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THE PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION.

Our readers will be pleased to know that, judging from the number of essays submitted for examination, the competition has been a great success. and we hope to be able to announce the name of the winner of the \$250 prize in our next issue.

card published in another column concerning what sions: a nest that is 14 ft. high and 55 ft. in circumferinvention introduced within the last fifty years has ence may be regarded as large. Each megapod builds conferred the greatest benefit upon mankind. We its own nest with materials which it gathers from all hope that all our readers will fill out the ballot and sides, and these are exactly what the gardener uses in send it to the editor, as the polls will close on July the month of March to make his forcing beds, namely, 13th, and it is desired to procure as large a vote as possible. Some who have not carefully read the an-their fermentation, give off an appreciable amount of nouncement have cast their votes for such inventions heat. In the forcing beds, this heat hastens the course, such ballots will have to be thrown out, as being development and hatching of the young birds, and the competition. The final result will be published in as she wishes, without being troubled by the duties of our special issue of July 25.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION OF 1900.

have been the background which has served to show ature of its mound very closely, covering and uncover-Paris in 1889, and again at Chicago in 1893. At the young bird remains in the mound several hours; it close of our late exposition, which was universally admitted to have been more extensive, complete, and artistic than any that preceded it, it was predicted that | nal abode.—Revue Scientifique. the limit had been reached, and that nothing on a like scale would be again attempted.

Yet, as a matter of fact, before the blackened remains of the Chicago Fair are well cleared away, it is announced that the arrangements are complete for what is to be the most elaborate and brilliant industrial display of the century. If any people but the French had made the promise, those of us who had the privilege of seeing the proportions and beauty of the architectural display at Jackson Park would be prepared to doubt its fulfillment. There were not wanting visitors to our exposition who complained of its size, and suggested that a smaller display of selected exhibits would be more effective and intelligible. If the Parisians are aiming to gather a yet larger collection of exhibits, there is a danger that it will become bewildering and oppressive in its proportions. That and you can do as you like with the wheel, but give it the display of architectural and landscape skill in a vigorous spin and you will find, whatever position it the buildings and grounds will be of a very high order as Paris; and yet we very much doubt if any grouping of buildings in the Renaissance and later French styles, however skillfully carried out, can be made to equal the chaste beauty and dignified repose of the noble group which composed the Court of Honor at Jackson Park.

It is to be hoped that our Congress will deal liberally with the question of a subsidy to cover the expenses incidental to a worthy national representation at the Paris Exposition. With one exception, the great manufacturing nations made a noble response to our invitation to Chicago, and the present indications are that there will be a keen rivalry between England, Germany, Russia and France, which will lead to a magnificent industrial display on the part of each one of these nations. What is to be the relative standing of the United States? If we do anything at all it should be well done. Rather than make an imperfect display of our natural and industrial resources, it would be better to stay away altogether. We do not fear such a result; but we do think that it would be greatly to our national advantage to put up a really magnificent display which shall be fully representative of our vast resources and industries.

The time has come in our industrial history when we are beginning to turn our eyes abroad and push out efficient. A jaded man coming home at night from a more actively into foreign markets.

is at present exclusively American, would be found to or a young lady heavily "doing the season," young be equally adapted to European needs, if a trial were children overfed and with short allowance of sleep, once made. It is only within the last few years that are common instances of the victims of "cold. the typewriter has been systematically introducedand there are a thousand and one labor-saving dethe water, which are as yet unknown in Europe. This is true not merely of the lighter trades, but even in the weightier matters of transportation. The European still navigates his rivers and lakes in uncomfortable and shelterless steamers; and the sight of a model of a Sound or Hudson River steamboat, with its spacious saloons and comfortable staterooms, would be a positive object lesson in matters of accommodation and comfort. Moreover, there is scarcely a trade which has any degree of connection in Europe that could not spend a large sum on its exhibits with the certainty of a profitable return.

The secretary of Smithsonian Institution has leased one of the tables at the Naples zoological station for another three years for the benefit of American students. I tending over days or even weeks.

A Singular Mode of Incubation.

It is well known that the Australian megapod is a bird that is accustomed not to sit on its own eggs. In certain parts of Australia are found numerous mounds The papers are all in the hands of the committee, of considerable size and height, which the first explorers took to be burial mounds. These were made by the Megapodius tumulus, which uses them for hatching We would call the attention of our readers to the its eggs. They have sometimes considerable dimenleaves and decomposing vegetable matter, which by as the printing press, the steam engine, etc. Of sprouting of the seeds; in the nest it suffices for the too indefinite, or as not coming within the terms of the mother can go where she likes and occupy herself sitting. In the small island of Ninafou, in the Pacific, another bird has a somwhat similar habit, in so far as it also abandons its eggs; but in place of obtaining Exhibitions have come thick and fast in the closing the necessary heat from fermentation, it gets it from years of the nineteenth century. The more frequent warm sand. The leipoa, or native pheasant of Ausindustrial displays of States, cities, and provinces tralia, acts like the megapod, and watches the temperup the stately splendor of the less frequent interna- | ing the eggs several times a day to cool them or heat tional fetes-they are nothing less-such as that at them, as becomes necessary. After hatching, the leaves on the second day, but returns for the night, and not until the third day is it able to quit the pater-

Experiment with Rotary Motion.

An interesting experiment described in Invention illustrates the stability given to a moving body by rotating or spinning it rapidly, as in the case of a rifle bullet. The experiment can be made by any bicyclist when cleaning his wheel. "Assuming the front wheel is detached, lay it upon the floor and, keeping the axle vertical by the hand, give the wheel a vigorous spin. The axle remains unaffected, the wheel running in the ball races. Now lift the wheel by means of the axle and put the left hand under the wheel and catch the other end of the axle. You now have a horizontally revolving wheel, and you will be astonished to find how difficult it is to turn the wheel into a vertical position as long as the spinning continues. Let this cease was then in, it will show the perversity of a pig if you goes without saying in a city so rich in artistic talent attempt to change it. In making this experiment, get a good grip, as it throws a very considerable strain on the arms and feels, indeed, as though one were strug. gling with some aerial wrestler. Imagine now a shot starting on its course with this rotary motion; if it meets an obstruction fairly and squarely, the forward motion will be somewhat arrested, but the boring action due to rotation will give it a terrible penetrating power. Again, suppose it strikes at a slight angle, and you may think it will glance off like a stone from a smooth piece of walling. The new force, however, here comes into play, and most decidedly objects to the alteration of direction, thereby causing penetration that would be quite impossible under other circumstances. After making the above experiment, you will find you have a much increased respect for a shot fired from a rifled barrel."

How Colds are Taken.

A person in good health, with fair play, says the Lancet, easily resists cold. But when the health flags a little, and liberties are taken with the stomach or the nervous system, a chill is easily taken, and according to the weak spot of the individual, assumes the form of a cold or pneumonia, or it may be jaundice. Of all causes of "cold," probably fatigue is one of the most long day's work, a growing youth losing two hours' Many distinctively American products, whose market sleep over evening parties two or three times a week,

Luxury is favorable to chill taking; very hot rooms, feather beds and soft chairs create a sensitiveness that vices, that are considered indispensable on this side of | leads to catarrh. It is not, after all, the "cold" that is so much to be feared as the antecedent conditions that give the attack a chance of doing harm. Some of the worst "colds" happen to those who do not leave their houses or even their beds, and those who are most invulnerable are often those who are most exposed to changes of temperature, and who by good sleep, cold bathing, and regular habits preserve the tone of their nervous system and circulation. Probably many chills are contracted at night or at the fag end of the day, when tired people get the equilibrium of their circulation disturbed by either overheated sitting rooms or underheated bedrooms and beds. This is specially the case with elderly people. In such cases the mischief is not always done instantaneously, or in a single night. It often takes place insidiously, ex-