have I. During the last fiscal year imported dress feathers to the value of \$4,262,000 entered the port of New York alone. If you pass this bill you will send that volume of trade to New

Representatives of the Feather Importers' association also argued against the bill.

APPRECIATION IS BELATED. Thanks for Man Who Gave Codfish to

Massachusetts in 1785. Boston.—A belated message of thanks has been extended by the house

of representatives to John Rowe, an ancient T wharf dsherman, who first conceived the idea that the state of Massachusetts did not own a codfish and straightway proceeded to present it with one. That was 126 years ago, and soon

after the legislature convened Representative White of Brookline offeredan order, conveying to Mr. Rowe the thanks and good will of the members for his kind consideration. The message contained no suggestion as to now the text of the order was to be conveyed to Mr. Rowe. During the career of the codfish as

a state symbol it has hung in the house. Its public life began in the old state house on March 17, 1785, and there it remained until removal to the present state house in 1798. There it hung, immediately over the speaker's desk, for 97 years. Its chief claim to glory rests in its removal to the place it now occupies in the house,

In 1895 the year the new wing of the present state house was completed. a procession composed of all the members of the house was formed, and, headed by Speaker Meyer, now secretary of the navy, escorted the sacred emblem from the old house chamber to the new one.

AFFINITY CLUB IS FORMED.

Two Hundred Men and Women Study Soul-Mate Business

Boston.—A society having for its aim the cultivation of the human figure until it becomes absolutely symmetrical has been formed in Auburndale and has already extended its influence into the neighboring suburbs. The club is formed on the plan of having an equal number of men and women on the rolls, and so popular has the new science of symmetry become that no less than 200 of both sexes attended a recent gathering in-Norumbega hail.

The creed of the cult is embodied in a book which has already been written and is ready for the printer.

Its title is "The Human Limit," and it deals with affinity extensively, and especially the power to recognize affinities, so that soul mates may know each other at a glance with a view of perfect and happy marriages.

The founder and teacher of the new idea is Edward Chase Merrill, formerly instructor in the Boston School of Practical Psychology. The club is known as the "Good Idea club."

Delaware Has Stinglest Man. Milton Del.-Milton claims to have the stinglest man in the state. He walked into a Milton store and asked for the hind quarter of a muskrat

As this animal is about the sise of a rabbit, the storekeeper was anxious to know why he wanted such a small amount, and every man in the store leaned closer and took a second look when he answered that there was no one but himself and his wife, and he didn't like to have too much fresh meat on hand, fearing waste. The storekeeper would not seil.

Americans Buy Island of Sait. Mexico City.-H. M. Crankshaw of

Guaymas and a number of Americans have purchased Carmen feland, situated in the Gulf of California, from James Viesca of La Pas, Mexico. The island embraces about eight square miles, most of which is solid sait deposits. Mr. Crankshaw says that the deposits will be worked by Yaqui Indian laborers, and that it is planned to ship about 50,000 tons of the product annually.

LIKE CAPTURING A BATTERY.

Henry Watterson's First Entry Into the Journalistic Field.

"Marse Henry" Watterson, the famous editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, was as original in starting into journalism as in everything that he does and says.

It was just after the civil war, and Watterson in the ragged regimentals of a confederate officer was casting about for some means of getting a littie food into his stomach. He happened to get hold of a copy of the old Louisville Herald, and, after studying it a while, that paculiar, purposeful look settled over his face. He arose and tramped majestically down to the Herald shop and into the presence of the venerable editor.

"Well, sir!" growled the old man, for he was exceedingly busy.

"You want an editorial writer, and I am the man for the post," said the young man soldier, as unabashed as an iceberg.

"Well, who in the say! Well, who had the unmitigated gall to tell you that we needed an editorial writer, and who in blazes are you, and say, what on earth makes you think we are pining for an editorial writer?" The aged editor paused for breath,

"Humph!" said Watterson, as emotionally as a granite block. "Anybody could see it by reading your paper!" He got the job.-Livingston Wright,

FORCED TO CONSUME BAD EGGS.

in Gunther's Magazine.

Heroic Treatment Good Object Lesson for Merchant.

Sir Gilbert Parker, the novelist M. P., who has traveled extensively and acquired a great knowledge of the ways of the world, tells many stories of his experience. One relates to an English officer and himself. At a small post in Egypt they lived practically on eggs and tinned meat, and, as there was nothing else to be had, the eggs were a very important item of the dietary. Day after day the eggs, like those of the oft-quoted curate, were "very good in parts," but one morning they were frankly bad. The officer, who had the power of life and death in those parts, determined that the eggs should be fresh in future, so the egg merchant was brought before him. "Open your mouth," said the officer and the wretched man, standing between two sentries, obeyed, trembling. Slowly and solemnly an evil-smelling egg was poured in. Again the command was given, and again a potential rooster was guiped down. A third followed the other two. After that, whoever else may have had bad eggs paimed off on them, Sir Gilbert Parker and the officer were well served.

Priam Explains.

The usual brilliant crowd of illustrious fighters gathered at the Army and Navy club of Gehenna and upon this special occasion Napoleon Bonaparte and Priam of Troy held the floor. The topic under discussion was Priam's defeat.

"There were several things about your little affair, my dear Priam, that I never could understand," said Napoleon. "Notably, how was it that when the Greeks presented you with that wooden horse you moved it into the city and failed utterly to hear the rattle of the troops inside? You were not deaf, were you?"

"Simplest thing in the world, my dear Bonaparte," returned the Trojan king. "The fact is I was badly rattled myself at the time."

Cattaro, the Austrian sea-gate of Montenegro, which is now said to be threatened by Prince Nicholas' guns, has been held by Montenegro once for a little time. The principality acquired it in 1813 with the aid of a British squadron. Any inhabitant of Cattaro who was contemporary with the rise and fall of Napoleon must often have to pause and think what country he belonged to at any moment. For, having been Venetian for centuries, Cattaro became Austrian by the treaty of Campo Formio, and Italian in 1805 by the peace of Pressburg. K was absorbed in the French empire in 1810, and wrested from it in 1813, and finally, in 1814, Russia compelled Montenegro to give it-up to Austria.

Gave It Her Hearty Approval. "They are going to start up a press club here," said a newspaper man to his young lady friend. "We held a meeting at the Seelbach hotel and elected officers, and now I think it's going through."

"That will just be fine. Tailors charge such extravagant prices nowa-days, and I think it is a great thing for young men to be able to keep their clothes pressed at a reasonable price. and it will especially be a boom to traveling men stopping at the hotel," she innocently averred.

"Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly, etc," said the young man to himself, as he allowed the conversation to drift to wearing apparel.—Louisville Times.

A Suspicion

"Biggins says he is an idealist." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "but I am afraid that he is one of those who believe that the first test of an idealist is to be idle."

A Distinction "Do you think a man should go into

politica as a profession?" "No." answered Senator Sorghum: "not as a profession. But he should be a good hand at a trade."

MODEL ONLY LOOKED THE PART.

Was Different When He Came Down from the Pedestal.

The model had sat, with the inecessary rests, for three hours in one position; the pose of a splendid senstor of Washington, elegant, aristocratic. He had a feet and a feet a fee ic. He had a fine head. He was quite noted for that. He had been model for illustrations of many heroic

figures. But the model with the fine headwore about the rustiest suit of clothes you ever saw. His cuffs were frayed. His collar stayed up with difficulty, it Was so old.

When the three hours were up he gave a sigh of relief, for posing is hard work. There is no work harder. The artist drew forth his wad and paid him. The model thanked him

with a grateful smile. "He is down and out," said the artist when he had gone. "He hadn't a penny to get his lunch with." And he looked at the picture he

had drawn of him as a splendid senator of Washington with a complacent smile of satisfaction with the fine dignity of it.

BEAR REVELED IN LUXURIES.

Bruin's Feed Somewhat Expensive to Railroad Company.

A large brown bear, the property of the traveler, Count Schoenborn, was being taken by train to his master's estate in Saxony, when he broke the bars of his cage and turned his attention to the contents of the luggage van. He smashed two egg boxes and sucked 112 eggs, and then exploited four butter casks. What he did not devour he smeared over himself and the sides of the van.

Some crates containing poultry for market next attracted bruin, who consumed three fat geese and several. ducks and fowls. He quenched his thirst with a hamper of cherries and was discovered at Halle in the act of

sampling some cheese. The officials, threatened by bruin. fied for their lives. A long time elapsed before the animal was persuaded to re-enter his cage, during which time the train was delayed.

Worth That Much.

I was standing in front of one of the "paper from home" stands in Broadway recently, when a seedy gent with a feeble eye stepped up and bought papers from Oshkosh, Kalamasoo and Wheeling. My curiosity overcame my manners and I ventured to inquire regarding the purchase. He only slipped rapidly away and I followed. Finally, after a chase of two blocks, he stopped and made a motion of mystery

"Sh-h," he whispered; "are you a confidence man?" "No. I merely want to know why you purchase papers from such

places? "Oh, I do that to throw any confidence men that may be following me

off the track," he retorted. He only got my Ingersoil. It pays to carry them -Beau Broadway in New York Telegraph.

How Men and Women Face Death. How do men and women face death when the sentence is pronounced by the doctor? A medical man tells us his experience. Tell the man of higher type and greater intelligence. he says, that he is facing death, and he begins to fight, demands a consultation, talks about going to specialists, and fights grimly to the finish. Tell a woman the same facts, and she lies back to await her fate. All women are fatalists. On the other hand, tell a man that he has one chance in a thousand to recover if he will undergo an operation, and he will trust to his own strength and endurance rather than undergo the knife. The woman

tounding calmness.—Chicago Journal. Momentarily at a Loss. The eminent detective had found a clew to the mystery he had been trying to unravel:

"Ha!" he exclaimed. "I have it at

will choose the thousandth chance,

and submit to the operation with as-

last! And now-" Here he hesitated.

Mopping his perspiring brow, he took out his pocket edition of the Sherlock Holmes stories and eagerly scanned its pages to ascertain whether the proper course after having discovered a clew was to follow it up or to run it down.

Grammar His Forte. A Kansas school ma'am had a world of trouble in teaching one of ber charges the intricacies of arithmetic. The job finally became so arduous that she complained to the child's father.

"Oh," said the fond pater, "never mind my Jimmie about that. He comes by it honestly. I always was a good grammatist, but a mighty poor arithmeticker."

Too Much of It. Chauffeurs are ticklish things, and the millionaire would proceed cautiously.

"But." he said to the applicant, "have you had much experience?" The ruddy young man laughed loud. "Experience!" he cried. "Experience! Why, I've held down 17 different jobs in the last nine months."

Then Some One Would. "If you continue in the way you are going no one will ever be sincerely sorry for your death." "Oh, I don't know, my wife may

marry again."-Houston Post.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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