INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

—Chicago is doing more building at the present time than in any previous Spring since 1873.

—The great flour producing industry of Minneapolis, Minn., is to be increased by adding new mills, with 28 runs of stones, so that there will be in that city 233 runs of stones.

—A spinning mill, to employ four hundred hands, is to be erected in Scranton, Pa. The business comes from Massachusetts, and Scranton was elected owing to the cheapness of coal at that point.

—The copper production of Michigan last year was worth $6,460,000. The iron ore product was worth about $3,800,000; pig iron, about $1,000,000. Total mineral product, about $11,250,000.

—Rival plough manufacturers are now organizing plowing matches in Lehigh County, Pa., and the farmer on whose land the match occurs chuckles at having his Spring ploughing cheaply and expeditiously done.

—London *Hardware says*: At an exhibition of Japanese art and manufactures, held in the Imperial Palace, the first objects which met the eye of Commander Briggs, R. N., were an American plough and a large farm wagon.

PARAGRAPHIC.

—An Egyptian papyrus, 28 feet long by 17 inches broad, has recently been purchased by the French Direction of Fine Arts. The document dates back to the year 2000 B. C., and relates to the death and funeral of the queen-mother of Kor-Hor, of the first Egyptian dynasty.

—A Boston paper says: "A butterfly was caught at the South End yesterday." It may be safe enough to catch a butterfly at the south end, but when you go to grab a wasp, you want to catch it at the northeasterly end, shifting westerly toward the head. —*Norristown Herald.*

—The driver of a cab which was passing through the Rue Grange-aux-Belles, Paris, was observed to be sitting on his box in a state of insensibility. The horse was stopped by a police officer, and the man, on being taken down, was found to have died from heart disease. Two persons were in the vehicle, and had been driven for several minutes by a corpse, which still held the reins in its clenched hands.

—A young man, on becoming affianced, was desirous of presenting his intended with a ring appropriately inscribed; but, being at a loss what to have engraved upon it, he asked his father's advice. "Well," said the old gentleman, "put on, *When this you see, remember me.*" The young lady was surprised, upon receipt of the ring a few days after, to read this inscription: "When this you see, remember father."

—An arrested "moonshiner" at Memphis, Tenn., says there are about 200 illicit distilleries in Putnam County, Tenn., five being in a circuit of one-half mile. Every bushel of corn used produces an average of two and a half gallons of whisky, and the price of corn in that locality seldom reaches fifty cents a bushel, making the price of whisky less than twenty cents a gallon. It is generally sold at from one to three dollars per gallon.

—The school property in California is valued at over $6,000,000. The cost of text books amounts to $3,000,000 yearly. There are over 200,000 children in the State between 5 and 17 years of age, and of this number not one-half attend a school of any kind. More than half of the children are of foreign parentage. There are 500 pupils at the State Normal school. There are over 3,000 teachers in the State, and more than half are females.

—The blunders of absent-mindedness are sometimes exceedingly amusing. Most readers will remember the deeply-absorbed professor, who, in passing out of the gateway of his college, ran against a cow. In the confusion of the moment he raised his hat and exclaimed, "I beg your pardon, madam." Soon afterward he stumbled against a lady in the street, when, in sudden recollection of his former mishap, he called out, "Is that you again, you brute?"

—Mr. Henry Bergh delivered a lecture on swill milk before the New York Farmers' Club on Tuesday, in which he said that eight or ten million gallons of this pestiferous fluid is sold annually in New York and Brooklyn, and to this alone Mr. Bergh ascribes the fact that in New York more than one-half the total death occur under the age of 5 years, and that the infant mortality is greater than in Paris, where many causes exist which tend to destroy early life which are unknown to us, while the death rate in New York is 13 per cent. above that of London.

—A lady who had two children sick with the measles wrote to a friend for the best remedy. The friend had just received a note from another lady inquiring her method of making pickles. In reply, the lady unfortunately placed the notes in the wrong envelopes, so that the person who inquired about the pickles received the remedy for the measles, and the anxious mother of the sick children read with horror the following: "Scald them three or four times in very hot vinegar and sprinkle them with salt, and in a few days they will be cured."

—The "Woman's Union Mission," of San Francisco, maintains in that city a school where Chinese boys and girls, ranging from four years of age up to twelve, are taught to read, write and cipher. The school is distinctively religious, and the pupils are instructed in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. The girls are taught among other things, the use of the needle, and some of the best performances in the fancy department of the art ornament of the schoolroom. It costs over a thousand dollars a year to carry on the institution, which has been in existence about eight years.

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