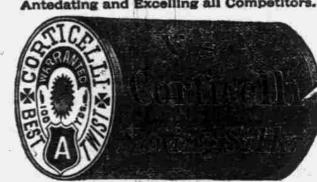
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EVENING NEWS.

A BALLOON TRIP FROM CHER BOURG TO LONDON.

A young and already celebrated aero-naut, Mr. F. Lhoste, has twice in the past made a trip through the air from Boulogne to England, but these inter-esting expeditions could have been From Cherbourg as a starting point. Channel, though a starting point has according the respect to the consequence of the same and the sequence of the same and th break tends to cause the balloon to ial parvenues who have swarmed in rise into the higher regions, and to make it lose, through expansion, a portion of the gas that it contains, with these several methods of anchor-with these several methods of anchor-with the With these several methods of anchoring one's self to the sea and taking in ballast, it is not impossible to undertake long balloon trips over the ocean. Messrs. Lhoste and Mangot have been good enough to give us a complete account of their fine voyage, and we shall allow them to do the talking, but not before offering them all the congratulations that they merit:

On the 29th of July, the wind being favorable, the inflation of our balloon, the Torpilleur, was begun at Cherican and have tried their best to make people in London believe that the colonies are bursting with loyalty to England, and to the existing confusion at Westminster. When Mr. Froude's interesting but most inaccurate "Oceana" came out, a cheap edition was immediately published, with the sole object of propagating the imperialist notions of which it is the exponent.

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Americans may well believe that there is really something in all this, and that a brand new imperial constitution may be looked for some fine morning, especially with the Salisbury Miaistry in office. But there is no delusion of our time that is grosser than this. It has not a particle of foundation in fact. The colonies are mostly inhabited by shrewd men, and while many of them may have some sentimental attachment to England, the majority wilk keep up the political connection with her inst

Despite the skill of the officers who had this important experiment in charge, we have learned with pleasure that the rays that swept the heavens never once met with us. Such want to the control of the officers who had this important clusters in London, As he is the genuinely elected delegate of 200,000 workingmen in Australasia, his views are of importance.

"Is there any real interest taken in imperial federation?" I asked Mr. Nor-

of success of men who are used to looking for torpedo boats shows how advantageous balloons would prove These sporadic meteors were white, and their mean brilliancy was that of stars of the second magnitude. We saw seven of them. The last, toward 2 o'clock in the morning, was the most brilliant of all. It left a luminous train, from which seemed to start several brilliant points, as would do the various fragments of a single sphere falling to the surface of the

or eight simultaneously.
We did not see Venus until more

right.

Fearing that we might miss London and ascend toward the sources of the Thames, we opened the valve in order to bring ourselves toward London Bridge through a lower current.

This maneuver was thoroughly successful, and the great river was crossed at an alaitude of 800 feet in the vicinity of the Tower. Having reascended to an alittude of 1,100 feet, we allowed ourselves to be carried along by a S. S. W. wind, which caused us to cross the city near St Paul's, the Artillery Grounds, Victoria Park, and the entire north part of the city.

Seeing that we were leaving London, we began to descend, and, despite the violence of the wind, found it possible neadow on the banks of the river Lee. We were at Totenham Station, a charmropolitan district .- La Nature.

IMPERIALISM. FRIENDS AND FOES OF BRITISH FED-

triangular sail, that started from the center and extended to a yard 15 feet in length, fastened horizontally to our ring; (3) a guide rope, 260 feet in length; (4) a cylindro-conical float, 5½ feet in length and 8½ inches in diameter; (5) a conical reservoir of a capacity of 85 gallons, and capable of serving as an anchor; (6) two pails attached to an endless rope, 525 feet in length; (7) a sheathing of cork around the car. (7) a sheathing of cork around the car, mission connected with the labor into render the latter unsinkable; (8) ten bags, each containing 44 pounds of sand; and (9) all the necessary instruments.

At half past 11 we gave the signal for starting, and rose to an altitude of 1,-300 feet, which we succeeded in keeping until half past two o'clock in the morning. Scarcely had we left the morning. Scarcely had we left the union Congress in Paris; he will have roadstead when we saw that the navy was making efforts to follow our balloonby means of the Mangin electric light projector.

clouds. The brilliancy of the stars, as well as their oscillation, was very remarkable. The milky way gave enough light to allow of the barometer being read. We were at the end of the period of from the 26th to the 29th of people in Australia, and is scarcely July given by the Annuaire du Bureau ever mentioned there. We are going des Longitudes as corresponding to the occurrence of an abundant flight of meteors, with centers of emanation distributed over all parts of the celestial globe. In fact, we saw several quite brilliant shooting stars start from various points of the firmament.

These sporadic meteors were white, and their mean brilliancy was that of and less connection?

sphere falling to the surface of the globe. This fire ball remained in sight for at least four seconds, and must have dropped over the ocean, so that have dropped over the ocean, so that there is little chance of its fragments having been collected. But the light was observed by a few navigators. In addition to these apparitions, wea scertained the presence of a radiant corresponding to the star Beta of the Swan, which was situated upon the limit of the zone covered by our balicon.

A large number of stars emanated from this center, and in an irregular manner. The phenomena lasted for a quarter of an hour. These stars were

manner. The phenomena lasted for a quarter of an hour. These stars were seen with difficulty, so that it was almost impossible to get at the number of them. Some of them shot forth at the same moment, and we saw seven dened, and can not do much for us; or eight simultaneously nor do we wish, in view of the coming struggles which we foresee, to run the

than an hour after she had risen. The aurora was very intense, but the brightness of the coming day worked no prejudice to the effect produced by the planet. Her aspect was truly admirable. Her brilliancy was comparable to that of an electric beacon, and much exceeded that of the Isle of Wight.

Well knowing that the appearance of daylight would give us a dangerous increase of ascensional force, we manneuvered from half past 3 o'clock in the morning to circumvent the sun's influence. For the purpose of getting than an hour after she had risen. The risks entailed by the English connec-

to allow that consideration to stand in the way of the adoption of a lamp which offers so many and great advantages, and we shall not hesitate to waive the objection if the weight were six pounds, though it would certainly "Jumbo." be less convenient to carry for firemen and others who have much walking in

It has been said that the cost of a

by the purity of the surrounding air, and it must very much increase the comfort and health of miners to reor a chemist's appliances, but that

of the miners, and would be gladly dispensed with by men working in hot places.

The electric lamp has also all the advantages which attach to a superior light. Nearly every kind of work may with it be more efficiently performed, especially the cleaning of the coal hefore loading. The dangers of hanging roofs and sidesfare brought into prominence, and thus great advances are made in both safety and economy.

It must be said for the present lamps that their light gives warning of the presence, in dangerous quantities, of noxieus gases, and thus wards off a possibility of suffocation; and that when the existing chief security for pure air is removed, the maintenance of an adequate ventilation may be had just concluded an engagement in of an adequate ventilation may be neglected, and injury to health caused thereby to the miners. But though a very convincing witness of impure air be then silenced another will remain, for happily the fire damp of mines is usually accompanied by a smell which the practiced miner can readily distinguish. And, further, it must be con-ceded that if it is thought necessary to retain in a mine a few "safety lamps" n the hands of the firemen, the chance of an explosion emanating from a safety lamp will be lessened in at least safety fainb will be lessened in at least the same proportion as the number of such lamps. But for our part, we would go to the full extent, and not re-tain one of the present lamps except as gas indicators for us in snot firing, and then only failing the practicability of other indicators.

This may well be the next step in the onward march of the mining art. tions, no lamp keys, no caution boards, but with an increased ventilation and higher air velocities, which imply no danger, but cause a purer and cooler atmosphere, and are the result of more powerful ventilating machinery without outlay on the already large airways. To complete the pleasant prospect, one thing is needed, the economical substitute for present explosives, which shall be without danger in the midst of coal dust or fire damp. The causes which lead to devastating explosions and the wholesale slaughter of the workers will then, we may hope, be altogether overcome, and each man will feel relief from the incubus which now ever threatens him, and will know that his safety depends higher air velocities, which imply no

halfway out of the window in order to see the country means, "There are no glazed windows in my house." To turn a front seat and ride backward, staring the whole car in the face means, "I may not be pretty, but I think I am." To expectorate on the car-floor means, "I have no carpets at home." To say of the station that you "cannot see the town for houses." signifies, "I have never been anywhere before." To drink all the water in the tank and go to sleep at eight o'clock in mass upon the front part of the turtle's much exceeded that of the falle of thirdly, to establish a federated Augwith the convergence of the plate of the convergence of operating it, the balloon were without the loss of the least amount of gast once level down to the surface, and as soon as it filled with water, through the ordinary the convergence of th

town a few days since, regardless of the hostilities of the inhabitants. He escaped without being harmed, and now the hunters thereabouts are anxious to meet his bearship and test the virtue of their Winchesters.

How a Red Squirrel Played the Craven.—"The queerest sight I ever saw in the early morning was one that I chanced to see one day last week," said a Lewiston (Me.) man lately. "I was going to work at 5:20 and was walking down Lisbon street. Across the street I heard a great chatter among the English sparrows, and there, near Paul's Block, was a red squirrel sitting on his haunches fairly surrounded by English sparrows hovering over his head. The squirrel seemed frightened. He would run a rod and stop. Every time he stopped the sparrows surrounded him again. I watched them from there to the corner of Ash street. The sparrows seemed to pick at him. When they reached the corner of Ash street the bark of a dog broke in and the squirrel scooted down an alley."

A Dog Buries a Kitten —Little Miss May Millette, who lives about one mile north of McLeansboro, Ill., has a pet dog that has shown remarkable tact in many things, but is also very very jealous of some pet kittens lately arrived on the place. Upon returning from a visit Miss May discovered "Jumbo" very industriously soratching dirt back in a hole which he had dug. On investigation one of the little

therefore but little heavier than present kittens was discovered almost buried lamps, which are generally about 2% in the hole, nearly dead, but several pounds, it would surely be a mistake hours of patient watching brought it

Crows on a Spree.—A Chester (Penn.) gentleman tells an interesting story of the manner in which a Deleware County farmer got rid of crows. He was number of lamps would not exceed twenty shillings each, and that, if manufactured in very large quantities, the

A Monster Lizard.—John Horsheim, a citizen of Madison, Iowa, recently comfort and health of miners to remove from a large mine several hundreds of the present lamps, which burning not only a large quantity of oil daily, but many of them also but ning a quantity of fire damp, though they giving less light rather than more, have an effect on the atmosphere which may not be noticeable with a thermometer of the control of spots and is very stupid and slow in its movements.

An Elephant on the Rampage.—An elephant attached to a circus, which had just concluded an engagement in San Francisco, "cut up some quer old shines" the other day while being conveyed across the bay. After smashing a door, the animal turned its attention to a deckhand, whom it knocked into the hold of the vessel. The bar-room was next visited, and after mixing drinks, bottles, furniture, etc., break-ing the legs and several ribs of the assistant keeper and slightly injuring another, the infurlated beast was chained. Twelve hundred dollars w.ll about cover the damage done.

The Muskrat as a Weather-Guesser The drouth still continues in New Jersey. All the retail ice dealers have sold their stocks in this part of our State, and they are now buying from "None, whatever," he replied. "The advantageous balloons would prove for approaching a given point.

The amount of ballast thrown out during the first four hours of our trip was 130 pounds, our route remaining perfectly regular. During this part of the voyage, the sky was remarkably clear around the balloon; but the horizon on the contrary, was full of b.ack want to get into 'society' in London's contrary, was full of b.ack whatever," he replied. "The advantageous balloons would prove English public are deluded by the rich colonial' people who are flourishing about in London this year, and who no more represent our people than a few landlords or stock-brokers represent the English masses. These people are mostly wealthy snobs, who have made a lot of money in Australia, and who want to get into 'society' in London the contrary, was full of b.ack want to get into 'society' in London the contrary, as we have suggested, the necessity of limiting the maximum velocity of the air currents will be removed, and in the majority of large mines very large air roads have been formed, and only an increased water gauge will be needed."

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Let us see, then, the picture which is conjured up by these thoughts for the morrow. A mine most brightly illuminated, which has not the odor of burning oil, which has no lamp stations, no lamp keys, no caution boards, went hastily to work and built another story on their houses, and in about one week the whole valley was flooded. Their instinct is more reliable than all the scientific instruments in use, and I feel confident that the farmers through-out your State, would do a wise thing to repair every dam and open the ditches, for there surely will be floods during the next two weeks.".

> Tales About Turtles .-- A correspondent writes from Alexandria, Mo.: "A flock of blackbirds collected at the edge of the large pond where I was fishing, one day recently. There were several hundred of them, and such a fluttering and mixing of voices as those incubus which now ever threatens him, and will know that his safety depends much more than formeriy on his own watchfulness. The chief agencies through whichia slight flaw at some point or the gross carelessness of some one man may now jeopardize hundred of lives will then be in great measure counteracted.
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> TRAIN.
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> To sit on one seat and put your feet on another signifies, "I am not accustomed to upholstered furniture at home." To occupy four seats on one ticket means, "I am a heg." To lean halfway out of the window in order to see the country means, "There are no oldered with the same treacher to the bird. The soon been destroyed. I took the turtle out on land and released the bird. The surface are no longed to the same treacher to turtle was in for a conflict, as it be-

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