

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT.

CHIEF COOK AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.—It appears certain that among the many Chicagoans at the Paris exposition Mrs. Agnes Moody will be one of the most prominent. Mrs. Moody, who was born a slave of Hagerstown, Md., has had a remarkable history. In 1852, when a child of 10, she was one of a party of fugitives who, aided by the underground railroad, ran away from their masters and sought refuge in Canada. After the war, in 1866, she came to Chicago to live. She has been an active member of Quinn Chapel for thirty-five years, and has also been prominent in almost all the organizations of colored women in the country. Before coming to Chicago she had learned to read and write, and is now said to be one of the best read women of her race in the country. But Mrs. Moody's chief claim to fame is as a cook. In that line of endeavor she is an artist. It was as a fitting recognition of her abilities that she was chosen to take charge of the great American corn kitchen at the Paris fair. She sailed for France a month ago, and by this time is tickling the dainty palates of exposition visitors with hot corn bread, fried mush, corn pudding, and other delicacies, in the preparation of which Indian maize is the chief factor.



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KING OF THE AIR LEAVES NO HEIR.—Old Chicagoans will remember how Professor John Wise sailed away from this city on his 854th balloon ascension and was never heard of afterwards. Within the week the third of the Wise family to win fame as an aeronaut has died at his home in Germantown, Pa., leaving no heir. That branch of the Wise family is extinct. The John Wise whose death has just been recorded was known in the late '70s as the "boy balloonist" and "the youngest aeronaut in the world." He made his first ascension in 1874, when he was only 13 years old. From that time until 1889, when he married and forsook the balloon for good, he was constantly in demand. He made hundreds of ascensions and traveled all over the United States. He had many thrilling adventures, but was never seriously hurt. After giving up business as an aeronaut he became an artist and won a local reputation in Philadelphia as a portrait painter.

FROM \$50 A MONTH TO \$50 A DAY.—Many reports have been printed recently about people in poor circumstances coming into enormous fortunes, but in most cases it has turned out that the fortune is a purely mythical one. There is one young man in Philadelphia, however, about whose good fortune there seems to be no doubt. He has been working as a clerk in a railroad freight office in the City of Brotherly Love at a salary of \$50 a month. The other day he was officially notified by the State department at Washington that something like \$700,000 was coming to him as his share of the Jacob De Haven estate.

De Haven was a rich man who advanced \$50,000 to the government during the revolutionary war, with the agreement that the money was to be repaid when the condition of the Treasury warranted. It has taken the heirs of the revolutionary patriot 125 years to collect the money, with interest, but, after all, it is not likely that Mr. Mackey, at least, will hold to the opinion that the republics are, in the long run, ungrateful.

"THE BOXERS" AND THE MAN THEY HATE.—Several times during the last few months the Chinese society of thieves and assassins known as "The Boxers" has destroyed mission property in the province of Shangtung, which is their headquarters, and even in some cases have murdered the missionaries. As a result, several of the great powers, including the United States, have been obliged to file protests with the Chinese government and to demand that "The Boxers" be broken up. The members of the society, who are in reality nothing more than outlaws and bandits, make little discrimination among the missionaries whom they attack, though if anything they are most bitter toward the Roman Catholic priests and their converts. The most powerful enemy of "The Boxers" in their own province is Mgr. Anzer, the Catholic Bishop of Shangtung and the Apostolic Delegate to the Celestial Kingdom. He has spent more than twenty years in China, and is said to have much influence with the Dowager Empress. Mgr. Anzer is just returning from a visit to Rome, and will spend some time in the United States before returning to China. It is believed that his absence has something to do with the fresh outbreak of violence on the part of "The Boxers."

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