





The real champion of the world in such affairs seems to be Guy Culbertson of Texas.

Chinese warriors have put in operation a convenient and economical method of disposing of prisoners captured in combat. They eat them.

Europe and not England is the mother country of America. Before the Venezuela trouble is over with all Englandmen will be thoroughly convinced on this point.

The postmaster at Dunellen, Fla., has taken all of the government funds and gone to Cuba to get the money. The only way to get him is to annex the island.

When we read that a street car was held up by highwaymen in Chicago we must remember that quite possibly there was not a house within five miles of the scene of the outrage.

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A very large order for naval and military supplies has just gone to France, the French agent, who was in Russia, having recently been instructed by the Russian government with orders to deliver the amount of \$12,000,000. The orders were sealed and he was instructed to transmit them direct to two French firms, one being a leading ship-builder, and the other a well-known powder manufacturing firm.

Bank tellers are not so careful concerning their duties as they were some years ago. They are quick to tell where they've squandered the bank's money.

The Ku Cheng commission finds that 140 Chinamen took part in the massacre of the missionaries. Of the number, 69 have been put on trial and four of them have been convicted. This is a very good record of quick justice in a heathen country. It is unfortunate that the wheels of justice cannot be made to run so fast in this country and other Christian nations.

It is said the Rev. Sam Jones smoked fifty cigars a day. The struggle between grace and slothiness in his system must be severe at times.

## EUROPE'S EX-QUEENS.

THEY ARE GOOD, BAD AND INDIFFERENT.

Marie of Naples becomes a Christ. Her sister, Isabella of Spain, the victim of treacherous violence—Her life in Paris—Natalie of Serbia.

ROPE'S widow who have been ruled as so numerous as to call attention to the instability of the Venetian throne and the generally unhappy condition of the women who by the death of their royal husbands have passed into obscurity.

The most recent royal widow is the ex-Queen of Naples, who has lived in furnished rooms in Paris for several years, moderate in her expenditures, but eccentric in her mode of living. Her husband, ex-King Francis, who died in 1879, was a man of a weak mind and a narrow-minded bigot. Although he was a man of a weak mind and a narrow-minded bigot, he was a man of a weak mind and a narrow-minded bigot.

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## POPULAR SCIENCE.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

An Electric Propeller the Latest Novelty—A Model Mountain Restaurant—An Experiment in Geometry—How Frequent Storms are Made.

HOUSE has been constructed on a new principle, which the builder claims to comprehend very great durability and the highest strength and the highest degree of comfort.

As a starting point, a frame was built of steel tubing. This was arranged so as to permit a continuous flow of water. Around this frame he built a shell of the approved style of architecture and used the place as a residence. The dwelling is situated on a mountain slope, and water from the mountain is piped through the steel arteries. This keeps the air in the building at a low temperature in summer, while in the winter the water is turned into a hot-air chamber as soon as it enters the house and heated to the required degree. Thus the house is kept extremely cool in summer and is as warm in winter as may be desirable.

The temperature is perfectly regulatable, and great advantages are claimed for the system, in that it practically annihilates the discomforts incident to extreme heat and cold. It is also claimed that the structure is of such a solid character that earthquakes or similar disturbances will have no appreciable effect on it. It is not stated whether the continuous tubing may attract lightning, but probably there is no more danger of this than there would be in the gas and water piped residences.

The Migration of Brains. A medical authority asserts that a post-mortem examination of the fingers of a blind man discloses a surprising deposit identical with the gray matter of the brain. It has for years been a puzzle to those who have seen the fingers of a blind man that they should be so thick and fleshy. The explanation is now given. It is the result of the migration of the brain matter to the fingers.

The Theory of Sharpening Knives. Since science has demonstrated that artificial rubies can be manufactured, there is little doubt that before long diamonds and other gems will also be turned out from the laboratory. It can scarcely be said that made rubies are not genuine, as they differ in no respect from the natural stones. The artificial rubies are made of material or appearance from the stones manufactured by nature, but it is not the same as the natural stones. The artificial rubies are made of material or appearance from the stones manufactured by nature, but it is not the same as the natural stones.

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