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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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The present permanent population of Oklahoma is about 20,000.

The boundary question between Ecuador and Peru will be settled by a conference at Quito.

The civil service rules affect nearly 80,000 officials in the employ of the United States Government.

A return shows that no fewer than twenty-nine persons died from starvation in London in twelve months.

In Sweden, Denmark, Bavaria, Baden and Wurttemberg there is practically no one who cannot read or write.

The leader of the Soudanese dervishes, Nad-el-juni, boldly announces that he has set out to conquer the world.

The Italian murderer of the future has been done for by the philanthropists at last. He is never more to be executed.

During the Paris Exhibition no less than sixty-nine international congresses will meet in the French metropolis under Government patronage.

Says the Detroit Free Press: "The talk of annexing Canada to the United States continues unabated, and in so friendly a spirit that no harm can result."

The New York Herald has discovered that English ladies take a great deal more interest in politics than the wives and daughters of American candidates do.

It is a fact worth moralizing over, opines the Chicago Sun, that annually a million tons of flax straw go to waste in the United States, instead of being worked into linen products.

The possessions of Trinity church, in New York city, foot up to \$140,000. Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, its pastor, has a nominal salary of \$12,000, but really receives as much as he wants.

Speaking of the lower classes of Japan, Mr. Arthur May Knapp, himself a missionary to the "Yankees of the Orient," says they are morally much superior to the corresponding classes in the United States.

The "grizzly bear" is following in the footsteps of the buffalo and gradually going hence. It is now only among the most broken country of the territories that he can be found at all, and he isn't half as full of fight as he used to be.

The income of a professional rat catcher averages \$1500 per year, announces the Detroit Free Press, and there are only ten of them in the United States. The average income of lawyers is only \$700 per year, and the ranks are overcrowded.

Men living in other countries, and owing allegiance to other powers, own land enough in the United States to make about ten States like Massachusetts, more than the whole of New England, more land than some governments own to support a king.

The Cologne (Germany) Gazette published a column of American census statistics which justify the prediction that before the middle of the coming century the western continent will be studied with cities of 1,000,000 inhabitants and upward.

One Chicago ice wagon, driven by a pale-faced and harmless looking young man, has killed five persons this season, and it may be observed that the performance is not yet over. Every corner's jury exonerates the driver and certifies that he is very careful and considerate.

The fire losses in the United States during the first six months of the year aggregated over \$70,000,000, against a total loss of but \$46,500,000 for the same period last year. In loss of life and losses of property through other agencies the first half of 1889 has been notable.

The New York Mercury observes: "The Quakers are practical, if anything, and, believing that the royal road to a man's heart lies through his stomach, they have determined to convert the noble red man through the cooking stove as a means of grace. Already they have laid before President Harrison a proposition to send women among the Indians to teach them housekeeping, and Congress is expected to make an appropriation for this purpose. It all depends on the character of the cooking. Heavy biscuits and muddy coffee will exterminate the remnants of the tribes to a dead certainty."

UNDER A CHESTNUT TREE.

When in the drowsy hall of afternoon I see the lazy shadows draw their trail Athwart the turf, and hear the dove's low croon...

BENEATH HIM.

"I would starve first!" "Then starve!" Uncle Adoniram Barney, as he was called by all who knew him, had been having a serious conversation with his nephew Charles. Charles had lost his temper entirely, and Uncle Adoniram had at last reached the utmost limit of forbearance.

Uncle Adoniram was on the point of calling his nephew back, but thought better of it and sat perfectly quiet as the angry man slammed the door and walked down the street.

"There was a good deal of temper about that last performance," said Uncle Adoniram, "but there was some honest pride as well. I don't just see how the boy is going to get along without money; but I suppose he won't starve as long as his watch lasts." The old man was right. Charles pawned the watch which had been left him by his father, and then searched diligently for a job.

A BATTLE WITH A HAWK.

A FIERCE CONTEST OVER THE POSSESSION OF A FISH. The Bird Seizes a Hooked Pickerel and Attacks the Fisherman in His Boat—Game to the Last. George Decker, a Monroe County fisherman, was fishing a few days ago in Goose Pond, says a Pocono (Penn.) letter to the New York Sun.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

BEST TIME TO BATH. The best time to bathe is just before going to bed, as any danger of catching cold is thus avoided, and the complexion is improved by keeping warm for several hours after leaving the bath. A couple of pounds of bran put into a thin bag and then into the bath tub is excellent for softening the skin.

HOW TO PACK FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Flowers and fruit growers are cautioned by an English authority against the use of cotton as a packing material for fresh flowers and fruits. It is affirmed that cotton "as a packing material for cut flowers or living plants, cuttings, scions, etc., is the very worst if employed in immediate contact with vegetable tissues."

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A driving trade—Coaching. An "ax" handle—"Please." Behind the bars—Their tails. Light-fingered gentry—Pianists. A poor relation—"A sister to you."

ENOCH AND CYRUS AND JERRY AND BEN.

Enoch and Cyrus and Jerry and Ben Were babies together, four fat little men, Four bald-headed fellows, who bumped them selves blue, And sprawled, grabbed and tumbled, as all babies do— Full of laughter and tears, full of sorrow and gloom, And big, bouncing bunglers, as all babies be, All in the same valley lived these little men— Enoch and Cyrus and Jerry and Ben.