FACTS AND COMMENTS.

Of the total population of the United States in 1880 a fraction over ninetyseven per cent. live on the Atlantic slope, about one-half of one per cent. in the great basin and a little less than two and one-half per cent. on the Pacific slope. This statement will startle some who imagine that the star of empire is going westward with break-neck speed.

Statistics show that since 1854 there has been an increase of risk from lightning in various parts of Germany, Australia and Switzerland, while there is no corresponding increase in the number of thunder-storms. The explanation is thought to lie in the clearing of forests, the increase of railroads, and the great use made of iron in the construction of

A recent decision of the United States supreme court is of great interest to all military officers, as it determines that they hold office as do civil officers, at the will of the President and the Senate, who can remove them from office without a verdict of a court martial, which has been supposed to be a necessary preliminary to the dismissal of army and navy officers in time of peace.

The question what degree of heat is necessary to destroy triching in swine's flesh is of importance. A German expert says that if the pieces put into a pot to boil are large, triching in the middle are not certain to be killed by such degree of cooking as they are usually subjected to. As long as the meat retains the pink color known as "rare" it has been insufficiently cooked to destroy the parasites. Smoking and pickling the meat, he asserts, are of no use whatever.

A. Keene Richards, who died in Kentucky recently, spent more than \$1,000,-000 to improve the breed of race-horses in America. He made two long journeys in the deserts of Arabia to obtain the pure Bedouin horse, and succeeded in getting a few of the best blood at fabulous prices, which he mixed with the most fashionable English and American racers. The result, however, up to the time of his death, failed to meet his anticipations, though many winners were sent from his beautiful blue grass park, near Georgetown, Kv.

Seven men, residents of Gilbon, were arrested for tarring and feathering one Stephen Cantine and wife, and were taken to Livingstonville, in the town of Broome, and tried before Justice Mulberry and a jury. John H. Mattice and and William H. Brayman appeared for the people and Counselor F. Snyder defended the prisoners. The trial caused great excitement in the towns of Gilboa and Broome, some of the parties charged with the offense being prominent citizens of those towns, and the offense being unprecedented in the county. After a three days' trial three of the prisoners were acquitted and four fined \$20 each.

Secretary Kirkwood thinks the civilization of the Indians a peculiar and difficult problem, and we doubt if anybody will dispute him. He says that when the young brave, after days of hard and veratious labor, has fairly broken his wild pony to the piow, the women of his acquaintance and family will gather about him and taunt him for doing squaws work; offering him articles of their own female apparel as suitable for his present occupation. He is angered and aslamed, abandons his plow, mounts his pony, rides off, gives up agricultural life, and henceforth devotes his valuable life to the consumption of government rations and illicit whisky.

The state department at Washington has recently issued the correspondence had with European countries for the past twelve years, on the subject of emigration to this country of the pauper and criminal classes of various Eastern nationalities. From this it appears that Switzerland has given cause for most of the complaint, four-fifths of the correspondence having been had with the authorities of that country. Mr. Fish, the charge d'affairs at Berne, Switzerland, in this correspondence states that the ratio of the cases of objectionable emigration - the pauper and criminal classes-was to the total emigration in 1870 and 1880, in each nationality, as follows: One to 30,538; German, one to 23,848; Italians, one to 18,086; Swedish, one to 12,546 and Swiss one to 443 2-3.

A Buffalo grand jury found an indietment against one Henry Weil, who keeps an oleomargarine mill in that city. Here is the indictment, which is a curiosity: It is alleged that he "did create and maintain a certain and common public nuisance by keeping and accumulating the fat, bones, flesh, tissues, entrails and substances of divers dead animals, and divers chemical acids to the jurors unknown, beef, tallow, offal, carrion, and other foul, noxious, filthy and putrid matter and substances, both solid and liquid, which the said Weil has cooked, steamed, soaked, mixed, puddled, fermented, stirred, brewed, converted and rendered together and separately, by which he has wrongfully and unlawfully caused and permitted to raise, evolve, emanate, disseminate and spread divers noxious, noisome, offenive, deleterious, unwholesome and unhealthy gases, vapors, exhalations, effluvia, miasmas, smells, stenches, which contaminate, poison and infect the air, to the health, comfort and happiness o many thousands of the good citizens of the city and to the common and public nuisance of said citizens."

The farmers in Louisiana are giving attention to the cultivation of the jute plant. So great is its consumption in the manufacture of mattings, coarse cloths and bagging that there was imported last year into the United States seven millions worth of that product. It is an annual plant; the seed is sown in April and is ready to harvest when it begins to blossom in the summer months. The fibers are soft and silky, and prepared for the loom in like manner as flax, to which it; assimilates in appearance and the uses to which it is converted in textile industries. In Oriental countries it is a staple product, yielding a handsome return to the culti-Its introduction here has been attended with great success, and as the Southern States are well adapted as jute-growing regions, the crop, which requires but little labor and commands a ready sale, will be remunerative to the planter. It can without much trouble or expense be raised in sufficient quantity for home use, so that seven million dollars or more paid annually to foreigners for the imported article will find their way into the pockets of Southern farmers.

Cough Strup be called bullying a cough?

FOR THE LADIES,

"Only an Old Maid."

Two young girls were coming toward me on the street, talking earnestly about some one. As they passed me one said, with a curl of her cherry lip :

"She's only an old maid, anyway!" My cheeks burned with indignation as I thought of one dear old maid I knew, and of how many, many people who should know better than to use these words as a term of repreach and scorn. Let me tell you of her.

She is my husband's aunt, and my aunt, too, because I love her—although I have often said that when I married my husband I did not marry his relatives also.

The petted only sister of quite family of boys, when life was just opening for her full of promise, a dear cousin of hers was married to a missionary who was going to Armenia. She could not bear to leave all her friends. and begged our aunt to go with her to her far-off home and stay a time, until became somewhat accustomed to the strange land. Cheerfuly Aunt F. gave up her own hopes and plans, and went with them.

Only a short time after their arrival the young wife was stricken with consumption, and for two years Aunt F. nursed and cared for her. Then, after they had made the long journey home and laid her to sleep in her native land, Aunt F. went back with the brokenhearted man, to comfort him and care for his baby. For eight years she staid, until he married again, and then came home to restawhile before making a cozy little home nest for herself.

Her eldest brother and his wife were suddenly bereft of their only child, and wanted to have Aunt F, come and stay with them, for a time at least. As the days went by it grew harder for them part with her, and she finalty decided make her home with them, and did The brother died last year, aged ninety; his wife is fast following him. and Aunt F. is a snowy-haired woman of

And what has she been doing all these

In the city where she resides she is "aunt" to all the settled residents, old and young; there is no good work in, which she does not take a part; there is no friend of hers whose troubles are not hers, and when I tell you that a society of young girls from the ages of twelve to twenty meet once in two weeks at her home to spend the day with her because they love her, you may know she is companionable and lovable She has cheerfully devoted her life to others; and she has never hinted by

word or look that it was a sacrifice. When my husband was left mother less at the age of thirteen, she used often to invite him to her home to esher to concerts, lectures and church-telling him kindly how to perform these duties in a gentlemanly manner, thus doing more to teach and put him at his ease than ten books of

etiquette. There are many like her; but if there were not, for her sake alone, dear girls -and women-never speak slightingly o an old maid!-Church and Home.

Fentures of New Dresses,

The shirred waists that were introduced a year ago, are generally adopted for new dresses made of any of the soft fabrics that shirr well, such as surah, fine wools, foulsard and soft muslins, This shirring is not now confined to clusters at the neck and waist line, but covers the entire shoulders in parallel rows simulating a round yoke. It is also conspicuous in the full sleeves called generally bishops' sleeves. In some of these it appears in several rows around the armholes, the elbows, and again at the wrists; in others, the gathering at the elbows is omitted, so that a soft puff is formed; while other sleeves are shirred all over-those for short arms in lengthwise rows, and in horizontal rows for long arms. Shirring is also seen on standing collars, and on the wide round Stuart collar. The the corsage remains popular, and is now much broader than it has been worn, and is longer than the basque, both ends falling below the basque, and being finished with fringe. This scarf s now shirred in clusters, with the space between folded in plaits; five clusters of shirring are used; the middle cluster is in the back of the neck, two clusters are just below the throat in front, and two more ruffled skirt, and cape with or without are at the waist line. There are various hood. It is good made in plain or checkof which is to shirr the entire lower skirt in rows around the figure. Another dressy front of skirts has two shirred ing. The "Albertine" costume is for scarfs, each six or eight inches wide when completed, put straight down the of age, and is very pretty. front from belt to toe, while in the space between may be four lengthwise knife plaited frills, two on each side turned to the middle; or else there are five long looped bows of surah, doubled narrowly, and finished with tassels placed on the flat open space. Another new feature is the use of two soft bias puffs around the lower skirt instead of plaitings. Sometimes these are very narrow. and they are always made to lap decply. This is very effective in striped goods, as in black grenadines, and is much used on plain sewing-silk grenadines or on brocaded stuffs. Other skirts have wider puffs, that may be either bias or the surah or nun's veiling; and these extend up to the where the top is concealed under the upper drapery. Some dresses have a series of narrow lapping bias puffs up the middle of the front breadth, where lapped knife-plaitings were formerly placed, while others have similar puffs up the left side, where they are disclosed by the overskirt being caught up very high on that side. There are also many polonaises shown as the season advances, and these are very full on the hips, in exact contradiction to the long close basques that fit like Jerseys. Sometimes this fullness is merely extended around from the front in the usual panier fashion, but in many cases the fullness is added in deep shirring just below the waist line, and the part below is turned back in revers. skirts of dresses worn with polonaises are quite as elaborately trimmed as those with basques. Sometimes the whole front and side breadths are shirred, and three or four gathered ruffles of Egyptian brocade, or blocks or else of bayadere stripes are placed across the breadth to break up the monotony of the shirring. The shirred squares are set on at the neck, or else

inserted like plastrons. The new bows

for dress garniture have as many as ten

or twelve long loops that are really loops—not flatly pressed—and also some ends notched or forked; all this

plain full skirts worn here do not appear on French dresses; no materialsnot even the bayadere stripes—are made up entirely plain. The lower skirt remains very narrow, and is shorter than that adopted during the winter, but the long-talked-of return to simple straight trains of full-dress toilets, and to brodraped. Very small bullet-shaped buttons fasten the front of corsages, and these are mostly crocheted, with perhaps a few beads in them. The large buttons most used are of steel or other metal to match trimmings, and these are not conspicuously placed, as they have finish to coat sleeves. A shirred satin cuff is also popular, and there are folded ends.—Bazar.

Fashion Notes.

The new Valenciennes lace has a heavy edge.

Shirrings or gagings are everywhere, both on skirts and bodice. There is a great suppresssion in the

number of seams in the bodice. The lace straw bonnets are openworked and require a colored lining. able in most of the new satin costumes-Very wide ribbon and yards and yards

the summer. Small feathers are crowded upon the hats in such profusion as almost to conceal the brims.

Striped goods with different patterns materials which come for combination

by sandals of white satin, emboddered with beads or trimmed with lace appliention.

There are bonnets of all shapes and sizes among the newest importations; pokes of moderate dimensions are the favorites. Shaded or ombre effects will be a fea-

ture in spring fashions. Shaded feathers,

shaded flowers and shaded ribbons are now shown. with the corners cut off, so as to have something the effect of the sailor collar

All kinds of borderings appear on the new bonnets. Besides lace, straw gimp, steel lace and rows of very large beads are all employed.

Plain shepherd's plaid gowns have overdresses and drapery of the shepherd's plaid, crossed by narrow silk bars in bright colors.

Some of the black open straws in connets are so fine that they look like thread lace. Other designs are in imitation of Torchon lace.

Pearl studs and sleeve buttons, with gold threads crossed in the center and giving them the appearance of being sewed on, are new and odd.

The waists which are shirred all the ray around the belt are called Spencer, although much prettier than the ugly garment that formerly bore that name. Spring flowers are generally small and delicate but sweet; the flowers of summer are larger and more plentiful

and have bright colors, and are also

very sweet and load the air with fragrance; the flowers of autumn are bright and showy, but have little fragrance. omposed of cream-colored foulard and the dark nun's veiling. The foulard is bordered with a plaiting of Languedoe lace and a wreath of wild roses so well stamped as to look as if painted.

Sunshades and fans matching the foulard comes in the box with the dress, It is said that Worth is now making of antique poplins and embroidering shirred scarf for trimming the front of them with beads that match exactly the all parts of the world, and in a few years material in color. The bodice is almost contribute millions to the commerce of round-waisted and there is a pouf at the Southern Pacific States and Terriback. The waist-band, that commences | tories. under the arms, falls somewhat on the hips, instead of encircling the waist.

One of Demorest's designs for early to sixteen years of age is the "Pilgrimage" suit It consists of deep basque, overskirt, yet pretty and very becomsmaller girls from eight to twelve years

WISE WORDS.

That is the best part of beauty which a picture cannot express.

Surely that preaching which comes from the soul most works on the soul. The divinity of charity consists in relieving a man's needs before they are forced upon us.

Good qualities are the substantial riches of the mind; but it is good breeding that sets them off to advantage.

Childhood often holds a truth with its feeble fingers, which the grasp of manstraight when made of plain goods, such | hood cannot retain, which it is the pride of utmost age to recover.

> Be not diverted from your duty by any idle reflections the silly world may make upon you, for their censures are not in your power, and consequently should not be any part of your concern. Old age is the night of life, as night

> is the old age of the day. Still, night is full of magnificence; and, for many, it is more brilliant than the day. Give not thy tongue too great a lib erty, lest it take thee prisoner. A word unspoken is like a sword in a scabbard

> -thine; if vented, thy sword is in an other's hand. If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue. The happiest lot for a man, as far as birth is concerned, is that it should give him but little occasion to think much

> about it. A man who does manly work in the world is respected, but he who trifles away his time with toys receives the world's contemptuous smile.

> The patriot is he who obeys his country's laws, and if they are oppressive and unjust strives earnestly and within the proper limits to rectify them.

> You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful persons. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? You will find half the battle is gained if you never say anything gloomy.

is held by one small strap at the top or in the middle. Satin ribbon two inches wide is used for such bows, and often souls. When wrought in earliest youth Unselfish and noble acts are the most two contrasting colors of ribbon are they lie in the memory of age like coral QUEEN? Can curing a cough with Da. Bull's employed, the lighter being placed in-levon Strur be called bullying a cough? employed, the lighter being placed in-side the darker loops as a lining. The melancholy waste of ocean.

Antiquity at Table They did not dine simply in the spiritual era. We have had nothing in later times to excel in profusion and splendor the feast given in the third year of his reign by Ahasuerus, king of all the earth from Ethiopia to the Indus, breadths is confined to the flowing in his capital of Susa, to the most illus trious and the meanest of the Medes and cades that are too rich and heavy to be Persians. We read in the book of Esther how the six months' fete wound up with a banquet in the royal gardens, to which the small and great among the citizens were invited. The description preserves the magnificence of the jubiee. The multitude ate and drank in lately been. Six crocheted bullet-shaped buttons and button-holes on the tapestry of Babylon for a chamber suit outer seam of the wrists give a neat of which a Roman emperor long after gave \$32,000 of our money, or may have been some costly fabric of Tyrian weft. narrow scarfs tied around the arm, with a small bow on top, and hanging taseled of ivory attached to marble columns-The guests reclined on couches of ivory and silver, which stood on pavements of jasper, porphyry and alabaster, adorned with exquisite paintings. They drank out of golden cups, the meals were served in dishes continually varied, the wine, of the rarest quality, flowed as from fountains. Ahasuerus entertained in a manner worthy of a mighty prince, but by all accounts the monarch and his hospitality were completely eclipsed by Solomon in all his glory. Strong contrasts of color are observ- No nation since or before was more prosperous than Israel under the wise king. The precions metals were almost of it will be needed to trim bonne's for as common in Jerusalem as Candide found them to be in El Dorads. The daily consumption of food at Solomon's table included thirty measures of fine flour, sixtx measures of meal, ten fat oxen, ten grazing oxen, 100 sheep, be-Striped goods with different patterns | side harts, roebucks, fallow deer, and on the two sides are among the oddest | fatted fowl. The royal menage was, of course, in keeping with the noble commissariat, which was superintended by Bridal costumes are now accompanied | twelve officers, each of whom discharged the duties of lion's provider or caterer for the king's table during one month of the year .- Tinsley's Magazine

Unknown Alaska. When the late Mr. Seward purchased Alaska from the ezar of Russia, says an exchange, he was not aware of the fact that he was getting with his countless fur-seals, fisheries, mines and icebergs one of the greatest rivers in the world, The newest collarettes are kerchiefs and now almost demonstrated to be of greater volume than the Missisippi. Such is the Yukon This vast region in waters remains almost as much a terra incognito as the Congo. In fact, while the latter has once been explored—by Stanley-from the point where Living stone turned back down to the Atlantic ocean, and by Livingstone from its extreme sources to where Stanley's exploration began, no traveler has ever yet been able to enlighten the world as to its length or its source, or the region it drains. Here, then, is an opening for enterprise and ambition, more fruitful of promise than anything as yet unrevealed in Africa or the Arctic sea, and probably less dangerous. That the country contains mines of gold and silver, we may readily conjecture from the fact that such mines exist on all sides of The river is navigable for hundreds of miles. It is free of ice from June to

September. Its banks are flanked below with Indian villages. Its waters are filled with fish for the support of human life and its woods with game. The mountains in which it rises are unknown to white men, but, as they are generally believed to be stored with that treasure which lead to the rapid settlement of California, and to the expansion of commerce on the south and Central Among the new pattern dresses are Pacific, there is the strongest sort of temptation on the part of thousands to see them, test them and dig them up, if the treasure can be found. The government has many vessels lying idle and uselessly rotting for the want of

action. Why not fit one of them up for a two or three years' cruse on this great unexplored river of the north? The both long and short dresses in the form discovery of gold mines there would of antique poplins and embroidering lead instantly to a large migration from

A Rat in the Telegraph Service.

A telegraph inspector recently pressed spring wear for young girls from twelve into his service a rat under the following peculiar circumstances: It was necessary to overhaul a cable of wires inclosed in iron tubes. A certain length of the cable had to be taken out of the ways of shirring dress skirts, the simplest ed wool or gingham. It is a peculiarly tube, and the men commenced hauling simple and practical design, without at one end without having taken the precaution to attach to the other a wire by which it might be drawn back into the tube after inspection and repairs. The question arose how the cable was to be restored to its proper place, and here the ingenuity of the inspector was manifested.

He invoked the aid of a rat catcher, and, provided with a large rat, a ferret and a ball of string wound round on Morse paper drum, he repaired to the opening in the tube. The "flush boxes" were opened, and the rat, with one end of the string attached to his body, was put into the pipe. He scampered away at a racing pace, dragging the twine with him until he reached the middle of the length of pipe, and there stopped. The ferret was then put in, and off went the rat again until he sprang out of the next flush box. One length of the cable was thus safe, and the same operation was commenced with the other; but the rat stopped short a few yards in the pipe and boldly awaited the approach of the ferret. A sharp combat here commenced, and it was feared that one or both of the animals would die in the pipe. But, after sundry violent jerks had been given to the string, the combatants separated; the ferret returned to his master, and the rat, making for the other extremity of the pipe, carried the ttring right through, and so relieved she inspector from his anxiety.

The four seasons—spring, summer, autumn and winter—should be thus classified: Cartmen, coalmen, farmers, plumbers-New York Dispatch.

[Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.] The Rt. Rev. Bishop Gilmour, Cleveland, Ohio; Chas. S. Strickland, Esq. 9 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.; Capt Paul Boyton, the world-renowned swimmer; Prof. C. O. Duplessis, manager Chicago gymnasium, Chicago, Til.; Wm. H. Warcing, Esq., assistant-gen-geral superintendent, New York postoffice; Hon. Thomas L. James, postmaster, New York; Stacey Hill, Esq., Mt. Auburn Inclined Plane railroad, Cincinnati, Ohio, are among the myriads who have experienced the beneficial effects of that most remarkable remedy. St. Jacobs Oil, and who have testified to its efficacy in unqualified terms.

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[New Albany Ledger-Standard.]

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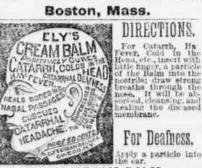
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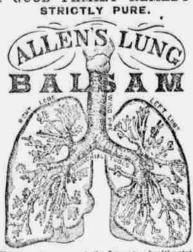
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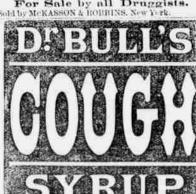


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