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Century riding is a cruel recreation as indulged in on Sundays by many clerks, bookkeepers and others who stand at counters or desks six days of the week, with scarcely any outdoor exercise. They are in no sort of condition to ride one hundred miles at a stretch, and the frequent results of this sort of overdoing are insomnia, staleness and general unfitness for work, physical or mental.

Kansas is a great wheat State, the leading wheat State, notwithstanding the prominence given California, the Dakotas and Minnesota. Kansas led all of the wheat growing States last year, harvesting 51,026,601 bushels for 1897. But the crop of the present season will be greater by many millions of bushels, barring an unusual and unexpected calamity. Indeed, the acreage is so great and the crop so uniformly promising that the chances are for the biggest wheat yield in the history of the State, not excepting the year 1892, when the State measured seventy-four millions of bushels. of bushels.

Cuba is known to be by nature one of the richest parts of the earth's surface. Before the decline of the sugar industry in the West Indies many vast fortunes were extracted from it by agricultural processes that were very far from being thorough. Even in the most prosperous days of Cuba Spanish misgovernment prevented any real development of its resources. The fortunes that were realized were won by merely scratchresources. The fortunes that were realized were won by merely scratching the surface. Every official was a Spaniard, and no official, from the Captain General down, had any other object than to acquire for himself the largest fortune in the shortest time and to take it back with him to the peninsula.

Recently compiled statistics show that the Russian Empire possesses at present 17,605 factories with an annual production valued at \$938,000,000. In these factories there are employed 949,044 workmen and 254,030 women and girls. The number of steam engines is 10,525. The chief centers of industry are Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kieff. In the Government of Moscow there are 2075 factories, with an annual production valued at \$184,600,030, employing 230,030 workmen. The Caucasans have 1199 factories, with an annual production valued at \$23,300,000. Siberia has 600, the Turkestan district 359 factories, with an annual production valued at \$10,600,000.

Going back some two hundred years, says the Atlanta Constitution, we find that in 1700 there were barely more than 7,000,000 people in both hemispheres who spoke the English language, whereas at the present time there are not less than 125,000,000. Other languages in 1700 were much more extensively in voyue than was the more extensively in voyue than was the Other languages in 1700 were much more extensively in voguethan was the English, but for some reason they lacked the agencies of growth necessary to extend the area of their supremacy and consequently the English language soon eclipsed them. While there are 125,000,000 people at the present time who speak the English language there are only 90,000,000 who speak the Russian, only 75,000,000 who speak the German, only 55,000,000 who speak the French, only 45,000,000 who speak the French only 45,000,000 who speak the Italian. Thus it appears that the English language is considerably in the lead of its competitors.

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It is many years since a book dealing with economical and social questions has attracted so much attention in France as the volume entitled "A Quoi Tient la Superiorite des Anglo-Saxons," by Edmond Demolins, remarks the New York Sun. The author, who is the editor of the review named La Science Sociale, begins by pointing out the world-wide expansion of the Anglo-Saxon race, and then undertakes to define the causes of its incomparable fitness for colonization. About the expansion there is, of course, no doubt, even in the minds of Frenchmen, weak as they are in geography. In North America the Frenchman has been supplanted by the Anglo-Saxon, and the same thing is true of India, of Mauritius and of Egypt. of India, of Mauritius and of Egypt. The Anglo-Saxon now controls the New World by means of the United New World by means of the United States and Canada; Africa, by means of Egypt and the Cape Colony; Asia, by means of India and Burmah; Oceanica, by means of Australia and New Zealand; one may even say that he controls Europe and the entire world besides, by means of his manu-factures and his commerce.



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