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Importation of Artificial Eyes. The finest come from Paris--Chat with a Dealer--Cost.

Nearly all the artificial eyes used in this country are imported from Europe. Attempts have been made to manufacture them here, but the industry has never flourished.

Dealers in artificial eyes keep them in separate boxes, which they call the blue box, the black box, the brown box, and so on. These boxes contain eyes of all sizes, from as large as a marble to one as large as a pigeon's egg.

A dealer in artificial eyes said: "We fit the eyes to the sockets by heating and softening the ball, and then cutting it with hot scissors to the proper size and shape. The hollow part fits over the stump of the eye. When this is neatly done the eye moves as readily as the other eye, and it is difficult to tell which one is glass. The great majority of artificial eyes are used by workmen, especially those in iron foundries, where many eyes are put out by sparks. It is seldom that a woman has a glass eye.

"Artificial eyes are used not only to improve the appearance, but also to protect the stump from injury, which would be apt to affect the other eye. An artificial eye costs \$5, and lasts from one to five years. It is acted upon by the salt of perspiration and of tears, which dulls and roughens the surface. For this reason it is customary to take the eye out at night, which also gives a rest to the socket. If the lachrymal duct has not been destroyed, a man can cry as well with an artificial eye as with a good one."--New York Sun.

Disappearance of Certain Animals. A few remaining herds of chamois in the Berner Oberland have become so shy that they avoid the haunts of men even in the coldest winters, and the Swiss papers predict that the next protracted frost, following a deep snow, will seal their doom. A few troops still elude pursuit in the wild highlands of the Canton Tessin and in the dreary summit-regions of the Styrian Alps, or are petted in the Tyrolean game preserves, but from the old hunting-grounds of the Alpen Jager both the chamois and the ibex have, probably forever, disappeared. The bustard (otus tarda), a fowl as large as a turkey, and once a favorite game bird of the south of England and north German sportsmen, is now found only in the sandhills of the lower Volga. The beaver has disappeared from western Europe; the black cock survives only under the protection of a few hunting lords, and the last lynx of the German hunting grounds was killed three years ago near the headwaters of the Isar, in southern Bavaria.--Dr. Oswald in Chicago Times.

Natural Gas Going to Waste. The quantity of natural gas "blowing off" or going to waste is something startling. The amount which is not utilized would more than furnish a city like Pittsburgh with fuel in abundance. The loss in waste in two districts in Pennsylvania, it is estimated, will reach 100,000,000 cubic feet per day. In the entire gas field about 264,000,000 cubic feet of gas are wasted daily--an equivalent of 264,000 bushels of coal burned in the air--representing the daily work of 3,800 miners.--New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Medical Treatment in Italy. Medical treatment in out-of-the-way Italian villages seems to partake of the nature of practice in the dark ages mingled with a little local superstition. When a person swallows a stone, the "mago" effects a sure cure by putting hot irons on his patient and snipping slices of his ears. Italian babies are subjected to a bath "in red hot wine" and a feast of "roast apples" to celebrate their birth.--Chicago Times.

Advertisements. ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL. CAPITAL \$10,000,000 UNLIMITED LIABILITY.

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STEAMER LEHUA. (Clark, Commander). Will leave regularly for Hakalaia, Honomu and Onomea.

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The Pacific Transfer Co., Office with the Union Feed Co. Bell Telephone 175. Mutual Telephone 175.

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S. P. TAYLOR & CO., Paper Manufacturers, AND DEALERS IN Paper Bags, Twines, Etc., 414 and 416 Clay Street, SAN FRANCISCO

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TARO FLOUR FACTORY, Wailuku, Maui, COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON THURSDAY, May 26th, and are now prepared to supply TARO FLOUR in any quantities.

WENNER & CO., 92 Fort Street. Have on hand New Foreign and Home Made Jewellery.

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ENTERPRISE PLANING MILL, Alakaes, near Queen St. Telephone 55

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Advertisements. ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. CECIL BROWN, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND Notary Public, Campbell's Block, Merchant Street.

J. M. MONSARRAT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Office in Campbell's Block, corner Fort and Merchant Streets, Honolulu, H. I.

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E. F. Mayhew, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER, 36 Hotel Street, Honolulu, H. I., (Opposite Fashion Stables).

P. O. BOX 318, BELL TELEPHONE 55, LEEGE & MILLS, Steam, Coffee and Spice Mills.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS, All accounts for Advertising and Job Printing at the Pacific Commercial Advertiser Office will from this date be presented for payment monthly.

Business Cards. S. L. STANLEY, JOHN SPRUNCE Spruance, Stanley & Co., Importers and Jobbers of Fine WHISKIES, WINES AND LIQUORS

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TO PLANTERS. We have on hand a consignment of Automatic Trash Feeding Furnaces.

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Water..... 8.10 per cent Organic Matter..... 29.18 " " Silicious Matter..... 4.65 " " Lime..... 31.70 " " Phosphoric Acid..... 23.11 " " Oxide of Iron..... .85 " " Carbonic Acid..... 1.85 " " Alka Salts..... .52 " " 100.00

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BY AUTHORITY.



Office of the Board of Health. Tenders are requested for the construction of a building to be used as a receiving station for lepers in Honolulu.

Department of Finance.

The following persons have been commissioned Tax Collectors for 1887:

Table listing tax collectors by island: HAWAII, MAUI, KAUI, OAHU. Names include Daniel Porter, H. S. Martin, John Johnson, J. P. Sivia, D. Kalanokalani, John Kakina, S. Nasauo, B. Obeka, S. R. Hapuku, J. K. Kapunihi, G. W. Malama, George H. Luce, John D. Holt, J. Paukialani, J. Amara, James Merseberg, W. L. GREEN, Minister of Finance.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS. WEDNESDAY, October 26. Strm Iwalei, Cameron, from Hamakua, Hawaii.

DEPARTURES.

WEDNESDAY, October 26. Am bk Alden Bessie, O'Brien, for Hong Kong.

Vessels Leaving To-day.

Strm Kilanea Hou, Cameron, for Hamakua, Hawaii, at 5 p.m. Strm Waialeale, Campbell, for Hamakua and Kilanea at 5 p.m.

Vessels in Port from Foreign Ports.

USS Vandalia, Rear Admiral Lewis A. Kimberly, from Callao, S. A. U.S.S. Junaluska, G. T. Davis, from Acapulco, S. America.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports.

Am bk Edward May Johnson, sailed from Boston June 23d, due Nov 1-25. Brit ship Min, sailed from London August 24.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The steamer Kilanea Hou will leave this afternoon for Hamakua, Hawaii. The steamers Lehua and Likelike will be due next Saturday from windward ports.

11 cabin passengers, and 294 pigs for Messrs. Burke and Winston. Sailed from San Francisco October 18th. Experienced fine weather and smooth seas the greater part of the passage, expecting 3 days very light winds.

CHU ON & CO.

Importers and Dealers in Chinese and Japanese Goods, 423 Nuuanu Street. Have constantly on hand Silk, Satin, Crape, Grass Cloth, Embroidered and Hemstitched Silk and Grass-cloth Handkerchiefs, Silk and Crape Shawls and Scarfs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

C. J. Fishel's grand millinery opening to-day. The barkentine Planter brought a very large cargo. The Planter brought 294 hogs for Messrs. Burke & Winston.

Australian Travel.

A Santa Fe special of October 12th says: It is learned here to-day from official sources that negotiations have been closed between the Spreckels Oceanic Steamship Company and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road.

Grand Opening.

Mr. Charles J. Fishel, of the leading millinery house, will have a grand opening of millinery to-day, Friday and Saturday.

The New Constitution.

The P. C. ADVERTISER office has printed the new Constitution in pamphlet form. It is inserted in the "Honolulu Almanac and Directory," which also contains the old Constitution.

LADY BRASSEY.

Death of the Author of "Voyage of the Sunbeam."

A dispatch from London, October 12th, says: Lady Brassey died on board the Sunbeam, her husband's yacht, while bound from Australia. She was buried at sea. Lady Brassey was the oldest daughter of John Allnut, a prominent London merchant.

Japanese Y. M. C. A.

Following are the officers of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing six months: Rev. C. M. Hyde, President; F. W. Damon, Vice-President; K. Nakayama, Treasurer; M. Hibino, Secretary.

The Breach of Promise Case.

The breach of promise case occupied the attention of the Supreme Court all of yesterday. The examination and cross-examination of the plaintiff was concluded.

Police Court.

BEFORE POLICE JUSTICE DAYTON. WEDNESDAY, October 26th. Kukona and Lakes, charged with larceny of jewelry, the property of A. Kraft, were remanded to the 31st.

A New Steamer.

Dickie Brothers are building a fine new steam vessel for the Honolulu trade at their yards near the Union Ironworks.

Advertisements.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low-test, short-weight, inferior phosphate powders.

Advertisements.

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Notice of Removal.

THOMAS LINDSAY Manufacturing Jeweler, HAS REMOVED TO Thomas Block, King St.

GRATEFUL-COMFORTING. EPPS'S COCOA. BREAKFAST.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills."

Advertisements.



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DR. MARTINE, of London, the celebrated specialist, says of PARDEE'S REMEDY: "I have used it for twenty years for Blood Diseases, such as Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Tetter and Cancer and I cannot recommend it too highly."

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Advertisements.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society OF THE UNITED STATES.

Death claims paid in 1886..... 100 per cent Assets, January 1, 1887..... \$75,510,472 76 Liabilities, 4 per cent basis..... 59,154,597 00 Surplus, 4 per cent basis..... \$16,355,875 76

Hawaiian Hotel CARRIAGE COMPANY.

FIRST-CLASS CARRIAGES TO LET! SADDLE HORSES, BUGGIES, WAGONETTES, VILLAGE CARTS AND BRAKES.

JOHN PHILLIPS, Practical Plumber, Gasfitter AND Coppersmith,

71 King Street, Honolulu, H. I. HOUSE AND SHIP JOB WORK PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The new and fine A1 steel steamship "ALAMEDA"

November 18, 1887.

And will leave for the above port with mails and passengers on or about that date.

Wm. G. Irwin & Co., AGENTS.

October 28, 1887.

And will have prompt dispatch with mails and passengers for the above ports.

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THE Club House Dining Rooms,

Lincoln Block, King Street, Will re-open for business on SATURDAY, August 27th.

Advertisements.

**A Room of Profitable Waste.**  
 (Philadelphia Press.)  
 Down in the basement of the treasury department is a room in which about a dozen girls sit and sort over the waste paper which has accumulated from the work of the day before by the 2,500 clerks in the room above.  
 All of the waste paper of the departments is transferred to this room by the sweepers at the close of each day. Then the girls go over it carefully, piece by piece, and they frequently make very valuable discoveries. Not long ago \$10,000 worth of bonds were found in a waste-basket in the office of the comptroller of the currency, and there was a great hovel about it at the time, but in the end nobody was punished for the gross carelessness; but such large sums as this seldom find their way into the sorting-room. The principal discoveries are penholders and stationery which have been accidentally dropped into the waste-baskets.  
 Sometimes a valuable document disappears in an unaccountable manner from the files of the department. The rooms are ransacked, and every one connected in the division becomes well nigh crazy. As a last resort the waste-paper room is appealed to. In nine chances out of ten, if the paper has been disposed of there, the girls will find it. They have become remarkably expert in sorting over this rubbish. A girl will take a mass of it in her hands, and, in less time than it takes to tell it, her sharp eyes will have seen all the different pieces, and if there is even a scrap that looks as though it might be valuable, it is carefully laid aside for future examination. Experience has convinced the treasury officials that these girls annually save many times their salaries to the government.

**Paganini's Power Described.**  
 (English Illustrated Magazine.)  
 "What was Paganini's playing like," replied the older man. "What is there as it wasn't like? I couldn't tell thee, lad—I couldn't tell thee. It was like a lost soul a-wailing afore the Lord. It was like that passage in the book o' Job, where tis said as twas the dead o' night when deep sleep falleth upon men, and a vision passed before his face, and the hair of his flesh stood up. It was like the winter tempest in the trees and a little brook in summer weather. It was like as if there was a livin' soul within the thing and sometimes he'd trick it and sooth it, and it'd laugh and sing to do the heart good, and another time he'd tear it up by the roots till it shrilled to chill your blood."  
 "You heard him often?" asked Reuben.  
 "Never but once," said E. ra, shaking his head with great decision. "Never but once. A glory to have looked at once, but not to live in the midst on 'oo bright for common eyes, lad—too bright for common eyes."  
 "I've heard many speak of his playing," said Reuben. "But there are just as many opinions as there are people."  
 "There's no disputing in these matters," the older man answered. "I've heard him talked of as a Charley Tann, which I tek to be a kind of humbugging pretender, but 'twas plain to see for a man with a soul behind his wesen as the man was wore to a shadow with his feeling for his music. 'Twas partly the man's own sufferin' and triumphin' as had such a power over me. It is with music as th' other passions."

**Buying Ivory of the Bushmen.**  
 (All the Year Round.)  
 The ivory men, or "bushmen" as they are called, knowing they have the valuable article to sell, though small in quantity in the present case, come forward, and one of them unslings the tusk, he has and places it in a spring balance. It is examined for cracks, and the hollow root probed for mud or stones, and after the weight is got at a "mouth" or offer is made to the native "gentlemen," or brokers of the "cabucca," in three articles of trade—muskets, powder, and cloth; so many muskets, so many kegs of powder, so many yards of cloth, according to the weight of the "tooth" and the value of ivory. This is called the "bundle," which is afterward divided into a great many articles of trade, according to fixed rules between the white traders and the "gentlemen" or "brokers," and at each exchange these "gentlemen" and "headmen" of the factory keep something for themselves from the "bushmen."  
 The method of buying ivory is distinct from that of buying any other kind of produce, and is intricate, and is supposed to be made so partly in order to puzzle the "bushmen" as to the real value of the ivory they have to sell. These "bushmen" bring it from the very far interior, whence they have traveled for months, and are easily bewildered, being, naturally, not nearly so sharp as the men of the coast tribes, who bring in the lesser kind of produce, and every man of whom is a born haggler.

**Literary Capacity of Dogs.**  
 (Youth's Companion.)  
 Sir John Lubbock's statements, being the result of his own careful and honest observation, are entitled to great weight. He tested a poodle and a colley for their capacity to read. Cards were prepared on each of which were printed, in large letters, the word "food," "water," or the name of some other article in demand among the canine kind.  
 The poodle learned to pick out the card which bore the name of the thing he wanted, and he did this under conditions which rendered it impossible that there should be any mistake about the matter. But when Sir John tried to teach the poodle to pick out two similar cards, and place them together, he failed completely. He could teach the dog to ask for food, drink, or whatever else was needed, among the articles named on these cards, but he was entirely unable to impart any other idea in connection with the printed words than that of a request for something.  
 Even that which the poodle was able to learn, the colley, one of a breed of dogs noted for sagacity, was wholly unable to learn. Though the colley saw the poodle asking for and obtaining things which dogs like by "presenting his card," the idea of imitating the poodle never entered the colley's mind.

**MAXIMILIAN'S LAST MOMENTS.**  
 Recent Disclosures Regarding the Last Hours of the Emperor.  
 (Cor. Boston Herald.)  
 It was in Queretaro that Maximilian made his final stand after the withdrawal of the French troops at a word of warning from Mr. Seward. It is a lovely old city, with a splendid aqueduct in the Roman manner, many ancient and picturesque churches, and a soft and genial climate. Then, as now, it was a stronghold of Catholicism in Mexico. Maximilian was here besieged and overthrown, and imprisoned in the convent of the Capuchinos, and thence, after the famous court-martial, led out to the Hill of the Bells to be shot. Recent disclosures regarding the last hours of the emperor will destroy many legends of the fatal day; and I will here relate the contents of a document which the priest Soria lately dictated shortly prior to his own death. Soria was the emperor's confessor, and was with him during his last few days, and what he here says must pass into history as the true account of Maximilian's last moments, an account not yet printed in English. It was of Soria that Maximilian said: "It is I who must console this good priest, and not let him become utterly overcome."  
 "The night before his death," says the confessor Soria, "the emperor wrote two letters, one to the pope and the other to his mother. He confided both to me, together with a handkerchief for his mother."  
 "On the following morning I accompanied him to the place of execution. The cortege was composed of three wretched coaches. I got into the first with the emperor, while Miramon and Mejia occupied, with their confessors, the other two.  
 "Hardly had we left the convent of the Capuchinos when I was surprised to see Maximilian strike his breast, saying:  
 "I have put eight handkerchiefs here to keep the blood from staining my uniform."  
 "All the rest of the way the emperor busied himself with praying and recommending his soul to God. But on seeing the Hill of the Bells he exclaimed:  
 "There is where I had thought to hoist the standard of victory, and there is where I am going to die. Life is play."  
 "And after some moments of silence he added: 'What a beautiful view! And what a beautiful day to die!'  
 "When we had arrived at the place of execution it was found difficult to open the door of the coach.  
 "Then Maximilian, being impatient, leaped out of the window, knocking off his hat.  
 "He handed me the crucifix, embracing me. He also embraced Miramon and Mejia, distributed some gold coins among the soldiers who were to shoot him, and then, in a strong voice pronounced in Spanish these words: 'I forgive everybody and I ask that all may forgive me, and I desire that my blood, which is going to be shed, may be for the good of Mexico. Long live Mexico! Long live her independence!'  
 "Immediately he placed his hand on his breast, indicating the spot for the soldiers to take aim at. Then the drums sounded, and in the presence of the 4,000 soldiers assembled it was proclaimed that whoever should raise his voice in behalf of the condemned man would be made to suffer the same penalty. Not a murmur was heard among the immense crowd standing behind the troops.  
 "At a given signal the three platoons fired, Miramon and Mejia fell dead at once, but Maximilian did not die at the first discharge and uttered three groans. Then they gave him the coup de grace."  
 The priest Soria denied that Maximilian, as the legend goes, gave the post of honor at the execution to Miramon, saying: "A brave man merits the respect of his sovereign; take the place of honor." The placid of the condemned was by accident. Thus a picturesque legend is dissipated.

**How to Eat Grapes.**  
 (Dr. C. E. Pace.)  
 Millions of people in grape-raising countries, eat grapes as they ought to be eaten, viz., without any chewing or skinning or seeding or any nonsense whatever. But thousands of people have been taught—some to pinch the pulp into the mouth, discarding the skin; others, to dissect out both the seeds and skin, thus taking a great deal of pains to prevent the grape from being as wholesome as it is delicious. By far the most agreeable and satisfactory way to eat grapes, once accustomed to it, is to "bolt" them about as fast as they can be comfortably swallowed, pressing the grape between the teeth so as to open up the pulp sufficiently to give us all the flavor, and to lubricate the bolus.  
 A little practice will enable any one to eat them thus, and it is then the only wholesome way. It is want of bulk that makes our food indigestible in many cases. It is obvious that there is a double advantage, if this theory be the correct one, for one pound of grapes would "go as far" as two pounds eaten the other way.

**The Cost of Living.**  
 (Newburyport Herald.)  
 Several gentlemen in this city were recently discussing their family expenses, and they were up in the thousands. Then came the question, how much of this was for the table? Each one, to make sure of his accuracy, went home and consulted his bills, and the result was as follows: Per week, for each one in the family, \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.66, \$2.10. All were gentlemen of wealth, and consulted their desires without regard to economy. This explains why poor men live with large families and no unnecessary wants, and why many spend so much who have large demands in the way of dress, etc., etc.

**Popocatepetl.**  
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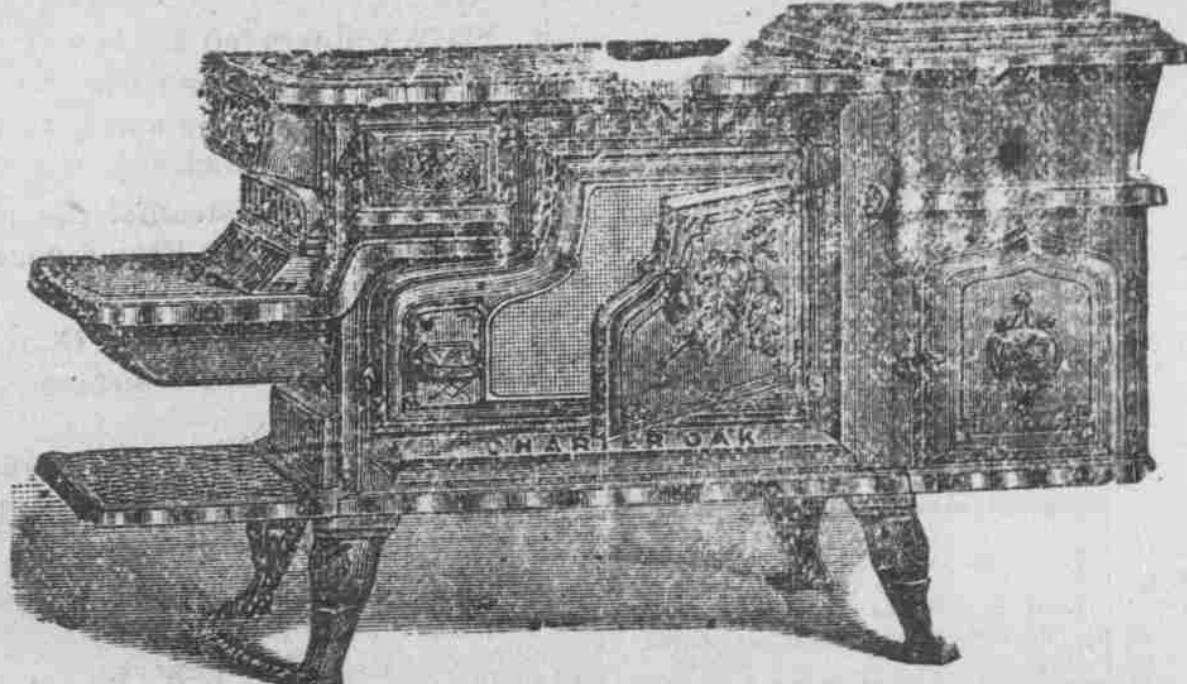
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