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The political badge manufacturers have no reason to complain of bad times.

A Scottish Judge has decided that a bicycle is no more a vehicle than is a snake. One English Judge has disagreed with him.

There is a grim humor about the army worm's ravages in New England. The greatest amount of destruction at any one point is on the grounds of one of the agricultural colleges.

Mohammedan depositors in the postoffice savings banks are enriching the British Government, as their religion forbids them to receive interest. They insist on taking out no more than they put in.

Throughout Germany and Holland whenever girls can be employed to advantage they are taken in preference to young men. At Munich, Bavaria, the clerks and bookkeepers in the banks are nearly all young and handsome girls.

A mar is swindling farmers in Pennsylvania by means of a double-end fountain pen, one end of which he uses in drawing up contracts for harvesting machinery and the other he presents for the farmers to use in putting their signatures to the documents.

Colorado has a new millionaire in the person of a Mr. Stoiber, who has expectations of rivaling the famous Mr. Stratton, of the Independence mine. Mr. Stoiber is a mining engineer by profession and for a long time lived very humbly with his wife, who is his partner in business, in a little cabin near Silverton.

The natives of Charleston who reside near the beach have frequently observed that when the tide goes out those who are at the point of death expire. A gentleman was asking whether or not the rising and the falling of the tide had this effect upon the dying in places removed from the seacoast, and, if so, how far inland the influence extended.

Among the many international congresses which will be held in Paris during the exhibition in 1900, will be one which is to consider the advisability of making a complete change in the calendar. It is proposed to abandon altogether the present astronomical calendar, and to adopt one which will be framed from a strictly practical and commercial point of view.

A society which exists in London might well find a counterpart here, suggests the New York Times. It is benevolent in its character and its object is to improve the cookery and general domestic science of the poor.

HEART, MY HEART!

Heart, my heart! so fond to linger, Come away! Once with beaming finger, Sweetly once she bids thee stay; Once with heavenly lips she thine, Once her love, and poured like wine; Come, oh, come! make no delay!

IN SUPPORT OF A THEORY.

THE house party at Westwood was dawdling over their coffee on the moonlit piazzas. It was a merry crowd; everybody knew everybody else, and there was much laughter and talk, but suddenly a silence fell.

my posing. You have told me that often before, and so— "And so—apparently there was no need of listening to me. I had no idea I was such a bore."

me pain. Experience has taught me that if a man saw much of you he generally cared for you, and you tried to ward me off. But you cannot keep this mirth from the candle, and I loved you in spite of your coldness.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. A Human Peculiarity—Where the Shoe Pinches—Family Jars—Boarding House Joke, Etc., Etc.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Ninety-four per cent. of the street railroads in the State of New York are now operated by electricity. The latest works on anthropology say that it cannot be proven that any race of giants ever peopled the globe.

THE PRIDE OF THE COUNTRY SIDE.

Oh! Phyllis is surpassing fair, I know a maid that's fairer; Her beauty is beyond compare— No beauty could be rarer.