

A CERTAIN Captain Nelson observing a boat in distress declined to offer relief, nobly refraining from placing the occupants under distressing obligations.

THE reputation of the negro race for musical taste and feeling has received a new and unexpected boom through the late composed, Dvorak.

WORK on the mighty telescope for the French exposition of 1900, which was to enable us to see the man in the moon, has been suspended, after considerable progress had been made.

It is proposed to redeem the pine barrens of Michigan, from which the timber has been removed, by sowing two plants, spurry and the fat pea.

THE doctors who cut the assassin's bullet out of Millionaire Mackay's back have put in a bill of \$12,500 for the job.

ADVANTAGE should be taken of the present waiters' trouble to do away with the system of "tips." Why not? The fee system is an imported abomination.

PENNSYLVANIA has appropriated \$35,000 for the purchase of Washington's famous camping ground at Valley Forge which is to be improved and kept as a public park.

SOME recently gathered statistics regarding the number of physicians in the country show that there is one doctor to every 600 people.

THE English and European papers cannot get over their surprise at the shrewdness of the Yankees in not only sending over their stores by the hundreds to Great Britain and the continent, but in shipping along also the anthracite coal necessary to burn in them.

THE dowager Duchess of Sutherland is out of prison after an experience of several weeks inside. Her ladyship is not enamored of gratuities board and lodging, and her expression of opinion, freely interpreted, is that jail-life is not what it is cracked up to be.

IT doesn't look as though the Nicaraguans would gain anything by annexation to the United States. At present we have no duty on cottons and revolutions, the chief products of that happy land.

FRANCE AT THE FAIR.

HISTORY OF SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EXHIBIT.

A Paris Correspondent Gives Some Interesting Information About the Special Exhibits by the French Government—The Judgment of Paris.

HAVE JUST SEEN a list of the packages that have been placed on exhibition at Chicago. They are twenty-one in number and the whole collection forms such a huge bulk that it has been chartered a special steamer to carry it across the Atlantic and the special trains retained for its transportation from the seaboard to Chicago.



OLD SEVERE BISCUIT—THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS.

factory of tapestries and carpets at the Gobelins (Paris). 2. The manufactory for similar purposes at Beauvais. 3. The manufactory of Sevres.

In addition to these many other manufactures of ceramic treasures and tapestries exist, some like Limoges and Aubusson being subsidized by the wealthy manufactory of different cities. The most perfect work produced comes from the Gobelins, Beauvais and Sevres.

THE national manufactory of the Gobelins tapestry, now standing in the Avenue des Gobelins, was founded in 1430 by one Jean Gobelins, a dyer, on the banks of the stream La Bièvre, whose waters enjoyed a repute for a peculiar property which assisted the production of certain rich tints.

Although there are numerous private manufactory of tapestries and carpets at different parts of France, there is besides the Gobelins but one manufactory under the immediate direction of the Minister of Public Instruction and Fine Arts, which is that of Beauvais.



FENELope AT HER LOOM.

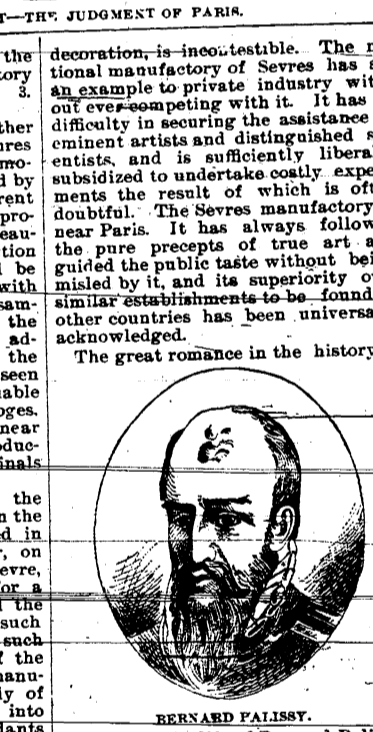
mental and hunting subjects. In Windsor Castle there are many tapestries both of the Gobelins and from Beauvais, gifts of the different courts of France, in a perfect state of preservation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XII—JUNE 13—THE MESSIAH'S KINGDOM.

Golden Text: They Shall be Mine, Saith the Lord of Hosts, in That Day When I Make Up My Jewels.—Mal. 1:11-12.

1. The Coming of the Lord, verses 1-4. "My messenger," John the Baptist. "Prepare the way." By telling the people to repent of their sins. "The Lord whom ye seek."



BERNARD PALISSY.

ceramics is the life of Bernard Palissy, to whom France is indebted for a purely national art. He was born about 1510 and began his professional life as a worker in glass.

The Red sea is for the most part blue. It gets its name from the fact that portions of it are covered by minute animalcules, which dye the surface of the water red where they float.

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ORIGIN OF LIFE INSURANCE.

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It is a curious fact that the "doctrine of probabilities," or the scientific basis upon which all insurance rests, had its origin in a game of cards, that is to say, the foundation upon which this great economy depends, and upon which it owes its claims to the confidence and patronage of the community, originated from investigations regarding games of chance.

1. "Who may abide the day of his coming?" Who is upright enough to stand the tests of that day? "Like a refiner's fire." That burns the dross out of the pure metal.

11. "I will rebuke the devourer." Will warn off the locusts and other insects that devour your crops.

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ISADORA COUSINO, the richest woman on the face of the earth and a native of Chili, is en route for the world's fair.

THE English painter who bought a valise for \$2 at a Montreal unclaimed baggage sale, and found that it contained shares of stock worth \$107,000.

LONDON has voted \$2,500 to the duke of York and Princess Victoria of Teck in token of approval of their betrothal.

YOUNG Mrs. Blaine that was is now Mrs. Bull, and congratulations are in order.

THE statistics of the senior class at Yale show that beer is the favorite beverage of the members.

THE professors of the university of Michigan are making extensive experiments in hypnotism.

RUMORS from Nicaragua are to the general effect that a revolution there is enervating the generally prosaic situation.

EXPERTS have been going through the books of a gang of green-goods swindlers and find that the profits of a single month were \$40,000 in good money.

THE French people, anguering for a hero, have picked up General Doda, who has just returned from a successful campaign against the African Amazons.

It is asserted that the Six Companies of San Francisco are largely responsible for the failure of the Chinese to register.

A MILE or two of poles with wires and electric power will be placed alongside the Erie canal the present season for experiment with electricity as a substitute for horse or mule power in towing canal boats.

HAD the Columbian exposition been held last year, as it should have been, on the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery.

GERMANY has been burning Robert Louis Stevenson's book on Samoa, because it makes unfavorable comments upon their attitude toward Samoa.

THE much-maligned English sparrow seems to have found a mission of usefulness at last.

THE police of Baltimore are instructed that it is their duty hereafter, whenever in the public parks they see a young man's arm around a young maid's waist.

THE WAY DOWN MAN.

Who is that object whom we meet As we pass along the busy street? Whom none doth ever seem to greet? He is the way down man.

EDMINSTER'S TROUBLE.

One September afternoon in 1889 the sun of autumn lay across the broad prairies of South Dakota.

As he went about his place he saw in the northwestern sky an ominous looking purple that betokened the approach of a blizzard.

Nothing, your honor, except that I got hard up, and that made me unscrupulous.

He said no more. A tremor shook his frame, his voice grew husky and tears welled up into his eyes.

For a few days the Edminsters remained as the guests of a neighbor.

Amethysts. The common amethyst is only crystal, colored purple by manganese and iron.

The Carthusian Table. One of the greatest natural curiosities in the world is the famous Carthusian table, near Monterey, Mexico.

Horses and Mules. If a horse touches his ears in going under a low bridge, or through a tunnel, he will invariably throw his head up and receive a hard knock.

THOSE MERCER GIRLS.

THEY WENT FROM BOSTON TO PUGET SOUND.

A Female Exodus to the Far West in 1868—Two Ship Loads of Girls—They Married Pioneers and Are Still Girls.

"That is one of the Mercer girls," said Samuel Crawford, an old newspaper man of Seattle.

"Oh, I see you don't know the story of how two ship loads of Boston girls came out to Puget Sound thirty years ago."

This is the current historical account of the singular conditions of early days that led to the female exodus from Boston to Puget Sound in 1868.

Old man Mercer beheld with regret the bad social condition of this young community. He was a humanitarian, a philosopher, and a practical man.

The "ads" drew. A ship load was soon secured—sixty or more. Only a nominal charge of \$100 or \$200 for the long passage was made.

HE DIDN'T CARE. He could forgive her parents' sins such as they were.

There was a sound resembling a half-stiff gasp. "Darling!"

Three Words That are Synonyms. Filibuster, freebooter and buccaner are words curiously interrelated.

Porpoise Pie. Three-decker porpoise pie is an old-time whaling delicacy. It is made by spreading the bottom of a copper kettle with "duff."

HIS INDIAN BRIDE.

A Story Based From the Ashes of Chicago's Early History.

Some twenty-five or thirty years ago there came to this good city of Chicago a young man from one of the New England states.

The young lady in question was the daughter of a missionary who had returned to his native land after years of toil in the far-off land of India.

You may imagine the dismay of Robert's parents when one day a letter was received from him saying that he was in a few weeks with an Indian bride.

"James," said the mother in a trembling voice as they sat by the fire that evening.

"I look at it just this way: Our Robert is too sensible a boy to marry an out and out wild creature and bring her here."

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It was a lovely moonlit evening. The splashing of the waves was like sweet music to their ears.

Obviously it made her glad to be able to communicate the fact to which she was about to give expression.

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Treasure Trove. The sea cast up a unique bit of treasure-trove before an alderman of Leeds, England.

Do You Wish the Finest Bread and Cake?

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The Thinker, an English periodical, refers to an article in an American magazine by Mr. Gail Hamilton. About the year 1788 the beats and calls of the drum then used in the service were put into a permanent shape.

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