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| Wisconsin and Illinois. |  |  |  |  |  |
| In 1880 the district of Birmingham paid less than one-eightieth of the taxes of Alabama. To-day it pays a quarter of them, and the pace of its development is growing faster every day. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | A number of years ago I ran across one of the most accomplished short-change workers in this country and got well ac- |  |  |  |  |
| Fuel is so scarce in some portions of Russia that naphtha is now used in immense quantities in place of coal or wood. It comes from the oil measuresabout the Black Sea, and during 1888 sver 800,000 tons weight were shipped ap the Vo'ga. The shipments this year will probably reach $a$ million tons. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | me of being a newspaper man, and inthe three months that $I$ knew him Ididn'tenlighten him. He grew very confiden- |  |  |  |  |
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|  | tial and chatty, and gave away to me |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ho was a little, slim fellow, of Irish extraction, and as bright and as sharp as a |  |  |  |  |
| will probably reach a million tons. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { fre } \\ & : 8 \mathrm{suil} \\ & \mathrm{bil} \\ & \mathrm{bl} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| young Cossack giantess now on exhibition in that city. She is only eleven |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { teors old, but is is. nearly nise feet high, } \\ & \text { yeare } \\ & \text { weighs about } 280 \text { pounds, and is still } \\ & \text { rapidy growing. She has large, dark } \\ & \text { eyes and a pretty face, and in the coss } \\ & \text { tume of the Don Cossacks, which consists } \\ & \text { of a red skirt, blue jacket and long } \\ & \text { apron, embroidered in nold, she presents } \\ & \text { a most interesting appearance. It is said } \\ & \text { that shespends much of her time in play. } \\ & \text { ing with her dolls. } \end{aligned}$ | that was clever enough to make a great ait in a dramatic creation. It was per- |  |  |  |  |
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|  | iectly fetching, but the fine contempt he had for the "suckers" whom his kind |  |  |  |  |
|  | bled, and the way he had of speaking of them mus much more so. It was winter |  |  |  |  |
|  | them was much more so. It was wintertime when I knew him, and he was rest- |  |  |  |  |
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|  | ing until the season opened up. I ap- |  |  |  |  |
|  | proached all about the short-change act before he became pliable. He would |  |  |  |  |
| There has lately been uuprecedented hetivity in building new cotton seed oilmills, most of which are independent of the Cotton Oil Trust, though the Trust | before he became pliable. He would take a coin and palm it as cleverly as Mr. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Herrmann and langh and turn away.But one evening he opened his heart to |  |  |  |  |
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| the Cotton Oil Trust, though the Trust has, it is generally reported, recently virtually secured control of the Southern Oil |  |  |  |  |  |
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| tually secured control of the Southern Oil Company, with its eight large mills. The Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, publishes a complete list of all the cotton seed oilmills in the South, showing 213 mills, with an aggregate capital of about $820,000,000$, against 30 mills, with a capital of $83,500,000$, in 1880 . |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | That's no good! There's no money in that. You can only get 50 cents or |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 41 out of that. There's lots of waystronger than thath"1 anked him what they were."Well," he said, taking a roll of small |  |  |  |  |
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| A well-known lady of St. Louis, who as been abroad for more than a year, was in Boulogne at the time of the recent visit of President Carnot and Mme. Carnot to hat noted old city of the French coast. n describing an incident of the French |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | sills, mostly ones and twos, out of his pocket, "they're worked this way: You |  |  |  |  |
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|  | He smoothed the bills out straight and |  |  |  |  |
|  | "Ah! When these new ones were |  |  |  |  |
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|  | ill the banks in the country for them. They were the best graft the boys ever |  |  |  |  |
|  | struck. You see they look just like a ive or ten if you don't show the figure. |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Well, this is the way the coys take the noney away frem the suckers,' Youve |  |  |  |  |
|  | zoticed ato of hustlers in the crowd sell- nyt ickets and saving people the truble |  |  |  |  |
|  | of getting in the jam at the ticket wagon, |  |  |  |  |
| but every blessed mothers's son of that band of siiors stepped forvard and |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | they are hired by the proprietor of the show because they sell tickets at the |  |  |  |  |
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|  | ticket they sell, and they depend on their ability to swindle the buyers out of a few |  |  |  |  |
|  | lollars now and then for their profit. <br> "A young man with his best girl |  |  |  |  |
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| great practical benefit. This congress is made up of delegate from co-operative | colid business man with two or three of his family; it doesn't matter who it is, |  |  |  |  |
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| tal membership of 896,000 . They engage in various business enterprises for the benefit of their members. Last year | they're all victims-and he sees a great | mones and hands it to the man or points it out to him and moves away in the | on the end of the $\log$, his head uplifted, <br> and his eyes fairly glittering. He shot |  |  |
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|  | sit muth chace of getung a ticket |  | droppecl from the log also. Purdy went | . |  |
|  | It Lis elbow is y young man with, 'Choice, eserved seats at regular prices! How |  |  |  |  |
|  | many? We're here to relieve the rush at He wagon! No estra charge, sir! How |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Beauty and Accuracy of Great Clocks. Accuracy and beauty are the objects | alleges in her complaint that "the defendant does not come home until ten | MTPM DOUS SM M |  |
|  |  |  | o'clock at night, and when he does return he keeps plaintiff awake, talking, | for ONSUMPTION |  |
|  |  |  | sometimes until midnight." In an- |  |  |
|  |  | out chimes for 8150 , or you may pay $\$ 1000$ for one that will give you the year, | other case the complaining wife declares that the "defendant is guilty of |  |  |
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|  | ket, draws out a hanaur ornds, takes a ten, atwo and five ones, and hands the |  | cruel and inhuman treatment in this- | Two servanls in two <br> neighbaring houses dwelt <br> But differently their <br> daily labor felt <br> Jaded and weary <br> of her life wasong <br> ways at work and <br> el' l was never done. <br> he oher walked <br> out nightly with her beau-But then she cleaned house with Sapolio. |  |
|  |  | hings, together with chimes and a rich frame. When extreme accuracy is aimed | it to the plaintiff, and censures her in bitter terms." |  |  |
|  |  | at four pendulums are sometimes put in. One corrects the other, and you get an |  |  |  |
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| de land," replied the pilot; "fif those was |  |  |  |  |  |
| not almays turning round, us Hollanders woolld soon all be drowned." "Well, |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Three hard things to keep are a diary, an umbrella and a lead pencil. <br> Long range practice doesn't necessarily make a cools a good sharp shooter. | whole bunch back over his left thumb.Then he turns them over one by one, andthey lie straight out-full length. Whenhe reaches the list ono ho sag., chee--fulls: |  |  |  |  |
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