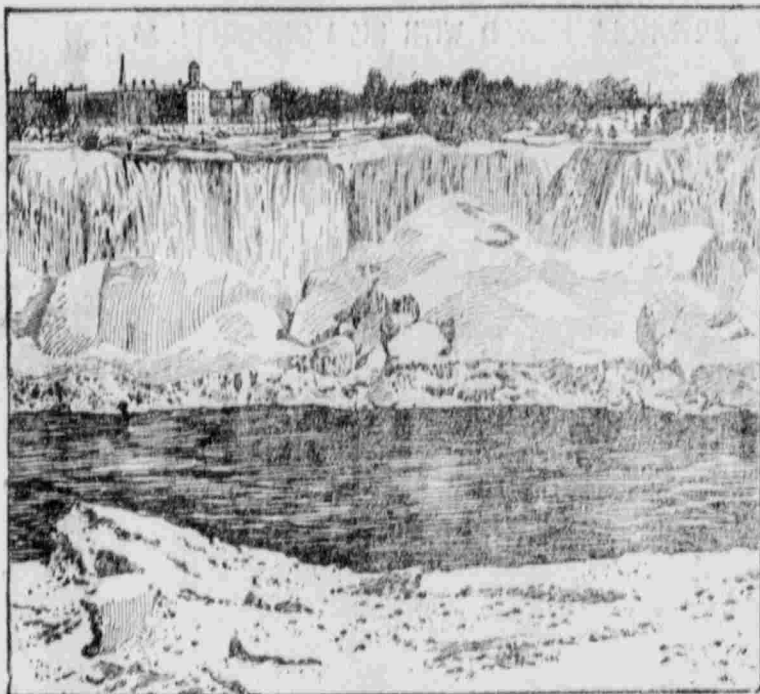


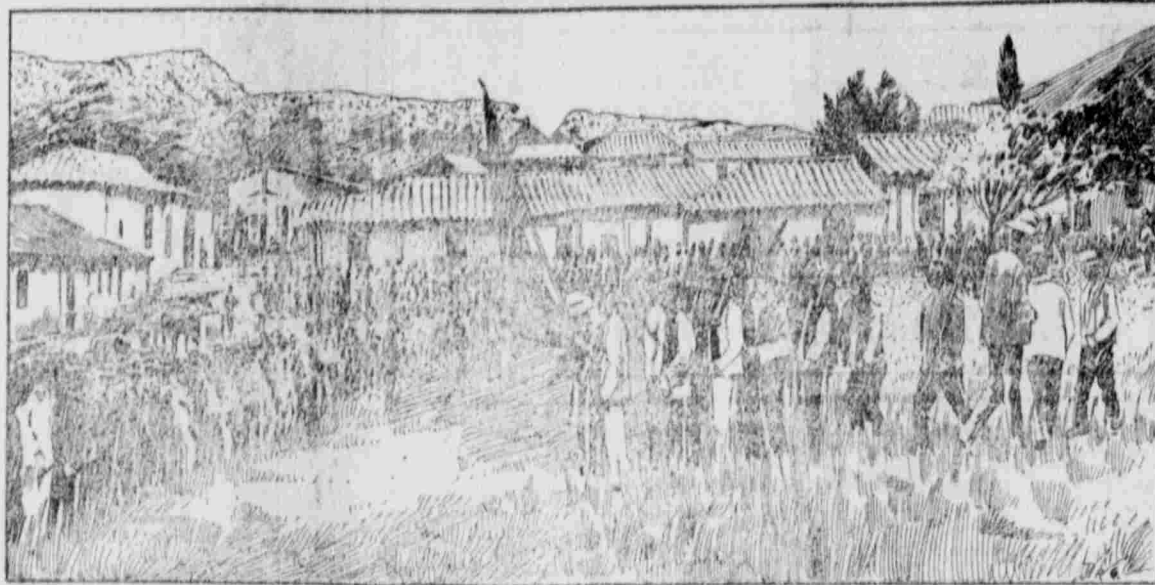
# Happenings of the World In Pictures

VIEW OF PART OF NIAGARA'S NATURAL ICE BRIDGE.



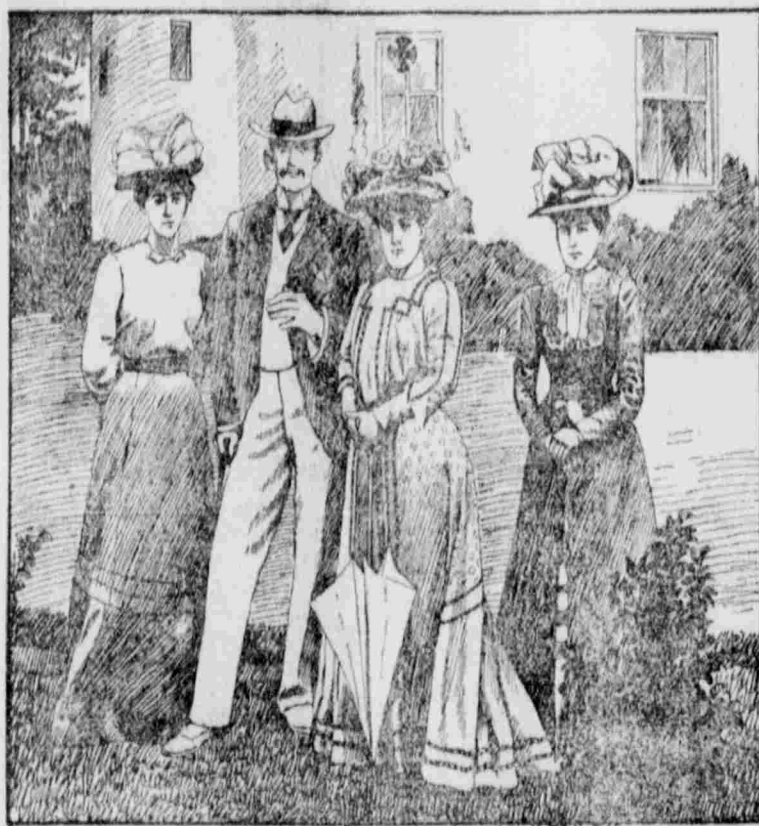
The ice bridge across the Niagara river at the base of the falls is caused by the cakes of ice which float down from Lake Erie and through the rapids of the upper Niagara, falling with tremendous force over the cataract into the abyss of waters below. These fill and block the channel, making a great dam that banks up the waters between it and the falls. An ice jam of 1899 was over thirty feet above the usual level of the river, the ice in places being thrown into all kinds of queer shapes. While this bridge of ice lasts thousands of people pass over it, and enterprising caterers erect refreshment tents and booths along the slippery and uneven highway. It is an even more wonderful sight when the ice pack gives way under warmer weather conditions.

SOME OF THE "TROOPS" PRESIDENT CASTRO HAS TO WHIP.



Aside from his recent troubles with about half of Europe, President Castro of Venezuela still has a lot of fighting ahead of him. The illustration shows some of the rebels who are anxious to overthrow the government. They are not precisely clear as to why they wish to do this or as to what they hope to accomplish, but it is the fashion in South America to rebel about every no often, and the time seems to have come around in Venezuela. Judging from the picture, if Castro's army amounts to anything more formidable than the army of Monaco he ought to have very little trouble in whipping this motley crew, but inasmuch as he has not been signally successful in quelling the insurrection, we are forced to the horrible alternative of assuming that his troops are not much better than the insurgents.

PATTI'S LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.



Patti's latest portrait is almost as numerous as Patti's farewell tour of America. The famous diva, however, is just as charming and just as competent as ever to thrill the populace with her witching voice despite her fifty odd winters and fully as many summers. Incidentally, she is also able still to compel managers to pay her \$4,000 per night for her services and to exact the cash before she emits one single note. In the illustration the diva is shown under the star beside her husband in front of the castle in Sweden which she purchased after she disposed of Craig-y-Nos in Wales.

THE AUSTRALIAN PHALANGER.

At first glance the casual observer will scarcely recognize the peculiar creatures shown in this illustration. The scientific people call them phalangers, though to most boys they are quite familiar in nearly every section



of the United States as flying squirrels. In reality, however, these squirrels do not fly, but pass from tree to tree by a series of long jumps, which are made possible by the semisustaining power of the weblike skin resembling that of a bat extending from the hind to the fore legs. These particular phalangers were brought from Australia, and the sketch was made while they were in their cage by Miss L. Beatrice Thompson, the celebrated animal artist.

JOSIE DE WITT'S GREAT SUCCESS IN OTHER LANDS.



Josie De Witt is a pretty American girl who used to earn a more or less comfortable living in this country by giving in the vaudeville houses her "clarity," consisting of performing selections on the violin. She executed them remarkably well, too, but never won the recognition to which her talents entitled her. Then she went to Europe. She has played in several countries, and now her great difficulty is not to get remunerative engagements, but to avoid giving offense to those managers who are clamoring for her services, but she cannot be accommodated because of her advance bookings, which extend over a period of several years.

FAMILIAR SCENE AT A LARGE THEATRICAL AGENCY.



The scene herewith depicted is a familiar one in the large theatrical agencies of New York and other great cities. The photograph from which the accompanying illustration was made was taken recently on the morning when applicants were to apply in answer to an advertisement for persons to take part in a juvenile production. As a result the apartments were crowded with men, women and children, each the "greatest artist in the world" in his particular line. The manager has the applicants brought before him and in the presence of the agent questions them. Those who give promise of being satisfactory are engaged, but substitutes' addresses are always taken for productions of this kind where each individual's capabilities are necessarily to a large extent an unknown quantity.

## Two Brothers Of Saint Joe BY CY WARMAN

"NOW," said the one armed soldier,  
"I'll tell you ere I go  
About the border brothers—  
Twin brothers of St. Joe.

"One did things on the desert  
In th' desert's dust and drouth;  
The other took his musket  
And soldiered at the south.

"One looked along a transit  
And trailed a tape of steel;  
One squinted o'er a cannon  
That made the foe man reel.

"While one was puffing, snuffing  
Away the vital spark  
The other kept his vigil  
Where Sioux scalped in the dark.

"While one was routing south'ners  
Where th' white Potomac foams,  
One chiseled out an empire  
That holds a million homes.

"One sleeps in the Sierras  
Beneath a shroud of snow;  
One sleeps beneath a statue  
Equestrian in St. Joe.

"While one was making widows  
The other made the west;  
Now, children, choose your hero—  
Which soldier battles best?"

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## Uncommon Snapshots Briefly Described

### ONE MAN SUPPORTING TEN.

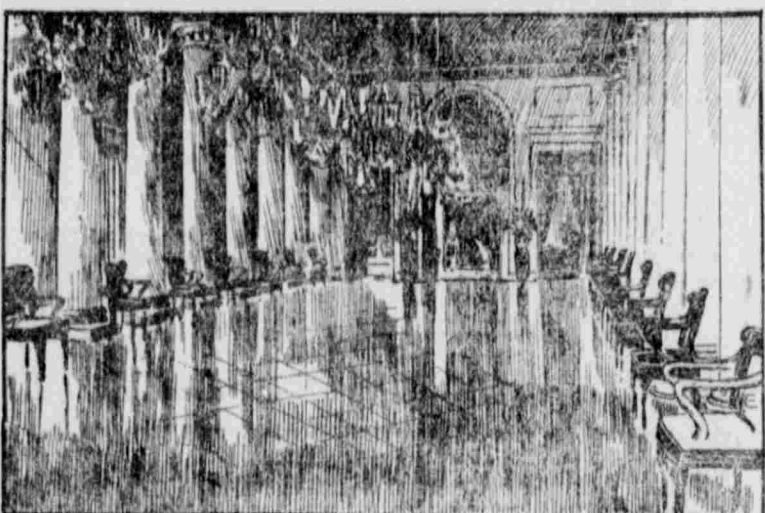
About four persons out of every five who look at this picture will think the grouping is a mere trick of the camera, and that is just where four out of every five persons will be wrong. The illustration was made from a photograph of an Arab who performs this feat twice a day in Buffalo Bill's wild west show, which is just now making the placid



Londoners from their lethargy. Of course the men are arranged upon the acrobat's person in the manner which makes it easiest for them to be supported; but, just the same, ten men weigh a good many hundred pounds, and the man who supports this dead weight in any way must be pretty strong.

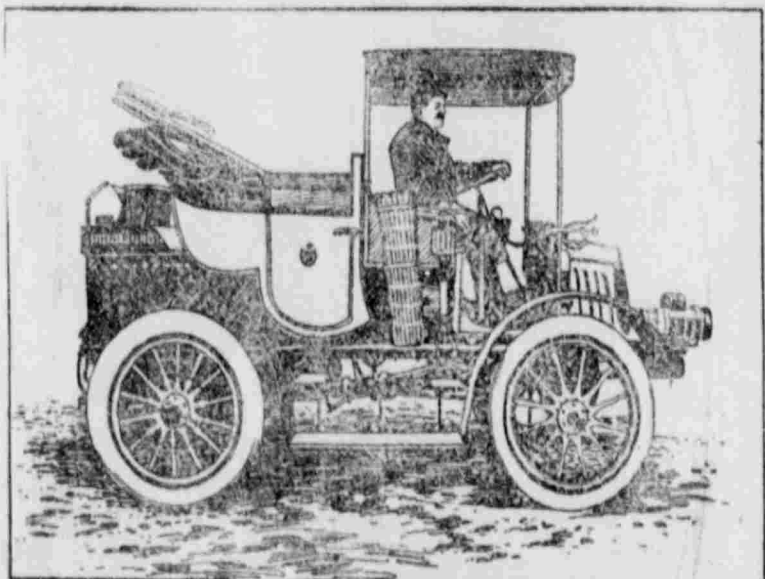
A large number of negro cotton growers of the southern states have signified to the Liverpool chamber of commerce their willingness to go to west Africa to engage in agricultural work. Members of the chamber are interested in cotton growing in that region and may offer free transportation.

### WHERE THE FORMER MARY LEITER NOW ENTERTAINS.



When pretty Mary Leiter was living in this country, her father's wealth accustomed her to rather elaborate surroundings, but even in her wildest dreams it is doubtful that she ever hoped to be the mistress of such a magnificent room as that which is herewith pictured, the room in which she gives balls as vice reine of India. This magnificent room, one of the handsomest of its sort in the world, is in the government house, Calcutta, the official residence of the viceroy of India. Unless all signs fail, former Mary Leiter is destined for even greater triumphs, for to a man on this side of the water it would seem that her husband, Lord Curzon, is the most forceful figure among the younger men now in politics in Great Britain.

### PERSIA'S SHAH AS AN AUTOMOBILIST.



During his last stay in France the shah of Persia had a splendid opportunity of studying the motor car and experiencing its delights, with the result that he immediately ordered a steam automobile of fifty horsepower. This has just been forwarded to Teheran and is of the landau type. It is painted yellow, has bright copper lamps and bears the imperial arms. Although the shah, as is well known, is very averse to speed in traveling, his new toy can cover about eighty miles an hour. But the shah may find this speed useful when the automobile is put, as it is intended to be, to the ignoble use of towing one or two vicarages containing members of his suit. Frightened doubtless by the terrible tales of lives sacrificed to the new monster, the shah has ordered a locomotive whistle for use on his car. The seats inside are so arranged that the shah can lie down if he so desires. The cost of the motor car is \$3,000.

### WOMEN COAL MINERS.

Pit brow girls are among the most remarkable women workers in England. They work as hard as men and dress almost like them. Very few pit brow girls are found in Britain outside Lancashire, and 5,000 of them find employment at the coal mines which are so numerous in the busy centers of that county. Their work lies on the pit brow—at the surface, and not down below.

At present the duties of the pit brow lasses consist in dealing with the coal as it comes up the shaft to the pit head.



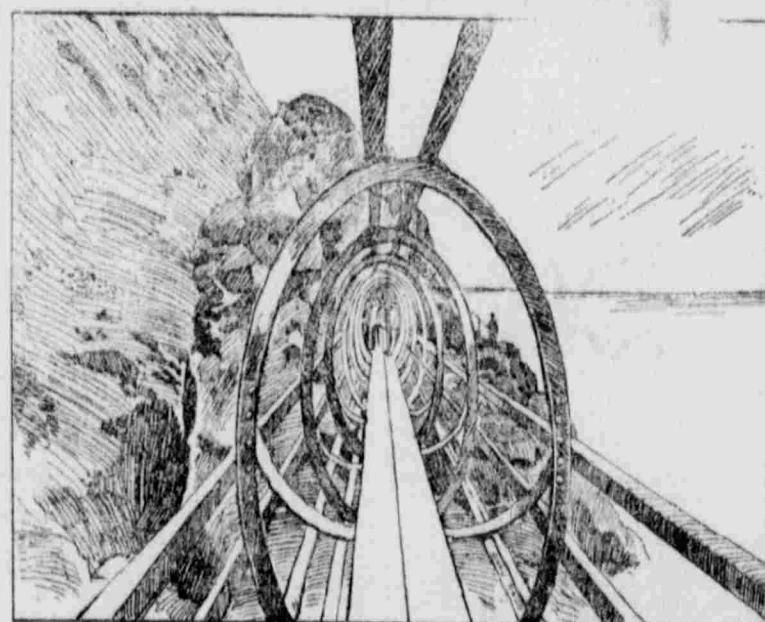
When the cage reaches the top, the girls haul out the wagons, which contain several hundredweight of coal each, and run them on rails to a sort of tipping machine, which shoots the coal down below to the screen or riddling machine.

The girls start work at 6 o'clock in the morning and finish at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. As may be judged, their work is arduous, and for its performance they receive 50 cents or less a day. Men who do the same work get about \$1. Taken altogether, the pit brow lasses are a strong, healthy lot, ranging in age from eighteen to twenty-five.

General Andre, the French minister of war, is seeking to improve the headgear of the French army. The present headgear is considered to have contributed in no small degree to many cases of sunstroke.

## Quaint Phases of Life

### THE FAMOUS GOBBINS CLIFF PATH.



The illustration gives a view in perspective of the famous Gobbins cliff path, showing the unique metal construction. The path is located upon the face of the huge basaltic cliffs on the southeastern coast of the county of Antrim, Ireland. It connects a particularly picturesque detached cliff with the rugged mainland. As this point is a favorite with tourists and persons living in the adjoining counties, the path has proved an excellent investment for the railroad company which built it.

### AN ICE COVERED TREE.

The illustration, made from a photograph recently taken at Niagara falls, shows a tree on the Canadian side upon which the spray from the falls has frozen into a number of fantastic shapes. These ice covered trees are great favorites with photographers, who say that no other subjects repay them so well for the effort put forth. All the trees near the falls are covered in the same manner as the one illustrated, while those a little distance away are as clear as though Niagara falls were nowhere about.



workmen can travel five miles for a penny by the municipal electric trolley cars. Liverpool is the most densely populated town in England. In parts the population runs to 65,000 in the square mile. Kamchatka has many volcanoes, but only one in Russian territory that is still active.

### COOKING DINNER FOR THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.



It may be true that, as the song has it, "Jack's a cinch, but every body's a sailor." With the latter portion of the statement no one will take exception, and it is doubtless also true that he's a cinch, but he certainly is not doing anything like so much of a cinch as he was a few years ago. Then anything was good enough for Jack to eat. But now he is as capricious as a puma, and must have his fresh meat during even the longest voyages. What is more, the canned meat will not suit his lordship, and therefore the army man-of-war must have large iceboxes to accommodate the enormous quantities of fresh meats laid in by the stewards of the sailors' messes. These cooks and caterers are selected by each mess, and the moment one demonstrates inability to satisfy the epicurean taste of the jackie some one else gets the job. The illustration shows several of these cooks at work on a man-of-war.

### SHORT TALKS.

Seventeen years and four months is the age of a healthy, active Persian cat now in the possession of a Farmborough correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

Great Britain is the greatest butter eater among nations—thirteen pounds a head a year, as against eight pounds in

Germany, four pounds in France and two pounds in Russia.

The decree forbidding the admittance of Jews to Russian universities has been withdrawn.

The Kobe Chronicle, speaking of the Imperial iron foundry in Japan, says that it has proved a failure because of

the limited supply of ore in that country and that the government hopes to secure the privilege of working the rich Hanrang iron mines in China.

Five hundred and two patents have been taken out by women in Germany since 1877.

Japanese is the latest language to be added to the list taught at the University of Chicago. Professor Yashiki, a

graduate of Northwestern university, has been selected to teach the language. There are a number of students in the university who expect to go to Japan as missionaries.

The Nicholas railroad (St. Petersburg and Moscow) has unearthed the car built for the Emperor Nicholas I. about fifty years ago and placed it in the railroad museum of the ministry of

transportation. It is a very plain car, with a table in the middle and cushioned seats along the sides.

The railroads employ in the state of Nebraska 18,500 men on their roads. Experiments made last year seemed to indicate that sea water could not be limited, but in a later trial pure water mixed in correct proportion with the six chief salts of the ocean support-

ed sensitive marine animals and appeared to have the physiological effects of natural sea water.

The peace footing of the armies of the civilized world is in all 4,000,000 men. There are only 300,000 white people in British South Africa, and at the beginning of the Boer war there was a deficiency of women amounting to 70,000. In the early morning Leeds (England)