

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In its record of moving incidents by flood and fire, 1890 has far outstripped its memorable predecessor.

Pecan nut farming is one of the growing industries of the Gulf States.

According to statistics contained in a recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 704,743 persons were employed on all the railroads in the United States during the present fiscal year.

According to the returns of the new census for 1890, the existing gross indebtedness of the several counties of the various States of the Union is \$145,693,340, toward which the amounts held in sinking funds, cash, and other resources are \$30,408,953, leaving \$115,284,385 as the actual debts not provided for.

A young woman holds the position of conductor on one of the railroads in Colorado, and gives entire satisfaction.

Following the extermination of the buffalo, another American character is about to take to its heels through the dust of the dead ages.

BEHINDING SEA is swarming with seal pirates, says Mr. William Palmer, of the National Marine.

A CO-OPERATIVE community of a dozen families is to be founded by business men of Chicago at Evanston on the lake shore.

THE Canadian experimental farms are said not to be very helpful to agriculturists.

OF the great civilized nations the United Kingdom heads the list in density of population, having 310 inhabitants to the square mile.

HERE is a pretty lively collection to have in one jail at the same time: The Cincinnati jail now contains eight murderers who are awaiting trial.

Beneath the Sea. During the last three years, Dr. H. Fol has been making excursions into a region little frequented by man.

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CURES BY HYPNOTISM.

Two Remarkable Cases Reported by a German Doctor.

Professor L. Hirt, of Breslau, has recently effected two rather remarkable cures by means of hypnotism.

The other cure is described thus by Dr. Hirt: "Frenz W., 13-year-old son of a widow in Schweidnitz, was brought to me on February 10.

Youthful Travelers. A small boy, who did not appear to be over seven years of age, was the cynosure of all eyes on board an Erie ferryboat from Jersey City a few mornings ago.

A South American Beverage. I can testify from experience, says Fannie B. White, who has lived in Peru and Bolivia, the universal beverage of the lower classes is good enough for anybody.

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A Combination of Fiddles. A new invention in musical instruments has been brought out by a German which is causing a good deal of interest.

Valvet deacons look ill on donkeys.

SALTED SUNFLOWER SEED.

They Play a Great Part in Russian Life—A Big Field of Sunflowers.

All Russia, writes Thomas Stevens in the New York World, nibbles salted sunflower seeds in its moments of leisure. Imagine half the citizens of the United States carrying, habitually, a supply of peanuts around in their pockets and nibbling them continually, and you have a hardly exaggerated idea of the ubiquitous part played by the salted sunflower-seed in Russian life.

People who have seen the big sunflower as a garden ornament can have only a dim conception of the magnificent sight afforded by a forty-acre field of these gorgeous yellow blossoms.

The Doctor Did Not Say a Word. A prominent surgeon at a recent banquet told the following story on a well-known young physician who was present.

Do the Babies Remember? "My mother went to visit my grandfather," writes a reader of the Racket, taking with her a little brother of mine who was eleven months old, and his nurse, who had been a maid in the house.

Cast Iron Bricks. What are termed hollow cast iron bricks form the subject of a recent German patent described in the technical journals, the article being the invention of an Erfurt mechanic.

Preservation of Harness. The best preservative of harness is occasional washing with warm water and saturation with some oily substance.

A Diminutive Millionaire.

Jacob Seligman is the smallest millionaire in the world. He is hardly more than four feet high, and he strikes you comically as having just stepped out of a museum collection.

The World's Diamonds. The world's stock of diamonds has increased enormously in the last fifteen years. In 1876 the output of the African mines was over 1,500,000 carats, last year it was over 4,000,000, and the great "trust" which controls all the principal mines assert that they have 16,000,000 carats "in sight" at the present time.

The Tomb of Eve. At Jiddah, the seaport of Mecca, there is a temple with a palm growing out of the solid stone floor, which the Arabs assert marks the last resting place of our common mother.

Substitute for Beef Tea. Dr. Ris, of Klotten, emphatically recommends pea soup as a most serviceable substitute for beef tea in the case of invalids convalescing, and more especially for patients suffering from cancer of the stomach, or diabetes mellitus.

St. Jacobs Oil. The following was related in the Chattanooga (Tenn.) News by one of its correspondents residing near that city: "My cousin owns a watermill, and in removing some obstructions found an immense log imbedded in the stream which must have been submerged for a number of years.

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