

President Amador of Panama



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WHY FOOD IS HIGHER

... DUE TO PRIDE AND VANITY OF CONSUMER.

Government Statistician Declares Even Common People Want Best of Everything and Pay for Fancy Packages.

Washington.—Pride and vanity on the part of the average individual rather than in increase in the cost of raw products or manufacture are the...

When a man who wanted to buy a steak threw his basket over his arm and went to the grocery after it...

It is safe to estimate that it costs five cents a steak for every cent that is delivered to the house.

You may take any article you please," continued Dr. Powers, "and you will find that the margin between the manufacturer and consumer is constantly increasing.

The flour that goes into a one-pound package costs about a quarter of a cent.

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Court Passes on a "Gift"

Indianapolis, Ind. Merely telling an other person to take any particular article or series of articles and to place them in it does not constitute a transference of property rights.

MANY CIGARETTES IMPORTED.

Made by Greeks of Greek Tobacco. They Are Called Egyptian.

Washington.—A controversy which has been going on in Europe, and especially in England, as to the rival merits of Turkish and Egyptian cigarettes seems likely to be settled by a report of a disinterested but observant American consul.

Though the United States is the great cigarette-producing nation of the world, there are imported into this country every year more than \$1,000,000 worth of foreign-made cigarettes, some Turkish and some Egyptian.

The explanation of the matter, as offered by the American consul in Athens, is simple. It seems that the Greek tobacco crop last year was the largest Greece ever harvested—about 200,000,000 pounds.

Why, it is asked, Egyptian? The answer is that Egyptian cigarettes are made by Greeks because cigarette paper is too expensive in Greece, where it is a government monopoly.

A very large business in cigarette making has been established in Alexandria, and it is in the hands of Greeks, who import their tobacco from their own country and in turn ship it to foreign countries.

CURED BY ELOPEMENT NEWS.

Shock Restores Aged Father of Girl Who Runs Away to Wed.

London.—The elopement of a London girl has cured her elderly father of a painful nervous disorder, including agoraphobia, which may be described, roughly, as a dread of open and exposed places.

The specialist who tells the story in the Lancet says that the man was seized with panic when in a wide street, and could cross a bridge only on an omnibus, with his eyes shut.

What I have come for is not to consult you about my health, but to tell you that this shock has completely cured me. I have not the slightest difficulty in going anywhere I like.

FORM AN ANTI-ELOPING CLUB.

Young Women in Church Circle Promise Not to Wed Secretly.

Pittsburg, Pa. "We the undersigned members of the Young Ladies Mission circle of the First English Lutheran church of Bradstreet, do solemnly promise that we will not be parties to any elopements, such as have already become too common in our society."

TOO MUCH POETRY WITH MENU.

Wicked Trick Played by Merry Damsels on Their Kind Hosts.

At one of the hotels are two young men, continually looking for a good time, says the Mexican Herald. At the same hotel are two young ladies, school teachers, but who are not living up to the rules laid down for staid school teachers while they are on their vacation.

OSTRICHES \$800 A PAIR.

Nevertheless, Raising Them is Not a Get Rich Quick Scheme.

The ostrich business in the United States is fairly prosperous, especially in the Salt river valley, Arizona, where 1,500 of the 2,200 ostriches in the country are owned.

This is a new line of animal industry for Americans and there is much to be learned. We have not thus far produced such fancy birds as have some of the more experienced breeders in South Africa.

Alfalfa pasture is also essential; an acre of alfalfa will carry four ostriches and, which is of far more importance, will keep them in good health.

Patrick, lately over, was working in the yards of a railroad. One day he happened to be in the yard office when the force was out.

Baths Limited.

Owners of country houses no longer hesitate to ask the co-operation of their guests when it seems necessary. In all the bathrooms of a palace on the Hudson river, which entertains many visitors in the course of a year, says the Sun, there hangs this sign:

Several kinds of hairy caterpillars are known to have a poisonous effect on the human skin, notably the caterpillar of the processionary moth.

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In San Domingo there is a remarkable salt mountain, a mass of crystalline salt almost four miles long, said to contain nearly 60,000,000 tons, and to be so pure that multi-colored print can be read with ease through a block of it.

"BONE AGE" ON THE PRAIRIES.

How Many Settlers Lived While Getting Their Claims.

The pioneers of Kansas will never forget the "buffalo bone age." When central and southwestern Kansas were settled the prairie was strewn with buffalo bones.

Nine-tenths of the pioneers of that section of Kansas—and there weren't very many at that—had literally nothing but a team and a few household goods that they had hauled from the east in a single wagon.

The horns were the more valuable and they went first, but the rest of the skeleton soon followed. There were no fortunes made by these early bone hunters, for a large load of buffalo bones brought only from five dollars to eight dollars at the railroad towns.

CHINAMAN NEEDED THE RICE.

Sing Had Found a Whole Tribe of His Lost Cousins.

A Chinese cook in one of the homes across the bay from San Francisco was terribly worried about his cousins who were in the burning town Sing knew that Chinatown had been destroyed.

He went about his duties with lagging footsteps and mournful face. For two days he ate nothing, and the sympathy of the entire family was extended to him in his trouble.

On being questioned he said that they were lodged in the two rooms which he rented for his own use in the lower part of the town.

No sane man enjoys keeping a diary and no modern man writes voluminous enough letters to cover all the items of a foreign tour.

In your guide book, the faithful Baedeker or whatever, underline the hotel you decide on, with the comment, "good, or bad, or fair."

Very Thin Critter. Binks was hurrying across the station yard wrapped in thought and a heavy overcoat.

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Bill Nye's "Red State." William Lichtfoot Vischer of the Sam Houston company told some interesting stories of Bill Nye, of whom he was an intimate friend.

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ONE LANGUAGE FOR ALL.

It Requires More Than One Tongue for the World's Speech.

No living language can become today the vehicle of intercourse for the whole civilized world, and it is absurd to look for such a thing, says McClure's.

For that reason, the chances were never worse, the spirit of strenuous, yet friendly rivalry between the nations in the markets of the world was never more wide awake.

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MEANINGS OF WORD CALIBER.

Either the Diameter of a Gun or Its Length Divided by Diameter.

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The confusion arises chiefly from the use of the term in an adjectival sense to indicate length, as when we say a 50-caliber, 6-inch gun.

The word caliber as applied to artillery signifies essentially and at all times the diameter of the bore of a gun.

For convenience, and because the power of a gun, when once its bore has been decided upon, depends so greatly upon its length, artillerymen are in the habit of defining the length of the gun in terms of the caliber.

In the case of small arms, the caliber is expressed in hundredths of an inch, as when we say a 22-caliber or 32-caliber pistol, meaning that the bore is 22 or 32 of an inch in diameter.

Calling on the "Off" Night.

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He tipped in the direction of the hammock. It was as dark as Egypt. Suddenly he extended his arms, embraced and kissed the form in front of him.

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ALL CATS GIVEN SALUTE.

For 25 Years Soldiers in India Paid Honors to Pussy.

In Poona, at the government house for more than a quarter of a century, every cat which passed out of the front door at dark was saluted by the sentry, who presented arms to the terrified pussy.

It seems that in 1838 Sir Robert Grant, governor of Bombay, died in the government house, Poona, and on the evening of the day of his death a cat was sent to leave the house by the front door and to walk up and down a particular path precisely as the late governor had been used to do after sunset.

A Hindu sentry observed and reported this to the sepoy of his faith, and they laid the matter before a priest, who explained to them the mystery of the dogma of the transmigration of souls.

"In this cat," he said, "was reincarnated the soul of the deceased Gov. Grant, and it should, therefore, be treated with the military honors due to his excellency."

As, however, the original sentry could not identify the particular cat he had seen on the evening of the day of Sir Robert's death, it was decided that every cat which passed out of the main entrance after dark should be saluted as the avatar of his excellency.

Thus, for over a quarter of a century, every cat that passed out after sunset had military honors paid to it, not by Hindu sentinels only, but—such is the infection of a superstition—by Mahometan, native Christian and even Jewish soldiers—South China Post.

NOT THE FATTED CALF.

This is a Different Parable But It Brought Desired Results.

A good story is told of a couple of farmers living a few miles apart. One day one called on the other, happening around at dinner time.

"What's the news up your way, neighbor? No news, eh?" Presently a thought struck the visitor. "Well, yes, friend, I did hear of one item of news worth mentioning."

"What is it?" "Neighbor John has a cow that has five calves."

"Is that so? Good gracious! What in thunder does the fifth calf do when the others are five?" "Why, he stands and looks on just as I do, like a dumb fool."

Never Too Late to Learn. It is strange that not one person in a thousand knows how to help a man on with his coat or a lady with her jacket.

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