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For nearly a month this winter the Union Pacific Railroad expended \$5000 per day for shoveling snow.

According to advices from Victoria, British Columbia, Chinamen and opium are being smuggled into the United States from that city to alarming extent.

The militia force of the United States which may be available in an emergency, is placed at 7,352,171. The regularly organized militia, however, only numbers 203,392 men and 8052 officers.

The 200 American medical students matriculated at the University of Berlin were greatly agitated over the refusal of the German authorities to recognize their American diplomas in the recently issued University Calendar.

According to careful calculation made by a British clergyman of note, and just published, Protestants have increased during the last 100 years from 37,000,000 to 134,000,000, or nearly fourfold.

The captain of a vessel which arrived at Baltimore recently, reports that when off the Newfoundland Banks a phenomenon was witnessed which appeared to be nothing more or less than a rain of blood, covering decks, bridge, masts, boats and every exposed part of his ship.

Russia is at present in the throes of a temperance campaign, which the central Government does not seem to be seconding to any extent, if one may judge by the news from the department of Kiev.

What the Washington Star regards as a long step toward democracy is embodied in a resolution to be introduced in the English House of Lords, providing that a peer of the realm shall have the right to resign his place and stand for election in the House of Commons.

The Journal de St. Petersburg, in commenting upon the German Emperor's plans for ameliorating the condition of the workmen, says that only a Government conscious of its own power would attempt such a task, for the reason that it is absolutely necessary for that Government to be possessed of means of checking any misconstruction of its plans that might be attempted, and preserving public harmony in the event of such misconstruction.

When we study the progress of agriculture we find, says the New York Times, most conspicuous illustrations of the tendency of production to exceed the demands of consumers. Corn, for instance, has increased in quantity far ahead of the increase in population.

INSIGHT.

On the river of life, as I float along, I see with the spirit's sight That many a nautic wood of wrong Has root in a seed of right.

BLIND!

All Paris was oppressed by that overpowering heat which often precedes a July storm, like the distant roaring of a lion in the desert kept coming nearer, until the storm-clouds broke with the sharp crashing noise of splintering planks.

It was only ten o'clock at night, and the street was almost deserted. A young man came hurrying along, and although he had an umbrella, he ran for shelter from the rain to the door-way where Martha stood.

It was the first Sunday in May. Spring was just decking the shrubs and trees in brilliant attire, and the meadows had begun to smile under the sun's rays.

When it was over, and the pair were told to sign their names in the register, Pierre took hold of his blind bride's hand to lead her to the book, but she turned away from him saying gaily: 'Let me alone, I can find my way.'

SELECT SIFTINGS.

The sweet orange was first brought from China to Europe by the Portuguese in the year 1547.

Arkansas is the only State in the Union which punishes by death the male participant in a forced marriage.

The landlady of a public house at Birmingham, England, has a canary bird that she speaks several words distinctly, having learned them from a parrot with which it had been brought up.

White County, Ark., claims the champion pig girl. Her name is Nellie Arvids Malone. She was nine years old the 14th of last August, and now weighs 230 pounds.

Pearls have been rising in value in the European market so long and threaten to rise so steadily that they may soon become the costliest, as they have long been the most elegant, ornaments of a beautiful woman.

An Indian Snake Yarn. A remarkable snake story current throughout British India is thus summed up in an article on 'The Naja-Kulu, or Cobra Stone,' of Columbia College, New York, has written for Harper's Magazine.

The Royal Botanic Society of England has received for its museum a specimen of the Double Coconut, known also as coco de mer. For hundreds of years the origin of these nuts was a mystery, for they were never seen except when they were washed up by the sea.

The King of Siam is about to send five Siamese boys to the United States to be educated at his own expense. The boys are to be placed in charge of an American missionary, and will probably be sent to school in Pennsylvania.

ANTIPODEAN FARM LIFE.

The Bush Farmer a Race of Giants—Purchasing Land on Easy Terms—Sweet Farmhouses.

For solid comfort and quiet enjoyment of life, there could hardly be a more enviable lot than that of a bush-farmer in New Zealand.

The bush-farmer usually buys his land from the Government, on deferred payments, or else gets a perpetual lease.

The land, when bought, is covered with what is called 'virgin bush'—that is, primeval forest, cypress and yew trees, 100 feet or 150 feet high.

Food abounds on bush-farms, and the universal rule there is for men, women and children to eat three square meals a day.

When once the bush is cleared and the land paid for, the profits of the farm are considerable, and the bankers say some of the snuggest accounts they have are those of the bush-farmers.

A Physician's Comprehensive Rule. An old physician, being once appealed to for some general comprehensive rule for the preservation of good health, replied, 'Keep clean.'

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Humor of the Day. The onion is a scintillating plant. If the panecker could see his feet he would never brag of his tall.

FOR FRECKLES. A young lady correspondent requests a cure for freckles. The golden-brown variety, that appears only in the summer, may be readily removed.

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Stewed Carrots—Cut three large carrots into small pieces, and put into saucepan with sufficient water to cover them; add a pinch of salt and boil for fifteen minutes.

Cheese Straws—Grate three table-spoonfuls of any kind of cheese; add three table-spoonfuls of flour, a little red pepper and salt, add to dry ingredients one table-spoonful of melted butter.

Scalloped Squash—One small Hubbard squash; pare and remove the seeds, cut in small bits and boil in salted water until tender; when done, pour off nearly all the water, and dry a few moments on the stove; mash fine; add one tablespoon of water, one of milk, a little salt and pepper, the raw yolk of one egg; stir all together and put in a baking-dish; smooth the top and cover with bread crumbs; moisten with a little milk; bake one-half hour.

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