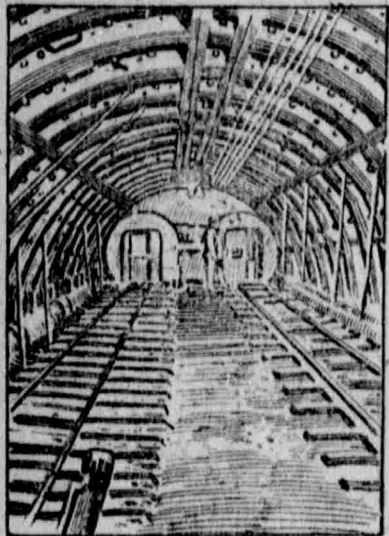


### A TUNNEL UNDER THE HUDSON RIVER.

The accompanying illustration shows a section of the tunnel in process of construction beneath the waters of the Hudson river for the purpose of giving interurban connection between New York and Jersey City. The completion of this work, now in the near future, will mark a great engineering achievement, for the conditions prevailing beneath the river are such as to



A VIEW OF THE TUNNEL.

render this subaqueous task one of unusual difficulty, the engineers having to cope with both rock and silt. Work on the tunnel was begun many years ago, but was abandoned several times owing both to the difficulties of the task and the inability to finance the scheme properly. The tunnel is now being built by a syndicate at the head of which is William G. McAdoo, construction proceeding under the direction of Charles M. Jacobs, an engineer of international reputation.

### GERMAN STATUE FOR TIENTSIN.

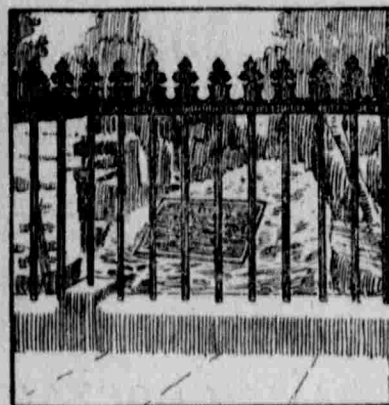
The statue shown in the accompanying illustration will serve the Chinese of Tientsin as a perpetual reminder of



the troublous days of the Boxer uprising of 1900. By the direction of Kaiser William, it is to be erected at Tientsin in memory of the German soldiers who fell in the fighting about that city.

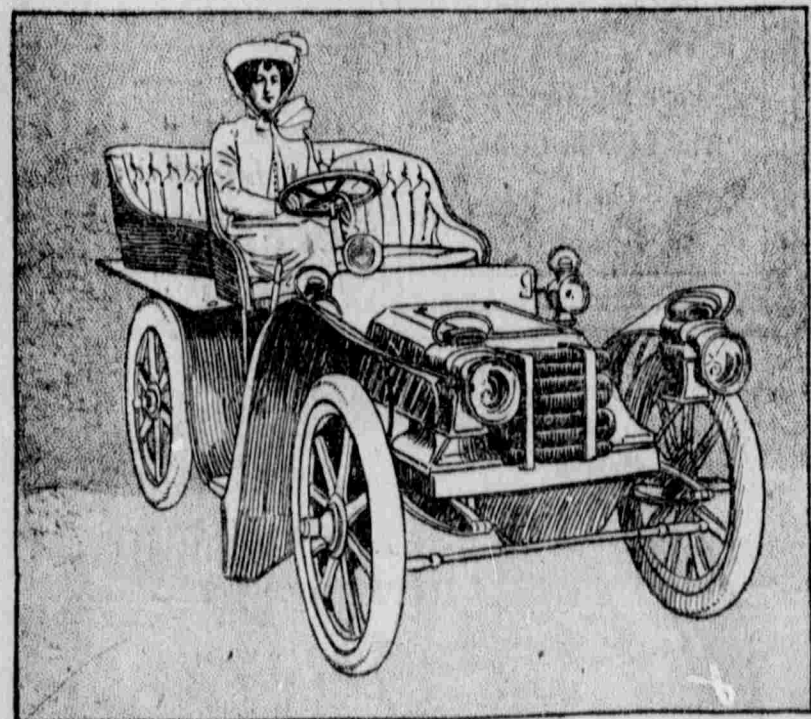
### MEMORIAL TO A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN WOMAN.

An interesting ceremony which took place in New York recently was the unveiling of a memorial to Mrs. Mary Lindley Murray, the American woman



who in 1776 entertained at luncheon General Howe and his officers until the American troops under General Putnam had reached a place of safety. The memorial is located in Park avenue near the site of the residence of Mrs. Murray.

### MRS. S. F. EDGE, THE FAMOUS CHAUFFEUR.



There are few more daring automobilists than Mrs. S. F. Edge, a portrait of whom is herewith reproduced from a recent photograph showing her seated in her favorite automobile. Mrs. Edge's husband, it will be remembered, won the James Gordon Bennett cup in 1902 in competition with the world's best chauffeurs, and his failure to retain it in 1903 must largely be accounted more bad luck than bad management. Mrs. Edge undoubtedly ranks higher than any other chauffeur in the old world or the new.

### ODDITIES OF INFORMATION.

The coffee crop is the most valuable one in Porto Rico, the exports exceeding all other products in value. A foreign expert believes that the great increase in electric traction in cities is exerting a beneficial effect on the inhabitants. Electricity, he argues, generates ozone, and ozone is the great

# A NEW YEAR'S APPARITION

By  
**ALOYSIUS COLL**

**I**

At twelve o'clock on New Year's night,  
When I was snug in bed,  
I started up in sudden fear,  
For all around my head  
And feet were dreary little ghosts,  
In number twenty-five—  
A ghost for every single year  
That I had been alive!

**II**

The moonshine filled my lumber room,  
And wilder grew my fright  
I saw that every spook was cracked  
And broken in the light!  
Some lacked a joint of leg or arm,  
Their ears were out of place;  
And some had only half a chin,  
Or quarter of a face!

**III**

One spoke—the weirdest of them all—  
Who sat upon my bed  
And held within a thumbless hand  
The remnant of his head:  
"We are the spirit folk of all  
The pledges that you spoke  
On all the New Years of your life,  
And kept a day—then broke!"

**VII**

The dreary ghosts were gone! The bells  
Rang in a glad New Year.  
I uttered not a single vow  
Of hate or love or fear,  
And when the New Year comes again  
I shall not dread to see  
The ghosts of all the broken vows  
That come to trouble me!

**IV**

"One is the spirit of that pledge,  
Three winters old today—  
To shun the words of spite and hate  
The gossips hint and say.  
But when you smirched a neighbor's name  
You tore the pledge apart.  
Behold its ghost returned to you,  
Without a head or heart!"

**V**

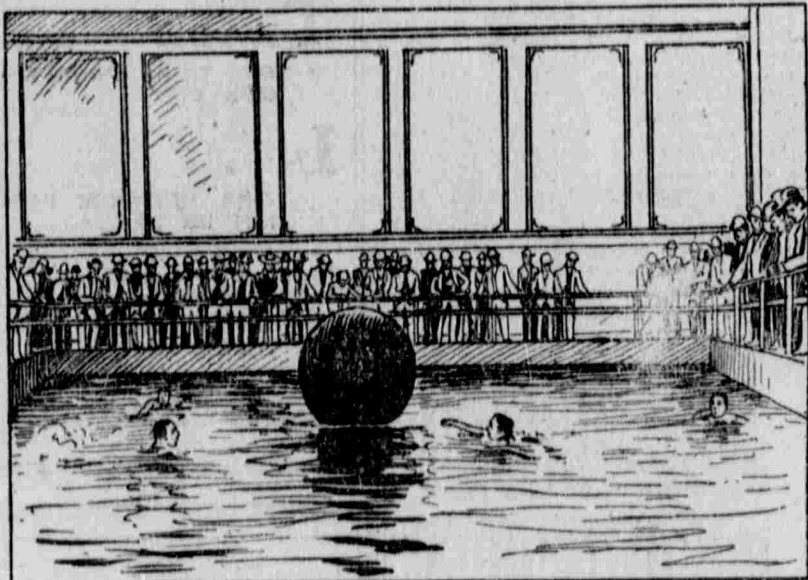
"One is a golden promise dead—  
To never let the need  
Of want and poverty go by  
Without a kindly deed.  
But in your hurry once you passed  
A blind man by your door.  
Alas, the spirit of your pledge  
Is blind forevermore!"

**VI**

"The phantom with the shattered chin  
Was once a New Year's smile  
You vowed to wear life's journey through,  
But lost the second mile!  
The twisted dwarf upon the floor  
Too weak to sit or stand,  
Was once a strong and valiant vow  
To lend the weak a hand!"

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### PUSH BALL AS AN AQUATIC SPORT.



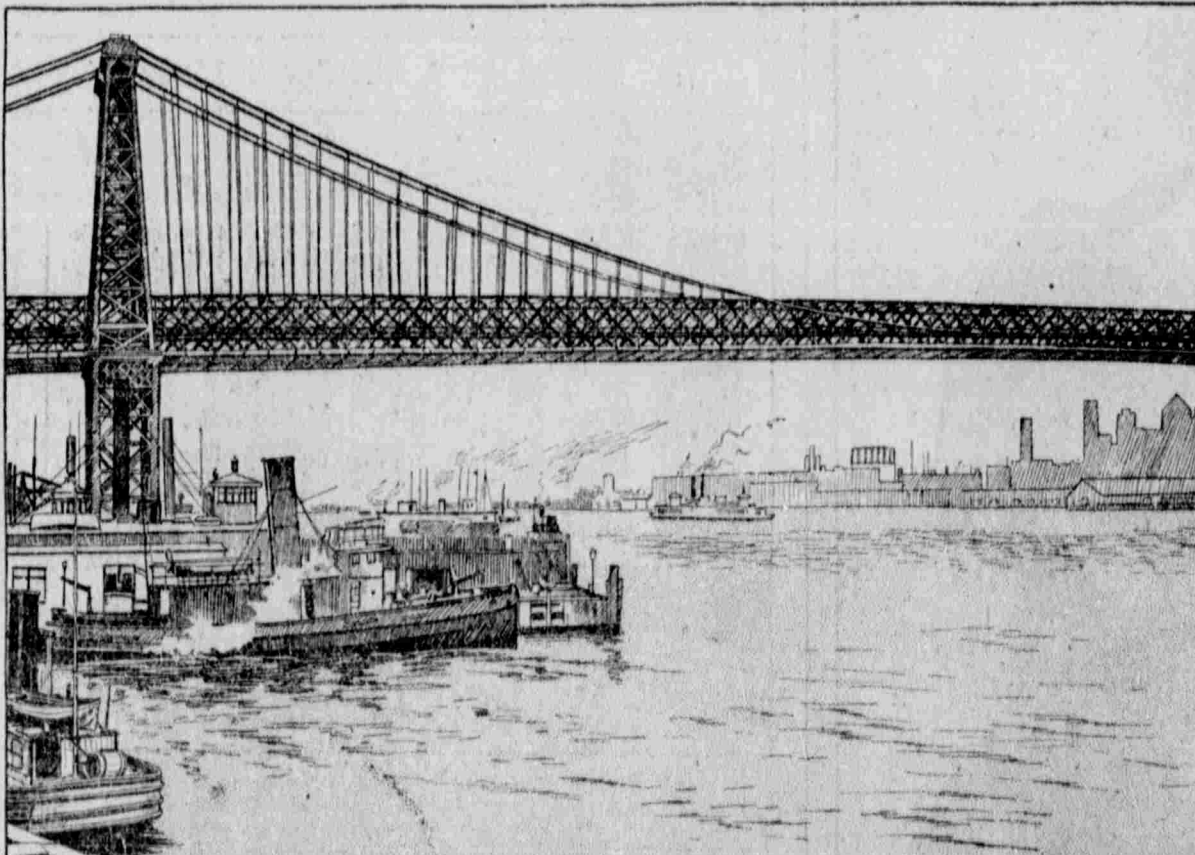
A game that promises to be exceedingly popular this winter is water push ball, a species of marine tug of war, the object being to force the huge ball shown in the illustration to one side or other of the swimming tank. The game has been played on land for some time, but its introduction as an aquatic sport is of recent origin.

### NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NEW HOME.



One of the handsomest buildings in process of construction in New York is the new home of the New York Historical society, the cornerstone of which was recently laid. The society, which was founded in 1894 by John Pintard, the first sachem of the Tammany society, has steadily increased in membership and antiquarian treasures until it has outgrown the big building erected for it at the corner of Second avenue and Tenth street, New York.

### THE NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE AT NEW YORK.



Brooklyn and New York are now connected by a new bridge, the magnificent structure shown in the accompanying illustration. It has just been officially dedicated and thrown open to the public, which has been watching its construction the past seven years. The Williamsburg bridge, as it will be known, from the Brooklyn district that it serves, is the largest bridge of its kind in the world and the greatest steel structure, more than 40,000 tons of the metal having been used in building it. Unlike the old Brooklyn bridge, whose towers are of stone, those of the Williamsburg structure are of bolted steel girders, stone masonry being employed only in the tower foundations, and in the approaches. The length of the entire bridge between the terminals is 7,200 feet, the stretch of the main span from center to center of the towers being 1,600 feet, while the extreme width is 118 feet. The bridge possesses two carriage drives, four trolley car tracks, two elevated railroad tracks and two foot walks. It has been built at a total cost of approximately \$11,000,000.

### THE "LIBERATOR OF PANAMA."

To Dr. Manuel Amador, formerly governor of the province of Panama and more recently surgeon general of the Panama railroad, has been given the



DR. MANUEL AMADOR.

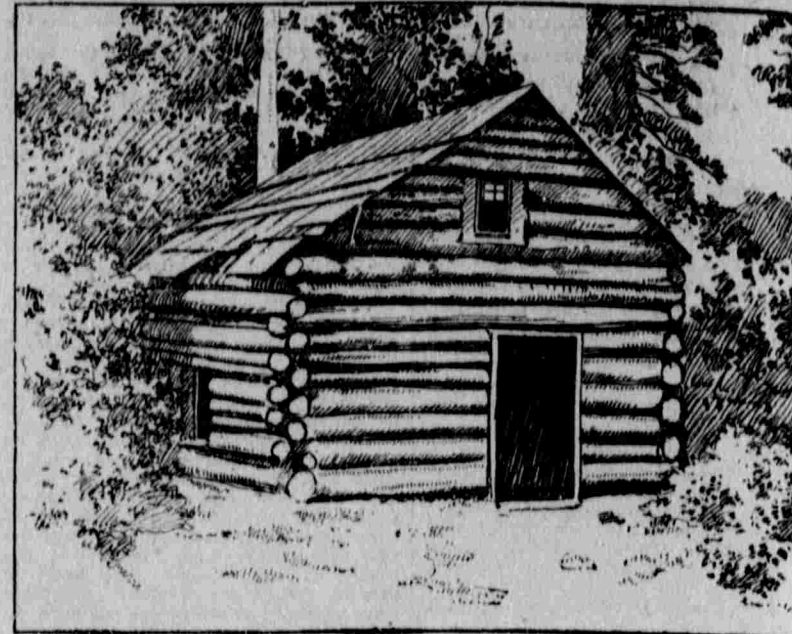
designation "liberator of Panama" in recognition of the part he played in the formation of the republic of the isthmus. Dr. Amador was in this country for some little time as a member of Panama's special commission. He is about seventy years old.

eight miles an hour. Passenger trains average thirteen and one-half miles. There are 3,900 negro farmer members of the Farmers' Improvement Society of Texas. They own 50,000 acres of land. The United States now takes half the world's crop of rubber. Solid coconut oil (coconut butter), being cheaper than lard, is much used

in Hungarian kitchens, especially for making sweet pastry. The importations of this oil amount to over 2,900,000 pounds a year. Ethnologists are of the opinion that when America was discovered there were not on the continent of North America any more Indians than exist now. Gypsies are becoming a plague in

England, and all efforts to get rid of them have failed, as other countries refuse to admit them. Mexican agriculturists must be educated to the use of modern agricultural implements by demonstration. If a man has never seen a thrasher it is hard to sell him one from a catalogue. The remains of a heretofore unknown animal were recently discovered

### A LOG CABIN WHICH PLAYED AN INTERESTING PART IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.



The tumble down cabin shown in the illustration is the building wherein Idaho's first territorial convention was held in the spring of 1863. The cabin was built in the preceding year and, as the reader may imagine, has been unoccupied for many years. It is located at Goose creek crossing on the old Packer John trail leading from Lewiston to Boise basin.

### ANNAMITE GOD OF HUNTERS.

Among the valuable gifts which have been made to the new Anthropo-Ethnographical museum of the Academy of the Sciences at St. Petersburg is a collection made by the present czar during his trip when crown prince to eastern Asia. In the course of his travels the czar visited Annam and brought back many interesting relics, one of the strangest of which is the grotesque image shown in the accompanying il-



lustration, an effigy of the Annamite god of hunters. Annam is famed as one of the ugliest and most uncouth of the Indo-Chinese kingdoms, and its ideas of divinity as exemplified by this image are assuredly in keeping with its general reputation.

### CARNEGIE'S GIFT TO HIS NATIVE TOWN.

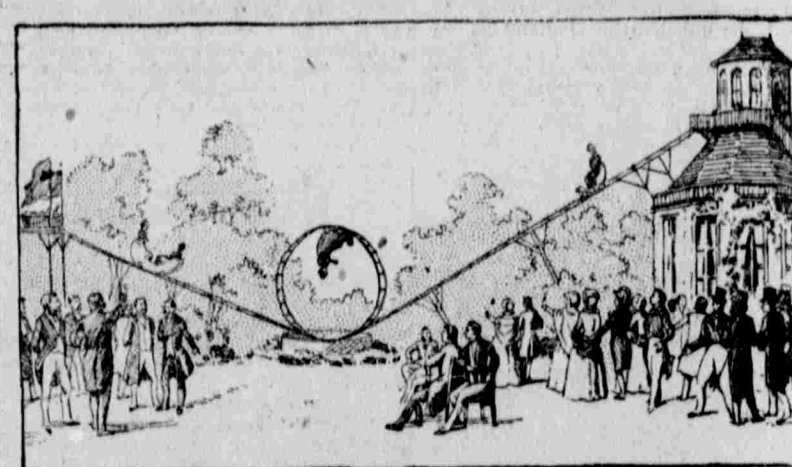
The city fathers of the Scotch town of Dunfermline, Andrew Carnegie's native place, are busily engaged on plans to transform the beautiful Pittencrieff estate into a civic park, thus carrying



PIGEON TOWER ON THE PITTCR-IEFF ESTATE.

out the purpose for which Mr. Carnegie bought the demesne and presented it to the city. The Pittencrieff estate has some magnificent natural features and also boasts historic ruins of renown. In presenting the estate to his native town Mr. Carnegie accompanied it with a gift of \$2,500,000, the income of which is to be used to keep the park in order and to assist in building places of recreation and instruction.

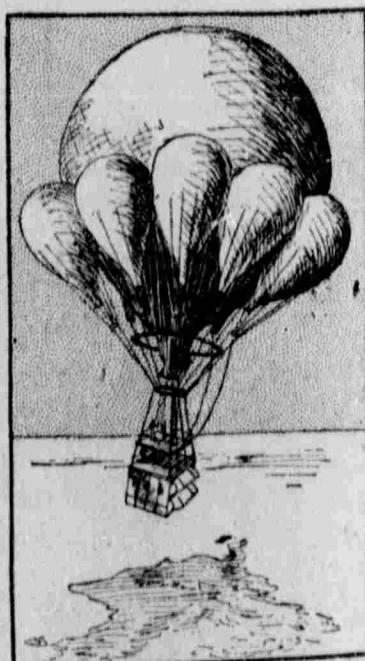
### THE "LOOP THE LOOP" AT HAVRE IN 1846.



The accompanying illustration emphasizes the truth of the old adage that there is really nothing new under the sun. The "loop the loop" seen in this picture was in operation at Havre, France, so long ago as 1846, and latter day proprietors of similar contrivances are thus slightly in error in advertising their attractions as latter day amusement devices. The illustration was made from an old print of the period. True, the "loop the loop" of 1846 was a very primitive affair, but it was essentially the same as that in operation today.

### WOULD FLY OVER THE ATLANTIC.

The remarkable feat in dirigible ballooning performed by M. Juchmes in the Lebaudy airship have strengthened Louis Godard's confidence in his ability to traverse the Atlantic in a balloon. M. Godard plans to start from



THE GODARD BALLOON.

New York in May, when he believes the winds will be most favorable, and expects to reach European shores within six days. The aeronaut and his assistants will travel in an air-tight steel car that will float on the surface of the water if anything happens to the balloon. It is said that the experiment will cost but \$40,000, a comparatively small sum as latter day aeronautics go.

while England gives the royal family \$4,000,000. By comparison of the price of American and German coke it is shown that the German price is from one and a half to two times as great. The Russian government contracts yearly for 50,000 tons of Welsh coal to be delivered at Port Arthur before the 1st of July.