

Happenings of the World In Pictures

A Hymn For Washington's Birthday



TWAS long ago he crushed the chain that galled our new world pride,
And, lo, he stood and struck again the links from Freedom's side.
THANKS to his might, we live as men and not as slaves today;
But, see, a thousand chains since then upon our freedom weigh!
WE hold that old time liberty for which our fathers died.
God grant that in our blindness we boast not with foolish pride.
FOR we have seen, Lord God of Hosts, that he is tenfold bound
Upon whose hands e'en as he boasts no hampering chains are found.
SINCE in her name dark things are done, Lord God, for Freedom's sake
Grant us another Washington, more binding chains to break!

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A VEGETABLE CHAIR.

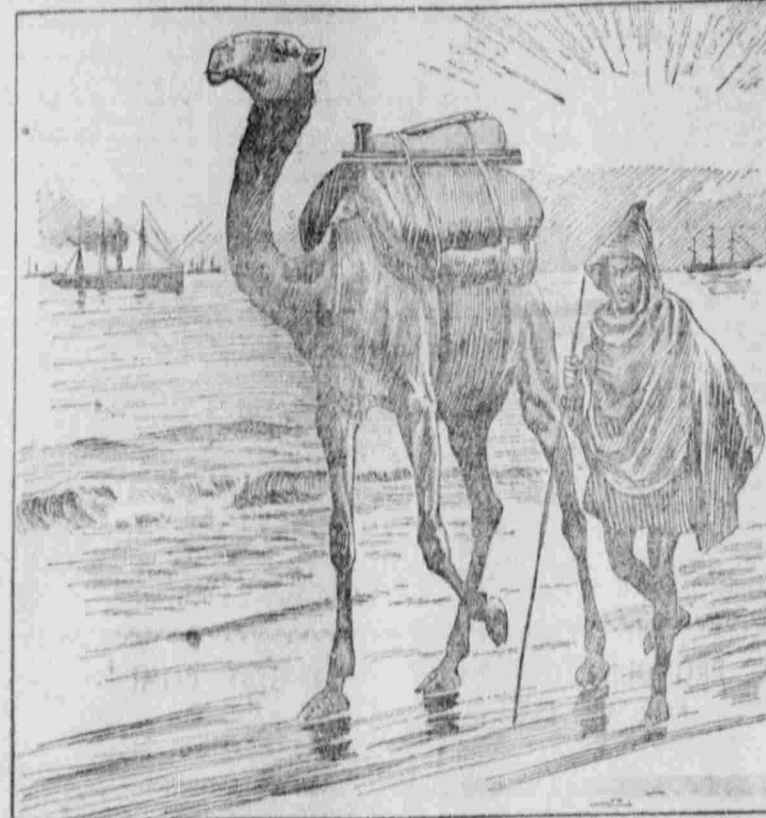


One of the most wonderful pieces of furniture in the world is the vegetable

chair herewith illustrated. It came from Korea and was grown from a single seed planted twenty-six years ago. The seed was that of a ginkgo tree. In fertile soil and amid sunshine and rain the seed grew into a vine, which the native gardener set about to fashion by ingenious twistings, compressions and trainings into an armchair. Much pruning was necessary in order to make the lower branches develop in size and strength. The chair weighs more than 100 pounds and is even harder, sturdier and more imperishable than oak. It is 3 feet 4 inches in height and 25 inches in width, and some of the knots which formed between the binding ropes are 21 inches in circumference. The bark has been removed, and the surface, which is golden brown in color, has taken a fine polish.

A wonderful statue adorns a public square in Yokohama. It is a seated image of the god Diabuteu, and its height is 63 1/2 feet. The total weight of this great statue is 450 tons, 500 pounds of which is pure gold.

THE SHIP OF THE DESERT AND THE SHIP OF THE SEA.



This picture is interesting as showing how the methods of the old and the new civilization exist side by side in Morocco. In the offing lies the modern steamer, the cargo of which will probably be carried inland by the "ship of the desert" which stands in the foreground. A very similar state of matters is to be seen in Tangier, where side by side with the telegraph are runners to Fez, who can cover 150 miles in three days.

A HANDSOME GOLD CENTERPIECE.



The saying that republics are ungrateful does not hold good in the case of Brazil. The magnificent gold centerpiece herewith illustrated, which cost many thousands of dollars, has just been completed for presentation to Baron Rio Branco, Brazil's minister of foreign affairs, in appreciation of his conscientious and honest conduct of his office. This would seem to imply that most Brazilian officials are not conscientious and honest, but the facts are against this theory, for Brazil has had as little trouble with her prominent officials since she became a republic as any country in the world. At any rate this gift is a commendable token of appreciation of the efforts of a man who served his country not for the emolument, for that he doesn't need, but for the glory and dignity of the position and because he really believed that he was the man for the place, an opinion which subsequent events have fully justified.

GATHERING PECANS BY BALLOON.

There is at least one woman in Texas who is not likely to suffer by reason of lack of confidence in herself or the courage to carry out her ideas. Instead



of permitting the best pecan nuts to go to waste on the ends of the small branches which would not bear the weight of a gatherer she had a balloon rigged up, leashed a number of trees from neighbors and proceeded to collect some magnificent specimens of pecans, which brought large prices in the big cities of the United States.

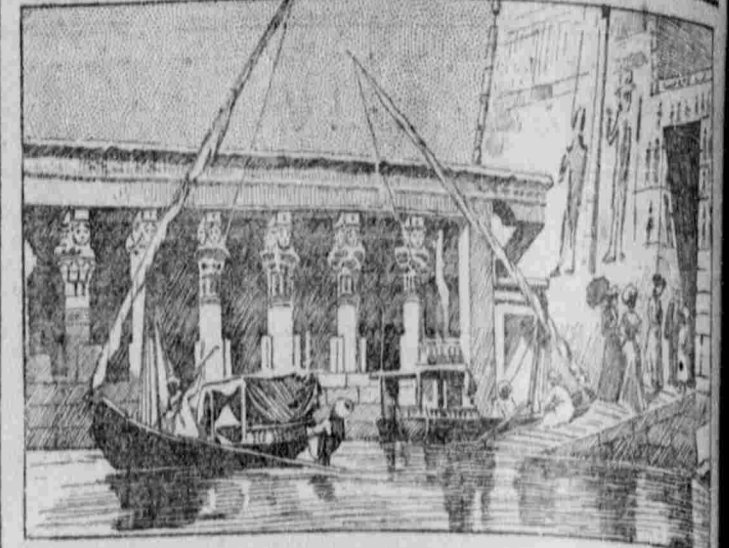
MRS. LAFAYETTE DE FRIESE.

Mrs. Lafayette De Friese is one of the most popular women of the American colony in London. Indeed, she is so popular that she was recently elected treasurer of the society organized



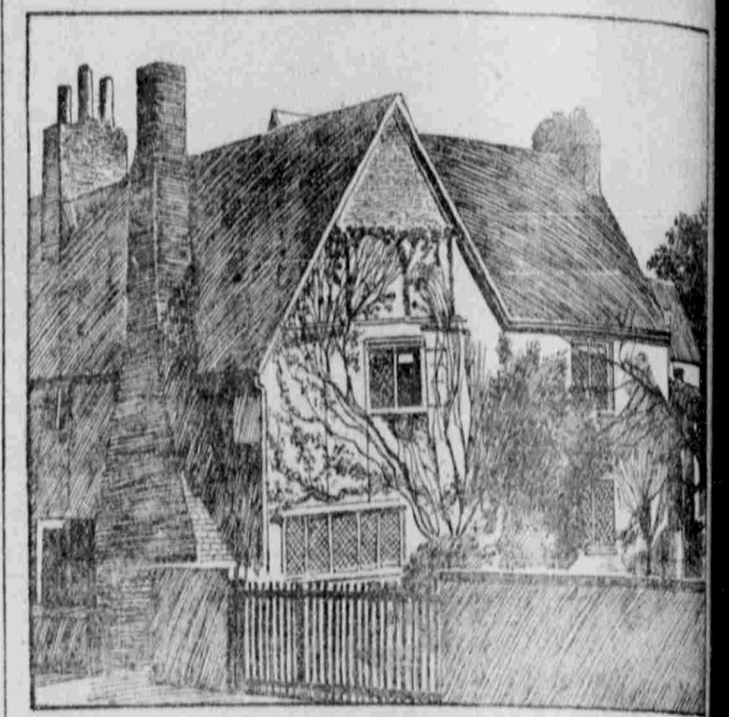
by those of our fair ones who are obliged to live in the foggy British capital. Inasmuch as she had previously declined the higher honor of the presidency, this was a striking compliment.

HOW THE COURT OF THE TEMPLE OF ISIS NOW APPEARS.



Think of visiting the court of the famous temple of Isis in Assuan! The statement at first blush would appear to be too absurd to be worthy of consideration, and yet it is strictly within the facts. When the great irrigation canal at Assuan was built, a great many things which have since come to be taken for granted were not thought of. One of these was the effect upon the low country above of the vast accumulation of water. Had the matter been given any fore consideration it must have been seen that the "backing" of the waters would cause damage. That is precisely what has happened to the temple of Isis. The water has inundated the courtyard, until now sightseers visit the place in native boats or dahabeahs.

WHERE JOHN MILTON FINISHED HIS "PARADISE LOST."



The humble house depicted in the illustration is said to be the only one now standing which was ever occupied as a home by the talented John Milton. This fact alone would suffice to entitle it to distinction, but the added circumstance of its having been the place in which he completed his immortal poem "Paradise Lost" makes it of great interest to travelers. The house is located near the village of St. Giles, in Buckinghamshire, England, and a sign invites the visitor that for the sum of sixpence the interior may be inspected. The property is held in trust for the public, and as it is in charge of a custodian, employed by the owner, who has almost a veneration for the spot, it is improbable that it will "give way to the march of improvement" many years to come.

Caught by the Camera Here and There

"EMPEROR NAPOLEON IV."

The title of this little sketch is not intended as a joke, although it really is, for Prince Napoleon seriously calls himself the Emperor Napoleon IV. There are others in France who are addicted to the same absurd habit. A glance at the accompanying portrait of the young man will amply demonstrate



that he would make an excellent emperor of France, for does he not fold his arms across his chest, and did not the great Napoleon also fold his arms across his chest? This ought to prove the case, and it does so far as the Imperialist party of France is concerned.

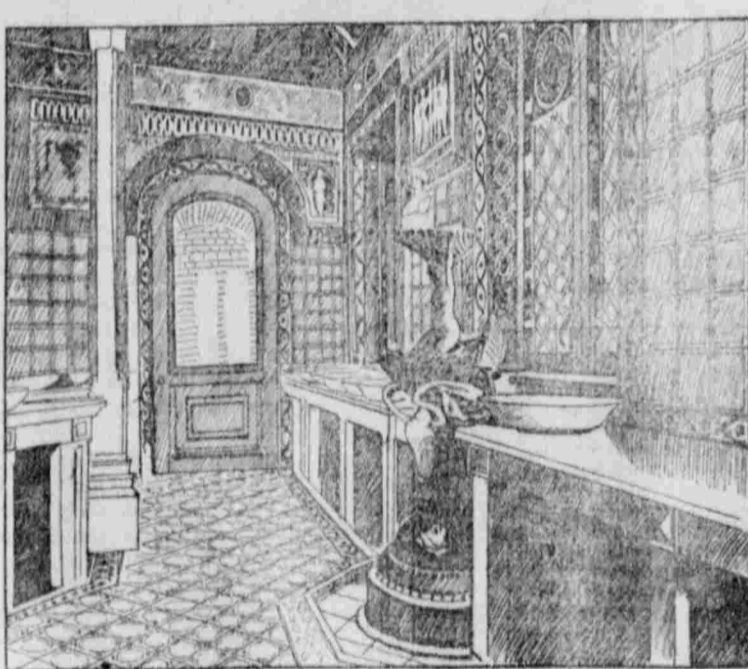
PRESIDENT CASTRO'S WIFE.

Mrs. Castro, wife of President Castro of Venezuela, is a decidedly comely woman, with luxuriant dark hair and a pleasing, dignified presence. She is



short and dark and is fond of the gay social life of the Venezuelan capital, but doesn't particularly enthuse over the numerous revolutions and foreign complications that her husband seems heir to. She entertains at the "Yellow House," as the national palace is called, and is said to be a gracious hostess.

THE INTERIOR OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DAIRY.



The casual observer would take this for the picture of a particularly pretty house interior. As a matter of fact, it shows a portion of the interior of Queen Alexandra's dairy at Sandringham. There is a good deal of humbug about most royal fads, but there can be no question of King Edward's love of fine live stock. Of course it is a joke to say that he is one of the most expert breeders in the world, for while it is true that his cattle have received many prizes from judges who did not suspect the identity of their owner, it is also true that King Edward wouldn't know his best cow if he should meet her on the road. Queen Alexandra is said to know every cow at Sandringham.

AN INDIAN CHIEF ON AN AUTOMOBILE.



As will be seen by the accompanying picture, the noble red man is getting up to date with great rapidity. Walks Under the Ground, one of Buffalo Bill's Indians now in London, runs a big automobile and does it so successfully that he is probably more deadly than when he ran amuck with a tomahawk in days gone by. After he has been operating an automobile awhile he will probably change his name to Walks Back Mighty Often.

A FAMOUS CELLIST.

M. Foldes is the latest sensation to come out of Hungary. He is alleged by his admirers to be the greatest performer on the violoncello the world has ever seen. It is probably safe to discount this statement a bit, though there can be no doubt that Foldes is really a master of this "instrument with the human voice." He is at present touring the British provinces with Mrs.



James Brown Potter. M. Foldes's services for a tour of this country have already been bespoken by a shrewd manager, and the young man will come over either late the coming spring or early next fall.

HOW A STATE ELEPHANT GETS A LOAD.

This picture, which was made from a photograph, shows how Lord and Lady Curzon mount an elephant when they ride forth in state. Luchman Prosad, the elephant pictured, is an enormous



tusker belonging to the maharajah of Benares. When commanded to do so, he kneels in a very docile manner, and the visor of India and his American wife clamber into the howdah.

Pictures From Foreign Lands

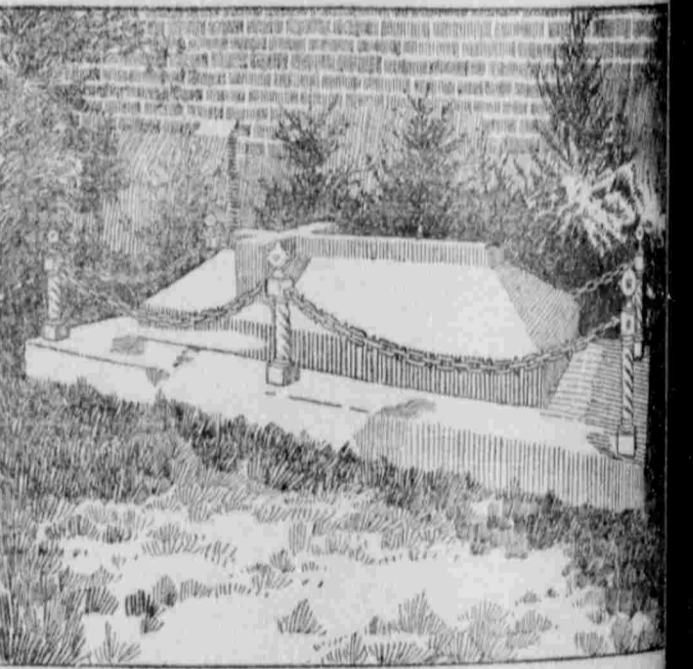
ROSIE 'BOOTE TAYLOUR, MARCHIONESS.

There was a great hubbub in the British aristocracy when Geoffrey Thomas Taylour, the fourth marquis of Headfort, married Miss Rosie Boote, the vaudeville actress, in 1901. The young mar-



quis was a lieutenant in the swell Life guards and owned an estate of 22,000 acres, and British society was very much wrought up over his unconventional matrimonial venture. The young marchioness, however, is now very popular in the neighborhood of her husband's Irish seat and is turning out to be a very good aristocrat. She is said to be a strikingly pretty woman.

THE LAST RESTING PLACE OF BRET HARTE.



This illustration shows the humble tomb of Bret Harte, whose "Eldorado" made the whole world laugh and whose stories are gems of American literature. The English people had come to regard Mr. Harte almost as one of their own, and when he died the sorrow there was at least as great as in his country. The tomb of the dead author is located in the yard of the church at Primley, near Hulse, a popular suburb of London. The value of Mr. Harte's estate, at least that portion of it which was in England, was less than \$2,000.

EUROPE'S NEW HIGH CLASS HEALTH RESORT.



Have you been to Positano? No? Don't even know where Positano is? Too bad if you aspire to be considered English, for that ignorance argues you out of touch with the smart set of Europe. Positano is located on the southern edge of the western coast of Italy. It has long been inaccessible by reason of the precipitous mountain road which afforded the only means of getting to it. But now a highway has been completed, and as visitors may reach Positano in comfort and as the climate is something to remember throughout one's life the place has become the ultra fashionable resort of Europe. The inhabitants of this little place, who up to a short time ago never knew a day of prosperity in their lives, are now as haughty as coal road presidents, with pretty nearly as high an opinion of the value of their wares.

A SNAPSHOT OF GENERAL MATOS.



General Matos is the Venezuelan insurgent who has been giving President Castro so many sleepless nights during the past year. They change positions with great frequency in Venezuela, and Matos thinks that it is about time

ALL SORTS OF JOTTINGS.

Aluminum stoppers for beer bottles have been adopted by the famous Milwaukee brewery, as being clean and absolutely tight.
Stephen Maxwell, said to be the oldest engineer in this country, celebrated his ninety-first birthday recently by

commandery at the Cleveland meeting and was one of the chief speakers at a dinner in the evening.
The total value of Canada's mineral product in 1902 reached over \$22,000,000, or \$12 a head of the population.
Will S. Hays of Louisville claims to be the author of "Dixie." He was assisted, he says, by Charles L. Ward, and

David P. Faulds, recently deceased, published the song. The authorship of this popular southern melody has been in dispute for many years.
An Oklahoma editor, noting the assertion of a scientist that "if the earth should be flattened the sea would be two miles deep all over the world," says: "If any man is caught flattening

out the earth, shoot him on the spot. There's a lot of us that can't swim."
Andrew Lang, the English author, will visit the United States later this year. He will also visit Samoa, Stevenson's exile home, Lang having been very intimate with the late novelist.
The artistic treasures which J. Pierpont Morgan is keeping in London be-

cause of the high tariff are increasing so rapidly that his house at Prince's Gate cannot accommodate them.
Banker Henri de Rothschild of Paris says that in ten years from now there will not be a single vehicle drawn by horses in Paris, as everything will be hauled by motor conveyances.
Dvorak, the composer; Vrchley, the

Czech poet, and Ferdinand were the members of the Austrian house of peers.
Empress Wilhelmina had in the past ten years killed 47,443 pheasants, including 2,939 deer, 2,822 wild boars, 508 hares or rabbits and taken 200 ants.