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President Carnot, of France, is a carpenter by trade, but he is a poor Cabinet maker.

Canadian reports say that deer and other large game are getting very scarce in that section.

In thirty-seven years the increase in the number of native-born Frenchmen has been less than 1,000,000.

There is a perfect carnival of suicides sweeping over the country just now. A sort of dance of death, so to speak.

The official statement of the National Socialist vote shows that only one per cent. supported the Socialist candidate.

One of the promised sensations of the Paris Exhibition will be given by a man who will make daily balloon ascensions mounted on a horse.

The American railroad companies claim that the present tariff of rates on freight will lead to inevitable bankruptcy of their corporations.

St. Petersburg is the only capital of Europe in which the population is steadily diminishing. During the last seven years the inhabitants of that city have decreased by 85,000.

A Philadelphia newspaper offers \$50 to the person who will guess correctly the next Cabinet. Here, says the Savannah (Ga.) News, is a chance for General Harrison to coin a little money.

In 1876 South Carolina cast 150,000 votes for Presidential electors. Since then the number has declined steadily. Last election it was but 83,000—less than half what it was a dozen years ago.

Russia proposes to whip all of her neighbors if they will lend her enough money to pay for the powder and shot. At last accounts her offer to accept a \$10,000,000 loan had not been accepted.

According to the gossip of the London Bar, the Parnell Commission cost precisely \$15 a minute. This calculation includes the whole expenditure of all the parties concerned, the State included.

The cause of woman's rights in France has progressed to the point of the introduction of a bill to grant to trades women paying licenses the right to vote at elections of Judges of the Tribunal of Commerce.

It is estimated that there are in the east of London alone 314,000 men entirely dependent upon casual labor. A great proportion of this number live a dull, hopeless, shiftless and sad life on the verge of starvation.

Not far from a million tons of wheat straw are annually burned in Missouri "to get rid of it." It will not be long, predicts the Farm, Field and Stockman, before we shall hear that the soil of that State is becoming exhausted.

Dakota bases her claim to admission as a State on an area of 151,000 square miles, a population of 600,000, a crop of wheat of 60,000,000 bushels, of corn 107,000,000 bushels, property worth \$17,000,000 and a banking capital of \$10,000,000.

Our Postmaster-General takes ground in favor of the establishment of a system of postal or Government telegraphy, and says the necessity for it is urgent. He desires that Congress shall appoint a scientific commission to erect short experimental lines.

Sam Sloan, the distinguished authority on railway management, says the only way for the railroad to get higher rates is to put them up. It is refreshing, confesses the New York Graphic, to find some one who seems to really understand the railroad problem.

It is estimated by the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph that the value of the annual forest product of the United States is \$800,000,000, or more than double the value of the cotton crop. The increasing demand for lumber has made great ravages on our forests, and the movement to prevent their depletion is worthy of all encouragement.

The amount of tobacco grown in Germany of late years has been considerable. The effect upon American trade has been felt to some extent. The German production in 1886-'87 was 981,827,000 pounds, while the average production for fifteen years has been 87,503,000 pounds annually. Poor crop conditions in 1886-'87 caused a falling off in production.

The completion of a line of railroad in the Chinese Empire, from Tien Tsun to Luba, eighty-one miles in length, has led to a current statement that this is the first railway ever built in the Empire. That is hardly correct. On June 3, 1876, a line of forty miles long was opened from Shanghai to Woosung; and, for the time, a coal line has been running between the K'ai-ping mines and Ho...

THE TWO BROTHERS.

In Palestine long years ago,— So runs the legend old,— Where Kedron's sparkling waters flow Across their sands of gold, And Mount Moriah lifts his head Above the sunny plain, Two brothers owned—as one—'tis said, A field of golden grain.

A PLOT THAT FAILED.

In the year that our civil war broke out I left Honolulu for a trading trip among the islands to the South, but being more particularly bound for the Paumotu islands, which lie to the south-east, on the Tropic of Capricorn. There are fifteen or twenty groups of islands in the South Pacific, and while the residents of some are civilized and live like white folks, there are others who are inhabited by scoundrelly gangs. There are about thirty islands, large and small, in the Paumotu group, and in 1864 there wasn't a native among them, who was not a thief and a liar when dealing with white men.

LIFE AMONG THE BOERS.

A STURDY AND RELIGIOUS RACE OF FARMERS IN AFRICA. They are poor, but very hospitable—Their dwellings and industry—Mid-day Sleepers. The majority of the Boers in this part of the country are wool-growers, and like the rest of their kind are the most hospitable people on the face of the globe, writes a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Tar painted Floors. Some months ago the floors of many Australasian garbages were painted with tar, and the results have proved so uniformly advantageous, that the method is becoming greatly extended in its application. The collection of dust in cracks is thus prevented, and a consequent diminution in irritating diseases of the eye has been noted.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

We, the people—U. S. A. A bridal pair—The horse. A romance of the middle ages—An old maid's love affair. Lost in the outskirts—A woman, when she can't find her pocket.

WESTERN CHIEF DWELLERS.

One of the most attractive portions of Colorado, if not in the entire West, is that part of the State in which are found the cliff dwellings of a long extinct race. The district in which these ruins are located covers an area of nearly six thousand square miles, chiefly in Colorado, but which includes narrow belts in the adjacent territories of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.

ENGLAND'S EGG CONSUMPTION.

About a third of the eggs and a large proportion of the poultry we consume come to us from foreign countries, says London (England) Tit-Bits. It has been computed that at least 100 eggs per annum are consumed by each person in the United Kingdom in the year 1887.

A NEW GAME FOR CHURCH FAIRS.

"Changing the leopard spots" is the newest scheme in church fairs. The minister stretches a large piece of white cloth across one end of the room. On it is drawn in charcoal a representation of a leopard, with its mouth open and its tail trailing on the ground. About forty pieces of circular black cloth a couple of inches in diameter are fastened all over the leopard with pins.

RECIPE.

APPLE PUDDING.—Bake four large apples very soft, press the pulp through a sieve and add twelve ounces of sugar, the white of an egg and the juice of half lemon, or any flavor desired. Beat to a froth and serve with macaroons or any delicate cake.

PLUM PUDDING SAUCE.

An excellent sauce for plum pudding can be made from the following recipe. Stir to a cream a cup of butter, three cups of powdered sugar. When quite light, add the juice of one lemon, two teaspoons of nutmeg, and the whites of two eggs beaten very stiff.

CATERFLOWER WITH CHEESE.

Shorten the stems of cold boiled cauliflower; place it on a flat dish and set it in the oven; when a little warmed pour over it an ounce of hot clarified butter mixed with some ground Parmesan or other cheese; put it again into the oven, and let it be served immediately.

BROKEN SYRUP.

Cut a fine piece of broken skin, oil and divide into slices about an inch thick, dip them into beaten egg, powder fine bread crumbs, pepper, salt and chopped parsley over them, fold in paper and broil over a clear fire. Send to table with essence of anchovies, sage or Worcester's sauce.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

She stood upon the platform seat. Her lover by her side. Her dimpled cheeks were rosy red. Her murmured: "By my bride."

THE GLASS OF FASHION.

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