

A COINCIDENCE.—According to the Kennebec Journal exactly twenty-one persons have been killed annually...

A PART of the expected drop in the cost of aluminum has come, and though it is not sufficient to make the metal cheap, it will help to bring it into use.

A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.—It is a curious coincidence that the figure 14 is associated with Louis XIV all through his life.

EDWIN BOOTH'S health is again being talked about. A reporter of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, who visited the tragedian while he was playing there...

JAPAN'S losses have been even a greater sufferer from floods than this country during the year 1889, but some allowance must be made, perhaps, for Eastern exaggeration of numbers.

CARDINAL GIBBONS enters a strong protest against the common delay in executing the sentence of criminals condemned to capital punishment.

It is a pleasant thing to read of the presentation to Miss Clara Barton, by citizens of Johnston, of a testimonial of their good-will and esteem.

FRANCIS M. GREEN, United States Navy, now on duty at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, will be requested, through the Secretary of the Navy, to take command of the naval school-ship Saratoga.

So far as good signs go, he is just exactly the naval officer wanted for the Saratoga. The Board of Directors had several applications, and a number of naval officers applied to the Navy Department to be detailed for the post.

THE TYRANNY FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

The man who stints his family in order to indulge himself, has for so long been held up to the scorn of the reading public, that the other side of the subject has been entirely lost sight of.

"But," I said, "can you save so much and still make your family comfortable?" "I suppose they are comfortable enough," she said, as if offended.

"Yes, but Ma, you like it and all of the rest of it. Why can't we ever have anything the rest of us like?" "That will do. If you are not hungry enough to eat what we have, you need not eat it."

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A Weather Wall.

WHAT is the use of forecasts and barometers? Solly the study of air and of sea. Useful are weather-cocks, warnings, thermometers, Storm-drums and signals mean nothing.

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AN ARTIST'S IDYL.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Several firms of art dealers protest against the admission of the Angluses, free of duty, on the ground that their purchase and importation was a speculative venture.

Three ladies in the British section of the Fine Arts department of the Paris Exposition, it is stated, were honored with awards for oil paintings.

The Mount Morgan Mine, in Queensland, Australia, said to be "the greatest gold mine in the world," is said to have yielded in the week ending...

A plague of monkeys afflicts Tanjore, in Southern India. The creatures multiply so fast that an official monkey-catcher receives a rupee for each monkey captured.

Several London correspondents agree that cigarette smoking is on the increase among young women in that city, not only in the streets, but in the most respectable society.

Madame Carnot's dinners are said to be perfect, and she has established the custom of entering the dining hall at the hour mentioned for dinner.

A crazy man took up a position on a street corner in New York recently, and struck with his fist at every person who passed him.

The American flag now floats over nearly every public school in Middlesex county, N. J. The flag has been raised at the request of County Superintendent Willis, and he proposes making the raising of the flag general at all schools.

ABOUT FINGER NAILS.

A white mark on the nail bespeaks misfortune. Pale or lead-colored nails indicate a poor people.

Broad nails indicate a gentle, timid and bashful nature. People with narrow nails are ambitious and quarrelsome.

Choleric, martial men, delighting in war, have red and spotted nails. A nail growing in the flesh at the points or sides indicate incurable tastes.

People with very pale nails are subject to much infirmity of the flesh and are persecuted by neighbors and friends.

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