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The Secretary of the Treasury has made a ruling which is in effect that cigars are not tobacco.

A writer describes Kodiak Island, Alaska, as larger than either of the New England States, with a genial climate capable of producing many varieties of fruit.

Thirteen members of the new United States Senate are natives of New York, Ohio comes next with eight of her sons in the Senate, while Pennsylvania and Kentucky have six each.

India silks are as cheap in Boston as in Calcutta, and they do say, whispers the Boston Transcript, that most of the charming "Indian" fabrics now for sale on the bargain counters are made in Manchester.

Bradstreet's makes the statement that "out of 21,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil produced in 1888, 70,000,000 pounds were used in the mixing with lard, and that the competition with this bogus product has reduced the price of pure lard from ten down to six cents a pound.

There is quite a little society war in England over the wearing of cockades by servants. When the custom began, the cockade on a servant's hat signified that his master was either in the army or navy. Now it signifies nothing, and military men are inclined to assert their prerogative to the exclusive right to adorn their servants' hats with cockades.

The old furniture mania has reached a second and, in the estimation of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, more rational stage. At first the rage was for old furniture, simply without reference to its quality. Now people are more discriminating, having learned that in the good old days there were bad or dishonest workmen, just as there are to-day.

According to a census bulletin, the ratio of land and water surface is 98.16 and 1.84 per cent. respectively. This bulletin also gives the area of the States and Territories by counties, and the classification of the latter by sizes. The average number of persons to each square mile of the land surface of the Union is 21.08.

The condition of rural France has some resemblance to that of rural New England. The Economiste Francaise gives a digest of a number of recent documents relating to the condition of the agricultural laborer there. Wages of farm hands have quadrupled during the present century, and the greatest increase has been in the lowest form of labor.

The man of all work, who was paid only \$20 per year, in addition to his board in 1884, now gets \$80, while the shepherd, "the aristocrat of the farm," who received then \$62 and board, now gets only \$120. His wages have not doubled, while those of the humbler workman have more than quadrupled.

IDEALS.

Like butterflies that float Entangled in a net, Then at the last thro' some chance rift escape Of half their raiment shorn, With ruffled plumes and torn, Bright mockeries of their former hues and shapes.

MARY CLARIMONT, M. D.

When Mary Clarimont's engagement was proclaimed to the world there ensued a general expression of surprise. People were generally surprised at matrimonial engagements. There is always some cogent reason why things should have been adjusted otherwise—why John should have married Joan, and Peter should prefer Betsy. Nobody was ever yet married to suit everybody.

Fresh-Water Commerce.

Probably there are few people whose attention has not been specially directed to the subject, who are aware of the magnitude of the commerce upon the Great Lakes. It has been asserted that more tons of freight pass through the Detroit River in a year than the total imports and exports of the United States for the same period.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Heating by electricity is promised. Compressed air signals are successful. A petroleum bicycle makes forty-nine miles an hour. Wire-wound guns are the latest acquisition of the United States Navy.

POISONS AND ANTIDOTES.

REMEDIES TO BE APPLIED BEFORE THE DOCTOR COMES. The Symptoms of Various Poisons—Simple Yet Efficacious Means for Counteracting Their Effect.

THE DERELICT HOUSE.

Back from the road, up the old path, Unmistaken of harvest and aftermath, With empty easements, drier and gray, The house stands, facing down the bay— And either side the slanting gate The faithful sentinel lilies wait.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A spring dish—Frogs' legs. Hand-over-hand—The highwayman. Dead men tell no tales, but they leave no end of them in print.—Puck.