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According to the Mail and Express the United States now leads the world in the production of pig iron.

Ohio oleomargarine men want natural butter inspected, claiming that three-fourths of it isn't as good as oleomargarine.

A significant educational tendency of the day, thinks the Chicago Post, is the increased interest in the study of history and politics at Johns Hopkins University.

"It will not be long at the present rate of progress," believes the Washington Star, until the oyster will have joined the buffalo in the happy hunting grounds.

In the death of Baron Hansmann, Paris loses the architect who, with the assistance of Napoleon III., made her so beautiful. It cost a great deal of money, remarks the Cincinnati Enquirer, but in the long run it paid.

Within the past thirty years, estimates the Atlanta Constitution, the population of our cities and towns has increased 281 per cent., from 5,000,000 to 13,000,000, while the rural population has increased less than one-third as rapidly, or about seventy per cent.

At the recent convention of street-car men in St. Louis, Mo., it was shown by statistics, avers the New York World, that after fifteen years have been rung up on an ordinary horse car all the remainder of the money taken in for that trip is profit for the company.

There are 5000 Indians still living on reservations in New York. They are civilized, well educated and never give anybody any trouble. The same is true of the Cherokees in the Indian Territory. The Indians of the Northwest and far Southwest give us more trouble than all of the others.

The New York Mail and Express alleges that one of the great railroad corporations paid \$300,000 last year for towing car boats around the harbor. The amount paid by the five great trunk lines would equal the interest on \$30,000,000—enough to construct two or three bridges and tunnels.

The United States opened this year with 167,355 miles of railway in operation—enough, boasts the Cincinnati Enquirer, to go around the globe seven times, and enough to reach more than two thirds of the way to the moon. If it were all in a continuous line, and in absolutely perfect condition, it would take our fastest express train six months to run over it.

With regard to Germany, who can wonder, asks the St. Louis Republic, at the increase there of socialism in view of facts like these: In Saxony 73.51 per cent. of the population have an income of less than \$200 a year; and of this number 45.49 per cent., are wretchedly poor, having an income of less than \$125 per annum. The middle class embraces 23.47. Even there have less than \$820 a year. Only 0.60 possess over \$2400 per annum.

America is credited with many laboratories, but there are some of which, acknowledges the Boston Herald, that throw our best into the sea for the benefit of an English countess. There are persons, it says, with no faculty of writing, who sum are prepared to contrive involutions and evolutions of a full complement of heroes, or, heavy fathers, scheming and all the rest of it.

M. Johnson, now a practicing attorney in Kendall, Kan., tells an incident in which Custer was and Colonel Myers, were riding on the way they saw a squaw prone on ground dead, and before five or six years old baby crying her to arise. Taking offense the Colonel ordered sent to dismount and register. He did so, and Colonel nonchalantly said: "What shall I do with"

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THE WAYSIDE WELL.

He stopped at the wayside well. When the water was cold and deep; There were feathery ferns 'twixt the mossy stones, And gay was the old well sweep.

BRIGITTE'S FORTUNE.

Short, thin, dry and wrinkled as an apple that lay withered during a long winter, such was the good man, Farmer Landry. Indeed, he was one of those close-fisted old peasants of whom it is graphically said that they can shave something from an egg shell.

"Very good!" said her master, repeating the number to impress it on his mind. Be careful not to lose it!

The Indian witch, or medicine dance, is very different from the performances before described. It is really a weird affair, and almost as difficult to witness as the celebrations that New England witches were said to indulge in the olden time.

Having crossed the threshold, he hastily demanded in a joyful voice, while energetically rubbing his hands: "Brigitte, my girl, where have you put your ticket?"

The raven is a bird deserving of respectful attention. He is a bird of very ancient lineage, dating back to the Deluge, if not to Eden, and appearing in the history of England as the prominent figure on the banner of the early Viking devastators.

THE RAVENS OF ALASKA.

Electricity has been put to driving drills. It costs sixty-four cents to run a train a mile in England.

The group of bodies termed by chemists the carbonyl-hydrates—because they are composed of carbon united with oxygen and hydrogen in the proportion in which those two elements combine to form water—contain the well known series of sugars, gums and starches.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A machine, said to be a marvel of lightness and ingenuity, has recently been built in Australia for experiments in flying through the air. It is propelled by an engine fed with compressed air.

At a test of steel manufactured at Reading, Penn., the other day, a one-inch bar broke at a strain of 233,833 pounds, "being about 20,000 pounds in excess of the highest record authoritatively known."

A TWILIGHT STORY.

"Auntie, will you tell a story?" said my little niece of three. As the early winter twilight fell around us silently, So I answered to her pleading: "Once, when I was very small,

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A peck of trouble—Henpeck. Can't be cured—The stage hum. Brevity is often a sign of the poverty of wit.

Clay which is pure white, and that also which is discolored, and has been washed to bring it to a uniform shade of color, is used by the manufacturers of paper hangings to give the smooth satin surface to the finished paper.

Recent investigations by Professor Geddes, of Edinburgh, Scotland, have led him to reject the commonly accepted views of the origin of thorns.

The cutting of veneers is now done by electricity. The veneering machine, instead of cutting or shaving across the entire circumference of the log, as usual, takes a thin slice from the flat side of it.

Professor George Barbour, in his work on the resources of Florida, describes the strange race of bipeds which isolation and abnormal climatic influences have developed on the border of the tropics, in the next neighborhood of enterprise Yankee-like communities.

On the large islands in the delta of the Amazon River there are banana gardens which have continued to produce enormous crops for nearly a hundred successive years, though the cultivator never uses any kind of fertilizer or other artificial aid to practice irrigation, or rotation of crops.

The original invention in poplin is claimed by Avignon, France, once a Papal See, on which account it was called papaline, in compliment of the reigning Pope, at which time (the fifteenth century) this rich material was produced to supply the gorgeous ecclesiastical vestments and hangings in use.

The largest quantity and the handsomest corals come from the Algerian coast. These coral grounds have been worked since the middle of the sixteenth century. Other coral grounds are found on the coast of Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia, Spain, the Balearics and Provence.

There are more than sixty work-shops in Italy, forty of which are in the little town, Torre del Greco, at the foot of Vesuvius. These shops give employment to about 3000 persons, mostly women and children.