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Perhaps the most convincing proof of the truth of the saying that "trade follows the flag" is found in the quick recognition given by American business men to the possibilities lying practically dormant in the territories recently opened to American enterprise by American sailors and soldiers, says Bradstreet's.

The iron ore productions of Spain in 1897 amounted to 7,468,000 tons, as compared with 6,762,000 tons in 1896. Of this product the Biscayan mines contributed 5,170,000 tons; Santander mined 800,000 tons; Murcia, 470,000 tons; Seville, 330,000 tons, and Almeria 300,000 tons.

A British Board of Trade publication on the world's coal supply shows that the United States is second only to England in the amount of production, and that in the cost of production the United States ranks under England and Germany.

A correspondent of an English paper calls attention to the "probably Scotch" descent of President McKinley and confesses to a pardonable pride in the fact, as the writer is a "Lowland Scotchman."

The Atlanta Constitution says: One of the greatest afflictions under which the Southern States now rest is the impression abroad that this entire section is given up to fever and malaria.

THUS THE INDIANS LIVED.

Incidents of a Trader's Visit to a Camp on the Plains.



ALL was a month away, and the days passed slowly and with unvaried monotony at Kipp, Montana, our trading post on the upper Missouri. The Indians were far out on the prairie, securing the buffalo and securing the thin, light summer skins with which to make new lodges, moccasins, and various other things.

of the line of the chase, we saw a large party of yelling horsemen swooping down on the scattered groups of women and men. They were firing their guns rapidly, and already had killed several of our people.

at his right hand. Yet this apparently gave her no advantage over them in any respect. As the sun went down all work ceased. The hunters returned from the chase, feasts were called out here and there, and the camp was filled with song and laughter.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

According to Science—New Form of an Old Saying—Setting Up—Making Sure—The City in Hot Weather—A Painless Process—A Drawback—Cautions, Etc.

SEA ELEPHANT OIL.

Success of a Yankee's Attempt to Revive an Industry of the South Atlantic.

In making the experiment of reviving the industry of hunting sea elephants for their oil, Mr. Richard T. Green, of Boston, Mass., has met with remarkable success.

BOY THAT WENT WITH TEDDY.

Only boy ever had, Him that went with Teddy, Tough and husky sort of lad,

Only boy ever had, Him that went with Teddy, Tough and husky sort of lad, Rough and always ready.