

FACTS AND COMMENTS.

Fifteen lives are lost on the British coast each week on an average, and thus in twenty-six years about 20,000 persons have perished.

If the Sanitary Engineer can be credited, the consumption of the smoke from locomotives is just as practicable as the consumption of that from stationary boilers.

St. Isaac's, the great cathedral at St. Petersburg, which was finished in 1859 and cost \$25,000,000, is slowly sinking into the ground, and the authorities do not know how to stop it.

The prospects of Mexico were never more encouraging than at this moment. With the introduction of American capital and enterprise the country seems to have started upon a new career of prosperity and peace.

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counts as may be gathered last year, the total number was near 3,000,000. There is one point which, in an educational sense, requires correction, and that is in regard to the Japanese girls, as the number of these is very small in proportion to the boys.

A Peculiar Custom Among the Maoris.

Hon. G. W. Griffin, United States consul at Auckland, New Zealand, recently read a very interesting and valuable paper before the St. Louis Historical society in relation to one of the peculiar customs of the Maoris, or aboriginal inhabitants of New Zealand.

"The law of muru is so complicated in its nature, and subject to so many refinements and so varied in its applications, that it would be about as difficult to tell what it is as to tell what it is not.

"The word muru, in its literal sense, means to rob or to plunder, and for this reason Europeans have come to regard the term as a sort of legalized system of robbery. This view of the subject is, however, very far from being a just one.

Indeed property changes hands so often that a man can't tell a week or a month beforehand who will be the owner of his canoe, blanket or mat or even the house in which he lives. The great principle is to keep property in circulation. The oftener it changes hands the better.

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Three Bears Killed and a Boy Saved.

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