

AUSTRALIA.

Interesting Facts About the World's Greatest Island.

Of the entire area of Australia, which is very little less than that of the whole of Europe, about one-fifth, or half a million square miles, in the middle, is a barren wilderness, which can only be explored at the cost of frightful hardships and at the risk of life itself.

Australia has none of the great mountain chains and mighty rivers to which we are accustomed on this continent. Its highest range of hills is the Warragoong, or Blue Mountains, which attain a height of 7,000 feet.

From a paper read before the Geographical Society of New York, by Mr. Jess Young, who was the astronomer of the Giles expedition, sent out in 1874 to explore the interior of the island continent, we get many interesting facts regarding Australia, which are here given without much regard to connection.

So dry is the soil and climate in the interior, so little variation is there, that Mr. Young often left delicate instruments uncovered in the open air over night, and never found on them the slightest particle of rust from dew or other moisture.

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The Olive as an American Crop. The olive has been successfully grown in California and in South Carolina. General A. C. Jones, of the Department of Agriculture, after a careful investigation of the matter, is confident that there is no good reason why olive culture should not be profitably added to the list of our industries.

It is not generally known that the Chinese make very fine razors, and that for a long period no European shaving knife could compare with theirs in keenness and durability. A fine edge is a necessity with them, since they regularly shave their heads—carefully omitting the pigtail—without using soap or any other emollient.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Increasing. This method of increasing plants or trees that are difficult of propagation we seldom see mentioned in the books or papers, and it is to be presumed that it is because of the difficulties in the way of using it.

A Paris correspondent gives an interesting account of a model farm, situated about twenty miles from the French metropolis. The farm is about 15,000 acres in size, and has the river Seine on one side and a railroad on the other.

The estate is divided into four separate departments. The first includes the farm proper, the animals, dairy and implements, the second the mill, the third the sugar manufactory, the pumping works and the gas works; the third is devoted to the quarry, which is, nevertheless, one of the most profitable of the four, since a fine quality of griststones and millstones is produced here.

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ARTIFICIAL ICE.

An Apparatus which Will Turn Out Thirty Tons of Clear Ice in a Day—How it is Done.

The ice factory recently opened in West Eleventh street was visited by a Herald reporter, and it proved to be an object of much interest. The ice, produced in blocks of about five hundred pounds each, measuring four feet square and nine inches thick, was so clear that the hour could plainly be told on a watch dial through the entire thickness of the block.

The ice generating apparatus is run, in the present instance, by a steam engine, and is a very simple one. On the right hand of the engine is the refrigerator, a copper tubular vessel, enclosed in a wooden box about six or seven feet square. The refrigerator is charged with liquid ether, evaporated, when required, by a vacuum pump, which stands in the left hand of the engine, connected by copper tubes with the refrigerator.

Morocco at the Paris Exposition. The court of Morocco has an indescribable air of romance about it, written in an American correspondent in Paris. It is hung with mats and scraps of gay, warm colors, and displays an endless variety of attractive knickknacks, delicately embroidered silk kerchiefs, cigar and cigarette cases, and holders, brilliantly illuminated bracelets and necklaces made of an aromatic composition, fantastically embroidered slippers, delicate pastilles, and an astonishing variety of gift and tinel ornaments.

The Markets. Beef Cattle—Texas and Cherokee... 88 00 89 00. Mutton—New York... 85 00 86 00. Pork—New York... 12 00 13 00. Sugar—New York... 11 00 12 00. Coffee—New York... 15 00 16 00. Tea—New York... 20 00 21 00. Rice—New York... 10 00 11 00. Wheat—New York... 1 00 1 10. Corn—New York... 0 75 0 85. Flour—New York... 5 00 5 50. Oil—New York... 1 50 1 75. Lard—New York... 0 50 0 60. Eggs—New York... 0 25 0 30. Butter—New York... 0 40 0 50. Beans—New York... 0 30 0 40. Peas—New York... 0 25 0 30. Lentils—New York... 0 20 0 25. Chickens—New York... 0 50 0 60. Turkeys—New York... 1 00 1 20. Geese—New York... 0 80 1 00. Ducks—New York... 0 60 0 80. Pigeons—New York... 0 10 0 15. Rabbits—New York... 0 20 0 30. Squirrels—New York... 0 10 0 15. Foxes—New York... 0 20 0 30. Weasels—New York... 0 10 0 15. Skunks—New York... 0 20 0 30. Badgers—New York... 0 10 0 15. Otters—New York... 0 20 0 30. Martens—New York... 0 10 0 15. Fish—New York... 0 50 0 60. Shellfish—New York... 0 20 0 30. Game—New York... 0 50 0 60. Wildfowl—New York... 0 50 0 60. Hares—New York... 0 20 0 30. Rabbits—New York... 0 20 0 30. Squirrels—New York... 0 10 0 15. Foxes—New York... 0 20 0 30. Weasels—New York... 0 10 0 15. Skunks—New York... 0 20 0 30. Badgers—New York... 0 10 0 15. Otters—New York... 0 20 0 30. Martens—New York... 0 10 0 15.

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The casual invention of the saw came about by the use of a jaw of a serpent as a cutting instrument. It was found to work well, and was afterwards imitated in metal.

Encouragement for the Feeble. So long as the falling embers of vitality are capable of being kindled, there is a general glow, just so long there is hope for the weak and enfeebled invalid. Let him not, therefore, despair, but encourage himself from that end the further back that the restorative is most potent in renewing the dissipated powers of a broken-down system.

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