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Asiatic cholera was first supposed to have originated from the consumption of unsound rice, and was called "rice disease."

M. Vandenpeerboom, former premier of Belgium, has declined the senatorship of West Flanders, presumably because of his advanced age.

A Michigan girl dreamed that she was to be married a fortune, and the dream came true. The demand for rich things to eat just before retiring naturally will be greatly increased as a result of this.

It seems a few years only since Grover Cleveland was inaugurated president, and at that time the country was confident that there was no place in politics for a man in the north unless he was a democrat in the main features of his constitution as viewed by the democratic party, and yet here we are, practically, with a republican president and a republican congress.

Several of the editors of the papers of New York who have been in the habit of writing letters to the home papers from Washington have given up the business, and have settled down in the city of New York, where they can get more news with less trouble. The change is a wise one, and will be followed by many others.

The Indian name Sioux is not approved in high form in names as Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Sioux Rapids, and is pronounced "Soo," but sometimes in the East shortly that simple pronunciation is not known. A coming bride of Boston once visited a school in New England where the pupils spoke "Sioux" with complete fluency. As a favorable opportunity to quietly spoke to the teacher of the error, saying: "You know it is 'Soo,' which she asked the attention of the school, and solemnly corrected: "You have all been pronouncing this word wrong. It is not Sioux, but Soo-ox." The committeeman lacked the courage to pursue the subject further.

A Russian inventor, K. Danilowsky, has recently experimented under government auspices, with a flying machine which combines the lifting power of a balloon with something resembling wing action. The balloon is shaped like a prolate ellipse and is small, being filled with pure hydrogen. Its ascensional force is sufficient to neutralize the weight of the instrument and the aeronaut. The latter consists of a system of movable aeroplanes and a steering apparatus by means of which the aeronaut can direct the course of the machine. The plan to prevent forest fires in Northern Minnesota by cutting a belt of timber 200 feet wide around all the timber lands, which was adopted at the session of the legislature, is a part of the plan of Mississippi river improvement. The forest fires have been caused by the burning of slashings left by the lumbermen in their work of removing the pine. In Europe vast sums of money are now being expended in reforesting the mountains which have been denuded and where the gravelly soil has begun to wash down into and destroy the valleys below. Enormous sums are expended to restore these mountains to their natural conditions as nearly as may be. In Northern New York the state has acquired a large area of the Adirondacks in order to preserve the waters of the Hudson, and has expended nearly $4,000,000 for that purpose. If the timber around the headwaters of the Mississippi is entirely removed the government will no doubt hereafter be called upon to restore it as nearly as possible to the original state and to expend a much larger sum than is now necessary to preserve it in that condition. Large amounts have already been laid out for the creation of reserves in that locality to prevent great floods in the spring and to preserve a supply of water for midsummer and fall. We cannot afford to have the lands around the headwaters of our great rivers deforested and made barren.

An apparatus that has at least the merit of novelty is on exhibition in London. It is designed as a checking clock to record the hour of the arrival of employes at their places of work. The novelty consists in a sensitized photographic ribbon attached to clockwork. Each employe, as he or she arrives, presses the button of the machine and immediately his or her photograph, together with a photograph of the clock showing the moment of arrival, is impressed on the movable ribbon. It is said that the photographs can be made at the rate of 40 a minute.

Modern research has again strikingly verified ancient records, in the excavations on the site of Babylon Herodotus told of the city wall of Babylon as being so thick that upon the top of it there was room for two rows of houses with a roadway between them wide enough for four chariots to be driven abreast. Dr. Koldeway, the archaeologist, now reports the finding of this wall, the top of which is one hundred and thirty-six and one-half feet wide. The dimension amply vindicates the record of Herodotus.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

ANXIETY AND WORRIMENT LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

The Conduct of the Disciples Commended—The Board of Invitation—Power of Temptation—Bearers of the Cross of Persecution.

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The text is Matthew xiv., 12: "And his disciples went and told Jesus."

An exciting consultation had just taken place. To appease a revengeful woman Prince Herod ordered the death of that fellow, Forthing prophet, John the Baptist. The group of the disciples were full of grief and dismay. They felt themselves utterly defenseless against the enemies of their master. In their extremity they went and told Jesus. He could understand and help them. He could deliver them from their perplexities. He could give them the right direction. He could tell them what to do. He could tell them what to say. He could tell them what to think. He could tell them what to feel. He could tell them whether to go or to stay. He could tell them whether to fight or to flee. He could tell them whether to live or to die. He could tell them whether to be glad or to be sad. He could tell them whether to be hopeful or to be despondent. He could tell them whether to be joyful or to be sorrowful. He could tell them whether to be peaceful or to be anxious. He could tell them whether to be calm or to be excited. He could tell them whether to be quiet or to be worried. He could tell them whether to be tranquil or to be disturbed. He could tell them whether to be serene or to be agitated. He could tell them whether to be composed or to be perturbed. He could tell them whether to be collected or to be flustered. He could tell them whether to be self-possessed or to be nervous. He could tell them whether to be cool or to be hot. He could tell them whether to be warm or to be cold. He could tell them whether to be dry or to be wet. He could tell them whether to be clean or to be dirty. He could tell them whether to be neat or to be untidy. He could tell them whether to be orderly or to be disorderly. He could tell them whether to be methodical or to be unmethodical. He could tell them whether to be systematic or to be unsystematic. He could tell them whether to be regular or to be irregular. He could tell them whether to be punctual or to be unpunctual. He could tell them whether to be prompt or to be tardy. He could tell them whether to be early or to be late. He could tell them whether to be on time or to be behind time. He could tell them whether to be ahead of time or to be behind time. He could tell them whether to be in time or to be out of time. He could tell them whether to be in season or to be out of season. He could tell them whether to be in the right or to be in the wrong. He could tell them whether to be correct or to be incorrect. He could tell them whether to be accurate or to be inaccurate. He could tell them whether to be exact or to be inexact. He could tell them whether to be precise or to be imprecise. He could tell them whether to be definite or to be indefinite. He could tell them whether to be clear or to be obscure. He could tell them whether to be plain or to be ambiguous. He could tell them whether to be explicit or to be implicit. He could tell them whether to be open or to be secret. He could tell them whether to be frank or to be reserved. He could tell them whether to be candid or to be disingenuous. He could tell them whether to be sincere or to be insincere. He could tell them whether to be honest or to be dishonest. He could tell them whether to be true or to be false. He could tell them whether to be right or to be wrong. He could tell them whether to be good or to be bad. He could tell them whether to be virtuous or to be vicious. He could tell them whether to be moral or to be immoral. He could tell them whether to be pure or to be impure. He could tell them whether to be chaste or to be unchaste. He could tell them whether to be modest or to be immodest. He could tell them whether to be decent or to be indecent. He could tell them whether to be proper or to be improper. He could tell them whether to be becoming or to be unbecoming. He could tell them whether to be seemly or to be unseemly. He could tell them whether to be fit or to be unfit. He could tell them whether to be suitable or to be unsuitable. He could tell them whether to be appropriate or to be inappropriate. He could tell them whether to be fitting or to be unfitting. He could tell them whether to be meet or to be unmeet. He could tell them whether to be convenient or to be inconvenient. He could tell them whether to be opportune or to be inopportune. He could tell them whether to be timely or to be untimely. He could tell them whether to be seasonable or to be unseasonable. He could tell them whether to be well-timed or to be ill-timed. He could tell them whether to be well-judged or to be ill-judged. He could tell them whether to be well-advised or to be ill-advised. He could tell them whether to be well-considered or to be ill-considered. He could tell them whether to be well-planned or to be ill-planned. He could tell them whether to be well-contrived or to be ill-contrived. He could tell them whether to be well-devised or to be ill-devised. He could tell them whether to be well-arranged or to be ill-arranged. He could tell them whether to be well-ordered or to be ill-ordered. He could tell them whether to be well-regulated or to be ill-regulated. He could tell them whether to be well-managed or to be ill-managed. He could tell them whether to be well-conducted or to be ill-conducted. He could tell them whether to be well-behaved or to be ill-behaved. He could tell them whether to be well-mannered or to be ill-mannered. He could tell them whether to be well-bred or to be ill-bred. He could tell them whether to be well-born or to be ill-born. He could tell them whether to be well-born or to be ill-born. He could tell them whether to be well-born or to be ill-born