

IN THE LAND OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM.



Spring-Time Scene in Shiba Park, Tokyo, Japan.

BIBLES SHOW HEIRS

Establish Rights of Woman to Share in Estate.

Two Books Submitted as Evidence and Court Decides Portion of Contested Property Belongs to Her.

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ENGLISHMEN ARE SHORTER.

Laboring Classes Decline in Stature While They Increase in Numbers.

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MAGNET AS NAVY DESTROYER

German Engineer Claims Invention by Which He Can Draw Ships Close to Shore.

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DRAUGHT THAT SAVED A CITY

What Does Rotherburg Commemorate the Heroic Act of Its Self-Sacrificing Burgomaster.

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NATURAL ENEMY OF MOSQUITO

Fish Known as "Millions" Reeled On to Exterminate the Pest That Spreads Malaria.

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One of Two Mysteries—The Circus.

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An Apology.

Little Jim and Pat, the gardener, had been great pals, and when Pat went back to the "Guld Sod" to end his days, and slow-witted Dutch Jan took his place, Jim was a very unhappy kiddie. After sundry unsuccessful attempts to interest Jan in his small affairs he waded forth, one morning his father heard a tempest in the garden—culminating in "Oh, Jan, you're such a fool!"

At Apollo Rehearsal.

Director (in a thundering voice)—Why on earth don't you come in when I tell you to?

RIVERS THAT MAKE DAMASCUS

Situated in Desert, Town Would Be Uninhabitable Were It Not for These Two Streams.

The situation of Damascus is remarkable—she stands isolated on an oasis of the vast desert which everywhere—here in. You may see from Damascus the sunset fire touch with purple the low western hills 25 miles away. These hills mark the beginning of the great desert—beyond them there is nothing but a rolling waste and the long roads to Palmyra and Bagdad. The permanence and prosperity of Damascus are due to the presence of two rivers, which have converted this spot of the dreary, desolate and uninhabited desert into a smiling and well watered plain.

TRAINING OF TURKESTAN GIRL

"Education" That Seems to Be of Little Real Value.

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Long Out of the Sea.

Mr. Gaynor, an Irishman celebrated for his good humor, was dining one Friday with a friend and fish was the only meat served. Gaynor was particularly fond of haddock, and seated himself near a fine specimen. His electrical nerves, however, soon made him aware that the fish was not too fresh.

Well 3,318 Feet Deep.

The record of the deepest well in the world is claimed by France. Situated at Ronchamp (Haute-Saone), the Buyer oil well is said to be the deepest that has ever been sunk for industrial purposes. It reaches a depth of 3,318 feet. The temperature at the bottom of the well is not less than 118 degrees Fahrenheit when it is 50 degrees Fahrenheit at the mouth of the well.

Something for Father.

"And do you think there should be a Father's day, too?" "Sure. But wait."

A Modern Sapphira.

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SAYS WEIGHT IS NOT FACTOR

British Medical Authority Talks on the Peculiarity of the Human Brain.

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HAVE DECLARED WAR ON RAT

Britons Plan Systematic Campaign Against This Most Costly of All Vermin.

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She Who Hesitates Is Lost.

Once at a dinner at which Dr. Emil Reich was present the conversation turned on marriage.

Gas from the Eucalyptus.

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Peculiar Circumstance Which Gave Life Partner to Builder of Suez Canal.

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YALE'S ABSENT-MINDED HEAD

Many Humorous Tales Told of Great and Much-Loved Eastern Scholar.

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Woe of the Living Aid.

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