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# RARE UNITED STATES COINS. ome Points as to Values From a

The New York Press says: A succersful operation was performed on the big Hud-Basin the other day, and last week the North German Lloyd steamer Spree left German Burner of Special Construchere for Hamburg, where she will be lengthened in the same manner. The New York was lengthened thirty feet and the

Spree will be lengthened sixty feet. It were found to be unstable in a heavy sea and were taken back to their builders to be lengthened. They were out to be lengthened. They were cut in two amidships and lengthened fourteen feet.

After that they were excellent sea boats, The method pursued in all these cases After that they were excellent sea boats. The method pursued in all these cases of ship surgery is practically that which was pursued the other day in the case of the New York. The New York was built for a day boat to run between this city and Albany. In order to make her trip within nine hours the boat had to be fast, so they gave her a speed of twenty-three miles an hour. In order to

BIG STEAMER GROWS LONGER THE NEW YORK WAS CIT IN TWO AND BUILT IX. FIFTA JOB OF LIS Kind-Her Sister Step Mad This Operation Performed Successfully, as Did Two Thited States Gunboats. More many years ago people would have heristic crowding, waiting for trains and discessful to the construction at the expects of the construction of the practicality of the construction of the practicality of the construction of the practicality of the structure is available for provided on the the structure is available for passengers can be structure is available for provided on the the structure is available for provided on the the structure is available for provided on the the structure is available for passengers can the structure is available for provided on the the structure is available for provided on the the structure is available for the practicality of the structure is available for the practicality of the structure is available for the practicality of the structure of the construction at the expected to may lead to decided modifications in the structure of the construction at the expected to may lead the to decided modifications in the structure of the installation. The New York Press says: A successful the structure is available for trains and mail the structure is the structure is available for trains and the the structure is the structure is available is the success of the installation. BRICHT AS ELECTRICITY

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scorchers led a flock of cops a merry chase of ten blocks up the boulevard and Intensity. really was just getting his stride when the Ernest Salzenberg, director of the gas works of Crefeld, Germany, according to forward wheel of his skate caught in a car track running diagonally across the street and threw him. For Women, Too.

This particular skate scorcher was of the This particular skate scorener was of the miscular gender, but the debat of the feminine skater as a scoreher is only a question of time. Already she has taken to the sport, not as flercely, possibly, as she took to the bike or to roller skates, but with eageness and a determination to

### Skilled Numismatist.

In the estimation of coin collectors, the most valuable of all the American coins to-day is the perfect silver dollar of 1804. That particular coin is worth whatever an enthusiastic collector is willing to pay for The highest auction price is \$1,000, and there is a record of \$1,200 having been paid for one at a private sale. Only thirteen of them are known to exist, and each has

a record of ownership. Lyman H. Low, the skilled numismatist. in discussing the subject of coin collections in his office in the United Charities build ing, said to a New York Herald reporter: "There are many marities in the different cries of United States coins, and some of bursts of speed that the fleetest cops have found difficulty in bringing him to earth. them command pretty high prices. That which has the highest record with us is Only the other day one of the new style the 1804 dollar, and there are probably several hundred mistaken claims made wh year by persons who think that they have one of these dollars. This mistake arises from a confusion of other coins bearing the same date with the United States silver dollar. The Spanish-Amer-States silver dollar. The Spanish-Amer ican eight-real piece, or dollar, is dated 1894, and the Bank of England has an 189

States silver dollar. The Spanish-Amer-ican eight-real piece, or dollar, is dated 1894, and the Bank of England has an 1894 issue, which is stamped 'live shillings or dollar.' Occasionally some bunglingly alt-ered coins turn up as alleged 1804 dollars. "Next to these rare silver dollars the coin collector prizes the half-engles, or 35 gold pieces, of 1815 and 1822. These are worth from \$360 upward. Of the other rarities in the gold series the most nota-ble are the \$1 piece of 1875 and the \$1 pieces of silver half-dollars the most valuable are the coins of 1755 and 1875. In the series of silver half-dollars the most valuable are the coins of 1756 and 1875. The lesser lights among those sought by collectors are the halves of 1754, bol, 1802, 1815 and 1852. High prices are realized by silver quarters of dates prior to 1815 when they are in the mint state or not very much worn. The quarters most in demand and consequent-ly most valuable are those of 1822 and 1827. An 1892 half-dime is very valuable. A choice specimen will bring \$100 or over at any time. The 1844 dime is probably the rarest, and it is fair to say that any early American dime in a high state of preser-vation is valuable. This statement applies also to almost any of the copper cents hearing dates prior to 1846, especially when they are in the mint state or near thereto. The rare sets of copper cents may be noted in the following order: 1529, 1894, 1533, 1899, and 1811. In the bises of other dates the question of preservation is most important. The old two-cent pieces which were coined from 1864 to 1875. have no special value, except those of the date of 1873. The IN37 coins were never struck for general direction, but were put in proof sets of that date. "Then there is the little 3-cent silver piece, the coining of which began in 1831 and ended in 1873. All the issues of the hast eleven years are in demand. Perfect specimens are rare. Of the small copper, nickel and bronze cents, the coin that to prized." In the course of a year great quantities

nickel and branze cents, the coln that bears the date of 1856 is the only one that is prized." In the course of a year great quantities of old colns are submitted to Mr. Low for inspection and appraisal. He is a recog-mized authority in the science of numis-matics, and is one of the very few men in this country who devote exclusive an-tention to the handling of rare colns. His catalogue of "American colonial and United States gold, silver and copper coins worth more than their face" is an interesting little book. When asked what proportion of the coins submitted to him for examina-tion were really valuable. Mr. Low re-piled: "Well, to speak figuratively. I have to go through a wagonload of coins to find one of unusual character or value."

## STRANGE LOSS OF MEMORY.

### A Curious Case Brought to Light in a Baltimore Hospital

A curious case of lapse of memory has come to light at the Baltimore, Md., hos-

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physicians are puzled over the case,

A GREAT MEMORIAL AVENUE.

It Is to Connect the Washington

Vernon.

Baltimore Sun, a correspondent says: With the coming of congress renewed efforts will be made on behalf of the construction

Monument With Mount

Writing from Alexandria, Va., to the

CAPACITY FOR LEARNING OF THE HALF AND FULLBLOODS.
The Different Meanings of, Words in the Different Meanings of, Words in the English Language Trouble the Studenta-Manual and Industrial Pursuits.
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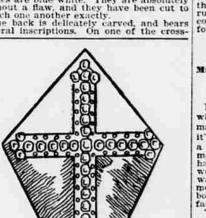
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A CLASSROOM AT HASKELL. CAPACITY FOR LEARNING OF THE HALF AND FULLBLOODS. Weekly washing of clothes and in the dadiy supplying of bread. In the low, flat oven, built in the little stone bake house, each harness and blacksmith shops supply some that is done. THOMAS A. EDISON MAY HAVE TO LOOK TO HIS LAURELS.

His Son Expects to Make Things Live-

what lost sight of in the dazzle of the fame of his father, with whom he has for a long ime been associated in laboratory work. The young man has, however, recently started out for himself, and since August last has occupied an office in a Broadway. New York, building. He has invented a device which, he says,

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Valuable Inventions.

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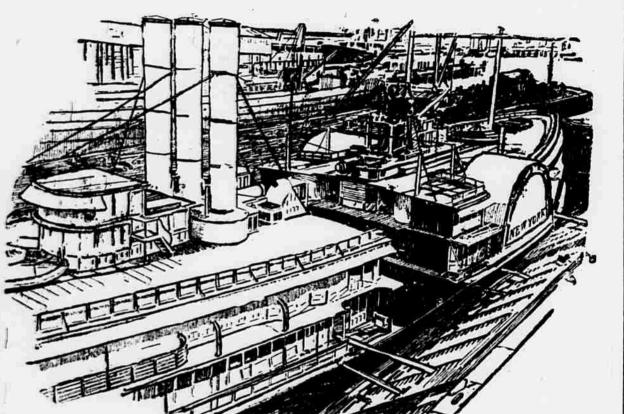
only the first of a series of improved ap-

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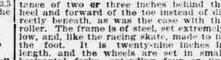
one now in use to the inexperienced eye, but possessing, it is said, many advant-

while," When the boy was getting is the father came again, and again I persuaded him to leave the boy with me. When the boy was getting 319 a week the father came again and stild he was going to take the boy away. "What for?" "He isn't mak-ing money enough." "What will you do with him?" "Put him in the factory." "How much will he get?" "Twelve dol-lars first-fifteen afterward." "Any more?" "Yes, he may get to be a loom boss."

CHRISTMAS GIFTFROM AMERICA FOR THE POPE.



LENGTHENING THE NEW YORK.



Recently.

pital. The conductor of a Baltimore & Ohio train, bound from Baltimore to

The strain was pretty eventy distributed over it. In five minutes and thirty seconds after the winches began to turn, the forward part of the steamer, weighing ise tons, had advanced thirty feet inland, and there its progress was stopped. So careful had been all the calculations that when the two portions of the vessel were "lined up" with a fine planoforte wire after the oper-ation, it was found that one side of the bow had to be raised only one-sixteenth of an inch and the stem straightened up dicular.

# **RAILWAY WITHOUT STOPS.**

### Train Three Miles Long Projected at the Paris Exposition.

### From the Philadelphia Record.

Because of the somewhat scattered area of the Paris exposition it has been essen-tion to adopt some means of communica-tion between the two parts of the great show, A traveling platform has been adopted, differing from the moving sidewalk of the Chicago fair in some important details. It is proposed to build the adway upon an elevated structure similar to that of the elevated roads in New York. or the Intramural road at Chicago, with

or the Intramural road at Chicago, with convenient stations at intervals, two speeds being furnished, and the whole being pro-belled by electric motors. The whole design shows evidence of a full appreciation of the difficulties of the problem when considered upon so large of the Chicago moving sidemate billing of the the Chicago moving sidemate billing of the inits in lemeth. In the Chicago moving sidewalk the beneath, these rails resider on the tops of the rime of the wheth supporting the socker section, and these a double speed was obtained without additional mechan-ian. This plan, bowever, is not though the commonstrable. The proposed platform system consists and uncomfortable. The proposed platform system consists and uncomfortable, while set of the grounds. The sock mention is intended to have, and the socker section and endless mattern travel-bigh steed portion is intended to have, and the socker section is intended to have a stimating a continuous and endless mattern travel-bigh steed portion is intended to have a stimating a continuous and endless mattern travel-bigh steed portion is intended to have a store of springs makes the motion rough a continuous and endless diatform system consists will a stationary sidewalk of ample within

A BLACK GROOM ON A TANDEM IN LONDON.



Engineering Magazine. In Germany, France, Austria and Russia everyone is ready to admit that the Americans are tahead, and the Germans were, I think, the first to take advantage of the situa-tion. In the United States it costs a large sum of money to design and perfect any particular machine, and very great care is always exercised before the machine is thally put upon the market. The English, a a rule, honesuly believe themselves to ahead of every other mation in every branch of manufacture, and it is only in recent years that a few of them have stumbled upon the truth that some really good things come from America. But as a rule, they do not make blind copies of American work. They wish always to have a finner in the ple themselves. A short time ago an American cable line was established in Brixton 1 failed completely to recognize the system as each car was provided with a small and extremely ugly locomotive. Upon closes inspection, however, I found that the loco-motive carried simply the clamping device. Upon asking the "driver," or the mant the clamp, the object of the apparatus, he stift. "Oh, 'I said, 'how nice! Please explant it." Well, underground here, is a wire rope: "Well, underground here, is a wire rope:

The design is as novel as patriotic. It was inderstood, to hold that being similar in pattern, save in the difference of the tire. The state of Virginia was, it was understood, to hold that portion within the city of Alexandria. The design is the source the aportion of the states, in or a memorial of the father of his country-to give each state a portion of the states, in order that the several states might care in the bicycle skate from being an immediate craze."
PAY OF OLD-TIME ARCHITECTS.
Sir Christopher Wren Received \$1,000 a Year While Rebuild-ing London.

As near as we can discover, the architect of "ye olden tyme" did not receive for

American Publication. Suit has been brought by the chancellor, masters and others of the University of Oxford, England, for the issuing of an injunction restraining the Wilmore Andrews

FIGHT OVER BIBLE.

junction restraining the Wilmore Andrews Publishing Company from printing or pub-lishing a Bible, designated by them as "The Oxford Bible," "The Oxford Bible for Teachers," which contained notes, reference tables, a dic-tionary, maps and other important helps in the study of the Bible, is the edition that is said to be chiefly infringed upon by the Bible published by the defendant company. It is charged that the wording of the title page, the use of the words "Oxford Bible," the words "appointed to be read in the churches" and the title on the back of the book are calculated to deceive. It is also charged that an attempt was made to copy or imitate the trademark. The University of Oxford is represented by

It is also charged that an attempt was made to copy or imitate the trademark. The University of Oxford is represented by Rowland Cox, and United States Commis-sioner Shields has been appointed master to take evidence in the hearing and pre-pare and present such evidence before the court. -

### A Suggestion.

From the Detroit Free Press. "I want something in a small check," said young Mr. Twitters, as he examined the tailor's goods. "Did you bring it with you, sir?", entry the tailor's goods. "Did you bring it with you, sir?" asked the tailor.

"Bring what with me?" "The small check."

## What Kept Him.

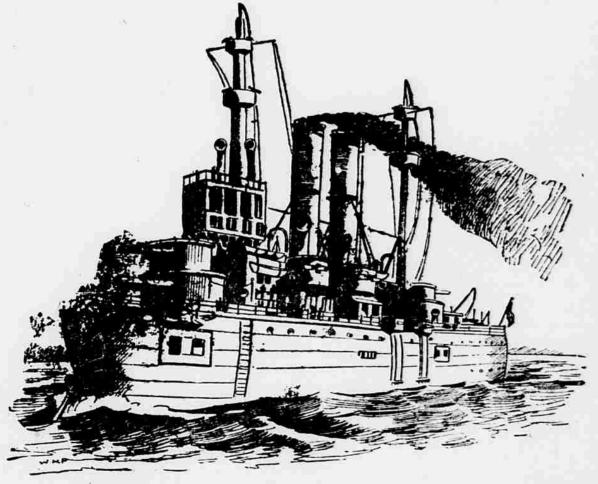
From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "What kept you in the South so long?" "I was trying to negotiate a raise," "What, money?" "No, quarantine,"

CHRISTMAS GIPTFROM AMERICA FOR subordination to the government. It was thing I don't have to study hard, as j. thing I don't have to study hard, as j. thing I don't have to study hard, as j. the Indian schools? Does the government, is the universe to study and guch a remark. Is that why they have the Indian schools? Does the government require each one of us to say guch a remark. Is that why they have the government stops this business they are stoles to study the unoverse to study and the person of the government stops this business they are stoles to reducting these people of they are stoles to reducting the school is the unoverse to stand upon they are readed to stop elaciting them, becautiful they are stoles to reducting the school is becautiful to be a done to stop the they are stole to reducting the school is becautiful to be and upon they are readed headility ness. Sure, let's they are readed headility ness. Sure, let's they are readed headility ness. Sure, let's the and head head struggle for the and head his are and the head of the school. The Makel I misture is an indistrial as well the and head his are and the school is the school. The skell misture is an indistrial as well the and conductive maker, diverse for the and conductive maker, diverse for the and conductive to have the conduction. The Angule The the the struggle is an addition of the school. The Maker and conductive the and struggle for the done and histing are laured in the making of the choing are hear diverse making of the choing are hear diverse have hear and the school. Lauredring are baking are tauget in the choing are hear hear own the the fore the choing are hear hear own the school. Lauredring are baking are hearded in the school. Lauredring are baking are hearded in the school. Lauredring a

has been riding on a railway train since he came to. Denemore is of medium height, has brown hair, blue eyes and a brown mous-inche. He is of heavy build. He was well dressed, wearing a black coat, vest and dark striped trousers, lace shoes and derby hat. The shirt he had on bore on the flap his name and a big red C, showing the ward of a hospital he had been in. When asked his name he drew up the flap and

asked his name he drew up the flap and showed his name there. His appearance, his language and the contents of his satchel indicate a man of refinement. The

## KENTUCKY, MOST POWERFUL BATTLESHIP IN THE WORLD.



The new United States battleship Ken-tucy, now fast nearing completion in the ship yards at Newport News, will be the most powerful warboat in the navy. The date of its launching has not been decked upon, but when Miss Christine Bradley, of Kentucky, breaks the bottle of champagne on the Kentucky's forehead there will be no more destructive piece of machinery. The Kentucky is one of four sister ships, all of which will soon be finished. The Kentucky bears on her forward and after deck a double turret. Each of these turrets car-ries two thirteen inch guns. No European power has placed on the deck of a warship

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Used Tobacco Minety Years.

Leed Johacco Minety Years. James Woods the other day celebrated his lief birthday anniversary, in com-pany with his wife, who is 80; two sisters who are over 80, and two sons and one daughter. He is able to read without glasses, his mind is clear, and he is as active as an ordinary man of 90. One year ago he swore off on tobacco, after using it for ninety years, and he says he is glad he did. He feared that the continued use of the weed would kill him eventually, and he swore off.