Wife of German Ambassador

BARONESS STERNBERG

Before her marriage to the Baron Speck Von Sternberg, Emoassador from Germany, the Baroness was a noted Kentucky belle; she is regarded as the most beautiful woman in official life at Washington.

NOVEL REFORM PLAN

LAWYER PROPOSES GARDEN COLONY FOR MILD CRIMINALS.

Moral Suasion and Fruit Diet in Model Country Town Advocated for Criminals of Amiable Disposition.

Chicago.—A garden colony for amiable criminals where they will learn to be good by growing peaches and roses is the latest idea to be advanced in criminal reformatory methods. The author of the Arcadian principle is John F. Geeting, editor of the American Criminal Records, and a Chicago criminal lawyer.

Mr. Geeting does not refer to criminals of a dark and bloody turn of mind, but to those kindly souls who practice the gentle art of selling gold bricks to the unsophisticated rustic. These men, with their vast army of brothers, who earn a precarious living through various forms of swindling, Mr. Geeting declares, aside from their irritating propensity to put their hands in other people's pockets, are pleasant companions and not infrequently blithe aid witty souls.

The present method by which the rude law casts these men into the common jail with murderers and anarchists is, according to Mr. Geeting, the destruction of many of them, who are only suffering from a slight moral twist which might be straightened out by the application of much milder methods.

The scheme which Mr. Geeting intends to urge on the governor and legislature of Illinois is the formation of a little town along novel lines. The town will be situated in the center of a little garden, where peaches and roses may grow. For fear the rural simplicity of the place might pall on the city bred inhabitants and tempt them to return to wicked places like Chicago, a stout wall will be erected all about the town, whose ugliness can be concealed with trailing vines and gooseberry bushes.

All criminals who have not homicidal tendencies or have not been in the habit of beating their wives over the head with a poker will be eligible to citizenship upon the order of the judge. Each will have a little cottage and will grow pure and at least moderately beautiful in the peaceful pursuit of botany. If he should try to filch his neighbor's tools or sell him a pole to for a peach, he will be argued with gently and brought back to the narrow path by moral suasion and a fruit diet.

Mr. Geeting is satisfied that his scheme would prove the salvation of many criminals, who are only confirmed in their courses by the present punitive methods. He purposes to embody his plan in writing and have it submitted to the legislature.

MARS IS NOT INHABITED.

California Astronomer Says Life Could Not Exist on the Planet.

Berkeley, Cal.—Mars is not inhabited by man, according to Professor Simon Newcomb, astronomer of the United States Naval observatory. He is special lecturer at the summer session at the university.

After telling of observations made by Lowell and other scientists, Prof. Newcomb brought up the matter of the alleged canals on the distant planet and discoveries made by experts in problems in physics. He showed that Mars is too cold for its irrigation canals. The water in such canals, according to Professor Newcomb, would be frozen solid a greater part of the time.

He explained that Lowell's theories of canals were based without respect to the new theories in these lines. In speaking of the possibility of the habitation of Mars, he said the laws of heat and theories of the atmosphere made such reasoning imprudent.

"My conclusion in regard to that is a general one," he said. "Based on the theory that not one of 10,000 of the worlds of the solar system is of sufficient heat to allow life."

Professor Newcomb attacked Alfred Wallace for his statements that Mars and other worlds were inhabited, stating that they were preposterous. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides.

Smallest Watch in the Universe.

What is said to be the smallest watch in the world is in the possession of a London jeweler. It once belonged to the late Marquis of Anglesey, whose taste in ornaments was extravagant and bizarre. The size of the gold case of this lilliputian watch is just that of the smallest English coin—a silver threepence. The minute hand is an eighth of an inch long.

Not the Music He Loved.

Mrs. Talkmore—"Your husband is a great lover of music, isn't he?" Mrs. Chatters—"Yes, indeed. I have seen him get up in the middle of the night and try to compose." Mrs. T.—"What?" Mrs. C.—"The baby."—Stray Stories.

Paper Coffin Did Not Sell.

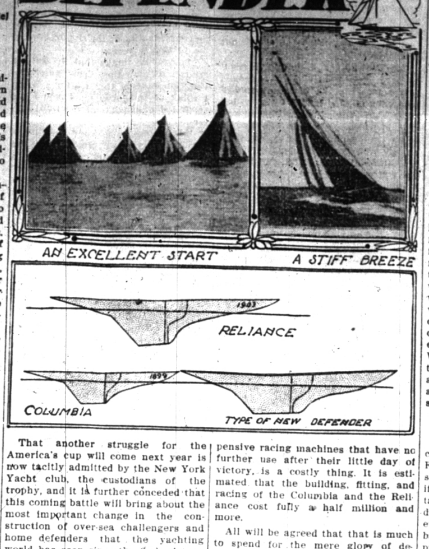
Cincinnati.—The failure of a unique industry is recalled by the shipment of hundreds of papier mache coffins to be sold to paper mills as junk. A company composed of prominent Cincinnatians was formed to make the coffins, but no market was found and the industry was given up. For years the coffins have been stored, but recently they were disposed of to a junk dealer. Papier mache coffins sold cheap, but even public institutions and those in charge of pauper funerals failed to take advantage of the paper shells, though made to represent the finest woods.

Carpet Tack Restores Speech.

Utica, N. Y.—Edward Cox of Williamstown months ago suffered a stroke of paralysis that left him speechless. The doctors thought a blood clot had formed on the brain and they said Mr. Cox would never recover the use of his speech. The other day Mr. Cox sat on a carpet tack. He swore—and was cured.

Motors killed 22 in London's streets last year.

A NEW CUP DEFENDER



That another struggle for the America's cup will come next year is now tacitly admitted by the New York Yacht club, the custodians of the trophy, and it is further conceded that this coming battle will bring about the most important change in the construction of over-sea challengers and home defenders that the yachting world has seen since the flat-keel type replaced the skimming dish.

Mr. Irving Cox, the well-known designer, neatly summed up the situation. "It is recognized," he said, "that a race is to be held next year. It is also recognized that it must be sailed under the new rules of the New York Yacht club. This brings America's Cup affairs back to the time when the English, challenging with the Genesta, were defeated by the Puritan. That was in 1885. Year by year there has been developed since then a type of racing machine that eventually found its extreme expression in the Reliance.

"Now, at one stride, when we go back 22 years—not retrogression, rather reversion from a racing machine which had reached the limit of refinement—a reversion from this to what may be called a normal yacht. The defender, under the new rules, will compare with the Reliance just about as the Avenger now compares with the Humma. The essential difference will be that the new defenders, after they have served their turn at defending the cup, will not be relegated to the scrap heap, but will be able and comfortable cruisers.

"The situation which the custodians of the cup may soon be called upon to face is one far more interesting than any that has come about in many years. By this reversion to a more normal type—one made absolutely necessary by the new rules—America relinquishes the point of vantage which it held over England for so long a time. This advantage was in the fact that we had developed a faster type on a given water line. Now, having run to the extreme in that direction we have got to evolve another type, and one on a more normal model. This type, I should say, will be long on the water line, fine-ended, heavy displacement, with comparatively short overhang, and with lofty, but not excessive sail power.

"One other important feature. We have nothing of this type built. Ever since the Puritan-Genesta race our defenders have always had a 'trial horse,' and by having such craft it has been possible to compare the performance of the defender and her trial mate, and, with an approximate estimate of what the challenger is capable of, this has hitherto given a more or less accurate line on the ultimate result. But with the reversion back to the older type, we have nothing now built that could be raced with any new defender built under the new rules for purposes of comparison. Therefore it is quite clear that at least two, and perhaps three, boats must be contracted for when the challenge comes."

The challenge has not come yet, but it is well understood that Sir Thomas Lipton means to issue one at the end of the present racing season; also that his challenge will stipulate that the race be under the new rules.

Although no canvass of the New York Yacht club—custodians of the cup—has been made, yet it is quite certain that a defense of the cup under the present rules will be more welcome than one under the old. For this matter of cup keeping, when its retention involves the building of expensive racing machines that have no further use after their little day of victory, is a costly thing. It is estimated that the building, fitting, and racing of the Columbia and the Reliance cost fully a half million and more.

All will be agreed that that is much to spend for the mere glory of defending a trophy. The expense was not nearly so much when the Puritan and "normal" yachts of her type were fending off the efforts of over-sea challengers to take from these shores that most famous of all cups. For after these had been sailed to victory they were just as useful as cruising yachts as they were notable as cup defenders. But with the advent of the "racing machine," as it has come first to the finish in these latter days, it came about that when the races were over the racers themselves were done.

Imperial Caesar, dead, and turn'd to clay,
Might stop a hole to keep the wind away.

The Reliance was a skimming dish with a great depth of keel, which enabled her to carry a tremendous sail spread. While nominally constructed on a ninety-foot waterline, she had tremendous overhangs which served, when she was heeled over by a normal breeze, to make the length on which she sailed much greater, By these two means she created the rule and got speed which English boats could not equal, because a boat built to beat her on similar lines could not with safety cross the ocean to race. The new rules sought to restrict this tendency to utilize tremendous overhangs and to restrict the draught.

The first thing that was done was to abandon the old measurement of water-line and measure the actual line on which the boat sailed. This made the big overhang useless. To insure their abandonment it was decided that the sailing length could not be greater than 110 per cent. of the water-line. To offset the depth of keel it was decided that the draught should not exceed 15 per cent. of the waterline by more than two and one-half feet, while a premium was placed on displacement. The new rule declared that the greater the displacement of the boat the lower her rating should be, and further discountenanced the building of skimming dish models by this means. The exact restrictions that were laid down were the outgrowth of the most careful study by the cleverest naval architects in America, and they did their work most effectively. The new type did produce boats that were comfortable and at the same time fast.

So far as known, the king of England is the only person of note now living who saw the start and finish of the race which won the America cup. All who took part in building, designing, and racing the America have passed away. Commodore J. C. Stevens died at a comparatively early age, Sept. 10, 1857. Hamilton Wilkes died at Pau, France, Dec. 26, 1852; Edward A. Stevens in August, 1868, and the last surviving owner, George L. Schuyler, July 21, 1891. George Steers, who designed and built the America, met with a sad and sudden death. Just as he was in the prime of life, in his thirty-fourth year, he was accidentally killed. His family had been spending the summer at Little Neck, L. I., and Sept. 25, 1856, with a horse and carry-all, he started on his journey to bring them home. His horse took fright and ran away, throwing him out and killing him.

TABLEAU WITH A MORAL.

Boy's Idea of Married Life Too Often That of His Elders.

Dr. Albert Palmer, who won the blue ribbon at the recent Chicago husband show, was talking to a reporter about marriage.

"Marriage will grow happier," said Dr. Palmer, "as men learn to regard it more unselfishly. Men are still too much like the savage. They still incline to consider their wives too much in the light of servants.

"Why, not long ago at the seashore, do you know what I saw? I saw a little tableau that revealed to me in miniature the chief cause of unhappy marriages.

"A little boy and a little girl were digging in the white sand with toy spades and buckets. The little boy laid down his tools and said:

"'Clara, do you want to be my wife?'

"'Yes,' said the little girl, with a happy smile.

"The boy sat down on the sand and put his feet toward her.

"'Then,' he said, gruffly, 'take off my shoes and stockings.'"

Copperhead Good Eating.

If a copperhead is real fat he is good eating—provided he has not committed suicide. There is nothing finer than rattlesnake steak properly cooked. It beats eel to death. White and black men have eaten it with rejoicing. The poison of a snake, taken internally, isn't much worse than a dram of bad whisky composed of wood alcohol and fusel oil. It doesn't enter into the circulation unless it comes in contact with a sore or wound.—San Francisco Bulletin.

A Way Out.

The girl said, albeit regretfully, that she could not marry him, that she was wedded to her art.

"No other reason?" he asked.

"None."

"Well," he responded, "I've said I'd dare anything for you, and I'm willing to run the risk of bigamy."

After reflection she was too.

AIRSHIP IS LIKE HEN

FARMER GETS IDEA FOR FLYING DEVICE FROM ROOSTER.

Movement of Chanticleer Balancing on Thumb Illustrates Principle on Which Ingenious Machine Is Modeled by Him.

New York.—How does a rooster balance himself on a man's thumb?

He sticks out his head, shifts and extends his wings, which are lateral aeroplanes, and then elevates or depresses his tail. By causing his favorite chanticleer on his farm, near Fort Plain, to go through various experiments on this phalangeal roost, William Morgan has evolved a flying machine which he now hopes to send through the air.

He has a small model, which he sends hither and thither, and it has the movement of a surprised chicken just shooed from its perch. The small model, which he has patented, can be made to fly at any time by simply winding up the rubber bands which form the motive power of the two propellers in front.

Of the big air ship its inventor said, when seen at the Victoria Hotel, a Bowery lodging-house:

"I would have it merely skim along. It would, of course, have abundant space to clear the 20-foot propellers from the earth. It does not need a gas bag. There are two large propellers in front and the machine can be steered by varying their number of revolutions.

"It is kept up by the motion of the propellers, and when they cease to move the aeroplanes take such a position that the machine cannot come down hard, but will settle gradually."

Mr. Morgan flew his small model for the delectation of his fellow lodgers in the Bowery caravansary. The inventor was formerly in the cigar business and he also manufactured a hair restorer.

OUR GUNNERS GOOD AS ANY.

Recent Practice on British Ship Recalls American Performances.

Washington.—For several years the navy department has not regarded it as good policy to acquaint foreign nations with the performances of the American naval gunners. It was felt that the publication of a good record made by our men would only serve to stimulate the gunners of other nations to better their own performances.

But the publication recently of the fact that during target practice on the British channel fleet in the presence of King Edward one gun made nineteen hits in twenty-one shots, thereby earning a decoration from the king, has naturally touched the pride of some of the American naval officers, but they find no reason to fear a comparison with the gunners of any other navy.

Taking some of the six inch guns in the Atlantic fleet, one gunner on the armored cruiser Maryland made eleven shots and eleven hits in one minute. A gun on the battleship Ohio was fired with a perfect score at the rate of 10.81 a minute. A six inch gun on the battleship Maine has a record of a perfect score at the rate of 10.41 a minute, and the battleship Missouri's best record was 10.30 shots a minute, each lodged in a target.

But in the way of small guns these six inch records become insignificant. A three pounder on the battleship Virginia made 20 shots and hits in 75 seconds, and another gun made 10 shots and 10 hits in 22½ seconds, a remarkable average of 29.67 shots and hits a minute.

A MILITARY ROAD TO YUKON

Canada Is Building 1,600 Mile Trail to Back Door of Gold Region.

Edmonton, B. C.—An important work that is being carried on by the Dominion government in the Canadian northwest, concerning which people in general know but little, is the building of a military road from this city to the Yukon territory. For two years the construction has been under way, it charge of the royal northwest mounted police.

From Edmonton the road stretches 70 miles away to Fort St. John on the Peace river, and then takes an almost direct course over the Rocky mountains for 200 miles to Fort Graham, in British Columbia, and thence in a northwesterly direction for 700 miles more to Atlin. This long trail of 1,600 miles lies through a region but little civilized, and where nature at times opposes her sterile barriers.

It is not a wide road—only eight feet—and at regular intervals of 20 miles small log houses are erected as halting places. The principal work so far has been from the eastern side of the Rocky mountains, and last fall the construction party, under the command of Capt. Camles, reached Fort Graham, where they have wintered. This summer, another party of workmen, under Inspector Mcdonald of Whitehorse, will push the work from Atlin until the two forces meet, which they hope to do before winter.

And the purpose of it is because one of Canada's richest treasure houses, the golden Klondike, lies cooped up beyond the great mountains. The two front doors to this country lie in the United States territory of Alaska—one opening in from Skagway by means of the White pass and Yukon railway, the other further north, the estuary of the Yukon river at St. Michael.

Something Substantial.

Did you ever try egg soup. No? Then you have lived in vain. Beat thoroughly six strictly fresh eggs. Add one quart of good cream, and season with butter, pepper and salt. Simmer. When thick enough, serve with grisini broken in short bits, or, if you can not get the stick bread, with toasted dice made of yesterday's bread. You can not imagine anything more palatable or nourishing in this weather or in any other weather.

Plans Monument to Chicken.

Bloomington, Ill.—A monument is planned for a chicken belonging to O. L. McCord of Vermilion County. It has just died, aged 12 years. It was claimed to be the champion of chickens, having won first prize at eight successive state fairs and also at the Pan-American Exposition. The fowl was valued at a high figure and was considered to be one of the finest blooded chickens in the country.

Find Indian Skeletons.

Railway Employes Discover Bones of Many Red Men in Gravel Bed.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Skeletons are being found in a gravel pit from which the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company is obtaining ballast for its extension through western South Dakota, from the Missouri river to the Black hills. The gravel pit is situated on the eastern end of the extension, near the town of Oacoma, and but a short distance from the Missouri river. In the neighborhood of 50 human skeletons have thus far been unearthed.

Most of them were found at a depth of from four to eight feet beneath the surface of the ground, and all were buried in either a standing or sitting posture. The majority of the skeletons are those of people of small stature, much below the ordinary or average height of the present North American Indians.

One skeleton, however, is that of a man who in life must have been fully seven feet in height. In close proximity to the skeleton of this giant were found implements of copper and bone, these being found in each of the graves near that of the giant, while in another grave was discovered a copper idol about eight inches in length.

A Fugitive Poem.

"This," said the party with the unbarbered hair, as he pulled a manuscript from his pocket, "is a fugitive poem."

"Why do you call it a fugitive poem?" asked his friend.

"Because," explained the versifier, "every time I hand it to an editor I have to run for my life."

Automobile for Artillery.

European military engineers are working on a form of automobile to draw artillery.

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It has been estimated that the combustion of coal in London discharges at least half a million tons of sulphuric acid into the air every year, and the effect upon certain building stones is disastrous. The acid washed down by rains attacks the lime of marbles, limestones and calcareous sandstones, forming gypsum and causing the surface to swell and crumble. A treatment for the decaying stonework is the application of solution of baryta, which forms an insoluble sulphate with the gypsum and liberates lime, which the carbonic acid of the air converts into the original binding cement of the stone. Referring to an experience at the Chapter house at Westminster, Prof. A. H. Church says that carving so soft as to be brought away by the finger was made sound and harder than the newly quarried stone.

Justice for Wives.

A bill to give married women the control of their own earnings in France has reached the stage of the second reading. As things are now, if a married woman earns a dollar by taking in washing, or thousands of dollars by writing a successful novel, every cent of it belongs to her husband. If she secures the money and puts it in the bank, she cannot draw it out without his written consent, nor he can draw it out without hers and spend it as he pleases. For 14 years women have been working to get this law changed.

Terrible Thought.

Church—It is estimated that the sun will be able to supply the present amount of heat for another 30,000,000 years.

Gotham—And after that I shudder at the thought of our coal bills!—Yonkers Statesman.

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