

Savannah is now the largest cotton port in the United States, and Norfolk second.

There are eight mission ships now cruising in the North Sea, each a combination of church, chapel, temperance hall and dispensary.

Alaska cost the United States \$7,000,000, and the Fur Seal Company has already paid our Government over \$5,000,000 for the privileges it enjoys of taking seals from the Territorial waters.

The new Duchess of Marlborough has set out to make Emsheim Castle spick and span, and was astounded the other day to find that the mending of its roof in a trustworthy manner would cost just \$50,000 of her good American dollars.

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The Washington correspondent of the New York World says: "A movement on foot among Southern capitalists to secure a good grade of English colonists." Southern capitalist told me that he belonged to a syndicate which was offering investments to English manufacturers...

This is reported as the greatest water-year the Georgians have had in a decade. A Savannah paper reports the number of carloads shipped from the city at 7035. The average number of carloads per carload is 1100, making 7,800,000 melons already shipped.

Captain Vangele, in an interview at Brussels, Belgium, stated that he believed that he himself was the mysterious "White Pasha" reported by the natives of the Bah-el-Ghazel Province Africa.

The report that two German bankers about to purchase the island of Herm creating a sensation in Paris. The alleged bankers are said to be German naval officers in disguise, whose design is to familiarize themselves by the aid of local pilots, with certain channels and currents, a knowledge which would be of immense value in the event of a war between France and Germany.

THE HOME-BOUND HOST.
The sound of a host advancing,
Trump! tramp! tramp!
Under the windy flicker
And flare of the evening lamp,
Under the steady whiteness
Of the clear electric light,
The sound of an army marching
Is in the streets to-night.

Not to the clamor of bugles,
Nor the stormy beat of drums,
Not to the battle's tocsin,
The jubilant army comes
A sweeter music summons
And thrills along the line,
Though each for himself may hear it,
And make to the next no sign.

THE ENCHANTED VIOLIN.
TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.
Vlasiu Doroschenka had this peculiarity, that he went always with his gaze bent upon the earth, though he had really no other motive for lowering his eyes than because it was his custom to do so. He was poor, it is true, but that was not an infamous thing, as every one knows. Perhaps it was because the young girls did not love him as much as possible, for when have you ever seen madcaps act otherwise than thoughtlessly?

Vlasiu Doroschenka was a handsome boy, yes, even the handsomest boy in Botwinka, his features energetic and grave, his complexion of brown amber, his hair thick and black, cut short upon the top, forming a whole to which two eyes, profound and dreamy, gave something that was singularly gentle and sympathetic.

It is the duty of every operator to be ready, if need be, when he hears the tam-tam to repeat the message, which is taken up in turn by operators further inland. This is a complicated system, and is a highly interesting one. The direct mitch of any result from the contact of an imperfectly heated body with sheets which retain moisture. The body heat is not sufficient to raise the temperature of the sheets to a safe point, and the result must be disastrous in the extreme, if as is sure to happen, the sheet is cooled by contact with a surface colder than itself, and steadily abstracting heat all the night through.

A large part of the Brazilian empire is ready for republicanism, declares the American Cultivator. Dom Pedro, the present Emperor, has been a father to his people. He has been largely influential in abolishing slavery, and for the good he has done the empire will not be disturbed in his day. But he will have no successor. After his death republicanism will be the natural order of things.

"Necessary! then is the violin enchanted!" said the young man, still undecided. The old musician shrugged his shoulders, smiled and, turning away, disappeared under cover of the herbage of the steppe, like a bird that regains in haste the shelter of its leafy covert.

"Why should I not," he said to himself; "nobody can hear me—nobody but God—and perhaps it is not a crime to render upon the wood that he has created harmonious sounds that will charm his praises."

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THE PERILS OF DAMP BEDS.
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Recipies.
MUFFINS.—One egg, one cup of sugar, one-third cup butter, one-half cup milk, salt, spices, one teaspoonful baking powder and flour to make batter. Bake in a hot oven.

THE GRAZING PATHER.
A tiny girl went singing
Among the meadow flowers;
Her father watched her bringing
Her happy thoughts to him.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

A Pineapple Pudding.
Cut a fine ripe pineapple in slices and boil it for ten minutes in a pint of white sugar syrup, then remove the fruit and press it through a sieve.

Primitive African Telephone System.
A part of Reclus's map showing the tribes who live in the Cameroon district, West Africa, is shaded to show exactly what portion of the country is the home of the four or five little tribes who have perfected an ingenious and practical telephonic system, and distinguish themselves from all the other natives of Africa.

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AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN HERONS.
North America has a fine array of species make up the list, while in Europe the herons are not so large nor so handsome, and, presumably, less courageous than the latter.

ELECTRICITY AS AN ANESTHETIC.
Mayor Hewitt, of New York, says the Mill and Excelsior was not far astray in his assertions made before the Electric Convention the other day at the Hotel Brunswick, when he said that electricity was only in its infancy.

FATE OF AN AFGHAN LIAR.
Afghanistan has been much agitated over a report of the Ameer's death. The commander of the Ameer's army, however, understood how to kill a falsehood in the market place and then he swore on the Koran that the statement was untrue, and afterward, having captured two of the disseminators of the report, had them blown from cannon in the presence of an admiring and applauding crowd.

A CELEBRATED CALF CASE.

AN ANIMAL WHICH HAS BEEN IN COURTS FOURTEEN YEARS.
Bitter Legal Controversy Over Five Alleged Stolen Calves—Farmers Retained by the Controversy.

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