ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

Evidences of the Terrible Butcheries Discovered by the Commission.

PITS FILLED WITH MASSACRED.

Cuined Villages Left in the Path of the Ruthless Turks .-- Bodies Thrown Into Trenches and Partly Burned --- The Powers Submit Notes to the Porte Calling for Reform.

The commission which has been investigating the atrocities in Armenia traversed the devastated villages and arrived at Jellygoozan (also written Ghellyguzan), where 120 houses were found to have been burned. The people were sheltered in miserable huts, and ample proof



(He Serves as Interpreter Between Turkish

was found of the truth of the stories heretofore told by correspondents of English newspapers regarding the massacre of Armenians and the throwing of their bodies in large numbers into a pit, where the Turks endeavored to conceal their crime by pouring barrels of petroleum upon the bodies and setting fire to the oil. The flames, however failed to consume the mass, and a stream was dammed and diverted from its course in order to wash away the half-burned bodies. Even this failed to obliterate the terrible evidence against the Turks, and the local authorities were compelled to remove the bodies. The villagers had removed the bulk of the bod-les and interred them in consecrated ground

before the arrival of the commission.

The delegates of the Powers left Mush on April 5. The Turkish delegates at first de-clined to accompany them, and then changed their minds. They went to the ruined vil-lages, and traversed Shenik and Gernal, which were found in ruins standing in the midst of devastated fields. They passed other villages where many houses were burned, and at Jellygoozan the commission had two pits, instead of one as originally reported, opened, and found in them the remains of skulls and bones with hair and clothing still adhering to them. Later, another pit was searched. It was situated in a ravine near Jellygoozen, and inside it was found a decapitated trunk and other remains. But few bodies, however, were found. The villagers told the delegates that they had removed the bodies from this pit. It was evident that all three pits had contained bodies. The exhalations from the pits were so frightful that the delegates had great trouble in prevailing upon laborers to finish their horrible task.

As a result of the investigation and the reports of the delegates, the Powers have submitted notes to the Turkish Government impressing upon the Porte the necessity of emptly inaugurating a scheme for Arme nian reforms which should include the acpointment of Christian officials in Armenia, the Powers to have the right to veto the apntments of the governors. The notes of the delegates do not base their suggestions on the Sassun outrages, but on the general unsatisfactory condition of Armenia.

A MILE OF VETERANS.

Grand Parade of the New York State G. A. R. at Saratoga.

The parade of the State Grand Army veterans at Saratoga, N. Y., proved a great success. There was an immense gathering



SENERAL THOMAS G. LAWLER, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

the largest seen in Saratoga since the Sep tember floral fete. The procession—a mile in length—was reviewed by Commander-in-Chief Thomas G. Lawler and Department nmander Shotts.

Following the parade the veterans and their friends assembled in Convention Hall, which was filled to overflowing. On the stage there were 350 school children, who rendered patriotic songs. The address of welcome was made by Village President Charles H. Sturges, which was responded to by Department Commander Shotts. Ad dresses were also made by General Palme, and Commander-in-Chief Lawler.

A Clergyman's Sulcide.

During a fit of mental despondency, caused by his sweetheart's refusing to accompany him to church, the Rev. Ott Tazwell killed himself at Velpin, Ind., where he had preached for some time.

Higher Wages for 15,000 Men. The Carnegie Steel Company, employing 15,000 men, posted a notice at Pittsburg

Penn., advancing wages ten per cent. The Business Revival. Reports from Pittsburg show a great re vival in business in Pennsylvania and ad-

PUT HIM TO SLEEP

A Noted Woman Politician Gives an Ex-

hibition of Her Hypnotic Power. At an investigation being held against officers of the Kansas State Insane Asylum, in Topeka, Mrs. Mary Lease, the woman politician, gave an exhibition of her hitherto unknown power as a hypnotist. During the



MRS. MARY E. LEASE. (Kansas Woman Politician Who Hypnotized an Insana Asylum Attendant)

proceedings Mrs. Lease, without announcing her purpose, walked across the committee room to where J. L. Flint, an attendant at the asylum, was sitting, and made a pass of her hand before his eyes. Flint appeared to

Mrs. Lease made him do all sorts of things, ridiculous and otherwise, and finally brought him out of his trance by other passes of her hands.

NECROLOGY.

The Hand of Death Claims Distinguished and Representative Persons.

Ira J. Chase, formerly Governor of Indiana, died in Lubec, Me., from erysipelas. He went to that place several months ago to conduct evangelical work. He was born in Rockport, N. Y., December 7, 1834. He studied for the ministry after the war, and was a Christian minister till he entered polities. In 1888 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor with Governor Hovey, and upon the death of the latter succeeded him as

Mrs. Mary Ridgely Brown, wife of Governor Frank Brown, of Maryland, died a few days ago at the Hotel Rennert, Baltimore. Although she was only thirty-eight years old, she had not been well for more than two she had not been well for more than two years. While shopping two years before she had an attack of sunstroke from which she never entirely recovered. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the well-known David Ridgely, of Baltimore.

Ex-President Julius H. Seelye, of Amherst College, died at Amherst, Mass., of crysipelas. Rev. Dr. Julius Hawley Seelye was President of Amherst College from 1877 until 1890. He was born in Bethel, Conn., on September 14, 1824. He was graduated from Amherst College with high honors in the class of 1849.

General Charles Sutherland, formerly Surgeon-General of the United States Army, died at his residence in Washington, sixty-five years old. General Sutherland was born in 1830 in Philadelphia. He served throughout the war and in December, 1890, was appointed killed.

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Surgeon-General of the Army. COMEZ WINS A BATTLE.

The Spanish Troops Utterly Defeated by Cuban Insurgents.

A big battle was fought at Boryey, province of Puerto Principe, Cuba, between Gomez, the Cuban leader, and Salcedo, the Spanish commander. Gomez was victorious, annihilating the Spanish troops, killing and capturing more than a thousand men, and great quantities of ammunition and army stores. The battle lasted four hours, and

was hard fought.

Men from the plantations are joining the insurgents hourly. Fifty from the sugar plantations around Conselacion Del Sur, well armed with rifles, joined the revolutionists. The ranks of the insurgents are filling up from the small towns and plantations. All labor has been stopped in the province of Puerto Principe. Laborers are flocking to Gomez. Thousands are joining him. All work in the outlying provinces is at a stand-

THE GOLD CURE.

Dr. Keeley Must Tell the Ingredients of His Relief for Drunkenness.

Judge Myers, of the District Court, Leavenworth, Kan., has made an important order affecting the rights of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley. W. F. Johnson, of Topeka, sues Dr. Keeley for \$100,000 damages, the petition reciting that the plaintiff has been made a physical wreek by the gold cure. Judge Myers ruled that Dr. Keeley must make known the in-gredients of his bichloride of gold. The Court holds that the cure is not a property right nor trade mark, is unprotected by a patent, has been in use more than two years, and consequently Dr. Keeley must tell of what it is compounded.

Three Hangings in Missourl.

Joseph Burrier, colored, was hanged at St. Joseph, Mo., for attempted assault upon a seven-year-old girl. This was the first legal James Murray, colored, who was convicted with his brother "Ed." of the murder of Conductor Edgar Fitzwilliams, on the Midland Suburban line in 1893, was hanged at Clayton, Mo. "Ed" was hanged at Herrman, Mo., an hour later.

Four Miners Killed.

Four persons were killed by the explosion in the mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at Sopris, Col. They are Sylvester Cox, John Lubahn, Albert Laemmenringer and Blas Rococomich.

A Village Nearly Destroyed by Fire. A fire destroyed nearly the entire business portion of Oakfield, N. Y. The loss aggregated \$75,000; partly insured.

The Labor World. Bank of England has 1100 employes. Coal miners agreed on a scale until July 1.

Organized labor throughout the State of Illinois will celebrate the Fourth of July this Two non-union men were whipped by three women at Sheboygan, Wis., where 3000 men are out on strike.

In the Beliaire (Ohio) region more than 15,000 coal miners went out on strike, and all mines were closed down.

The employes of a Maine mill struck. The superintendent acceded to their demands and gave every man who did not strike a \$20

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

Washington Items.

from parents of triplets and quadruplets. Great Britain notified the United States that it would not observe the regulations regarding sealing firearms on vessels in Ber-

Admiral Meade declined to answer the in-

United States Minister Haselton was re-

Postmaster-General Wilson awarded the contract for supplying the Postoffice Department with registered package envelopes, tag and dead letter envelopes for the next fiscal year to the Plympton Manufacturing Company and the Morgan Envelope Company of Hartford, Conn.

Brigadier-General Craighill, the new Chief of Engineers, assumed charge of the Engineer Corps of the Army.

Domestic.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

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The convention at Salt Lake City, Utah, called by Governor Rickards, of Montana, to discuss means to promote the interests of the silver cause met, after a parade, in the Great Mormon Tabernacle. Over 2000 dele-gates were present. Governor Rickards pre-

One of the powder mills at Schaghticoke, N. Y., blew up, Chauncey Lohmes was killed and Charles Clump fatally injured. Both men were employed in the mill.

T. W. Atkinson, of New York City, was chosen Commander of the New York State Department, G. A. R., by the Saratoga Encampment.

An anti-trolley indignation meeting in Brooklyn, N. Y., was attended by 10, 00 per-

Three thousand employes of the Pencoyd Iron Works at West Manyhunk. Penn., had their wages advanced ten per cent.

By atie vote the bill for the reorganization of the New York City Police Department was killed in the State Senate at Albany. The competitive drill of the military com-

panies at Memphis, Tenn., began. Eckley B. Coxe, the most prominent coal operato in Pennsylvania, died at Drifton of pneumonia. He was fifty-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Hale, a newly-married couple, were burned to death in their new home at Midland, Mich. The fire was

The trial of Police Inspector William W. McLaughlin for bribery and extortion in taking \$50 from Contractor Francis W. Sea-grist, Jr., ended in a disagreement of the jury. The jurors stood ten for conviction to

Mrs. S. Lowenstein, of Brooklyn, died in giving birth to four babies, two of whom

Troops were summoned to Franklin (Minn.) nines to repress strikers.

Three men and a dozen race horses were killed in a railway accident near Hornells-ville, N. Y.

At Lexington, Ky., Albert S. Hall, a gro-ceryman, and Volney Hinton Baird, a clerk in Hall's place, engaged in a shooting en-counter in the home of Hall, because of Baird's attention to Mrs. Hall. Baird was

A lodging house in Chicago was wrecked

by natural gas and a number of persons were killed and injured. The United States Mutual Accident Association of New York was declared insolvent, with liabilities of \$300,000 and assets of \$50,-

Twelve-year-old Agnes Buchanan and seven-year-old Joseph Bastino were killed by the trolley cars in Newark, N. J.

Foreign Notes.

The Spanish commander who fired on the Allianca was publicly censured.

The Emperor of Austria has finally accepted the resignation of Count Kalnoky, Imperial Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Baron von Goltz has been succeeded as Admiral Commanding-in-Chief of the German Navy by Admiral Knorr.

A decree was issued by the Mikado announcing that, in deference to the wishes of Russia, France and Germany, Japan would not insist on retention of the Liau-Tong Pen-insula. The Japanese Nation is greatly excited over the Mikado's submiss

Queen Withelminia and Queen Regent Emma returned to The Hague, Holland,

Ex-Queen Natalie, of Servia, entered Belgrade in triumph after her four years' ban-ishment. King Alexander and his Ministers and high officials welcomed her at the sta-The crowds received her enthusiasti-

The Anti-Socialist bill was unanimously rejected in the German Reichstag. Emperor Francis Joseph refused to accept the resignation of Count Kalnoky, Premier of Austria-Hungary.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Five Men Killed and Three Fatally Injured at West Bingham, Penn.

By the blowing up of an eighty-horse-power boiler at West Bingham, Potter County, Penn., five men were killed and three fatally injured. The killed are: Claude English, James Mowers, Eugene Merrick, Lyman Perry and Charles Grover. The fatally in-jured are: O. Johnston, William Gridley and Caleb Converse, all residents of Mills, Penn. At the time of the accident the men were sitting near the boiler waiting for a belt to be repaired. The boiler was condemned by an inspector only a few days before, as the steam gauge failed to record accurately within fifty pounds the amount of the pres-sure. All but one of the killed and injured were married men with families.

Decadence of Bull Fighting. Everything points to an early decadence of bull fighting, which has been declining in buil lighting, which has been declining in the past nine months in the City of Mexico and throughout the Republic. The last fight in the Buccareli ring was particularly bad. This is probably the last fight which will be given for the present, and it is not yet de-cided whether the ring will be reopened with the coming of the new season.

Killed Her Confessor.

The Abbe de Broglie, brother of Duke Albert de Broglie, was shot and killed at Paris, France, by a woman named Amelot, a religious maniae. She was laboring under the delusion that

the Abbe was guilty of abusing the secrecy of The Abbe de Broglie was sixty-one years old, enormously wealthy and very chari-

An Enlarged Midway at Atlanta. The Atlanta Exposition means to reproduce the Midway Plaisance of the Chicago

During the month of April, 1895, 40,444 immigrants arrived at the ports of the United

President Cleveland is deluged by letters

quiries of the Navy Department regarding his criticism of the Administration. SUMMER CARE OF MILK.

called from Venezuela because he was men-tally and physically broken down.

The Navy Department states that fifty able seamen of the cruiser New York have been ordered in irons for desertion.

American Agriculturist,

RETAINING THE BUTTER PLAYOR. Concerning cold storage of butter, we will say that there is only method that will keep butter so as to preserve its first rosy flavor, and that is by

freezing it. The old method of cold storage by holding it at a temperature of thirtyeight to forty degrees would keep the butter from getting rancid, but it would soon lose its fine flavor and show a sort of dead, cold storage taste. If refrigerators are constructed on a system whereby a temperature of sixteen to twenty degrees can be constantly maintained, butter can be held in a sweet, rosy condition six months. Recent experiments have indicated that it is better to go down even as low as eight degrees above zero. The butter does not lose its flavor quickly when brought into consumption. The sixty-pound package, either in tubs or firkins, is probably the best form of Dairyman.

THE CULTURE OF FLAX.

Flax requires a rich, light loam soil. and, preferably, a grass sod turned under. The land should be moist, but not wet, and a low-lying meadow on a river bottom is especially favorable to it. It is grown either for the seed or for the fibre, and the method of cultivation differs as the purpose for which the crop is grown. For seed, the seed sown is not more than two to three pecks per acre, as thin sowing encourages the growth of side branches, on which the fruit, called seed boils, are produced more than on the main stem. It is mostly grown for seed on this continent, as the climate is too dry and warm for the best kind of fibre. The only locality where the present prices prevailing, it is the most profitable of all grain crops. As the preparation of the fibre requires much hand labor, it is not a paying crop. and it is hardly possible that at present we can compete with the Russians and Bohemians in growing and preparing it. The culture is rapidly dycompetition of the Eastern European Nations, where labor is so cheap .-New York Times.

A CHEAP PLANT HOUSE.

I should like to tell of a cheap little house we built last fall, writes Mrs. G. D. The winter was unusually severe, yet all my flowers except an artillery plant were saved, even the tender begonias. As it may be of use to some other beginner I will give the plan of this house.

Strong posts were driven into the ground at intervals of six feet. Upon each side of the posts inch planks were nailed. The space between was filled with sawdust rammed down close. The boards on the inside were planed so as to make a smooth ceiling, but the outer ones were not dressed. Over the outside a layer of asbestos is tacked, and over this is a heavy weather boarding. The roof has a double ceiling, as well as a thick shingling. A coating of sawdust about three inches thick is placed between the shingles and the first ceiling; and between the two ceilings overhead is a layer of asbestos. The dimensions of this little house are only 6x12 feet, yet it gives room for as many plants as I care to keep. Lyman | Height of the front is nearly eight feet, height at back is six. It fropts south, and is lighted, by sliding windows, which come within three feet of the ground, below them being ceiled and weather-boarded like the other walls. At the east end is a glass door. I have heavy duck curtains outside the glass. These are dropped down during the worst weather, and left down every night in the middle of winter. The flowere are placed on a set of steps eight inches spart. The lower ones are twelve inches wide, the two upper six inches. The most tender plants we put on top. I open the windows on every warm day in winter to make the plants hardy.

chrysanthemums will grow rapidly The only beating apparatus is a coal of! stove. This is kept burning whenever I find is necessary, and it gives wormth enough for a South Tennessee winter. I don't know whether such a structure and such heating appliances would be safe further north | a stable, have it free from odors. or not. - Detroit Free Press.

ROSES FOR THE GARDEN.

Thousands of people who love roses, and have plenty of room in their gardens or dooryards for a bed of are afraid to attempt to grow them, crowded quarters.

because they imagine it requires too Cleanliness in all dairy operations much skill. A great deal of this may be laid at the door of our older-school is of first importance. Milk with dry hands. Keep the atmosphere in which gardeners and florists, who, from narthe milk must stand free from bad row-mindedness more than anything odors. Preserve the desirable flavors else, have tried to envelop everything pertaining to floriculture in mystery, in the cream. If the milk is wanted sweet, lower the temperature as soon and to spread the belief that to grow as the milk is drawn from the cow to even the commonest flowers required their skill and superintendence. Cerjust above freezing if possible. Neglect of proper care of milk by patrons is tainly no more mistaken idea regarding the culture of the roses could posthe cause of much trouble at the factory and results in a like reduction in sibly exist. The main factor required is good plain common sense, which, if net profits. It pays to be honest .rightly applied, cannot fail to make it very easy to grow successfully the choicest kinds of reses.

What to Avoid. - Never attempt to grow roses under the shade of a tree, or even where the roots of near-by trees can reach the rose bed, and remember that the roots of established trees will travel far beyond the spread of their branches in search of new and richly manured soil, and when once they reach it they will soon monopolize the whole, leaving the proper occupants a very scant proportion of food to exist upon. No rose can thrive under such conditions. Never choose a place to plant roses that is very wet or undrained, as extreme moisture will rot the roots, and the poor rose will soon die of rapid consumption. Neither should a gravel or sand heap be selected, for the simple reason that such positions are so porous that all the fertilizing given will be washed away by every rain that falls upon it. These are the prinpackage for this work. - Hoard's cipal extremes to avoid in selecting a place for planting roses.

Preparation of the Rose Bed. - Dig up the soil to the depth of eighteen to twenty inches, thoroughly incorporating a liberal proportion of well decomposed manure, and if the natural soil is of a heavy clayey nature the addition of three or four inches of sand will help it materially; on the contrary, if the soil is of a light, sandy or gravelly nature the addition of a liberal proportion of a heavier or clay soil will be very beneficial. Where the bed has to be entirely prepared with new earth I would advise selecting a good, fresh, loamy soil—the surface five or six inches deep from an old pasture is the best. First remove the natural soil altogether, to the depth given above, replacing it with the new soil, adding one load of best fibre might be grown is in the thoroughly mixing the whole, and Southern mountain region, where the when the bed is filled up a little summers are cool and the rainfall is higher than the original soil, to allow twice as much as elsewhere on the for settling, it is ready for the rose Planting and Care of Roses. - Place

the plants about eighteen inches apart

each way, and should dry weather set in give them a liberal soaking of water once a week as long as dry weater continues. Do not give water in homeopathic doses, for roses are like robins, they like the best there is and plenty of it. It will also very greatly help them to produce continuous bloom if ing out in Ireland on account of the they are heavily mulched with short manure or chopped straw; even a coal of coarse, dry grass is better than nothing. In the following spring. after all frost is past, go over them, shorten back any long shoots and cut out any dead tips that may appear, keep all weeds cleared out at all times as soon as they show themselves, and renew the mulching in the spring as pruned. When the plants have started into new growth go carefully over them, and as soon as the first green worm or caterpillar is seen on the leaves, syringe the leaves both under and above with water, then dust them with hellebore powder-a large pepper box or flour dredger is a good thing for this purpose. Repeat this three or four times before the flowers open, and these pests will all disappear, and you will be rewarded with such a crop of beautiful flowers that you will wonder why you had never tried rose growing before. You will find it both a pleasure and a profitpleasure in the beauty and grace it will aid to your home, and profit in giving you employment and recreation in the open air, thereby often saving doctor's bills and discontented minds, -New England Homestead.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Always weigh your butter at home. Don't keep the soil too wet, as it inclines them to decay at the base.

Don't breed for bones, but strive to build up a dairy of butter producers. Do not leave an orchard to itself after planting. Cultivate it without ceasing.

It is necessary that you be able to control the temperature while ripening cream.

Pure water is absolutely necessary, and pastures must be kept free of noxious weeds. Lantanas, perennial phloxes and

from cuttings put out now. Two largely common crops that should be considerably reduced-lice on hens and weeds in the garden.

Do the milking in a quiet place and make no noise doing the work. If in

It is just as important that an orchard receive good tillage to make healthy, vigorous growth as it is to

corn or potatoes. One of the chief causes of disease among shoop is overcrowding. They

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Electricity is supplanting mules as a motive power in mines.

The chance of two finger-prints be-

ing alike is not one in 64,000,000. Herr Nordau treats the mania for collecting useless trifler about one as

a species of degeneracy. The National Academy of Sciences has awarded the Barnard gold medal to Lord Rayleigh for his discovery of argon in the atmosphere.

Cast-iron blocks are being tried in some of the most frequented streets of Paris, instead of the granite blocks usually placed alongside tramway

When a portion of the brain is removed it seems to be renewed, but whether the substance is true brain tissue or not appears to be undeter-

A National sanitary association is one of the hoped-for outcomes of the Atlanta Exposition. A convention of sanitary men and health officers is to be held there for the purpose.

Sir Robert Ball, the Astronomer Royal for Ireland, is said to believe that the time is approaching when posterity will be able to construct machinery that will be operated with heat obtained by the direct action of the sun's rays.

The great Edison incandescent lamp works are no longer turning out lamps with bamboo filament. Bamboo has given way to paper as the basis of the delicate black filament that glows golden when the current passes through it.

The French Government has completed experiments with a new gun which, after having fired 3000 rounds with the heaviest charges of smokeless powder, was found to be in fair condition. It has a bore of six inches and is over twenty-two feet long. The waters of North America, which

means the Gulf of Mexico, the two great oceans and the rivers, creeks and lakes, are stocked with 1800 different varieties of fish. Of the above number 500 are peculiar to the Pacific and about 600 to the rivers, creeks and lakes. One of Pasteur's pupils, a young

Viennese, is said to have discovered the bacillus that causes blood poisoning and inflamed wounds. The antidote, which he also claims to have found, can be used with success in cases diptheria too malignant to yield to serum treatment. The highest death-rate of any town in the civilized world is that of the

City of Mexico-forty per thousand. The city is 7000 feet above sea level, but in spite of this fact its defective drainage makes the mortality very great. Mr. Romero, the Mexican Minister at Washington, explains in a recent article that when the water in Lake Texecco is high it backs up into the sewers until the soil under the houses and in the streets is saturated with sewage.

An Expert in Criminal Ornithology,

The death of Robert Biron, Q. C., the police magistrate, will be regretted by a large social circle, and far beyond it, for in him the poor will have lost a friend. His character was kind and genial, and those who belonged to his circuit had reason for thinking him excellent company. As an after-dinner speaker, of the cheerful sort, he had few superiors. His humor, though good-natured, was very keen. I remember an example of it which always tickled me. His expression was not that of one who passed his time in brawling courts and purlieus of the law, but was rather countrified than otherwise. This, on one occasion, caused a couple of rogues who drove the common trade of selling sparrows in Regent's Park as "having just flow'd over from the Zoological Gardens" to imagine him an easy victim. "It's a curious bird, sir, and we don't know its value, nor even what kind of a bird it is. Now, what should you think?" "Well," said Biron, looking from on to the other of their thievish faces, "I am not quite sure, but I should think it was a jailbird. The astonished embarrassment they displayed was, he used to say, quite remarkable. - London Illustrated News.

Ruby Mining in Bur.nah,

A large quantity of the world's supply of rubies comes from the Burmah mines, which have been actively worked since the annexation of Burmah by the British Government. The ruby district is about twenty-six miles long and twelve broad, and lies at elevations varying from 4000 feet to 5000 feet above the sea-level. Some of the mines have been worked by the natives from very remote periods; in fact, old workings are found over an area of sixty-six square miles. It is in the lower clay beds of the river alluvia, and in similar deposits formed in gullies in the hill-wash, that the rubies, spinels, and other gems are found. In the alluvia, square pits from two feet to nine feet across, ingeniously timbered with bamboo, are sunk to the ruby earth, which is drawn. up by bamboo baskets. In the hillwash long open trenches are carried from the sides of a gully. Regular mines are opened in some places, in others the limestones is quarried .-Detroit Free Press.

The White Ants of India.

"It is a remarkable fact that one never sees wooden telegraph poles in India," said a well-known railroad man yesterday. "The white ants are so numerous in India that they would eat a telegraph pole in one night. On that account stone is used. The stone piles are from six to eight feet high. For ties, inverted iron boxes are used, and, strange to say, they are roses of larger or smaller dimensions, will never do well if they are kept in so tempered that they do not warp in hot weather."-Cincinnati Inquirer.