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TWENTY-THREE MILE BRIDGE.

OMAHA, Neb., despatch says:—"A bridge will be built across the Great Salt Lake for the use of the Southern Pacific..."

MODUS VIVENDI TO BE RENEWED.

The Colonial Government has undertaken to renew, for the present year, the French Shore modus vivendi, which expired on the thirty-first of last December.

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PLAN A NEW BRIDGE.

STRUCTURE TO CROSS THE ST. LAWRENCE FROM MONTREAL TO LONGUEUIL.

The Evening Post of New York says: "Negotiations have almost been completed in this city and in Canada for the construction of a bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Montreal..."

"The construction company plans to begin work on the bridge as soon as aid already pledged by the province of Quebec and the city of Montreal becomes available..."

"The total length of the bridge is to be 8,800 feet. The main span, a cantilever, which will be the largest of the kind on the continent, will be 1,200 feet long..."

The essential lung healing principle of the pine tree has finally been successfully separated and refined into a perfect cough medicine—Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

A syndicate of American capitalists has in view the establishment of pulp mills at St. George. An offer for the purchase of the Dewar lumber property on the river has been made...

BLUNDERS IN FICTION

ASTRONOMICAL BULLS THAT LIVE IN PROSE AND POETRY.

Hall Caine's Wonderful Night, Dickens' Stationary Star, Rider Haggard's Wonderful Eclipse and Coleridge's Impossible Crescent.

It is curious to note in how many instances strange astronomical errors appear in works of fiction quite unnecessary to the requirements of the story and resulting apparently from sheer lack of observation.

Nevertheless on this point he erred in good company. The young moon has proved a stumbling block to many a writer who has attempted to introduce it as a picturesque adjunct to his description of evening.

In Dickens' "Our Mutual Friend" Eugene Wrayburn, in his walk along the river bank, finds it has just risen when "the stars were beginning to shine in the sky, from which the tones of red and yellow were flickering..."

A very famous and noteworthy instance of this is afforded in Rider Haggard's "King Solomon's Mines," where the phenomenon of a total solar eclipse is employed with most happy and dramatic effect as far as the story is concerned...

But perhaps the most interesting feature of this altogether remarkable eclipse is that the total darkness lasts for nearly an hour. Alas, under the rarest and most favorable conditions, seven minutes alone is the utmost limit of time during which the sun's face is totally obscured...

above the eastern bar The horned moon, with one bright star Within the nether up. In a purely miraculous and fanciful creation like this famous poem it would be ridiculous to cavil at such a detail...

The case is different when an author deliberately makes a statement which he intends shall be believed. In "Innocents Abroad" Mark Twain draws special notice to the point that on the voyage across the Atlantic they observed the full moon located just in the same spot in the heavens at the same hour every night.

In No Luck. He—So your married life is not happy? Well, you have my regrets. She—Oh, I don't need them; I have enough of my own.—Judge.

PECULIARITIES OF SOUND.

The Kind of Note Best Suited For Long Range Signals.

Signals made by sounds of explosion are not the most reliable. Their penetration is obviously often uncertain, while, their duration being brief, they may be missed by momentary inattention.

And the same result has been arrived at in another way. The peculiar cry of the Alpine guide, which is, in fact, of that nature which Professor Smith advocates, has doubtless been taught by the exigencies of his situation...

THE TURQUOISE.

The turquoise, the birthstone for December, signifies prosperity.

The turquoise was a familiar and favorite gem among the ancient Mexicans and Indians of the west.

The turquoise fades when its owner is ill, and dies when the wearer is attacked by an incurable malady—so they say.

The Germans claim that by its varying shades the turquoise turns telltale on the caprices and moods of its wearer.

Shakespeare gives these words to Shylock: "He would not have lost his turquoise ring for a whole wilderness of monkeys."

The turquoise derives its name from a word meaning Turkish and is so called because the first turquoises were found in Turkey.

If your turquoise comes in December and you wear a turquoise, you need never be afraid of falling off a high place. One of the powers of the azure hued gem is to preserve its wearer from this catastrophe.

It is also said that it has the power of protecting its wearer against contagion. A turquoise would certainly be an ornamental substitute for vaccination. Its efficiency would probably depend upon the "faith" of the wearer.

Rabbits at Play.

Rabbits play in this way: Two of them—I have not seen it played with more—run quickly toward each other, and when on the point of contact each leaps into the air, but one higher than the other, clearing him completely. They come down with their tails toward each other, but instantly, with a, as it were, "Excuse my tail!" both turn and run and leap again, and this they will do from two or three to half a dozen times, always leaping up at the exact moment when they would otherwise come into collision...

The Quick Craze.

The quick craze is by no means new, but seems just now to be more intrusive than ever before. Here is a young woman practicing fourteen hours a day to cultivate her voice. Result, lost voice. Nearly all the pugilists, active and retired, are writing volumes on "How to Get Strong Quick," and the readers are exercising two or three hours a day, when ten minutes are quite enough. Result, lost health. The get rich quick fellows, in jail and out, are hiring able lawyers to help them devise schemes that will defy the law and enable them to fleece lambs regardless of the code.

His Touch of Humor.

"Always," says the astute news editor to the new reporter, "always be on the lookout for any little touch of humor that may brighten up our columns."

That evening the new reporter handed in an account of a burglary in a butcher's shop which commenced, "Mr. Jeremiah Cleaver, the well known butcher, is losing flesh rapidly of late."

Conversational French.

"Can you speak French?" "A little. That is, I can shrug my shoulders."

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King Alphonso's coronation is to be commemorated by the issue of thirteen new kinds of postage stamps, each of which is to bear the head of one of the thirteen kings of the same name who have ruled over Spain.

THE FOUNT OF YOUTH.

The fount of youth has oft been sought Since days of long ago, And oft in fancy men have seen Its living waters flow.

But men have turned from that vain quest, Their hopes forever crushed, For though they searched through all the world No magic fountain gushed, And men resigned themselves to age That robbed them of their grace, That sapped their strength and thickly spread Time's wrinkles on the face.

In later years men's thoughts have turned To plans for longer life, And in elixirs they have sought New strength for daily strife, And oft 'tis heralded abroad That scientist or sage Has finally evolved a plan To stay the blight of age.

But men grow old, and women, too, As in the days of yore, For no elixirs they have tried Their youthful charms restore, And as they can't deceive themselves, Some seek to hide the truth, And dye or bleach their hair and paint On cheeks the hues of youth.

The fount of youth is in each heart, And those who keep it pure Will longer hold the charms of youth And length of life secure, And when at last that fountain fails And old age on them steals They'll bear it well because no man Is older than he feels.

Business Men's Backs.

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