The price of platinum is a topic of considerable interest to many of us until recently the world's supply, 65 per cent of which comes from Russia, bids fair soon to be exhausted. A short time ago some chemists who were making analyses of metallurgical borings in Russia, Westphalia, Germany, and incidently discovered that platinum was present in an amount varying from 0.1 to 0.2 parts per hundred cubic yard, an exceptionally rich deposit, which promises to be quite extensive. A new procedure of analysis especially designed to detect platinum has been worked out and will soon be used for testing the ores from various parts of the earth where platinum is known to be present in small quantities, for deposits far poorer than those at Wenden would prove lucrative for developing, owing to the ever increasing demand for this metal. The annual supply now is about 450,000 pounds, valued at $600,000. One third of this is used in dentistry and one third in electrotechnical work.

If you wish to help reduce the cost of living you should insist on being served "deactivated chicken," the most economical variety. The following accounts shows how the use of electricity to the farm.

"On Mr. Randolph Meach's poultry farm at Poole an intensive chicken-crop was grown, consisting of six flats each large enough to accommodate seventy-five chickens. The current was applied for ten minutes every hour during the day. Six chickens only out of a total of 400 died, showing a mortality of only 1.25 per cent—in the ordinary way the mortality was often as much as 20 per cent in the summer months—and the chickens were ready for market in eight weeks, as against three months. "The vitality of the treated chickens was remarkable. Instead of running away when one put a finger in the feathers, they would rush up and peck vigorously. During the treatment they were so highly charged with electricity that quite a distinct shock was felt in the fingers on touching them, although the birds themselves were apparently unconscious of anything. The sparks which flew from their beaks on pecking over one's finger did not appear to be felt in the least by them."

CHEMICAL CLUB TALK

A regular evening of the Chemical Club will be held in the Union on Friday evening, January 2, at 8:30. Dr. Moore, Professor of Organic Chemistry, will give an illustrated talk on "A Summer Cruise to Iceland and Spitzbergen." Dr. Moore is well known for his interesting lectures and his Chemicals believe that his talk will be well worth hearing and have invited all interested.

A recent issue of the Brown Journal gives the term examinations in the freshman class in 1835 as $45.3. The three seats were paid the faculty for an unannounced absence.

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