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Sir Edwin Arnold says that the people of Boston preserve the purest traditions of English speech.

The railroads of this country owe the United States Government the enormous sum of \$113,513,618, and the debt is rapidly approaching maturity.

It has been figured out that the World's Fair will cost \$31,000,000 and that \$16,000,000 of this sum must be expended before a dollar of revenue comes in.

A strange figure on the streets of Washington, states the Chicago Herald, is that of Josephine J. Jarocki, a Polish Countess and a grandniece of Count Pulaski, of Revolutionary fame.

The wonderful growth of property invested in the railroads can be seen from the following: This country possesses 30,000 locomotives, costing \$450,000,000.

A lugubrious and ludicrous story of national disaster is reported from Central America. The San Salvadorean navy has been severely crippled, if not disabled.

Some years ago a rich Glasgow (Scotland) merchant named Buchanan left the money to build and maintain a suburban home for sixteen unfortunate business men.

In the Forum, Camille Pelletan quotes some striking figures to show the burden of the military expenditures of France and Germany during the last twenty years.

A grave French officer, now on the retired list, who lost his right arm in the Franco-Prussian war, appeared as a witness before a court in a city in the south of France.

He (despairingly)—"It doesn't matter if I have got lots of money, I cannot forget that my grandfather was a state driver."

DREAM AND DEED.

What of the deed without the dream? A song Refrains of music and a countless rose.

A TENDERFOOT.

BY R. L. KETCHUM.

S Jim Harden, with such a critical air, packed the tobacco in the bowl of his pipe, preparatory to lighting that article.

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"Sure 'nough, we gazed the chap lots at first; but Spenceley—that wuz th' tenderfoot's name—so doggoned nice an' pleasant, an' took a joke so easy, we all 'likin' him t'iptop."

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THEY LIVE IN THE DARK.

MANY ANIMALS WHICH NEVER SEE DAYLIGHT.

Blind Inhabitants in the Mammoth Cave—How the Sight is Lost—Compensatory Attributes.

There are many animals in the world which pass all their lives in darkness, never seeing a ray of light.

Among the animals in these caves were Egyptian darkness ever dwells are blind crayfish, colorless, which in the water by torchlight look like white phantoms of their outdoor kind.

Spiders of several kinds are found in the caves. They are uniformly small, weak and sedentary habits.

No animals whatever are found in the dry parts of the caves. Dampness, or a certain degree of moisture, seems to be essential to their existence.

The Spontaneous Ignition of Coal. An excellent paper "On the Spontaneous Ignition of Coal" was read by Professor Lewis before the British Association at their recent meeting at Cardiff.

Accidents from this cause are most numerous in ships which have to cross tropical seas, from the greatly increased temperature to which the coal is subjected.

Soap is a Great Beautifier. A curious prejudice that some people have is against soap as an application for the face; this is a great fallacy.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Ores are purified by electricity.

An inch of rain means 100 tons to the acre. The process of separating iron ore by electricity is working satisfactorily in Michigan.

A scientific journal states that a little sugar put on the hands with soap will greatly increase its lather and cleansing power, and will remove dirt, chemical stains, etc.

An engineer of Berns finds that 600,000 effective horse-power can be obtained from the streams of Switzerland for electric lighting or electric power transmission.

Belts running over pulleys of small diameter at high speeds ought to be thin and as wide as possible.

What is described as the most perfect known specimen of a petrified human body has recently been discovered in Arizona.

In an electric hammer that has been devised recently the piston is of a magnetic material and the cylinder is composed of a series of coils, through each of which a current of electricity may be passed.

Sand in School. Sixty years ago the schools of this town occupied the old courthouse, writes a correspondent, and I was one of the scholars.

The Sneezing Superstition. The custom of saying "God bless you!" when a person sneezes dates from the time of the Patriarch Jacob.

OPPORTUNITY.

Once, passing through a garden fair, Youth spied a flower unfolding to the day;

Its blood-red buds longed to snare In conquest the young traveler on his way.

At last one day did Youth appear, Seeking the beauty he before denied; No kindly welcome showed a sash draw near.

Water crackers—Ice picks. A circuit judge—The electrician. I love the music that handorgan plays;

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