

THE STAR FOR THE SUMMER.

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There is again serious trouble for the English operatives. Besides the lock-out in Oldham, fifty mills were yesterday closed in Ashton, and eight thousand persons thrown out of employment at that place alone.

People are willing to admit that the President has not written a letter to Secretary Delano, requesting him to resign, and that there is no probability of his going out. Now let him alone. The Secretary has asserted that he will not step down while the newspapers are discussing him. His private business is suffering, and he pants for the shade of his own vine and fig tree.

There is nothing to cause general alarm in the failure of the banking house of Duane, Sherman & Co. The house was old, of high standing, and enjoyed an unlimited credit, and the liabilities are in consequence very heavy. But as they are mainly in England, and with heavy banks and banking firms, the general business of this country will be but little affected.

The Cotton Congress at White Sulphur Springs, Va., among the other sensible suggestions, urged upon the people of the South the propriety of raising more of the crops needed for home consumption, rather than a concentration of attention upon cotton. This advice, while it followed is liable to cause a less production of cotton in the South, is of great practical value to the Southern farmer, and is well worthy the attention of cotton raisers.

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The proposed tunnel under the British Channel seems from the attention now being given it by the French and British Governments to be likely to become a reality. At least there now remains little doubt that a thorough and practical investigation of the feasibility of the scheme will be soon instituted, and with the science and means of two great countries in its favor, the probabilities are strong in its favor.

The experimental gallery will be about \$5,000,000, and that of the tunnel, if completed, is estimated at \$50,000,000. The length of the tunnel proper is to be about sixteen miles, and the approaches seven miles each. The proposed route is the same as that followed by the cable from the east of Dover, south Foreland, to the west of Calais. The bottom of the channel, which slopes like the sides of a mountain, is composed of calcareous matter some 450 feet in thickness on the English side, and 750 feet on the French side.

A humorous incident, the result of absent-mindedness and wet weather, occurred last week, with a prominent former business man as the principal actor. He was detained for some time at the office until after dark, and the rain coming on he was still further detained. He wore a new and elegant pair of pants of high material, and not wishing to rumple the goods in a June shower, decided to take them off, leave them in the desk, and homeward pike his weary way in his usual underclothing.

The New Haven train stops five minutes at Stamford for refreshments. As the Boston express drove up at this station the other afternoon, a man with a blue cotton umbrella in his hand dashed up to the refreshment counter. "Look alive, there!" he shouted to a waiter. "Cup coffee, ham-sandwich, cucumber pie, two doughnuts, and a piece of sponge cake." The order was promptly filled.

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Germany throng to all our watering places and are noted for their fresh and honest enjoyment, and ungrudging expenditure for all the requisites of a holiday. The prominent feature of the Grand Union Hotel, we are told, is the number of lovely Jewesses in gorgeous attire who promenade the piazzas, with heavy gray-suited companions in attendance.

Those who knew Mrs. Sartoris, as a girl, a belle, and a wife, and her friends are crowding upon her their congratulations upon the attainment of the purest and the grandest womanly ambition. Esteem and pleasure and congratulation have taken every form, and the proud, young mother is bewildered with poetry and presents. All of Washington has been wondering why the little fellow was not allowed to be "borned" in the White House, so as to have started out in life's journey with the greatest possible eclat, and a great deal of indignation is expressed by ambitious mothers at the slight imposed upon the youngster.

of rocks near a swamp. Reaching the summit of the ledge, Deput again heard a deadly rattle, and at the base of the hill he discovered many poisonous reptiles coiled upon stones and sticks. The snakes were of various sizes, from two and a half to four and a half feet in length. He was obliged to dispatch them, and in less than fifteen minutes he had killed forty-nine, the rest making their escape into the rocks and underbrush. It was now getting dark, and, having nearly three miles to go, the two started on their way to the falls, with the plan of reaching without any further adventures.

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At these words a young Italian, who had been walking in the gallery, advanced towards them, and addressing them in good French, offered to escort them through the prison. "I shall be pleased," he added, "to make you acquainted with the peculiar species of insanity which afflicts each of the unhappy objects who dwell in these gloomy cells."

Strozi, for such was the young Italian's name, conducted the visitors through a long hall bordered on each side by narrow cells, before which he stopped, and explained with much accuracy, the kind of madness of the miserable inmates. Strozi and Montaigne were indulging in this melancholy train of thought, when they were suddenly interrupted by the noise from a dungeon, whose door stood gratingly upon its enormous hinges. A man covered with rags and bent by misery, rather than age, cautiously emerged from the cell, and cast a hurried and inquiring glance around. His beard and hair were in disorder; yet his pale, shrunken features still presented some traces of a noble and imposing nature.

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Mr. Boycher has engaged to take a vacation in August. He will visit the Twin Mountains.

Who'd weep that a blasted roadbird Refused to leave to us a road? Who'd weep that a shining sunbeam Would not linger for us with its gold? Who'd sigh that a glittering dewdrop Would not drop for us on a leaf? Or weep that a frail hair-string broke Before it reached a tune?

When God calls an angel home, Who'd weep for the little one, Since she's freed forever from toil and care, Since the task of life is done? O, but I know what's best for us; Though our human hearts can not see; He takes them home to draw us nigh; For our hearts with our treasures must be.

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Zone of Periodic Winds Without Rain. Outside the zone of periodic winds and rains comes a double belt, one circling the world in the northern and the other in the southern hemisphere, the breadth and area of which are greatly modified by local circumstances, within which no rain ever falls. These belts are estimated to include altogether an area of 5,000,000 miles but it is impossible to make any calculation that is at all precise, since in round the tract of the rainless zone are regions in which rain falls but rarely, which again pass gradually into the two rainy zones, through countries like Southern Palestine and the Gangetic plain, which, though usually rainy, are liable at intervals to years of drought. These belts of rainless land near the tropics contain some of the most hopelessly dry country which the world can show.

From this point the rainless zone turns to the northeast and extends to 20 degrees north latitude. Crossing the great Himalayan chain it includes the high table-land of Tibet, but does not appear to reach into the Chinese Empire. In South Africa there is a sandy, desert, rainless tract on the north of the Orange river, between 24 degrees and 28 degrees south latitude, and a great part in the interior of Australia seems to be nearly or quite rainless. In North America the rainless belt includes the Californian peninsula, and extends round the northern end of the Sierra Madre chain past Chihuahua and Monterey to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico between latitudes 24 degrees and 28 degrees. In South America it includes between latitudes 28 degrees and 37 degrees the entire province of Chili, and through an extensive low tract in the interior of the continent belonging to the territory of the Argentine Confederation, rain is very unfrequent and small in quantity.

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