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America's Greatest Public Library.

hitherto been its portion that, construction.

and the foundation of one of the crest as well as most beautiful strucared in the world devoted entirely to

It was nearly six years ago, or in March, 1895, that the trustees of the Asor library finally decided to combine it the Lenox and the Tilden trust nd for the establishment of the instidestined to be one of the most tial of its kind. The same year-18.186-the governor of New York signed the bill for erecting a building the New York Public library. As he law explicitly declared that "said heavy building was to be erected in Brant fark or in or upon any portion hereof," the library committee took r granted that it was to occupy the of the old reservoir and arranged the preliminary competition of ar-

ets on that basis. The consolidation was effected for the express purpose of conferring an inesmable benefit upon the city of New York and not in accordance with any cheme contemplated by the original founders of the Lenox or Astor libra-The great desideratum had long een known and keenly appreciated, for New York had no public library in Its larger sense, both those named above

EW YORK will no longer have its kind, strictly up to date and tm- wide. The front elevation will be 75 nomics. It is well known, of course, shelves some 260,000 volumes, and when alone is the test of eligibility, EW YORK will no longer have to bear the repreach which has the period clevation will be 75 nomics. It is well known, of course, shelves some 260,000 volumes, and when the grand vestibule or hallway will be some classes of books and the Lenox in to these are added what the Lenox con-To bear the represent the period of the peri



FIFTH AVENUE ENTRANCE TO ASTOR-LENOX LIBRARY, NOW BUILDING.

arger sense, boin these reference and more who had not previously taken outset for at least 1,500,600 volumes, in the country. The fate James Lenox, books, pamphlets and papers in a large are really needed. A million may be part were invited to offer designs. Each with possibilities for exceedence in the who founded the libraries Lenox,

There sease both those named about in the sease retrieves the sease the sease retrieves the sease retrieves the sease retrieves the s

m Pith avenue between Fortieth and contribute more than contain is worth a hundred half equip-at an expense of \$2,000,000. There are numerous libraries in the country that

cost above \$100,000 each, and it is interesting to note that their number is tice in mediæval increasing

One of the unique and up to date features of the New York consolidated li- previous night brary will be brought out by its absorpllon of the free circulating system, decided upon at a meeting of the trustees the first week in January. The proper- ed.

ty held by the existing Free Circulating At library of the city amounts in value to \$750,000, and an agreement was reached by which not only will the circulating lbrary be established, but also branch on short poles ibraries in connection with various are carried chools of Manhattan These branch about by men, ibraries will be primarily for the bene-fit of persons who attend the board of on loctures, and not for school

the afternoon till 9 at night on Sunday, America, and while our bibliophiles and There is to be no discrimination here, antiquarians have found the libraries unless the evil creeps in imperceptibly, of Europe valuable sources of supply, for it is intended that the poor person it cannot be decied that this country shall receive the same attention as the has become the home of the public Hrich. It is in this universal fellowabip brary. Without arrogating to ourselves of letters and literature that the great any superlative facilities for library libraries are doing so much good in a work, we may claim to be well situated quiet, unostentatious way. The book is for its establishment and continuance passport to the charmed circle of In the first place, our country is stur-Iterature, and intellectual attainment ated in the zone of greatest intellectual

activity, where elimatic as well as tem In the anxiety to provide buildings peramental influences compel us to in

published in the United States (and that was so late as 1876), this country had only 2,500 libraries of all classes. with a total of 12,000,000 volumes. Less than a quarter of a century later we had more than 4.000 libraries, with an aggregate of 40,000,000 volumes. Doubtless the quality of the collections could he improved by a judicious conflagration which would reduce the number at least by half, and there is no doubt that the wealth of the country would be greatly enhanced if not less than 20,000.-000 were to be turned into paper stock. But there is no one so fixed in his traditions as the librarian, who seems to believe, with the Arab proverb, that every printed scrap of paper has something of value on it. The most amazing growth has taken place in the last 0 years, in this respect library expansion having kept pace with the increase in general knowledge.

The library system may be said to have been innugurated in America with the founding of the Harvard College library in 1636 or 1638. Yale received its benefaction in 1790; the first subscription library is said to have been started by Benjamin Franklin and others in 1732, and the best known of the free libraries -that of Boston-was founded in 1852. The list of those who have contributed

of their wealth for the enlightenment

the festival of the patron saint of the village church, and the name arises

from the practimes of keeping watch the and praying in the church until morning dawn-Abbot Bromley six deep skulls, with antlers mounted tune, making

deer



## SIDE VIEW OF THE MAMMOTH ASTOR-LENOX LIBRARY BUILDING.

pervisor of the national census of his

ectures before the Lowell Institute of

adopted state attracted attention be-yond the confines of Massachusetts, his

was pushed to successful conclusion. who thereby drew one of the richest is 270 feet long, 72 feet wide and 53 feet | 125,000 volumes to the total which will ped assistants with only a crude idea Meanwhile, under the supervision of a architectural prizes of the century. high, with a shelving space for about be assembled in the consolidated libra- of the library's contents. elect committee of eminent specialists, Fronting on Fifth avenue, with a 1,250,000 books. A central delivery com- ry. The several training schools have pro

resided over by Dr. J. S. Billings, as a length of 350 feet, a depth of 250 feet municates directly with the upper or The Lenox library was founded in vided librarians skilled in their craft and of trustees, specifications were and a height of three stories, the build- reading room, and the service is ex- 1870, and so is considerably younger and if the new institution is not well prepared for the structure to be erect-ing will have sufficient space not only and all the architects of the country are lavited to compete. According to the bin as a basis for their during to the structure is for the structure of the country in front, but all around it, to display its and an eight of three stories, the build-present of the country in front, but all around it, to display its and a neight of three stories, the build-present of the country in front, but all around it, to display its as a basis for their during to the stories of which it is as a basis for their during to the stories of the country in front, but all around it, to display its and a neight of three stories, the build-present of the structure is further are build-to be unprecedentedly prompt. As in the older libraries of which it is composed, there will be special rooms original donation was \$400,000, which be from lack of available timber.

e plan, as a basis for their designs lines. The general treatment of the or alcoves for the use of students in in those days was considered munin- One feature of the new library will architects were to adhere to cer- Fifth avenue facade is in the classic any branch of study or investigation, cent, as it was. W. B. Astor added to it commend itself to all patrons, and that all features, giving not only a build- Ionic order, with columns and pilasters, including every large topic, such as orise exteriorly beautiful, but arranged the main entrance being under three ental literature, sociology, mathemat. making a total of \$1,200,000. According to door from 9 in the morning to 9 at night ericity so that it would be a model of large arches, each 35 feet high and 15 ics, music. Biblical literature and eco- the last report, the Astor had on its every weekday and from 1 o'clock in old world far antedate those made in heighboring forest. The woman is

hlldren. Thus every worthy class of "the society will be reached as this gigantic dance about, institution stretches out its arms and while a man on inally performs the service for which a hobbyhorse it was intended-as a nucleus for the lashes them with a whip to spur them assembling of the vastest library on to higher leaps and bounds. Then a this continent.

Great libraries are of necessity grad. ward and pretends to shoot the deer, ual growths, and in their foundation while all the village stands agape to and development may be considered in. enjoy the fun. Until quite lately the flees of a city's or a country's status horn dance used to be held on Wake in civilization. In reviewing the events Sunday morning, just at the church f history nothing so surely fixes at- door, and collections of money were ention and awakens interest as the made for the poor.

an paper, on parchment or on the clay horns are still kept in the church tow-tablets with cuneiform inscriptions er, with the hobbyhorse and the bow ound at Nineveh. The oldest known and arrows, and a most curious old pot ibrary, founded at Thebes in the time for collecting the money. This pot is Rameses II, will ever wear a crown always carried around by a woman, perennial glory; the destruction of The underjaw of the hobbyhorse is he Alexandrian library by Omar, the loose and is rattled by a string in time Moslem, and of the Azter picture writ- with the music. This curious survival

or, will always be lamented. While the collections of books in the Hood and his merry men hunted the

marksman with a long bow creeps fordata pertaining to these aggregations It is thought now more decorous to of books or their equivalents, be they

The kern day

harks back to the time when Robin doubtless the representative of Maid Marian. Oddly enough, the horns, when examined by a naturalist, turn-

At a place called Kotorn, on the French Ivory Coast, the natives believe. that to eat or destroy a furtle would mean death to the guilty one or sickness among the family. The fetich men, of whom there are plenty, declare that



ing. In the night his canoe was thrown up on the beach Three empty. days afterward a turfle came ashore at the

on its back alive and well. Since that well. time they have

species, although they enjoy other species. If one now happens to be washed ashore, there is great commotion in the town. First, the women sit down and start singing and beating sticks; next a small plece of white cloth is placed on pared and placed on the cloth, general-

In the New Hebrides human life has been made safer by the introduction of pigs into the island. The cannibals are said to prefer roast purk to roast much casion of rare ceremony.

PREFER ROAST PORK.

25. bree days afterward a tur- same place with the came ashers at the the man on its same place with the man back alive and never eaten or destroyed one of that

WAS A MAN OR MONKEY FIRST!

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The fars that the six will share the six will share the for the formula is and storage for bicycles is pro-the fars that the six will share the s e fears that the elk will share the fort, for I am coming," has been vided. There are a smoking room and a symnasium is There lives at Paduci th half a dozen.

the fort, for I am coming," has been blaced on the walls of the Federal bluilding in Boston. A St. Paul publishing house has ion commander at the remarka. In duca are 10 cents a block of the federal is having started four years ion commander at the remarka. sion commander at the remarka- ployees. The dues are 10 cents a a prominent artist at Munich. At that puts up his own scaffoid and does as young queen's most notable convert is erated at a saving of \$33 per month as er is in the form of a gold cable.

## the average lawmaker, of a true con- in society and resulting from the multi- diffusion and better comprehension of ception or comprehensive understand- form actions and peculiar and chang- social science. Sociological science is

true, for a very considerable portion of ing of the science of society or of that ing conditions of collective messes of the imperfect and vicious legislation of science which M. Comte more compact-which the people justly complain may by and succinctly designates sociology-life.

be traced to a lack of reliable data and a science which concerns itself with all "The object of the bureau, tersely accurate knowledge upon the part of the various phenomena incident to man stated, is to promote a more general WHERE TURTLES ARE VENERATED based upon statistics which collect, collate, arrange and compare facts, from which the statesman ascertains, and without which he cannot ascertain, those great principles in accordance with which the state must act if it would promote and foster the well being and happiness of its citizens. It is from this source alone that the political economist can determine an equitable and just rule to govern the production and distribution of wealth."

Colonel Wright seems to have carried out the original idea of the founders of this bureau to the satisfaction of those most competent to judge, as is evidenced by his retention in office through several administrations. That he has risen above the plane occupied by the mere statistician and has grappled with problems which the century desires to solve, that he has co-ordinated the immense aggregation of data accumulated by him and his assistants and made it available as a solvent for the century's economic woes, is hoped, if not admitted, by all,

TRUMAN L. ELTON.

## THE STINGY MAN'S BARGAIN.

A man noted for his "nearness" went into a meat shop and inquired the price the turtle's back. Food is then preof a certain soup bone. The proprietor of the shop was a generous fellow, and iy plantains, rice and paim oil. Then, in answer to the old man's question he said, "Oh, I'll give you that." The cus-antics of the fetich people, it is carried antics of the fetich people, it is way tomer put his hand to his ear. He is back into the sea and goes on its way hard of hearing and had missed the re- rejolcing. "Can't you take something off that?" he asked. The dealer took pity on him. "Yes." he said, "call it 10 cents." And the old man went home with a comfortable sense of having

The outlook is not so favorable to among the natives they may give up man being the ascendant animal. A their feasts on human flesh altogether learned German professor claims to excepting when something unusual have made the discovery that man ex- happens, such as entertaining a king of

years as a soldier and several more in of the question and for the elucidation

Photo by Pierson, Elizabeth, N. J. CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

Boston in 1879 on phases of the labor missioner of Labor. question ethically considered stamping him as a man of broad sympathies, with a comprehensive grasp of the question in its relation to the world at large. He was for a year university nian who is credited with pletely has he filled the position, in fact, ward and was in 1883 the recipient of lecturer on the factory system at Harhat off quoted saying, "Figures that it might seem to have been spo-to not lie, but hars figure," lives chally created for him, or, rather, that it was in April, 1884, that the congres-it was in April, 1884, that the congresat present in Washington and he was raised and educated to occupy sional committee on labor reported, with early been made quite promi- this particular niche in the temple of amendments, a bill providing for the

AMAN WITH A GENIUS FOR FIGURES

I an address he delivered before economics. shington Academy of Sciences. A native of New Hampshire, where tistics at the seat of government, with creation of "a department of labor stathe by the frequent complimen- he was born just 60 years ago, Colonel a commissioner to be appointed by the erences to his work in an arti- Wright began the study of law at an president by and with the advice and a the pen of Mr. H. B. T. Mac-president of the board of com-ers for the District of Ford comwhich which of Columbia, lee in the civil war. Returning with ate, and the tacking on of amendments Wright, who is quoted as an the rank of colonel, he resumed his calculated to injure or kill it on its reon questions ethical as well as studies and was admitted to the bar in jurn to the house, the bill was finally al, has it is averred, brought 1865. Following the example of many accepted in conference committee and that is universal recognition of other sons of New Hampshire who have went to the president, whose approval h of that proverb. 'Labor om-neit'' ('Labor conquers all reer hardly adequate, Colonel Wright Some of the senators having argued

Carrolf D. Wright, United States Com-

an), even statistics, and is a living removed to Boston, where his abilities that labor was hardly worthy the spewere so highly appreciated that he nev- cial distinction of a department by itclass, it is admitted, are born, er lacked for occupation. His law prac- self and that there was already a bufor unless one has a natural tice soon mounted to the tidy sum of reau of statistics, the scope of which The will not excel at figur- \$10,000 a year, but such was his desire could be enlarged to provide for any But with Colonel Carroli D. to wrestle with figures on a large scale contingencies, several excellent speechthe national commissioner of that he readily resigned if for less re-immarity with figures has not munerative employment as state stat-big the worth and importance of this mismpi, but profound admira-in revenue, it is said, and in his element. Thus, after beginning life ticular, by Mr. Foran of Ohio, was note-ticular by Mr. Foran of Ohio, was noteand mendacity is not tolerated by as a country schoolmaster, serving four worthy for the broad minded view taken

scaling to the credit of the Unita that the first appointee to the ant position created by the form-a neilonal bound of the first appointee to the A neilonal bound of the intimate relations that each of the intimate relations that each of a neilonal bound of the country. "I doubt," he said, "if a neilonal bound of the country. "I doubt," he said, "if a hational bureau of labor sta- found his vocation as a statistician, there has over been before the Ameria last is now regarded as one That he won renown, both at home and can congress a question of greater im-Colonal With ticking of the abroad, is now well known. His books portance or one that more directly condenet Wright, the only in- on special subjects may be numbered cerns the welfare of humanity. It is a as maintained the enviable repu-he was bonored by appointment to as maintained the enviable repu-he was bonored by appointment to a membership in the Institute of France as massachusetts state here as and believed as membership in the Institute of France as massachusetts state here as and believed as membership in the Institute of France as massachusetts state here as and believed as membership in the Institute of France as that have ever been predominant

as Massachusetts state bureau and honorary membership in the Im-matistics and state bureau and honorary membership in the Imstatistics and supervisor of the statistics and supervisor of the Statistics census of 1880. So com-Colonel Wright's thorough work as su-proposition, however, is only partially

JUST ODDS AND ENDS.

As ek preserve has been established ble battle of Allatoona Pass, in Geor-the club. Refreshments are served to the prince hoped to be promoted to be promoted to the prince hoped to be promoted to the prince hoped to be promoted to be promoted to be promoted to the prince hoped to be promoted to the prince hoped to be promoted to be promoted to the prince hoped to be promoted to the prese to be promoted to month, and the payment of the same time the prince hoped to be promoted much work in a day as any man in his her intended husband, Henry of Meck- compared with the cost of running an

driven a good trade,

isted on earth before the monkeys up- some other cannibal island or state oc-

