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SMOOTH THEM DOWN.

The attention of the engineering and street departments of the city is respectfully, but none the less vigorously directed, to a vast deal of unfinished work in connection with the laying of last "summer sidewalks," as they are distinguished from those that were put down before and since.

NOT THE FIRST.

Do the newspapers which are saying that Mr. Roosevelt is using his influence toward winning support for Secretary Taft in the national convention of 1908, imagine that he is the first president who did anything of this kind?

THE KAISER'S MOTIVE.

With regard to the frequent recurrence of the report that Emperor William has determined upon the sending of one of his sons to America, to round out his education, to become a student in fact, at President Roosevelt's Alma Mater (Harvard), both German and American newspapers agree that recent developments indicate this is to be done.

naturally as much inclined to study as he is distasteful to army life. And where could he study under more favorable conditions and freedom than here in this democratic land? Besides, the value an intimate acquaintance with American conditions will be to him, to all Germany, and eventually to this country, is incalculable.

Should Prince Oscar really come to the United States it may be depended upon that the open hand of hospitality will be extended to him, and that he will, in all respects, be quite as well treated as are American students in Germany. It may be that he will have to be "one of the boys," occasionally, and that he will be given a lively round of American college high life, now and then, but beyond that, there need be no fear that the amenities of international consideration and regard, will be in any wise violated.

ORIGIN OF GARGOYLES.

Salt Laker's innumerable, who pass the altogether splendid Catholic Cathedral, now nearing completion on South Temple street, and the pretty and picturesque new Presbyterian Church on the same beautiful thoroughfare, daily stop and admire their imposing fronts and fine architecture.

It must not be imagined that they are in any wise new or unique, for they are not. They are found on the finest church buildings in Christendom, in Europe and the United States alike. They comprise almost every kind of bird and beast, real and legendary, and include many uncanny and diabolical distortions of the human form.

If gargouille was really the name conferred upon the more or less fabulous beast whose carcass was imitated by some fanciful sculptor in the making of an ornamental spout, then the probability is, that we have here the origin not only of "gargouille," but of the French word for the weasand, as well as the English words, "gurgle" and "gargle."

One ugly creature having been adopted for a stone effigy on so famous a church as that at Rouen in the seventh century may easily be conceived to have set the fashion for other churches, and the superstitious hideousness of so many of these objections certainly supports the notion that in part their sculptors were actuated by the idea of frightening the ungodly folk from the sacred edifices of the worshippers.

FLOVING EXHIBITIONS.

"The prolific and fanciful mind of Jules Verne, the noted French author and journalist, was wont to picture in some of his apparently more impossible narrations, the time when rich men would have fountains gushing forth from great gardens, and would remain near after year upon the water, spending the winter, first in this balmy port, and then in that, or close to a particular island where they could bask in the gentlest sunshine and be fanned by the spice laden and perfumed winds of some land where only beauty and health, and love and long life reigned.

Altogether it was imperiously glorious and passingly pleasing to the dreamer, who would suddenly awaken to think that he was only reading the views of Verne, and that there was nothing real about it after all. So far as we can see the Verne idea is not destined to find fulfillment in the near future. But already there are great floating hotels and summer homes and whatnot, upon the mighty deep, and it may be that what the imagination

live Frenchman saw in some of his more fervid mental pictures is nearer realization than we wot of. It appears that his countrymen are taking a decided step in that direction. According to Consul-General Gabriel B. Ravndal, who writes from Beirut, they have at least given it a commercial application by the inauguration of a floating exhibition of French products in the Mediterranean. He says that the ports of this sea are shortly to be visited by an exhibition ship, which is to be fitted out with a view to gaining new outlets for French commerce.

The Benefits of Travel.

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attituded and all the inhabitants of the earth, being free men and fellow citizens, will dwell together in fraternal unity and social equality. But there is at this writing no indication, hint or intimation that such a consummation is immediately impending.

THAT ESTIMATED CENSUS.

Providence Journal. It might have been expected that an "estimated" census would make trouble.

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