

FACTS AND COMMENTS.

There were 14,482,068 acres of land planted in cotton in the United States last year, and from that crop was 3,782,969 bales.

The latest addition to agricultural implements in England is the "steam-digger," which is a combination of the plow and spade.

As soon as the death of the late Empress Dowager was announced in China the mandarins and all high officials of the empire put on garments of pure white, and these were worn for twenty-four consecutive days.

A few years ago a young man named Gardner, living at Toledo, Ohio, inherited some money from his father.

Sitting Bull announces that he is anxious to secure a reservation in Canada so that he and his people may live in peace with the whites.

A San Francisco correspondent of a New York paper writes a rather alarming account of the spread of opium-smoking among the American population in that city.

The emigration statistics of Germany are engaging the serious attention of the imperial chancellor, who has submitted to the Bundesrath tables showing that during the year 1880 no fewer than 11,454 young men liable to military service quitted the fatherland for America.

The Chinese government has come to the conclusion that its telegraph lines might better be under its own management than in the hands of enterprising foreigners; and the preliminary steps to that end have been taken in the establishment of a school of telegraphy in Hartford.

The Cincinnati Commercial publishes an interesting diagram showing the changes in the center of population from 1790 to 1880.

annati, and in 1880 eight miles west by south of Cincinnati. It is a curious fact that in these changes the center of population has varied only a few miles from the line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and has now traveled its whole length from Baltimore to Cincinnati.

Mr. Lee Chin, a Chinaman residing in the Territory of Wyoming, and a white woman, also residing in the same Territory, recently went into Colorado for the purpose of being married; and, after the marriage, they returned to the Ohio river.

A New York reporter's attention was attracted by an odd advertisement, which stated that "Indies desirous of purchasing articles from the wardrobe of Queen Victoria can do so by calling on Mrs. West Forty-third street."

The Portugal of the geography and the library had long before charmed our imagination, and we find her, on more intimate acquaintance, showing fascinating hints of her romantic history.

The main cause of these various diseases is indigestion, and it is the main cause of all the diseases of the stomach and bowels, and of all the diseases of the nervous system.

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There is nothing derogatory in any employment, which ministers to the welfare of the race. The plowman that turns the clod may be a Cincinnati or a Washington, or he may be brother to the clod in turn.

There is no glory in the act of affixing a signature by which treasures of commerce are transferred, or treaties between nations ratified; the glory consists in the rectitude of the purpose that approves the one, and the grandeur of the philanthropy that sanctifies the other.

John Pounds, putting new and beautiful souls into the ragged children of the neighborhood while he mended their father's shoes, than to have been set on a throne.

Falstaff asks, "What's honor?" as though it was hard to tell. But let one woman sit behind another in church, and she'll tell what's on her in less than two minutes.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

The Loss of Ammonia. The loss of ammonia in manures is a question frequently discussed. The experiment of Dr. Voelcker with fresh horse manure, gathered from the stables before being mixed with the heaps, will, no doubt, interest and surprise many.

The internal nucleus of the earth can lose little heat outwardly, by reason of the bad conductivity of the rocks.

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Camphor placed in drawers or trunks will prevent mice from doing them any injury.

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The government has spent \$25,000 in investigating the locust, army worm and grasshopper, and the only result thus far reported is that none of them wear spectacles.—Puck.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

A spot on the sun seen with the naked eye in 1848 was 77,000 miles in diameter.

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THE MARKETS. A table listing various market prices including Beef, Pork, Bacon, Butter, Eggs, and other commodities with their respective prices.

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