

NOTES AND COMMENTS

steel arch bridge 1,240 feet long... 46 feet wide will be thrown across... river at Niagara Falls this year...

A Congressman who will have to pay \$100,000 if he takes a single drink of intoxicating liquor during the year 1896... who will earn \$1,000 by refraining...

The question as to whether the United States has exclusive jurisdiction over a soldier's home, which was raised in an assault case at Milwaukee some three weeks ago, has been decided by a United States judge...

An American lady who recently visited Para, Brazil, was invited to dine at the house of a wealthy merchant... everything was very gorgeous and lavishly South-American style...

Something novel in the way of a protest society has been evolved in New York. Instead of going back to medieval times for inspiration the founders took the conditions lying next their hands...

Rev. Edgar E. Clough, superintendent of the Black Hills Mission Center, at Deadwood, S. D., denies the report that some cowboys in South Dakota recently gave a bullfight to raise money for a church...

Philadelphia Record says that men were recently arrested for a breach of the peace. They were being paid their fines and wanted to be released at once...

Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that the passenger revenues of the railroads of the country last year reached \$285,349,558, an increase of \$16,142,258...

French statistician, M. Bertillon, published some interesting facts regarding the population of Paris and other great capitals. Only 36 per cent of the present population was born in Paris...

European census, Paris had the greatest number of foreigners, more than 181,000, exclusive of 47,000 naturalized foreigners. Among these are 23,633 Germans, while in Berlin there are only 397 French...

The product of the Witwatersrand (South Africa) gold fields from 1887 to the close of 1894 was, according to the official figures, 6,108,707 ounces, the yield in 1887 being 28,754 and in 1894, 1,837,773 ounces...

The annual loss to Pennsylvania by forest fires is estimated by the State Forestry Commission to be at least \$1,000,000. This is the direct loss. The indirect or consequential damages are much greater...

Hans Zopke, a German civil engineer commissioned by his government to look into the methods adopted in this country for the propulsion of cars by electricity, said to a Washington correspondent: "I think America is far ahead of any other country in the use of electricity..."

Remarkable Big Gun Records. Some remarkable records in big gun firing were made by the gun crews of the British flagship Royal Arthur off the Pacific Coast a week or so ago...

A CAVALRYMAN'S TALE

How a hard fought battle was fought on the 1st of June, 1862, in the story of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry...

Milton Weaver, who lives on Throop Street, Seneca Falls, N. Y., was a soldier in the late war, serving in the Third Wisconsin Cavalry. In 1862, while being transported from Janesville to Chicago, the train was wrecked by a broken axle...

Since then he has spent thousands of dollars, but has never been able to get any relief, and he felt that he would always be compelled to drag himself about with the aid of crutches. Four years ago he was taken down with the aid of crutches. It was then that he hoped for the paralysis had attacked his bitter good right arm as well and left him indeed helpless...

Mr. Weaver was born in Seneca Falls, where, with the exception of a few years spent in the West, he has always lived, and known him to be easily verified. George B. Davis, of the drug firm of Davis & Seaman, says that the cure of Mr. Weaver was nothing less than a miracle...

The Monkeys Proved Successful. In one of the London school districts too many parents reported no children in their families, and in order to ascertain the real number of children in the district the school officers resorted to an ingenious measure...

A Winter City. The most wonderful city within the limits of the United States, and which has no existence whatever during the summer months, is Fish City, Mich. This municipal oddity is built on the ice of Saginaw Bay regularly every winter and is occupied by men and their families who are engaged in catching, cleaning and packing lake trout and white fish for the market...

Fangs of the Moccasin. A Florida moccasin, which also lately gave birth to nine young ones, that are splendidly marked, has a box to herself, and the power, after pressing her neck down with a stick, grabbed the venomous brute by that part of the body and showed the writer the poison fangs. These are two curved teeth, that, when at rest, lie in slots in the upper jaw, but when striking come down in a curve and do all the mischief...

An odd instrument has been invented, combining a fan and an ear-trumpet. The deaf lady, when she wishes to hear what is being said, folds up her fan into a shape somewhat like the paper packets used by grocers, and applies the small end to her ear...

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In Vancouver, Wash., an enterprising undertaker with a bicycle has so rigged up the machine that he uses it with ease to carry coffins, big and little, into the country districts...

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