

FRENCH POSTAL BANKS.

People of France More Provident than Anglo-Saxons.

The record of the postal savings bank system in France has been one of continued progress. In 1882, when this institution was established, the total number of postal banks in operation was 924, with 211,580 deposit accounts remaining open at the close of the year.

ENIGMA OF GROWTH.

Reason Why Persons Do Not Keep on Growing.

Six pounds and a half is the weight of the average child at birth; at the end of the first year the average weight is eighteen pounds and a half, a gain of twelve pounds; and at the end of the second year the weight is twenty-three pounds, a gain of only four pounds and a half.

QUEEN MARY FROWNS

Order about Hobble Skirts was Disobeyed.

Queen Mary's order about hobble skirts was disobeyed at the two courts by all except the actual court ladies.

Nevertheless everyone was staggered by the costume of the Marchioness de Vill Urutia, the wife of the Spanish ambassador.

The queen only smiled when she saw her trouble and seemed wisely cautious of how her order was generally obeyed.

Not Loaded.

No other language under the sun is open to so many interpretations, as the English language, as witness the conversation between two Sharon Hill girls the other evening.

"Oh, May," said the first one, "Jim and Bill tried to fight a duel over me."

The Importance of the Beard.

The importance of the beard was fully recognized in the middle ages. Here is a passage from a letter of the writer, Bartolomeo Catena: "It is well that those who have to lead and govern should have a long and fine beard. And I can assure you that the government of cities and provinces has been given to more than one prelate because he had a long and fine beard; otherwise he was not worthy that honor."

And the bartender said 'twas a wonder some of 'em didn't see two rain-bows.

Oysters weighing eight and a half pounds have been found in Vineyard canyon, near Monterey, Texas.

Many a man isn't worth the time it takes to get the better of him.

ACCIDENTS IN AVIATION.

Mostly Due to Breakdown in Human Machine

All who walk the earth in safety and apparently in a normal condition of health are not physically qualified to be aviators.

The rapid ascent to great altitudes exposes the body to conditions different from any terrestrial ones. Mountain climbing offers some analogy, but it is different in the fact that the transition from the high atmospheric pressure takes place on a level to a low level.

This means that the extremities turn a dusky blue color. Often there is congestion of the inner surface of the eyes. The pulse is quickened, but there is no irregularity of the heart's action, nor bleeding from the nose.

Power From Sea Waves.

At the recent meeting of the British Association the question of economical production of power from tides was again under discussion, and it has been taken up widely by scientific journals in Europe.

A FAMOUS ENGLISH CLOCK.

Terrestrial and Celestial Bodies Incorporated in the movements.

Wells cathedral contains one of the most interesting clocks in the world. It was constructed by Peter Lightford, a monk, in 1320 and embraces many devices which testify to the ancient horologist's ingenuity.

CIGARETTE PAPER.

So Light that 500 Sheets Go to Make an Ounce.

Of the great army of cigarette smokers there is probably not more than one in a hundred who knows that rice paper, in which the tobacco is wrapped, has nothing to do with rice, but is made from the membranes of the breadfruit tree or more commonly of fine new trimmings of flax and hemp.

So light is this paper that 500 of the tiny sheets go to make an ounce. They are perfectly combustible and give off the minimum of smoke. Before being rolled with tobacco they are analyzed to prove that they are free from all deleterious ingredients and that they contain nothing but the purest paper fibre.

Chopped by machinery into minute particles, they are well mixed by a revolving fan and then reduced to a dust, which is placed in a solution of lime and soda. After remaining in solution for some time it undergoes a thorough washing process, the water being the purest kind.

The French manufacturers of cigarette paper practically supply the entire world, the output of Austria and Italy being insignificant.

PASSING OF THE CLOWN.

Perrots and the Haze Three-Thing Circus the Cause.

Mr. Alfred Minceo of the circus deplores the passing of the clown.

This is largely the observation of the European-bred artist. Strictly speaking, while we have developed many clowns, they have been clowns in an invidious sense.

Continental Europe has its perrots who are public idols. Plays are written for them and composers of standing write their incidental music.

While these instances are of the theatre rather than of the circus, the school which developed Minceo did not take into calculations three rings and a jumble of changing sights.

Gold That Is in the Sea.

Apart from the treasures which find their way to the bottom of the sea, and occasionally come to light again, there is more gold in the sea than has ever been coined into money.

Saved by His Wit.

One evening, when the city clerk's office was full of men seeking registration, an Irishman asked to be registered. He received the usual blank with the request that he sign his name.

In-Gay Paree.

"What kind of an eating house do you call this?" asked the man from Alberta, as he entered a queer-looking establishment in Paris.

No Mystery.

"Son, why don't you marry Emily? You have been attentive enough to her."

Evidence for the Defence.

"Now, then," said the magistrate, in a loud voice, "Mr. Baumgartner, you were present at this fray. Did Murphy, the plaintiff, seem carried away with excitement?"

It is doubtful if old Diogenes would make out any better with a modern searchlight than he did with his lantern.

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