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Swimming the English Channel.

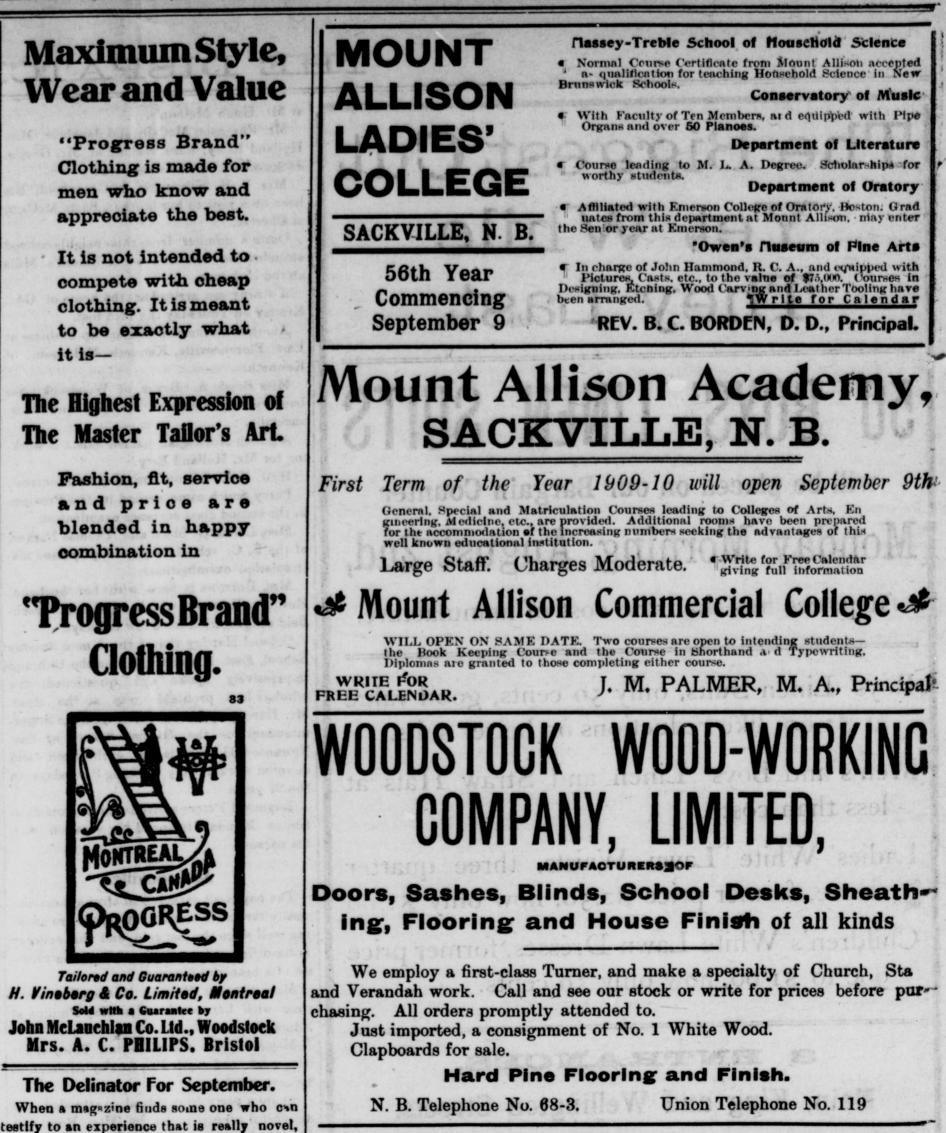
Of the few monumental performances in the domain of physical endurance quite the most prominent is the swim across the Eaglish Channel, says the New York Sun. More than a quarter of a century has elapsed since Matthew Webb performed the great feat, yet it is singular that not a man has been able to duplicate it. In all about fifty attempte have been made, and a majority of these powerful swimmers, but not one could be found to stay the entire journey. But a study of Webb's capabilities and his emulators reveals the secret of his success. He was a faster swimmer than any of his successors, while his pluck and amount of endurance were wonderful. An instance of his grit was clearly demonstrated toward the and of his swim. When within four and a half miles of the Calais sands he was hit by a current which came swirling around Cape Grisnez, but it did not force him to give up. Webb was then more than fourteen hours in the water and must have been tiring, but for several hours longer he bucked the current and finally walked out on the beach at Calais. It was slow work to take nearly seven hours for four and a half miles, but it fully shows the determination of the man. He was 21 3-4 hours in the water altogether and during that time covered over forty miles. Two of the most notable aspirants for the honor of late are Montague Holbein, formely a racing cyclist, and Jabez Wolffe. Both made several attacks on Webb's feat. with Wolffe having the better of it, for once he actually came within about a mile of the French shore, when he was forced to quit from exhaustion. This season he is active covered by the Second Bablonian Empire, and any day may see the great ambition of his life crowned with success.

has transversed preforations at the bottom and is used to inject very thin cement grout under pressure. The cement penetrates the surrounding sand and forms a mass which will set hard. As the injection proceeds the pipe is raised so as to act on fresh sand. The surplus water escapes up the annular space surrounding the pipe or through two adjacent boreholes into which outlet pipes are lowered. These pipes are raised at such a rate that their lower ends are always level with the bot. tom of the injection pipe. As soon as the emented soil has set sufficiently it is re bored, and work commenced on another section below that just completed.

Scene of the Great Bablonian Feast

Further details are now to hand of the striking discoveries made upon the site of the palace fortress of ancient Babylon by the German excavators under the direction of Dr. Koldewey. Beneath the great mound known to the modern Arab population as Ei Kasr, or "the castle," which rises above the plain of the Euphrates has been found the palace of Nebuchadnezzar above the less splendid edifice of his father, Nabopolassar; But the great irregular enclosure which has already been laid bare contains specimens of architecture which amply illustrate the mag. nitude of the king's work. One of the outer walls for example is more than twenty-four yards thick. Besides the palace buildings, with the great oblong hall, with it's alcove at one end to contain a throne, which is supposed to have been the scene of Belshazzar's feast, a conspicuous feature of the excavations is the so-called "sacred way," which leads along the east side of the palace to the temple of the goddess lshtar, crossed by the great gate which was heightened by Nebuchadnezzar four or five times over, as he repeatedly raised the level of the road in his successive undertakings. This great city of brick has peculiar features of interest and also of difficulty for the explorer, as compared with mountains of stone. The dessicated soil of Mesopotamia has wrought little damage to the buried structures, although the gradual rising of the bed of the Euphrates by alluvial deposits has submerged and perhaps seriously injured the lower layers of debris, some of which date from a period more than a thousand years earlier than that of the brief but splendid Second Bablonian Empi.e, which reached its highest point under Nebuchadnezzar.

Magnificent as are the relics already disthey represent but some of the later stages



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Boring Wells in Sandy Soil.

To overcome the difficulties of putting down boreholes in soft sandy soil a novel process, says the Standard of Empire, has recently been adopted by the Compagnie des Mines de Bethune, France. It consists, in brief, of solidifying the soil by converting it into concrete round about the borehole. This not only prevents the percolation of water into the hole at undesirable levels, but also keeps running sand from caving in. The process is carried out as follows. A hole is bored to a depth of 20ft. or 30ft., and a tube is dropped to the bottom of it. This tabe

in the long story of human civilization upon this site. Though Nebuchadnezzer's Babylon lies buried many feet beneath the ruins of subsequent dominions, ic rests upon a succession of earlier strata, which go back not improbably to a date yet more remote from Nebuchadnezzar's than is his from our own. The difficulty of exploring these earlier layers is naturally much greater in proportion to the depth at which they lie. But in one of the most ancient parts of the city. Dr. Koldewey and his colleagues are now engaged in investigating the relics of the First Babylonian Empire, which was long antecedent both to Nebuchadnezzer and to his Assyrian predecessors.

Today Is Ours.

- There's many a man in this world of sin Who's biding the time when his ship comes in,
- And wasting the hours to find, too late, The craft brings a cargo of worthless freight.

Twere better by far, as he sits on the pier, To fish in the waters so deep and clear;

Much better a cod, or its kith and its kin, Than cargo of ships that may never come in!

- There's many a man in this cycle of sorrow Who's thinking of yesterday and of tomorrow-
- Of things that have been, and that may be once more
- If fortune will ope her auriferous store.
- Twere better by far in mere dollars and cents
- To say to each one, "Get thee instantly hence!
- The past and the future, peahaps they are thine,
- But as for the present, by jingo, that's mine!"

-John Kendrick Bangs, in Munsey's Magazine.

How To Mix Paints For Tints.

For brown, mix red and black. For rose, mix lake and white.

- For chestnut, mix white and brown.
- For purple, mix white, blue and lake.

For pearl, mix blue and lead color. For pink, mix white and carmine.

For silver grey, mix indago and lampblack.

For chocolate, mix black and Venetian red.

For bright green, mix white and green. For French white, mix purple and white. For dark green, mix light green and black. For pes green, mix white and green.

this day of strenuous living and much writing. In its September number, The Delinator presents an article by Alme V. Lafferty, the only woman member of the Colorado Legislature. "Being a Woman Legislator" is a frank confession of difficulties encountered and obstacles overcome. Mrs Lafferty tells what she accomplished and she does not omit to record her failures. What she says will be read with special interest by all who are interested in social reforms. An other remarkable feature of this number of The Delinator is a symposium on "What My Children Mean to Me" by Madame Schumann-Heink, the famous singer; Mrs Harold McCormick, daughter of John D Rockefeller; and Mrs Frederihk Schoff, who has been long identified with the Congress of Mothers. "The Loves of Ellis Island" are charmingly sketched by Mabel Potter Daggett in a series of delightful character studies.

it accomplishes what is almost impossible in

"Cold Iron," the first of the new series of short stories by Rudyard Kipling, leads the fiction for the month. It is beautifully illustrated by Frank Craig and Frederick Dorr Steele. "Jock," by J J. Bell, is another short story of exquisite quality. "The Power and the Glory," the serial by Grace MacGowan Cooke, develops into one of the most human of recent novels.

Of course, the fall fashions are reviewed comprehensively; the pages of illustration in color are especially attractive. "The Commercial Value of Clothes" by Clara E. Simcox tell the business woman many important facts about personality. Elouard La Fontaine describes the costumes that he sees on the Rue de la Paix at Trouville, and Helen Berkeley-Loyd reviews the modes entertainingly.

Wealthy Men's Suspicions.

Wealthy men, if not guilty of trickery, are often abnormally suspicious of tricks. The celebrated author, "the late Charles Reade, was one of this kind. He always imagined he was being robbed, and set traps to catch the thieves. When he became lessee of the O'd Queen's Theatre he suspected that his ticket office cheated him by letting in the public for anything they could get and keeping the money. So Reade turned up the collar of his overcoat, pulled his hat down over his eyes, and, shuffling up to the box-offi- as the people were going in, he shoved a haf crown into the box-office keeper's hand, and whispered:

"It's all right-that's for you-I don't want a ticket. Just pass me through "

The clerk ran out, seized Reade by his coat-collar, and was passing him roughly into the street, when he recogn z d his "chief." -From the "Light Side of Finance," in The Strand.

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