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England and France are not likely to come to blows over disputed territory in Africa. A bill has been introduced in the Delaware Legislature to legalize the peach blossom as the symbolic emblem of the State. It is evident that after a survey of the situation the British Government came to the conclusion that Venezuela and Nicaragua were regions which were nailed down too firmly to be grabbed.

The Baltimore Sun estimates that every year 2,000 sailing vessels of all kinds disappear in the sea, carrying down 12,000 human beings and involving a loss of \$100,000,000 in property. Policeman Hawkes, of Louisville, Ky., was accused of loitering. He excused himself before the Police Board by saying that he was reading the Courier-Journal's women's edition. He has been sentenced to read every line in the edition as a punishment.

It would be regrettable if there were any unkindness behind the comments of the Portsmouth Star in its allusion to the caption "Province of Portsmouth." It expressed the "news" thoughts of the night editor. The object in view was to embrace Portsmouth and its suburban section. The friendship of the Virginian for Portsmouth and its pride in her people and her progress have been too often shown and are too well known to the good citizens of that city to require any false expression of proof to this effect upon its part.

RAILWAY MILEAGE.
 The Railway Age of March 29th contains an interesting article on the railway mileage of this country. It says that it is a notable fact that new railways are demanded in every one of the forty-eight States and Territories in the United States, except in Rhode Island and Idaho, while the number and length of projected lines in some of these sections is surprisingly large, as for example:

In Texas 2,912 miles on 31 lines; California 1,390 miles, 14 lines; Arkansas 1,377 miles, 21 lines; Wisconsin 963 miles, 11 lines; South Dakota 833 miles, 7 lines; Florida 775 miles, 17 lines; Pennsylvania 768 miles, 29 lines; Georgia 700 miles, 17 lines; West Virginia 700 miles, 14 lines; Indian Territory 657 miles, 4 lines; Indiana 565 miles, 8 lines; Colorado 570 miles, 12 lines, and so on.

From the foregoing it is quite evident that railway building has not ceased, and that the promoter and builder has much yet to do in that line.

A NORTHERNER IN GEORGIA.
 The Messrs. Haie, of Connecticut, who own a big orchard and nursery near Fort Valley, in Georgia, seem to be delighted with their investment, says the Atlanta Constitution. In a letter written by one of the firm to the newspaper of his home in Connecticut, Mr. Haie says that his 100,000 peach trees are in a most promising condition, and that he sees every prospect of a fine crop this year, the first bearing year of the trees. The Constitution furnishes the information that when the Haies started their enterprise they bought a yellow pine forest, and their saw mill and planing mill have converted the trees into a fruit-packing shed, cottages, big barracks for the 200 hands employed in the fruit season, boxes and other things required. The orchard contains 887 acres, and the nursery contains rows of young trees 1,200 feet long. Mr. Haie says that with a productive soil, a genial climate and labor at one-quarter of its cost in the North, he feels tempted to greatly enlarge his nursery, as he can pay freights and beat all Northern competitors. This is but one instance in many where Northern and Western settlers have declared their entire sat-

isfaction with their investments in the South, and what the Messrs. Haie have done in Georgia can be done anywhere else in the Southern country. The field is inviting and the returns large.

COTTON MILLS IN THE SOUTH.
 The Chattanooga, Tenn., Tradesman has just completed what it terms "a census of the cotton mills existing and projected in the Southern States," and like all the efforts of the Tradesman in similar lines, the work is well done. Our contemporary says the mills completed and in course of erection are 372, of which 140 are in North Carolina, 66 in Georgia, 62 in South Carolina, 26 in Arkansas, 21 in Tennessee, 21 in Alabama, 18 in Maryland, 9 in Virginia, 9 in Texas, 8 in Mississippi, 6 in Kentucky, 5 in Louisiana, 1 in Florida and 1 in West Virginia. The number to be constructed soon is 36. These figures furnish no details as to the size or capacity of the factories, but are significant for comparison. The total number of mills completed, under construction and projected increased from 180 in 1880 to 254 in 1890 and 408 in 1895.

The number of spindles in operation has increased since 1890 from 1,699,082 to 3,001,340; the number of looms from 38,805 to 70,874. These figures show almost a doubling of the manufacturing capacity of the Southern cotton mills in the past five years, and if this industry continues as begun it is not unreasonable to say that in five years more the increase will more than double again.

The Inevitable.
 I like the man who faces what he must With step triumphant and a heart of cheer; Who fights the daily battle without fear, Sees his hopes fail, yet keeps unflinching trust That God is God; that somehow, true and just, His plans work out for mortals. Not a tear is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear, Falls from his grasp. Better with love a crust Than living in dishonor. Envy's not, Nor ever murmurs at his hamster lot, But with a smile and words of hope gives zest To every toiler. He alone is great Who by a life heroic conquers fate. —Youth's Companion.

Record of Alexander Hamilton's Death.
 In the records of the health department of New York, under date of July 11, 1804, is the original entry of the death of Alexander Hamilton, as follows: "Name, Alexander Hamilton; place of nativity, Santa Cruz, W. I.; disease, casualty; cemetery, Trinity church; sexton, Thomas Collister." In the right hand margin of the page, under the heading of "Remarks," some one has made the following explanatory note: "Fell in a duel with Colonel Aaron Burr, Weehauk, N. Jersey, on the 9th July; interred at the expense of the Corporation of the City of New York." —New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Wee Mite.
 A wee mite of a babe that can easily be held in one hand came into this world in San Francisco the other day. The child weighs only 2½ pounds and is the daughter of Virginia Guaquero. She is perfectly formed and appears quite healthy, but owing to her smallness it is almost impossible to feed the child. —San Francisco Examiner.

Her Little Joke.
 Queen Victoria may not be feeling well, but Albert Edward will hardly try on the crown, as the old lady has a most unpleasant way of deceiving the cronkers. —Philadelphia Press.



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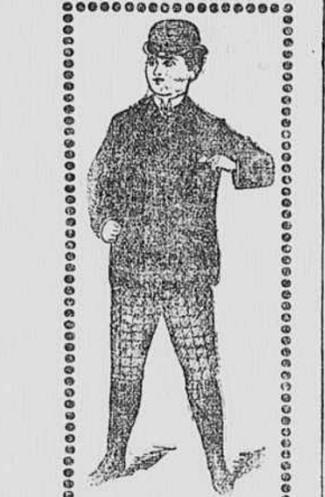
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