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Reports from China sny that the tromen of that country are rapidy nequiring the bicycle habit, Oriental
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one person in fifteen was able to earn a living last year in Alaska ought to conve a deterring offect apon people
cong going to that country in the spring. sands will go there, only to find un-
timely graves or to return home broken in health and purse. The twenty-second annuna report of
President Arthri Von Briesen, of the Legal Aid society of Now York city,
tells of legal assistance given during 1897 to 5350 persons, of 895,979 netu-
ally collected in the oflice of the soment outside the office. At least 3000 other applications received attention,
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sistance to persons too poor to engage counsel. It undertakes many cases
where the claims would cost private connsel more to collect than they nre
worth. The recovery of a sewing-
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society's good offices. It has come to be the habit to give
the whole name of a benefactor to university. We have Johns Hopkins,
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Hon, J. I. M. Curry of the Peabody and Slater funds, were present, nin and library, erected by Mr. Stetson
nt an expense of 850,000 , provided for a muveum of mataral history by Mrs. Monroe Heath. The announce-
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lege Nature seems to be able to regulate
the births of mates and females with-
out the help of German savants, ns. serts the New York Times. It may
be remembered that Buckle found that the average birth rate the world
over was twenty-one boys to twenty giris, thus giving every Jill a chance
for a Jack, after allowing for the
greater death rate among males. The Springfield Republican is anthority
for the assertion that in Massachusetts for forty years the male birth
rate relative to the female has not noticeably changed, the number of in the last twenty years being 1053 as
compared with 1059 for the preceding tiventy years, In Europe, observa-
tions covering ten years indicate an average of 1060 males born to every
1000 females, England being at one extreme, with 1038, and Italy at the ith 1071
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recently developed several schemes for extending the use of the great
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elaborate exhibits of corn and the many forms in which it is prepared for theod uses at the Omahan exposition, exposition of 1900 . The present high price of wheat has done much to improduet. Already a large proportion made largely of corn this country cheaper than corn. This flour quite as nutritions whent flour an belug connumed as food in this coun rry than ever before and the quantity
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