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We have already distributed ten thousand of these booklets. The second edition is now on the press and will be ready for delivery in a few days. Send in your name and address promptly if you want one. Address "Advertising Dept.,"

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Limited Summer Season

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Regular-Fall Opening September 3rd.

A Reputable Engineer Has a Plan for Taking Passengers from New York to Philadelphia in Thirty Minutes.

New York to Philadelphia by rail in half an hour! That means a speed of two hundred miles an hour. Can it be done with the motive power now in commercial use? An eminent engineer says it is possible, and will be accomplished just as soon as a few mechanical difficulties are overcome. It is asserted that passengers on this ideal railway of the future will be whisked from Gotham to the Quaker City quicker than it now takes them to go from the Battery to Harlem. There will be no noise, no smoke, no jolting. Cars will dart to and from the big

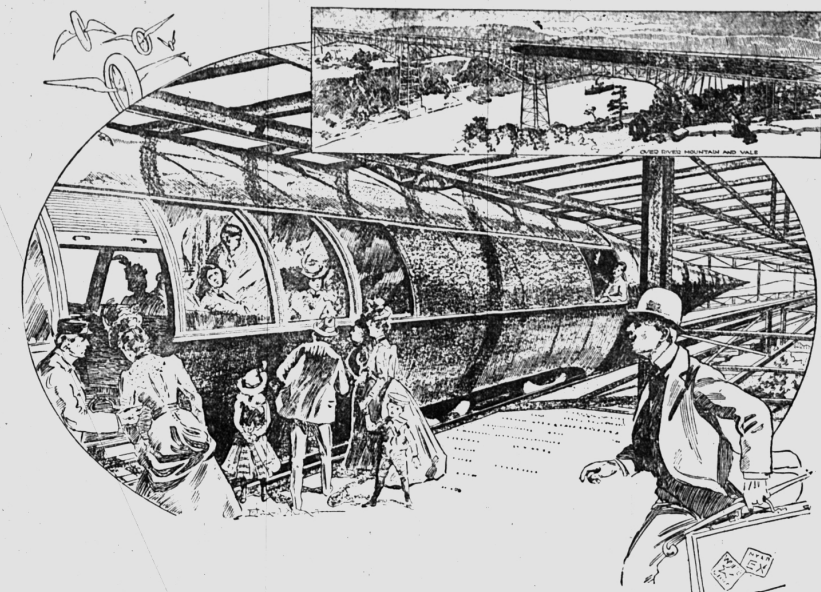
of steel upon the principle recognized in bicycle construction—that of attaining lightness with strength. The weight of passenger trains in proportion to the number of passengers carried is something tremendous when you figure it out. This is necessary to keep the train from jumping the track. But the feature of the electric road that will obviate this is a track which will make derailment impossible. With such a track the highest attainable speed will be devoid of danger. The cars should be tapering at the ends to minimize the resistance, and the

church during the benediction. In his "Autobiography," the Rev. Newman Hall describes a scene he once witnessed on a communion Sunday in the Highlands. The churchyard where the service was held was crowded with shepherds accompanied by their dogs, which lay quietly asleep at the feet of their masters. The sermon was finished, the psalm had been sung, and final prayer was being offered, and there was no sign of impatience on the part of the dogs. But the moment the benediction began every devout

The want of proper rest and normal conditions of the nervous system, and especially the brain, produces a lamentable condition, deterioration both in body and mind, and exhaustion, and gradually taking the place of the love of work, general well-being and the spirit of initiative.

All About Tortoise Shell.

The finest tortoise shell comes from the Indian Archipelago, and is shipped from Singapore, and much of it is obtained on the Florida coast of America, called "blades" by fishermen. In the central row are five plates, and in each of the others four plates, the latter containing the best material. Besides these there are twenty-five small plates round the edges of the shell, known as "feet" or "noes." The biggest turtle does not furnish more than fifteen pounds of tortoise shell. Formerly the under shell was thrown away, being considered worthless, but



wheels might have rubber tires to minimize noise and to attain lightness with strength. Prof. Smith, a too conservative an engineer to fix a definite maximum speed for such an electric road as he describes. There are no insurmountable problems in mechanics that would prevent cars being run at three miles a minute, but in going much beyond that speed centrifugal forces would have to be reckoned with, and it is doubtful if wheels could be made that would stand the test.

Such a road will be built, Prof. Smith thinks, just as soon as capitalists can be convinced that it is a physical possibility and is likely to be a financial success. He has studied the engineering problems involved and believes he has solved them nearly all, but as he is neither a projector nor a promoter of railway schemes, it remains for the organizer and the capitalist to develop the plans he has sketched for the benefit of the members of his profession. A road such as Prof. Smith describes is already planned to connect Philadelphia with Atlantic City. It will run in an air line from Gloucester City to the will be about one-half the distance between New York and Philadelphia. Single cars are to be run by electricity at a speed of more than one hundred miles an hour. The company has been organized with \$6,000,000 capital, and some of the right of way has been secured. Passengers will be whisked down to the seashore in one-half the time it takes steam locomotives to traverse the distance.

doggie roused himself, and before the "Amen" they were all in marching order. Doctor Hall once had an amusing experience with a dog, which had learned that "Amen" marked the conclusion of worship. The dog belonged to a family who were members of Doctor Hall's church, at their family prayers doggie always occupied a certain seat, and remained as motionless as a devoutly-behaved dog should until the "Amen." On one day Doctor Hall was invited, being a guest, to conduct the family worship. He read the fifth chapter of the Revelation, and when he came to the fourteenth verse, "And the four beasts said, 'Amen!'" the dog jumped from his chair, and began barking as usual, as if the worship were over. Clergyman, host, hostess and servants blended their laughter with the barking, and the service ended.

at present it is very highly valued for its delicacy of coloring. Nowadays a very beautiful imitation of tortoise shell is made of a cow's horns.—Baltimore Herald.

Counting the Stars.

The number of the stars which can be seen with the naked eye is very much less than most persons imagine. The "celestial host" which we are apt to look upon as almost countless, dwindles when put to the test of actual enumeration to the size of a small brigade in a modern army division. The whole number of the naked eye stars is under 6,000, and of these about two-thirds are so faint that we can see them only on the clearest nights. Of this number only one-half, of course, can be above the horizon at one time, and since the sky near the horizon is always more or less obscured by dust and moisture, so that the fainter stars are blotted out, the number of stars which might be counted at any one time by a person of keen eyesight can not be much over 2,000.

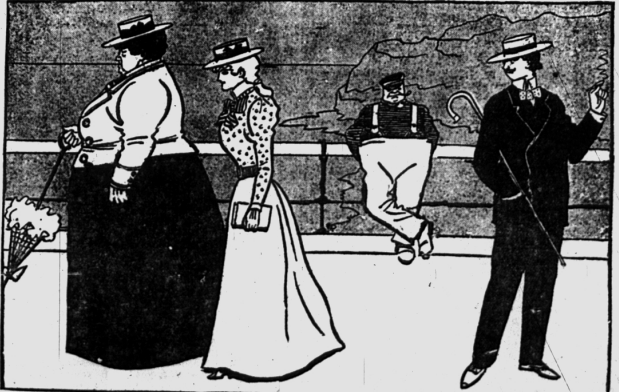
Wore the Clothes.

Some of the lines of the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, sent on shore to be washed, was held in such esteem that many individuals in Plymouth, England, put on his shirts, waistcoats, or neckties, so that they could say that they had worn his clothes.

Cheap Silk.

In Madagascar silk is the only fabric used in the manufacture of clothing. It is cheaper than linen in Ireland.

A TERRIBLY BOTHERSOME QUESTION.



NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, IF THE DAUGHTER WILL TAKE AFTER THE MOTHER, OR WAS THE MOTHER EVER LIKE THE DAUGHTER? (From Scraps.)

HANDLING BULLION IN MEXICO

Handed who Alighted the Train Had an Unpleasant Surprise.

The story was told by a mining man who had a good deal of experience in old Mexico, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "In the foothills of the Sierra Madre, about sixty miles west of Chihuahua," he said, "the Santa Rosa gold mine, which was worked very profitably in the early '80s. The only trouble was in getting the bullion to Chihuahua, for the country was infested with all manner of thieves and desperadoes and the trail was a splendid place for a hold-up. On one occasion just before a regular shipment of a couple of bricks worth about \$20,000 the superintendent got a tip from the pack train would be attacked, and took the precaution of sending along an extra guard, consisting of six men heavily armed with Winchester revolvers. A prospector named Dixon was at the mine and had intended going in with the party, but when he heard the rumor of the trouble he sensibly concluded that he would be safer alone and set off on his solo south trail, driving a wretched burro loaded with his camping outfit. His sagacity was applauded when the news came back that the pack train had been ambushed in a rocky pass, and that a party of Mexican brigands. One of the escorts was wounded at the first volley, and seeing themselves hopelessly outnumbered, the guards abandoned the treasure and fled for their lives. Dixon reached Chihuahua all right and checked himself, but he heard the story, for he had been charged a good deal at the mine for refusing to go with what was considered a perfectly safe escort. It met him several months later and compelled him to take his nerve in taking chances. The chances were considerably bigger than you suppose," replied with a grin. "That pack mine was built with the knowledge of the gold bricks were on my burro, under the camp truck."

HOBBIES OF ROYALTY.

Queen Victoria's hobby is gardening, and she is passionately fond of dogs and cats. Her special favorite being her old black pony Jack. Her hobby is also a great love of billiards and she has several of them, whose pretty tricks and charming piping give her immense pleasure. "The hobby of the feathered pet is forbidden for any one in the royal household to have a cat—at least, any one whose apartment is at all near the queen's."

The princess of Wales has a great liking for lace. Her collection, which has some wonderful specimens, is worth \$250,000. The duchess of York has one of the most interesting collections of postcards on record. It has been contributed by the sovereigns of every land where postcards are used, the German relations of her royal highness supplying by far the greater number.

The duke of Edinburgh is an ardent stamp collector, and possesses one of the finest collections in the world. His daughter, the crown princess, is a collector, delights in perfume bottles, as did her grandmother, the late empress of Austria, who had a unique collection of elaborate and beautiful bottles, which was valued at \$35,000, and was bequeathed to her grandmother.

The queen of Italy has a peculiar hobby—a collection of gloves, boots and shoes which have been worn by different royals by royal and imperial personages. She has a pair of white slippers and a fan which belonged to Mary, Queen of Scots; also shoes worn by Queen Anne and the empress Josephine. King Humbert takes great pleasure in amateur looking, at which art he is an adept.

The empress of Germany is a champion knitter, and uses large wooden needles for the work she does. The queen of Greece sends a good deal of her time in fancy needlework, and is said to be the finest needlewoman among European royalties. The dowager queen of Portugal is fond of hood ornaments and spends much time at her country place on the seaboard at Caldas, where she amuses herself by bringing from a high window at bottles placed in the air for the purpose. She is said to be an excellent markswoman. The empress of Japan is distinguished for her clever manipulation of the koto, a Japanese instrument resembling the zither.

Swages of the Gilbert Islands.

Notwithstanding its natural poverty the Gilbert group is the most densely populated archipelago in the Southern Pacific, having 35,000 souls within an area of 200 square miles. The people have a peculiar dexterity in the manufacture of weapons that have sharp's teeth fastened to them with human hair, and, for protection from these instruments when wielded by enemies, they wear heavy armor of plaited coconut fibre and helmets of the prickly skin of the porcupine fish. They frizz their curly hair up with a stick until it stands out like a crown, stick and tattooing has the greatest importance among them, a poor man properly ornamented in this manner having more social and political influence than a rich man whose surface is blank. One of their interesting customs enables a man to demand the sister of his wife in marriage, and on the other hand, he is required to marry his brother's widow. A widow always carries about with her the skull of her deceased husband, to remind her of vanished joys. The largest island of the Gilbert group is eighty miles in circumference.

Six Hundred a Minute.

What do you think of stamping 600 letters a minute? They are trying a new machine in the Chicago postoffice, and that is its record so far. The stamping machine is stamped on each letter, together with the cancelling stamp, and if there is any delay in dispatching the letter, the name can be easily located. The machine only requires one operator.

Postal Cards Receipts.

Germany's receipts from picture postal cards were increased from 1,888,618,000 by \$600,000.