

Sixty thousand people on the Emerald Isle speak Irish only.

The Empires of Europe possess 13,000 cities, towns and villages, in which 40,000,000 people live.

It is announced officially that 40,000 persons were converted to Christianity during the first six months of 1882.

To the exclusive use of white bread Sir James Crichton-Brown attributes, in the London Lancet, the prevailing decay in teeth.

The Odessa correspondent of the London News says that during 1891 109,515 persons emigrated from Russia to America. In 1890 89,543 Russians emigrated thither.

A miner who long ago studied shorthand by tracing the characters with a pin on a stone blackened by the smoke of a lamp, is now a Member of the House of Representatives. His name is Keir Hardie.

"I have just carefully compared notes with a prominent Philadelphian of fortune," says Ward McAllister, the famous society leader, "and from his statements am satisfied that for \$21,000 a year one lives as well in Philadelphia as one does in New York on \$4,000."

A well-known agricultural writer estimates in the Chicago Sun that good roads would save the farmers of the United States \$900,000,000 per year in the cost of getting their produce to market, or nearly 88 to each inhabitant of the country, which is a fair estimate when you suppose the whole sum will be divided among the farmers alone.

Eight States plans the construction of a naval militia, organized in conformity with the national law, and the preliminary steps toward such organization have been taken in two States. In view of this growth Secretary Tracy will ask Congress to increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the amount appropriated for the equipment of the naval militia.

The Regents of State University of Michigan and the New York Independent, have suggested a measure made by President Angell that the salaries of professors be raised to prevent other colleges from constantly robbing him of his best assistants. The rise is from \$800 to \$850 annually in each case, in accordance with the length of the term of service.

Professor John Harvard Biles, designer of the Inman steamers City of Paris and City of New York, who came over here to consult with the Cramps, the Philadelphia ship builders, has been taking a glance at our new navy, and this has led him to observe that "with such vessels as are now in the service of the Government the United States Navy need not take a back seat for any power on the globe."

It begins to look to the New Orleans Picayune as though a large and increasing market had been opened in Germany for the great staple of the Mississippi Valley, corn. Reports say that it is very rapidly becoming a favorite article of food. A sale of 45,000 bushels was made in Berlin the other day, and mills for the exclusive grinding of corn are in course of erection at Dresden, Leipzig, Hanover and Hamburg.

Contributions has been received in Berlin of the rumor that the German Minister in China has become engaged to Miss Hart, the daughter of a German colleague, and it is equally true that the Emperor William has made bold to forbid the banes on the ground that a German diplomat, when in active service, cannot wed an alien woman without incurring the risk of prejudicing the true and undivided service of his Government. But love in this case, states the Boston Transcript, has also been a powerful factor. Miss Hart had Herr von Brandt as announced his intention of leading his bride to the altar next spring. As a preliminary to this, of course, he will have to resign his post.

Experiments with cyclists and carrier-pigeons for transmitting messages are being made by the gymnastic society of Rome in the interest of the Italian army. The ride carries a small cage attached to his machine, in which are several well-trained pigeons. When important observations have been taken and jotted down they are placed in envelopes and affixed to the birds, which are liberated. In every instance thus far the birds have flown promptly and in a straight line back to headquarters over distances of from ten to twenty kilometers. It is thought that this combination of bicycle and pigeon service can be very profitably used in military observations, and the Italian army office proposes to continue the experiment.

WINTRY CHEER.

Three hundred years ago, or so, The best that could be had for gold, To bid before that gosh hermit!

It's the good old times! Just think Of the feathers that the fust! The times we have are best of all— The best is good enough for us!

THE COLONEL AND MISS GAMBIA.

HAVE fought the battles of life for-ahem, let me see— fifty years and upward, and I have never yet been worsened in a fair struggle.

"Where shall I take it, sir?" the astonished man asked.

"Anywhere—take it anywhere—to a hatter, and have him remove that band of hair; the job I can go about looking for."

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resolved to eschew personal appearance and to let merit win the test.

The candidate who played last was the one that best met his ideas of what was required.

Mrs. Gambia from the first was a great success. She managed the great instrument in a manner that has little short of mastery.

Now that he might, the Colonel did not at once leave the theatre.

He saw him in the glass and at once stopped playing, turned to greet him.

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with a hand on each shoulder, holding him at arm's length and looking him full in the face.

"I did not know—I did not think?" he choked, reaction setting in.

A sickening light broke in upon the Colonel's racked comprehension; this, then, was the young woman, whom he had advised to remain in Yorkshire.

With the effort of his lifetime he held himself erect and in a true military tone said:

"Madame, permit me to escort you to my house."

On the Pacific Coast there is a species which builds its house so to speak in a very peculiar manner.

It is the California Turret Spider.

A Curious River.

Sal Baths at Home.

UNCLE SAM'S FELINE AIDS.

THREE HUNDRED CATS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Kept at the Postoffice to Protect the Mails—Fishes of the White House and the Capitol.

MORE than three hundred cats are maintained by the United States Government, the cost of their support being carried on a regular item on the accounts of the Postoffice Department.

Cats were kept in all the Government buildings at Washington.

Two Italian physiologists have found that inoculations for securing immunity from infectious disease have no effect if the spleen has been removed.

A Genoise electrician has adopted electric heating to conservatories.

Effect of Cold and Heat on Food.

Monstrous Force of Tornadoes.

The Dog Knew His Master.

Great Britain has eighty-eight warships of which twenty are battle ships of the first class.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Celluloid is said to have been discovered by Hyatt as long ago as 1869.

Water in which salt is dissolved boils at a slightly higher temperature than pure water.

German scientists will use the Emperor's donation in the construction of a large balloon for scientific purposes.

Recently the police force of certain parts of London were provided with electric lamps in place of the usual "bull's-eye" lanterns, and the change was much commended.

Fish, flies and caterpillars, though frozen solid, retain life because their construction admits of frost expansion without disruption.

It has been found by J. Wiesner that, while gas-light only slightly yellows and weakens wood-paper, the influence of the electric light is still less, and he pronounces the latter the best illuminant for libraries.

The necessity of cooking food to develop or create a palatable taste is important.

Coffee also well illustrates this point. When coffee is green, that is unroasted, it is acid in taste, very tough, even horny in consistency, and a decoction made from it is altogether unpleasant.

Some foods are better for being cold. Sweet dishes as a rule are improved by a low temperature.

Much has been said about electricity as a factor for destructiveness in the various gyrating storm clouds known as cyclones, dreches and tornadoes.

A good dog story comes from Hungary. It seems that an itinerant knife-grinder came to town and reported to the police that a certain ragpicker had stolen his dog, a valuable Dane.

Not So Mad, After All.

A visitor to Lancaster asylum a short time ago encountered one of the lunatics (who doubtless had been told off for work of some description) pushing a wheelbarrow along one of the sidewalks wrong side up.

Why, you stupid, do you think I'm mad?" was the lunatic's reply.

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THE MODERN KNIGHT.

His shield was bright, that Knight of old, His sword was keen, his courage high: In shining steel on charger bold, He bravely rode to win or die.

A soft answer will kill where a club would fail.—Rams Horn.

There are men who turn themselves almost to death looking for an easy place.—Rams Horn.

In his moments of abstraction (even the pickpocket thinks time is money.—Philadelphia Times.

More people with patent leather shoes on borrow money they never pay back than men who wear shoes that are patched.—Atchison Globe.

Men are a good deal better collectively than they are individually.—Many a man will do that privately which he will denounce in a crowd.—Atchison Globe.

As a rule, a man who has a mustache he can twist, or whiskers he can stroke, is three times as long making up his mind as one who hasn't.—Atchison Globe.

There's plenty of 'em on the top, but you shouldn't tell 'em ambitious artist so just as he on the point of sealing his picture to the exhibition.—Spartan Journal.

Mr. New—On the stage they always have such dull, woody actors to represent dukes and kings.—Mr. Know—Yes; that's so; have them true to life.—Puck.

Admiring Neighbor—"Do you think the pretty pet's going to be like his father?" Fond Mother—"I shouldn't be at all surprised. He keeps me, up every night, as it is, and is fractious in the morning."

Mr. Bronson—"Did you have an interesting subject presented for your consideration this morning at church, Mr. Bronson?" Very. But I couldn't make out whether the lace trimmings were real or imitation?—New York Drums.

Professor (to class in surgery)—"The right leg of the patient, as you see, is shorter than the left, in consequence of which he limps. Now, what would you do in a case of this kind?" Bright Student—"Limp, too!"—Chicago News Record.

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