TIMELY TOPICS.

Tables prepared at Washington give the aggregate production of the three great agricultural staples of the South-ern States for 1878 as follows: Cotton, 5,200,000 bales; sugar, 212,000 hogheads; tobacco, 572,000,000 pounds. In 1877 this production was: Cotton, 4,811,423 bales; sugar, 127,753 hogheads; tobacco, 60.000.000 pounds.

Charles Reade is outdone in the story which Nathan G. Sayles, of Golden, Col., tells of his own experience as a crazy man. His persecutors were his wife and daughter, who would be benefited by his dying intestate. He says on oath that they induced a jury of six of oath that they induced a jury of six of his enemies to pronounce him insane, hired a brute to keep him on his farm, reviled him when, in an effort to escape, he was lassoed and had a leg and a hip broken by his jailer, and finally stole his property. The man is vouched for as entirely same. property. The entirely sane.

The French originator of the gigantic enterprise of bridging the English channel says that he means business and proposes to commence operations at once. He has been laying his plans before the Chambers of Commerce in France and Belgium for the purpose of securing funds, and will soon make an ap-peal to the British government. He has already secured the inderse-ment of eighty-four commercial or-manizations his person and Balicoganizations in France and Belgium, and he estimates that seven months time and \$200,000 will suffice for the experimental stage and demonstrate the feasi bility of his enterprise.

Imitation meerschaum pipes are now manufactured from potatoes in France A peeled potato is placed in sulphuric acid and water, in the proportion of eight parts of the former to 100 of the latter. It remains in this liquid thirty-six dours to blacken, is dried with blotting paper, and submitted to a certain pressure, when it becomes a material that can be readily carved. The counterfeit is said to be excellent. An imitation ivory sufficiently hard for billiard balls can be made by still greater pressure. A re-semblance of coral is obtained by treating carrots in the same manner.

The race of white people which Major Pinto, the Portuguese explorer, has dis-covered in South Africa is named Cassequer, and is whiter than the Caucasians. Small tufts of very short black wool take the place of hair on the head, while smallness of eyes and prominence of check bones constitute a resemblance to the Chinese. The men are extremely robust, and both men and women are entircly nomadic, wandering in groups of from four to six families each, and living on roots and on the results of the chase. Unless these fail them they have no intercourse with their black neighbors. They are the only people in Africa that do not cook their food in

The latest "fastest" occan steamer is the Arizona, which is the largest steam-er now in service and which reached Queenstown in seven days, eight hours and eight minutes from New York, beating her previous trip, which was also her first one, by one hour and a quarter. The speed of ocean voyages does not necessarily increase the danger of them, for it is the perfection and excellence of the machinery used which enable the newest steamers to outsail the old ones. For people who spend ocean voyages in the agonies of sea-sickness the quicker the trip is made the better they like it, and provided safety be not sacrificed to speed, the saving of a day in crossing the Atlantic is an object for travelers of all

THOMAS BLANCHARD.

The Inventor of Machines for Turning Irregular Forms.

this, doubting Thomas himsen was chosen a committee to go over and ex-amine. He was not to be imposed upon; he would expose this humbug. Select-ing three rough stocks of the hardest, toughest timber he could find, he went to the Springfield armory incognito, brought his stocks to the stocking-room, and inquired of the overseer if he could erast him the favor of turning them A brief biography of Thomas Blanch-ard, the inventor of the mechanical combination for turning irregular forms, who died at Boston in 1865, has just been issued. The writer, Asa H. Waters, grant him the favor of turning them. "Certainly, sir, take a sent." Without making the least alteration of the masays that although the name of Thomas Blanchard is not so popularly known as many others who have achieved fame from single inventions, the writer holdly hine. from single inventions, the writer body asserts that "it may be questioned whether another inventor can be named in this country or in Europe, during the last century, who has produced so many different labor-saving machines, applicathrough iff a few minutes, and then went on with his work as though nothing unusual had happened. The English-man examined the stocks, found they were turned all the better for being of hard wood, and he was completely dumbfounded. After musing awhile, he frankly confessed who he was why de to such a great variety of uses and which have contributed so largely to the common necessities, comforts and economies of life. This language may seem extravagant, but it must be remembered that not an armory exists in this coun-try or in England where guns are made —hardly a human being that wears boots

or shoes—scarcely a vessel that sails upon the ocean—not a school where slates are used—not a carpet laid down, but that owes tribute to the genius of Thomas Blanchard for producing articles cheaper and better. The same may be said of carriage wheels, plows, shovels and various articles of furniture. Latterly, his machines have been applied to carv-ing, to architectural designs and even to be the theorem of articles. tatuary-much to the surprise of artists. Indeed, there seems to be no limit to the uses made of Blanchard's inventions, and it is impossible at present to enumerate them. One can hardly go into a tool shop, a machine shop, or a workshop of any kind, wood or iron, where motive power is used, in which he will not find more or less of Blanchard's mechanical

notions. Blanchard was a native of Sutton Some men are with their character Blanchard was a native of Sutton, Mass., and was born June 24, 1788. His father, Samuel, was a farmer, and lived on a poor, remote strip of land, where there was absolutely nothing to suggest a mechanical motion. While on the farm Thomas gave little if any promise of the latent powers within him. There was nothing in his surroundings to ex-cite them. He was misplaced; schools much as they are with their money; the less they have the more careful they have to be. Tears are to be looked at not as proof of very deep sorrow, but as a gracious relief to the killing intensity of such grief. The sun, that mantles the mountains kissed by the clouds and the morning's sun, and speckless as the lily's inmost for he was afflicted with a perverse im-pediment of speech, so that the boys called him "Stammering Tom." At the leaf, is not more pure than a pure woman. No man can stilt himself up, or seek age of eighteen he was engaged by his applause on friends in high places, or loud praise. If he belongs to the front elder brother, Stephen, to assist him in his tack mill, which he had just started in West Millbury. Young Thomas' duty was to head the tacks in a vice, with a he will get there in time, and will remain there when he does arrive. The gentle mind is like a calm and peaceful stream that reflects every ob-ject in its just proportion. The violent spirit, like troubled waters, renders back was to head the tacks in a vice, with a hand hammer, one by one. Once in a mechanic shop his dormant genius began to wake up. Ere he had spent many months heading tacks, one by one, he had desigued, constructed and put in operation a machine which would cut and head them at one motion twice as for the the diding of match and better ist as the ticking of a watch, and better finished than those made by hand. So perfect was it in design and construe-of life than be on the sea and drift with tion it was continued in use more than twenty years. It is said to be still in existence, and experts who have seen it any

say no essential improvement has ever been made upon it. The reputation of the boy's success in his brother's tack factory led Mr. Asa Waters, who had in the same town of Millbury an armory, where he manufactured arms for the and unexpectedly dies. rovernment, to send for the budding in-ventor, and there young Blanchard, at almost a glance at the old processes for shaping gun-barrels, suggested an im-provement by which the irregular butt of the barrel could be turned by machinery, and afterward produced a machine for turning out the gun-stock. The germ of the stocking machine lay in that caim motion, and it was then and there, as he afterward said, that the idea of his world-renowned machine for turning irweather.

A citizen on Adams avenue, East, who regular forms first flashed through his mind, although it required some months owns a handsome Scotch terrier dog-In relation to cotton production and consumption the United States Economist gives tables showing that for eleven total production of the country was 37,-yield 3.400,972 bales. For the fourteen yield 3.400,972 bales. For the fourteen other inventions, this was really the dis- ested in the kittens, and earnestly overy of a new principle in mechanics. watched the movements of the feline whereby the machine is made the obedi-ent, faithful servant of man, to work out his designs after any given model, be it round or square, crooked or straight, however irregular, and made to repro-duce the original shape exactly, every duce the original shape exactly, every time. This perfect uniformity of Blanchtime. This perfect uniformity of Blanch-ard's work suggested the idea of having all the parts of the guns made at the ar-mories perfectly uniform, so as to be in-terchangeable. Hitherto they had been litted separately, like Swiss watches and carefully lettered or numbered. This is the method in all our workshoes terrier's basket. Then there was a fight, which was ended by the interference of the owner of the dog, who restored the This is the method in all our workshops, even to the bolts of a carriage or a comkittens to their mother and soundly pun-ished the dog for the theft. All the next day the cat remained by her kit-tens, while the terrier busied herself hunting around for food, which she car-ried to the cat's nest, and which, of mon bedstead, and woe to him who mis-placed one. It was Blanchard who first rendered possible the accomplishment of the desired result with respect to arms, and to him the writer gives the credit of the origin of the "uniformity system" which has revolutionized mechanic proourse the kittens could not masticate. The difficulty was overcome by interested cesses in all our workshops: perfected and greatly cheapened mechanic pro-ducts, and driven from use the old sysbservers, who placed milk at their service, and while the kittens supped the terrier stood guard, successfully repulten of numbering. Blanchard realized but little pecu-niarily on his patents, for they were so pirated upon that he had to spend many sing all efforts to interfere with their re past.-Detroit Free Press. thousands of dollars in defending his rights in the courts. He succeeded in getting an extension of his patent for Too Many Snake Bites. During the having season an honest and farmer out on the Gratiot road emd farmer out on the Gratiot road to loyed three young men from the city to loyed three young men from the stare his timothy. None producing irregular forms, but at the end of the extension he had made pracp cut and store his timothy. None them liked work half as well as ically nothing on it, and began to think of of trying for a second extension; but such a thing was unprecedented, and whisky, and a conspiracy was the re-sult. About noon one day one of the Blanchard, knowing that great opposi-tion would be made to another renewal, trio fell down in the field, shouting and kicking, and the other two ran to the farmer with wild eyes and called out thought he would resort to a little strata-gem. He fitted up a machine for turning that their companion had been bitten by a rattlesnake and must have whisky. The farmer rushed to the house and brought out a quart, and the three harvesters got a big drink all around on the siy, while the "bitten" one had a lay-off of half a day. The next forenoon a second one was bitten gen. He fitted up a machine for turning busts from marble blocks, took it to Washington, obtained plaster casts of the heads of Webster, Clay, Calhoun and others, and exhibited the busts in the rotunda of the Capitol. The mem-bers were quite astonished when they tound that these busts were wrought out by a machine, and that they were more exactly like the originals than any next forenoon a second one was bitten, and again the farmer rushed for his bottle. It was a nice little job for the out by a machine, and that they were more exactly like the originals than any human hand could make them. It pro-duced a great sensation. They all sup-posed it a new invention. Blanchard said, "No; not a new invention, but a new application of an old one of mine cour application of an old one of mine to the size of the snake, location of the bite, the sensation and so forth, he want the patent renewed." A resolution was introduced in the Senate by Webbite, the sensation and so forth, he slowly continued: "Day before yesterday James was bitten and drank a quart of good whisky. Yesterday John was bitten and drank a quart more. To-day you've got a bite and the best thing you can do is to smell their breaths and lay in the ster to renew it for a term of years, and it was rushed through without delay. When the news was first proclaimed from Springfield of a machine which turned gunstocks, mechanics came float-ing from near and far to see it. Among those attracted were two members of the British Parliament, then traveling in shade while the rest of us eat dinner!" The man got well in ten minutes, and not another rattlesnake was seen during the season.-Detroit Free Press.

Food in Season.

this, doubting Thomas himself was

Words of Wisdom.

experiments at the expense of others.

day to this.

In India the people feed mostly on rice and fruits; in Greenland on oil and seal-flesh. The rice and fruit are quickly and speedily digested, and thus meet the wants of those whose nervous expenditure is reduced to a minimum by the climate, which also furnishes them with nearly all the heat they need. On the contrary, the Greenlander's great need is heat, and this he finds in

the food with which nature abundantly the overseer run the stocks supplies him. The former keeping up through in a few minutes, and then went his old diet in Greenland would perish of cold; the latter would as cer-tainly perish in India, either consumed by the internal fires, or breaking down by sheer inability to digest his arctic food.

We of the temperate regions swing like a pendulum between the two. We are Indians in summer and Greenlandhe came, and his thorough conviction of the utility of the machine. Before he left the city he gave an order in behalf of the British government for this and the accompanying machines, some six or eight which emponent to some forty. rs in winter. Yet how few observe the distinction in eating! But our individu-al intelligence should do for us what nature and the inherited experience of eight, which amounted to some forty thousand dollars. The machines were forty built at Chicopee, shipped to England. and have been in use there from that

heat making food—fat, sugar, starch. Our whole mental and physical system then works vigorously, and expents it-self rapidly; and hence we need more food, and in a more concentrated form. In summer we need but little heat-making food, but, in its place, the cool-It is more honorable to acknowledge our faults than boast of our merits. ing fruits and vegetables of the season. The diminished activity, also, of our It's human nature to love to make ental and bodily systems reduces our You should consider your adversary digestive ability fully one-third. Little flesh is needed, and no fat at all. Fish as absent when his senses are departed. is preferable to beet. Nothing is better suited to the season than milk, freely used, with all the various fruits.— Those gifts are ever the most acceptable which the giver has made precious. used, with all the Youth's Companion.

The first step to se.f-knowledge is self-distrust. Nor can we attain to any knowledge except by a like process. The ice-cream retailed at some of the down town restaurants is fearfully and wonderfully made. If the frost could be got out of it it might be sold for cotton flannel.

> Languor, Its Cause and Reme ty. The cause of languor, when it is not the im-mediate or indirect consequence of jositive disease, is traceable to a debilitating tempera-ture Persons living in a warm, moist climate are peculiarly subject to it. Diminished physi-cal view and an indiscosition to netwo every cal vigor and an indisposition to active exer-tion are its characteristics. Sometimes it is accompanied by undue relaxation of the bowels and by dyspeptic or bilious symptoms. A relia-ble remedy is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a strengthening and alterative medicine derived from the purest and most efficacious vegetable sources, with a pure spirituous basis, pro-nounced by eminent physicians a mild and wholesome stimulant. The Bitters, foremost of American tonics, is largely used in the tropies, where the climate is very productive of debility, mularial tevers and disorders of the bowels, liver and digestive organs.

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It often blooms where one us given us a Florida. Thus it is in diseas bur attention is attracted by acute diseases, as overs, cholera, etc., while chronic disease would least expect it and then suddenly 6 vers, cholera, etc., while chronic discases (often he most dangerous in result), being slow in their development, are seldom noticed until they have made an almost ineffaceable impression upon the system. Persons believing themselves comparatively healthful are oft-times the victims of these diseases, and only become aware of their presence when relief is almost impossible. Diseases of the liver and stought are the commonst of these chronic S. H. WALFS& SON, Edi Let a face be backed by blood and mettle, let the soul be harrowed by ex-perience and made mellow as a plowed field by furrows that have torn it up; let it be made charitable by the sins of others, by a sense of its own sins, and you have a face that will wear as many stomach are the commonest of these chronic affections. 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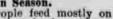
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years, ending with the crop of 1878, the yield, was 50,759,168 bales, the yearly average being 3,615,319 bales. The coming crop is put at 5,200,000 bales. The percentage increase is, for the three years ending 1856, 94 per cent.; for the three years ending 1859, 7; for the two years ending 1861, 20; for the three years ending 1871, 46; for the three years ending 1876, 111: for the three years ending 1877, 17; for the two years ending 1879, 151. During the first cleven years following the war, the production reached 36,310,881 bales, an average of 3,300,099 per annum, against 37,410,697 for eleven years ending 1861, an average annual production of 3,400,972. The average crop for the 1-st fourteen years exceeds the average production for the eleven years ending 1861 by 215,000 bales. The crop now coming to market, if current estimates of it be correct, exceeds the largest crop prior to the war by 377,000

Fruits for Food.

Henry Ward Beecher says there is no sense in the old familiar motto. "Fruit is gold in the morning, silver at noon, and lead at night." His reasons for this opinion he thus states: Because, with a limited experience, monly and the states of the sense followers.

people perceive that some folks can eat fruit at one time and not at another, they lay down this rule for all. The cases where fruit is unhealthy at night are the exception. It is true that in tropical climates,

heavy fruits, difficult to digest, ought

But the fruits that are on our North-ern farms are all healthy, as a rule. Among the excellent small fruit are currants, gooseberries, raspherries, straw-berries, grapes, mulberries-these last are a very much neglected fruit; there is no better fruit tree for children than the Downing's ever-bearing mulberry. One of them will bear fruit for eight

or ten weeks steadily, constantly ripen-ing, and pleasing all the fowls and tur-keys, children and old folks. I would rather have this mulberry to-day than a strawberry

a strawberry. The common mulberry is flat and sweet; but this has a fine sprightly acid taste, as finely combined as lemonade.

As you go up, you have the apple, which is the patriarch, or the Abraham, of all fruits. If I had to choose but one fruit out of all in the world, I should decide for the apple. For uses of every kind, early and late,

winter or summer, cooked or raw, ap-ple is king. Then comes the cherry, then the pear, then the plum and the

peach-I have not mentioned oranges, because they are not raisable in the North; but they are not raisable in the North; but they ought to be eaten at the right time, which is all the time from getting up in the morning till you go to bed at night. The man with whom they disagree is the exception."

A Million Dolfars Under Water.

Some parties in San Francisco, who unmercifully for being so badly sold and played upon by the cunning Yankees. "The very idea of turning a gunstock is absurd on the face of it, as all must know who ever saw one." Finding the resolution would fail the two members have been working up the matter for some time past, have discovered the some time past, have discovered the wreck of the steamer Brother Jonathan, which foundered off Point St. George, near Crescent City, in July, 1865. She lies in an upright position in about twenty-two fathoms of water, about fifty fathoms from the submerged rock on which she is supposed to have struck. There was about \$1,000,000 in Treasury notes and bullion in her safe, and the machine, returned and reported the finders are fitting out an expedition for the recovery. The treasure belonged to the government, whose claim is held to have lapsed on the expiration of ten years after the loss.

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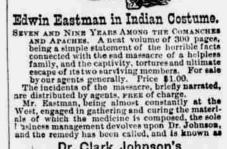
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