

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The surveys of the projected ship canal to connect Puget Sound with the Union and Washington at Seattle, have been completed...

The Astor family have a million sterling invested in English securities. The founder of the family left an injunction in his will that the family should always continue the investments in the English funds and in English securities...

A FOURTEEN PERCENT. tax on profits is a new discourager of enterprise in Italy. The boom of having two of the most powerful ironroads in the world is scarcely poverty among the poor...

The Fourth International Railroad Congress, which had originally been set down for September of this year, will, it is now announced, be held in June, 1892, at St. Petersburg...

It is said that the German public is heartily disgusted with the outcome so far of the expensive colonization schemes that the Government has been operating in Africa...

The homely and comforting corn-cob pipe, which is not infrequently termed the representative American pipe, is made in three factories only in the United States...

CAPTAIN REES, Commander of the North German Lloyd steamer Neckar, has written to the German Marine Observatory at Bremen, describing a most singular occurrence...

HUNAN, the Chinese province which is held chiefly by foreigners, is said to be as far behind the rest of China in all modern ideas as China is behind Europe...

The people of Afghanistan, groaning under the heavy taxes their ruler imposes, are skipping over the border at a lively rate. The census shows that the population of the Candahar district has decreased 10,000 as compared with the census taken in the time of Sher Ali...

The absence of the American flag in foreign ports has long been a matter of comment. Any discussion of the causes and the remedies for this humiliating state of things, must attract wide attention...

The steward of Napoleon I.'s household at St. Helena, received \$5,000 a month for living expenses. Every fortnight there landed, for the table of his ex-Majesty, eighty-four bottles of ordinary wine, 266 bottles of strong wine...

Even Corn Husks are Valuable. The fates are combining to make things pleasant for the Western farmer, the latest discovery of value to him being that the husks of corn will make excellent paper...

It will surprise many readers to be told that a large and strikingly marked duck, which within fifty years was moderately common upon the Northern Atlantic coast, is believed now to have become extinct. A lad shot one in New York on the Chemung River December 12, 1878...

In all the museums of the world—twenty-seven in America and eleven in Europe. Yet it is only a short time since specimens might have been secured with comparative ease.

No World's Fair scheme is so daring and colossal for the Chicago imagination to entertain. Here is one gravely presented by Mr. L. C. Dillman, one of the new millionaires of the New State of Washington...

BUGS FOR FIG TREES.

Queer Insects that are Imported from Abroad.

Some very valuable bugs were imported to this country for the first time in July last. Upon them rest, so a Star reporter was informed, the hopes of persons who are anxious to make fig raising a success in the United States.

For the purpose of eating the pollen these insects crawl in through a little hole in the incipient fig and wander about within until they have incidentally caused a stirring together of the pollen and pistil.

It is not so hard to pronounce the name of her gracious majesty the Hawaiian Queen, as it may at first sight seem, who last month became a widow. Try this—Lil-lee-woke-a-lanny. Accent firmly the "ee," and, if you can, run the whole glibly off the tongue.

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We do not believe in female employment in such a masculine business as making spikes and chains, says the Age of Steel. The forge is no place for a woman, but if she is to swing a hammer, who can prevent it?

THE DALHIA.

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THE LADIES.

Emergy bags devised as peaches, mounted with silver tops, are among quaint offerings.

An exceedingly neat ring consists of a slender gold wire with three diamonds one above the other, in an inclined setting.

SAVED HUMAN LIVES.

Froken Anette Weber and Froken Augusta Weber, from Stordalen, in Norway, will obtain the medal for saving life as a reward for the plucky and resolute manner in which they, some time ago, saved two men from drowning outside the Lervik lighthouse.

TO BOOM FALSE HAIR.

The French hairdressers are circulating a petition which they will submit to the Minister of Fine Arts when it has 500,000 signatures. The purport of the document is that women be prohibited from appearing in their hats in the theatres subsidized by the government...

A RECENT SWELL WEDDING.

At the recent wedding in London, England, of the Countess of Dudley, nee Gurney, the bridesmaid wore black-tulle, not only were the hats black, but the plumes also, relieved, however, by knots of cream lace.

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We have nothing to say against the crusade for female emancipation, though if the truth be told the amazons of the black country, with their countless furnaces and their smoke-darkened sky, are by no means the serfs they seem to be...

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We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for anyone who can furnish a cure for Catarrh of the Bladder, Uterus, or Vagina, by the use of our medicine.

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"A Yard of Roses."

One of the popular paintings at the New York Academy of Design was a yard-long panel of roses. A crowd was always before it. One critic exclaimed, "Such a bit of nature should belong to all the people, it is too beautiful for one man to hide away."

The Youth's Companion, of Boston, seized the idea, and spent twenty thousand dollars to reproduce the painting. The result has been a triumph of artistic delicacy and color.

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Which one is it? Sometimes it may be a matter of doubt. But, in the case of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, there's no room for doubt.

With the facts before you, it's an insult to your intelligence to have something else offered as "just as good."

And here's the proof: Among all the medicines that claim to cure woman's peculiar weaknesses, irregularities, and diseases, the "Favorite Prescription" is the only one that's guaranteed.

If it doesn't do all that's claimed for it, if it doesn't give satisfaction in every case, you'll have your money back.

There's strength and vigor for every tired and feeble woman, health and a new life for every delicate and ailing woman—and if there's no help, there's no pay.

JOHNSON'S Anodyne Liniment. UNLIKE ANY OTHER. ORIGINATED IN 1810. ALMOST A CENTURY.

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