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For nearly a month this winter the Union Pacific Railroad expended \$6000 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 7,353,171. 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 184,000,000, 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 mis-understanding.

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 useless weed of wrong Has root in a seed of right.

The commonest error a truth can make Is shouting its sweet voice hoarse, And sin is only the soul's mistake In misdirecting its force.

There could not be anything better than this Old world in the way it began, And though some matters have gone amiss From the great original plan;

And howe'er dark the skies may appear, And howe'er souls may blunder, I tell you it will all work out clear, For good lies over and under.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

BLIND!

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

Her clothing was not such as could be very seriously injured by the inclement weather; indeed her attire was extremely simple and indicative of the strictest possible economy. A plain dress of black merino, well fitted and tastefully made, and a straw hat trimmed with poppies, showed her to be one of those little serving-girls whose honest poverty obliges them to make their own clothes.

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.

Instances of this kind, though comparatively rare, are by no means unknown in the history of medicine; sudden blindness caused by a stroke of lightning is sometimes curable, but when it results from paralysis of the optic nerve there is but little chance of recovery.

"Is there no one to help me?" she said, piteously, extending her hand. "Do not cry, Mademoiselle," answered Bertrand in a soothing tone, "I will take you home as if I were your dog."

"Oh, thank you, sir," "Where do you live?" "At 128 Lacordairie street."

"What is the matter, dear! Ah, I know; you are astonished at my having no bandage on my eyes. There is no use in wearing it. I shall never see again, the doctor can do nothing more for me. And, Pierre, I will not keep you waiting any longer, if you wish, we can be married."

"Let us go and have a glass of beer," he said gaily, and with an exclamation of dismay the girl let go of his arm and stood still. "Oh, do not try to be so high-falootin' as he added, taking hold of her to lead her on, but Martha drew back in fright and cried aloud, "Help, help!"

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 feast of lowering a house intact from an undesirable location on a hill, fifty feet high, to the street, was accomplished in San Francisco lately, the cost being \$700.

Only six men in the country shoot wells. The work consists in exploding a cartridge at the bottom of a gas or oil well to increase its flow.

A dog belonging to Harvey Skean, of Pottstown, Penn., pays regular visits, almost daily, to the graves of the three little children of his owner, interred at Pottstown Cemetery, and scratches upon the graves. He and the children were playmates.

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

The last Sultan of Turkey was accustomed to shut himself up in a secret room of his palace and there gloat over his treasures. Plunging his arms in a heap of gold dust and letting it slip through his fingers seemed to give him more satisfaction than gazing on his pile of jewels.

A child has been born in Taos, New Mexico, without ears, and with a perfectly shaped leg growing out of its back, just below the shoulder blades.

In the stomach of a cow which was butchered at Washington Court House, Ohio, the following articles were found: Several nails, two and three inches long; screws, brass nails, carpet tacks and a number of small stones.

Pearls have been rising in value in the European market so long and threaten to rise so steadily that they may soon be beyond the reach of the masses.

An ornament that owes its existence to nothing but disease and decay certainly draws little from sentiment and perhaps the pearl owes more to its constant association with the noble pictures of beautiful women than to its intrinsic glory.

Enormous sums have been given for pearls in all ages, because they were so beloved. Cleopatra would have swallowed a diamond had not a pearl been costlier, Arch-Snobness as she was! and the "pearl of great price" has been a synonym for the most precious possession from time immemorial.

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ANTIPODEAN FARM LIFE.

COMFORTABLE EXISTENCE OF THE NEW ZEALAND SETTLER.

The Bush Farmers a Race of Giants—Purchasing Land on Easy Terms—Snug 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. That means that he pays a very low rent for it until he has saved enough money to make it his own.

The land, when bought, is covered with what is called "virgin bush"—that is, primitive forest—spruce and yew trees, 100 feet or 150 feet high, with a dense undergrowth of smaller vegetation, tangled and matted together by canes and wild vines and creeping brambles.

The bush-farmer builds his house of totara slabs, with the rugged brown bark left on, and a good roof of thatch, made of the rushes which abound on the edge of the bush.

Food abounds on bush-farms, and the universal rule there is for men, women and children to eat three square meals a day. The bush is full of wild cattle, wild pigs, wild goats and wild birds, so that there is no butcher's bill to pay, and the larder is always supplied with plenty of the best at the cost of a charge of powder and shot.

A physician's comprehensive rule. Of 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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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

HOW TO IRON A SHIRT.

First, iron the wristbands dry and then the sleeves. Open the sleeves before they dry sticking together because of the starch. Then pick up the shirt at the shoulders and iron the yoke. This done, iron the back by folding down the middle, ironing toward each sleeve to avoid touching the bosom.

A young lady correspondent requests a cure for freckles. The golden-brown variety, that appears only in the summer, may be readily removed, but those of a more permanent kind are difficult to get rid of, and many can only be mitigated by an acid lotion and avoiding extreme exposure to the sun.

Take finely-powdered niter (saltpeter), and apply it to the freckles by the finger, moistened with water and dipped in the powder. When perfectly done and judiciously repeated, it will often remove them effectively and without trouble.

Letting Babies Walk Too Early. The senseless conduct of many parents in encouraging their babies to walk is productive of lasting injury. Long before their soft bones ought to have any strain put upon them, you will see these poor infants encouraged to stand; and even to walk, and by the time they are fourteen or sixteen months old their little legs have been bent very considerably, and the greatest care is needed to straighten the bones again.

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HAD I MY WISH.

Had I my wish, the world should hold One nook entranced in fancy's mold; One little spot where bud and vine Made nature drunk with beauty's wine, Where happy love could never grow old.

And when each day's delights were told And twilight came across the world I'd look into your face benign And feel your lips pressed soft on mine, While on and on the bacchic rolled, Had I my wish.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The onion is a century plant. If the peacock could see his feet he would never brag of his tail. There is quite a difference between being wrapped in silence and rapped into silence.

A man never knows he is a fool, because when he learns that much he is no longer a fool.—Washington Star. "I think we ought to have the fuschia for our national flower." "Why so?" "We have a great fuschia before us."

The gentleman who discovered that his wife was putting her pin money in the bank against a rainy day now calls it her safety-pin money.—New York News. A household parer tells how "to get grease out of white marble." Petroleum producers prefer to get it out of the ground.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegram.

Perhaps the biggest bore of all. Who most our temper sooths on, Is he who says "he has no time." But talks for three long hours.—Terra Haute Express. First Physician—"Any unusual symptoms about that last case of yours?" Second Physician—"Yes, he paid me fifty dollars on account yesterday."—Munsey's Weekly.

Hilbert Patient Boarder—"Mrs. Starven, I can't stand having lunch every day in this week, but when on Sunday you put raisins in it and call it mince-pie, I draw the line." Do Hinks—"It's sad that Goodfellow absolutely throws his money away. Do you believe it?" Swipesoff—"Well, I heard he lent you some last night."—Paris Edition Herald.

"It is really astonishing what immense progress the art of photography has made these last years. Why, you really don't know your friends' pictures when you see them."—Piedmont Blotter. It is estimated that 110,000,000 European eggs were eaten in the United States last year. Our people are good Republicans, but they do have a lingering affection for the monarchical yolk.

"Do you want the earth?" inquired the haughty hotel clerk of a meekly complaining guest. "No," was the reply, "you can keep it a while longer till I ask you for it."—Washington Post. She—"I am afraid, George dear, that when you speak to papa, he may be very angry." He—"I think not when I show him this bank book." She—"Oh, George! Let me look at it first."—Time.

"Maria," said Mr. Bronson at midnight, "Go in to Willie and make him stop blowing that tin horn. This is no time for that!" "That's not Willie. It's the new nurse snoring."—Epoch. He stole a kiss from an artless miss: "You're a heartless thief," quoth she, "I'm a heartless thief, but you're the thief that stole my heart," said he.

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Mis Truism—"And to think that, after all these thousand years, there should be so much water in the sea! One would suppose it would have dried up long ago." Mis Korpski—"Yes, that's so. But then, you know, it has been of salt in it, papa says the way salt preserves things is wonderful." The Bill Was Paid.

Dr. McLane, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, carries beneath his professional dignity an inextinguishable store of wit, humor and anecdote. In a parlor, one evening last week, the conversation chanced to fall upon Dr. Willard Parker, and he told the following story: "When Dr. Parker was just beginning his famous career he was sent for by a rich but avuncular man, who had dislocated his jaw. The young surgeon promptly put the member in place.

"What is your bill, doctor?" asked the patient. "Fifty dollars, sir." "Great heavens!" And the man opened his mouth so wide as to dislocate his jaw a second time. Dr. Parker again put things to rights. "What did you say your bill was?" again asked the patient. "I said it was fifty dollars; now it is one hundred."

"The man grumble, but paid it."—New York Star. In the New Hebrides there is a babel of tongues, but the Presbyterian missionaries have reduced twelve of them to writing. The seventeen missionaries laboring on the group are all busy with the work of translation.

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.