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A curious illustration of the excited state of public feeling in Portugal with regard to everything English is afforded by the boycotting of English medicines.

The New York World declares that the hiring of pauper immigrants to these shores by agents of the steamship companies should be stopped.

Electricity will be called in to help in the computation of the results of the census of 1890.

The Rev. F. O. Morris, a noted British naturalist, is trying to procure the passage of an act of Parliament making birds' nesting illegal.

A New York paper recently gave an exemplification of the proverb "A rich man for luck and a poor man for children" by publishing a census showing that only six children had been born among three hundred rich Fifth Avenue families during the past twelve months.

The influenza epidemic in Holland was due to the census being taken, according to a pious baker at the Hague.

Cargoes of bone are being collected on the great African Desert of Sahara and shipped to New York, just as buffalo bones have been gathered on our Western prairies for many years.

Chicago is getting plenty of advice nowadays. Here is a suggestion from the San Francisco Economist.

The Argentine Republic has developed a remarkable degree of elasticity under adverse financial circumstances.

The great Bear River canal, in Utah, for the construction of which \$2,000,000 has been provided, is expected to be one of the most extensive irrigation works in America.

A QUARREL. There's a knowing little proverb, From the sunny land of Spain; But in Northernland, as in Southernland, It's meaning clear and plain.

ON BOARD THE COUNTRESS.

The other day I saw a notice in a Liverpool paper to the effect that the courts had decided to rehear the case of Mrs. Allan White, daughter of Captain Thomas, of the brig Countess.

After we left port and got things ship-shape I had opportunity to look over the crew and see what they were made of, and I was not in making up my mind, but that I was, that we had shipped a hard lot.

Before reaching Jamaica the crew had been on the point of mutiny half a dozen times. There had been blows and kicks and cuffs; the first mate had been knocked down; the Captain had called the crew a mutinous lot.

For the first three days out nothing unusual occurred. The men did their work as well as could be asked for, and were so respectful as to create surprise.

"Certain. He is to be first, you second." "But all are to live alike?" "Correct. We are just officers in name. We all eat in the cabin, sleep where we please, and share and share alike.

The men presently went about their business, but I made the pretense of sleeping soundly until called to relieve the other watch. It was all in a tremble at what I had heard, and was also all at sea as to what course I should pursue.

We had favoring winds and a fair passage up the Caribbean Sea, and one bright day I heard Mr. Parker say to the Captain, as that official was about to leave the deck, that Trinidad would be on our starboard quarter by daylight.

Some of the men chuckled a bit over this speech, and then I mistrusted that the mate had been killed. On the instant I made up my mind to warn the Captain.

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"Robbing Peter to Pay Paul." This expression arose thus. On December 17, 1840, the abbey church of St. Peter, Westminster, was advanced to the dignity of a cathedral by letters.

A Cure for Squeaking Shears. Standing in a prominent hardware store the other day, the Stroller watched a lady purchase a pair of shears.

A Curiosity in Figures. I have an estimable friend who is constantly bothering his brains over every suggestion of a puzzle. It is his fault, and he can't help it.

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PAPUA'S BIRD OF DEATH.

IT IS CALLED 'THE RPIR N'DOOB,' AND IS ALMOST EXTINCT.

Mr. Masterson, who has just returned from New Guinea, where he has been for the last seven years as a missionary, in a recent conversation with a Philadelphia Times correspondent told of a most remarkable bird he had seen in that country.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

THE LOSS OF BUTTONS.

The loss of buttons is a source of annoyance to every woman. They are ironed off garments, washed off and pulled off. A lady gives two hints which will obviate this continued shedding of buttons.

Scald and scrape clean the feet; if the covering of the toes will not come off without, singe them in hot embers, until they are loose, then take them off.

CANNED MILK COMMENDED. I am now using canned milk—put up some weeks ago, against the time of need, when cows would be dry—and as the ladies say of many things, "it is just lovely."

Breakfast Cake—One pint of flour, three tablespoons of butter, one cup sweet milk, one teaspoon cream tartar, half teaspoon soda; to be eaten with butter.

Stuffed Tomatoes—Wash six large tomatoes and remove the stem ends; remove the seeds and pulp carefully, and wash them; add one-fourth of a cupful of cracker crumbs, one tablespoonful of melted butter, a little pepper and salt; fill the tomatoes with the mixture, sprinkle crumbs on top and bake them one-half hour.

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TWO SUNSETS.

Where the rolling meadow ended I could scarcely tell. In the twilight gray were blended Meadow, wood, and dell; But ablaze with golden splendor Shown the sky above.

What is better than a promising young man—A paying one.—St. Louis Magazine.

The proper treatment of catarrh—cut off the last two letters from it.—Danzville Breeze.

Recruit—"May I offer you a cigar?" Sergeant—"Have I not forbidden you above all other things to speak unnecessarily? Of course you may."—Fleegle Blatter.

First Old Man—"Do you know, old man, Bootsey says he owes a grudge?" Second Old Man—"Well, that's all right. Bootsey never pays anything he owes."—Light.

Little Robert is making a vacation trip with his papa. "Well, my son, how do you like Switzerland?" "It is lovely, but according to my map, I had imagined it much more yellow."—Le Figaro.

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