The wine industry, which two years ago was utterly demoralized in California, has now been restored to prosperous condition with a bright future. This was done by a majority of the wine makers associating themselves into a corporation and giving it full powers to sell their product, at not less than 15c per gal. for ordinary and up to 25 and 30 for choice.

The fishing industry in 1895 was not satisfactory according to the annual report of the Boston Fish Bureau. Prices ruled so low that they barely paid the cost of probuction. Out of 450 vessels employed in New England fisheries only some 15 or 20 are reported to have done well while the remainder did not pay expenses.

Although Blenheim palace is practically the property of the Duke of Marlborough, it is held from the crown on a peculiar tenure—namely, the annual presentation of a French flag to the reigning monarch. The Dukes of Wellington pay the same tribute for Strathfieldsaye.

Of all the "sure things" in gambling the game of the Socialist Deputy in Berlin who played chess with a woman "for kisses" was nearest to a "soft snap." If he won he kissed; if he lost, he was kissed. And in this sort of forfeit it is sometimes quite as blessed to receive as to give.

At the present time there are owned and controlled by the railroads and private car companies of America nearly 1,250,000 freight cars, or, in other words, enough cars to make two continuous trains reaching from Boston to San Francisco, with an engine for every 45 cars.

To Pay a Penalty for Dining

Is rather hard, isn't it? Yet how many are compelled to do this after every meal. Dyspepsia, that inexorable persecutor, never ceases to torment of its own volition, and rarely yields to ordinary medication. But tranquility of the stomach is in store for those who pursue a course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This fine corrective also remedies malarial and kidney complaints, rheumatism, constipation, biliousness and nervousness.

England exported 4,124,148 gallons of spirits, chiefly Irish and Scotch whisky, during 1895. The great bulk of this export was to the British provinces. The United States took 255,911 gallons of it, which was 60,000 more than ever before.

It is said that King Humbert owns nearly 200 horses, and the greater part of them are English bred. The double row of stalls form a regular street, and each animal's name is painted in large white letters above the manger.

Louis Pasteur once said that there were forms of bacteria and microbes that were so small that a bundle of them containing 1,000,000,000 specimens could be put through the eye of a common sewing needle.

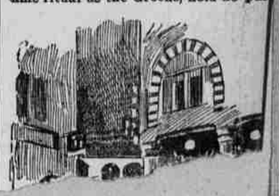
Engineers spent a year collecting data for their report on the road, which they built for $5,000 [illegible]

AN ORIENTAL NEW YEARS.

New Year's day in part of the Turkish Orient is the gayest holiday of the year, for it is also the day of St. Basil's festival. The celebration of the two feasts has become inseparable, so to speak, in the minds of the Greeks, and the first of January is now known throughout the Levant as St. Basil's day.

But it is the Greek Church only which honors the saint on that date; the Latin Church observes simply his ordination day, some time in June, while the other Christian denominations have for him merely the same reverence as for the principal Greek Fathers, such as St. Chrysostom, St. Gregory Nazianzen, etc.

The Russians, though following the same ritual as the Greeks, hold no par[illegible]



[illegible] Greek Fathers, and also [illegible] eloquent promoter of monasticism throughout the East. Besides, he was a great philanthropist, and an ardent apostle.

Caesarea, the capital of the former province of Cappadocia, was St. Basil's native place. At the age of thirty-three he was made a presbyter, and a few years later bishop of the same city, a position which he held until his death, A. D. 379.

Elaborate preparations are made for his festival, which begins at an early hour on the evening of December 31st. The shopkeepers adorn their windows with an attractive medley of toys and holiday gifts. Oranges, dried and fresh fruit, imported and domestic table delicacies, candies, cakes, are either displayed in the show-cases or piled up in front of the stores, which are extravagantly lighted up for the occasion, and decorated with garlands of colored paper skilfully cut out in the shape of natural flowers. From the ceilings, from the top of the windows, they fall in the chandeliers, from the pictures, from grouped festoons.

The mild climate permits a large and variegated crowd to circulate through the streets and gather in the stores, and no sight is more picturesque than a street in the East on St. Basil's eve.

There are to be seen people of communities and races having nothing in common but the land and the surrounding atmosphere; there are curious contrasts of complexion and wearing apparel; there the genuine attire of five races is on constant exhibition.

You see, for instance, the long, loose robes of the Jews, and the bright red or yellow silk garments worn by their wives. There are the short, wide breeches of the Turks, contrasting with the long ones of the Rayahs. The small red fez and the large vermillion one, designed to hang down on one side of the face like the Phrygian cap, are intermingled with the plain Derby and black silk hats of the European gentlemen, whose simple attire is made obtrusively plain by the bright-colored goods used by the natives.

Conceive, too, the variety of garments worn by the women. Imagine, for instance, the Parisian dress and bonnet of a European merchant's daughter, side by side with the loose yellow breeches, the lilac doublet and the long green veil of a wealthy Armenian lady! Every day one sees embroidered bosoms, long garments sometimes trimmed with fur, robes, cashmere shawls and bright red silk slippers, on the women.

Among men it is not uncommon to behold bare legs and gorgeous holiday turbans; often a gallant Mohammedan, covered with rags and filth, carries in his belt an assortment of Damascus blades, yataghans and jewel-encrusted firearms, worth a small fortune.

Two singular customs contribute to this holiday's particular character; one is the making of "St. Basil's caks," the other the singing of a song through the streets on the eve of the saint's alleged birthday.

Elaborate preparations for the kneading of the cake begin in every house two days, at least, before the festival, for much labor is involved in its confection. All the women of the family squat on a rug, in the Turkish fashion, around a low, circular pastry-table, and amidst gay stories and laughter the rolling-pin runs over the rich paste, while the housewives vie in decorating and forming the cakes.

The commonest decorations are Oriental arabesques representing palms, flowers, shells, or grotesque figures with which to amuse the children, while the most skilful workers make dolls whose faces are red eggs firmly embedded in the paste.

These would seem simple to an American housekeeper; but in a country where cooking utensils and baking ovens are very rude, the undertaking requires much patience.

The cake consists of butter, eggs and sugar, and its flavoring is of certain spices. It is usually made very rich, so that it may keep soft for days after it is baked.

Housekeepers dread the task, for a large quantity of St. Basil's cake is made in each family. A large part of it is destined for the hospitals, the children's and orphan's asylums, the prisons and the poor; another part is given away to callers, to servants and to the boys who come round in the early evening to sing St. Basil's song.

New Year's eve is a great time for the Rayah boys. As soon as they ring the bell of a house the door is thrown open and the voice of the master is heard, saying:

"Let the boys in at once! Give them money, fruit, and all that they can carry of St. Basil's cake. Come on, servants, fill their pockets while they give us their song!"

Then the poor children, delighted by the warm welcome of the host and the profusion of dainty things given them, sing with frenzy the romantic little tale of St. Basil, which ends with the calling down of numerous blessings on the generous family during the new year.

THE NEW YEAR DINNER.

But the strangest thing of all is neither St. Basil's song nor St. Basil's cake; it is a curious mistake as to date which has prevailed among the Greek Rayahs for many generations. For history declares that the 1st day of January is not the anniversary of St. Basil's birth, but that of his death! —Alcide de Andria, in Youth's Companion.

Ancient and Modern New Year's Festival

The first day (calends) of January, as marking the beginning of the year, was observed as a public holiday in Rome from at least the time of the Julian reformation of the calendar. Ovid alludes to the abstinence from litigation and strife, the smoking altars, the white-robed processions to the capitol; and later writers describe the exchanges of visits, the giving and receiving of presents (strenae), the masquerading, and the feasting with which the day was in their time celebrated throughout the empire. Libanius (c. 346 A. D.) speaks of it as being in his day the one great holiday common to all under the Roman rule. When, about the fifth century, the 25th of December had gradually become a fixed festival commemorative of the nativity, the 1st of January ultimately also assumed a specially sacred character as the octave of Christmas day and as the anniversary of the circumcision of our Lord, and as such it still figures in the calendars of the various branches of the eastern and of the western church, though only as a feast of subordinate importance.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH.

To all of the little children dear
Throughout the land, a Happy New Year,
A Happy New Year whose days shall hold
A very few tears and a great deal of laughter,
Study and work and playtime after,
And rosy health while the year grows old.

Anna M. Pratt.

Of the Solar Year.

In the arrangement of the civil year, two objects are sought to be accomplished—first, the equable distribution of the days among twelve months; and secondly, the preservation of the beginning of the year at the same distance from the solstices or equinoxes. Now, as the year consists of 365 days and a fraction, and 365 is a number not divisible by 12, it is impossible that the months can all be of the same length, and at the same time include all the days of the year. By reason also of the fractional excess of the length of the year above 365 days, it likewise happens that the years cannot all contain the same number of days if the epoch of their commencement remains fixed; for the day and the civil year must necessarily be considered as beginning at the same instant; and therefore the extra hours cannot be included in the year till they have accumulated to a whole day. As soon as this has taken place, an additional day must be given to the year.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

BILL OF FARE.

BREAKFAST.

Bananas.
Cerealine. Sugar and Cream.
Brown Bread. Fried Oysters.
Cream Biscuit.
Frizzled Beef. Fried Hominy.
Coffee. Tea.

DINNER.

Turtle Soup.
Salted Almonds. Fringed Celery.
Currant Jelly.
Roast Goose, Apple Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes.
Boiled Rice. Baked Onions.
Browned Turnips.
Scalloped Tomatoes.
Salmon Salad.
Cheese Fingers. Wafers Pickles.
Frozen Pudding.
New-Year's Cake. Mixed Cakes.
Fruit. Nuts. Candies.
Hot Coffee.

SUPPER.

Brown Bread and Butter.
Deviled Goose.
Pickled Oysters. Preserves.
Cake. Tea.

Roast Goose.—Select a fat, young goose. Make a dressing of mashed Irish potatoes, a tablespoonful of butter, salt and pepper, and fill the body of the goose. Rub all over with fresh lard. Put in a baking pan, pour a teacupful of boiling water in the bottom, add a tablespoonful of salt. Set in a hot oven, and baste every ten minutes until the goose is well cooked and brown. Take up in a heated dish, and serve with its own gravy and apple sauce.

Mashed Potatoes.—Pare and boil medium-sized potatoes. When tender, drain, mash and season with salt, pepper, cream and melted butter. Beat until light. Pile on a heated dish, and serve hot.

Boiled Rice.—Pick and wash a teacupful of rice. Put in a saucepan, with a quart of water and a teaspoonful of salt, and let boil rapidly until done. Set on the back of the stove to dry out. Take up on a heated dish, season with butter, and send to the table hot.

Baked Onions.—Select large, firm onions, throw them into a kettle of boiling water, add a little salt, and let them boil till tender. Take up, drain, wipe each onion, wrap in tissue-paper, place in a baking pan, and set in the oven to bake slowly for one hour. When done, take off the papers, peel the onions, put them in a vegetable dish, and pour melted butter over them. Dust with salt and pepper and serve with the goose.

Browned Turnips.—Peel and slice four large turnips. Put in a saucepan, cover with boiling water, add salt, and set over the fire to boil until tender. Take up, drain, put in a pan, spread over with butter, dust with sugar, and set in the oven to brown.

Scalloped Tomatoes.—Put a layer of bread crumbs in the bottom of a baking-pan, then a layer of tomatoes, sprinkled with salt and pepper, bread crumbs and bits of butter; put in more tomatoes and bread until the pan is full. Set in the stove for half an hour.

Salmon Salad.—Take a pound of salmon, pick free of bones and skin, and cut into pieces; put into a salad-bowl lined with fresh lettuce leaves. Pour over a pint of mayonnaise dressing, set on ice until cold, and serve.

Three Events of 1896.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-six will always be memorable in literary annals as ending the lives of three great female writers—Harriett Beecher Stowe, the novelist, Kate Field, the journalist, and Gail Hamilton, the versatile authoress. The latter's signature was a nom de plume, composed of the second syllable in her Christian name and of Hamilton, the village of her birth-place. Few identified her spinster appellation of Mary Abigail Dodge.

PLANETARY POINTS.

SOME HOROSCOPES MADE BY PROF. CUNNINGHAM.

Readers Are Invited to Send in Data and Have Their Indications Printed Free—Planets Indicate Events, but Do Not Cause Them.

THE horoscope of William McKinley made by Prof. Cunningham a year ago indicated that he would become president of the United States March 4, 1897. The astrologer visited the McKinley home at Canton for the purpose of obtaining exact data. He was cordially received by Major McKinley, Mrs. McKinley and the president-elect's aged mother. Prof. Cunningham is at present making a horoscope of the McKinley administration, beginning at noon March 4. It will be printed in March. Persons wishing to have horoscopes made should remember to give Christian name, place of birth and residence, date and year of birth, hour and minute if possible. If you do not know the hour, send two two-cent stamps for particulars. Correspondents should also bear in mind that the astrologer wishes it distinctly understood that he treats the position of the planets at time of birth merely as indications and not causes. A planet may signify an event, like the star of Bethlehem for instance, but of itself it has no other connection with it. Correspondents are answered free in these columns. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 Clinton street, Chicago, Ill.

Answers printed in order as received. Here are some for this week:

Frank, Notre Dame, Ind.

You have the zodiacal sign Scorpio rising, with Sagittarius intercepted on the ascendant, and Mercury, Venus and the Sun also there, consequently you have Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Venus and the Sun for ruling planets. You are above medium height, and well proportioned body; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are stirring and energetic, and will always have an ambition for a large business, with plenty of rush to it. You are fond of anything that has a mystery connected with it, and are very original and inventive in your ideas. You are also fond of anything pertaining to chemistry and pharmacy. You have good command of language, and you are also a deep thinker, and do not always tell everything you know. You have strong intuitions, and have a good knowledge of many things without ever having had to study to learn about them.

Miss Mary K., Galva, Ill.

You have the zodiacal sign Scorpio, which Mars rules, rising at your birth and therefore Mars is your ruling planet or significator. Scorpio usually denotes a person of medium height; well set and compact figure; rather short limbs; the complexion not very clear and oftentimes freckled; the hair dark and of luxuriant growth; you are reserved and secretive in your nature and keep your business secrets to yourself; you are ambitious, stirring and energetic and inclined to take the lead in anything in which you become interested; you are not very yielding in your disposition and when opposed are liable to lose control of your temper; you are fond of anything that is of a mystical character and easily become interested in anything relating to chemistry; you are a great admirer of surgeons, soldiers, firemen, etc., when they perform any operation that requires skill or any act of bravery, soldiers on dress parade, etc.; you also take quite an interest in war and navy news and all kinds of military affairs.

John M., Brooklyn.

You have the zodiacal sign Leo, which the sun rules, rising at birth and therefore the Sun is your ruling planet or significator. The sign Leo usually denotes a wiry, muscular, slender figure, with wide shoulders in proportion to the rest of the body; the complexion fair and ruddy; the hair and eyes light; the eyes are large and in some cases they would be called "popeyes." You are of a sunny, cheerful temperament; you are charitable and generous, too much so for your own good; you are very restless when not busy at something; you are very apt to borrow trouble in some way or cross bridges before you get to them; you are apparently quick tempered yet seldom get your deep anger aroused; yet when you do you become very fierce like the lion; when your anger is once aroused you will give somebody that was the cause of it the full benefit of your opinion regardless of their position or rank. You have more than average pride and ambition and have a natural gift of language.

A Towel of Blotting Paper.

Paper has been put to a variety of uses, but its most curious employment is foreshadowed in the recent patenting of a blotting-paper towel. The idea is that a person on stepping out of his morning bath, instead of rubbing himself dry in the orthodox manner, should envelop his body in a towel of blotting-paper, which will, without trouble, and in a few seconds, absorb all the moisture upon his skin. The idea is ingenious, but it does away with that wholesome friction which many believe to be so beneficial to the skin.

A curious note of explanation accompanied some poetry received by a Michigan editor. The note ran thus: "These lines were written fifty years [illegible] time."

Imaginary troubles and ailments, though abundant among a certain class of people, are generally well aired, and are as depressing to those who have to listen to them as real ones; yet most of them, if denied utterance, would soon melt away.

A shrewd grocer in St. Louis has hit upon a novel way of increasing his trade. He sends a female agent to the houses of his patrons to take the morning orders, and she suggests lots of nice and expensive things that just hit the fancy of customers.

It seems as if life might all be so simple and so beautiful, so good to live, so good to look at, if only we could think of it as one long journey, where every day's march had its own separate sort of beauty to travel through. —Phillips Brooks.

QUEEN OF PORTUGAL.

The Brainiest Daughter of the Late Comte of Paris.

(Special Letter.)

Queen Marie Amelie of Portugal is the most capable and well endowed, mentally, of all the children of the late Comte de Paris. She married when quite a girl, and has lived away from France for many years, but has ever remained a true Orleanist, and hopes that her brother may yet become king of the French. The queen makes over her own hats and bonnets. She has a workroom in the palace at Lisbon, and she can copy a Paris model to perfection. She is a very handsome woman. Her fair hair and clear skin make her look still quite young in a country where women age with painful rapidity. She is passionately devoted to her two sons, and, if only for their sake, she will exert all her knowledge of the world and inborn ability to save Portugal from the progressive changes which promise to make its people free and leave monarchy without a foothold in its sunny clime. Dom Carlos, her husband, has great faith in the wisdom of the queen, and it is by her advice that one or the other of the heads of the royal family is ever in the country. This resolution imposes many privations on the queen, who would, were it not for her fear of revolution, visit her mother. The Duke and Duchess of Orleans will spend part of their honeymoon in Portugal.

QUEEN MARIE.

HIS HOME A TOMB.

How an Eccentric New York Man Guards His Wife's Body.

Jonathan Reed, who passes the greater part of his leisure time guarding the tomb of his wife in the Evergreens cemetery, Brooklyn, has been requested by the cemetery authorities not to admit so many visitors to the vault as he has been in the habit of doing, says an exchange. The vault was built according to Mr. Reed's own ideas after the death of his wife, over three years ago. The interior of the vault is ten feet wide, ten feet high and thirteen feet long. The vestibule is hung with Japanese bead portieres and the walls are adorned with portraits and bric-a-brac gathered by Mr. and Mrs. Reed during their European travels. There are two metallic coffins. One is hermetically sealed and contains the body of Mr. Reed's wife. The other awaits Mr. Reed's body. "They are the very best that could be made," said Mr. Reed. "I do not know how soon the second will be needed, but I thought that so long as they were making the one I might as well tell them to make two. People have talked a good deal about what they call my eccentricity, but that does not worry me in the least. I loved my wife in life and so long as I live I shall look after her body. I have simply tried to make her tomb homelike, so that I could spend my leisure with her. Naturally people who have heard of the tomb go to see it, and lately the crowd of visitors has been so large that the cemetery authorities have asked me not to admit the public to the vault. It has been said that I have removed the lid of the coffin and allowed people to see my dead wife's face, but that is not true. Sometimes, when I have been alone in the tomb, I have removed the coffin lid and that is certainly my privilege. I shall continue just as I have been doing and when I die the cemetery association will receive a fund to keep the place in order." Two large vases and a large iron turtle have recently been placed on the plot in front of the vault.

Seeing a Rose Grow.

An ingenious Frenchman has suggested a way in which a rose, or other flower, could be caused to appear growing and unfolding in the presence of a roomful of spectators. He proposes to employ the kinematoscope, a magic lantern so arranged as to produce moving figures on a screen by means of a series of photographs of living objects, each successive photograph having been taken only a small fraction of a second later than its immediate predecessor. But for the proposed new application of this instrument the photographs need not be made so near together, since they are to represent changes which require several months for their development. Beginning with the first appearance of the bud, several thousand photographs of a growing rose are to be taken, just near enough together so the change of form in flower is almost imperceptible, until it has attained its complete bloom, and then has faded and fallen to pieces. These photographs, being passed as transparencies, in rapid succession, through the kinematoscope, there would appear upon the screen the figure of a rose visibly budding, growing, opening, spreading its petals, and finally shrivelling and dying, the whole process occupying but a few minutes. Many other applications of this principle to the representation of growing objects are suggested.

The Newest Game.

The youngest of a neighboring suburb, says the New York Evening Sun, are at present reveling in a new game. Nobody knows just how it originated. Possibly the recent visit of that celestial interrogation point, Li Hung Chang, had something to do with it. The game [illegible] consists very [illegible] except the mothers.

Up-to-Date Boy's Occupation.

The New York police have arrested Arthur Reppen, a 15-year-old boy, who made a business of smashing window panes and then giving the address of the houses to glazing firms.

Success.

Jenkins—"Had you any luck on your western trip?" Jackson—"Great luck! The baby cut four teeth while I was away."—Puck.

Population of India.

India's population, according to the census of 1895, is 287,223,431, an increase over the previous census of 33,428,917

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Important to All the Readers of This Paper.

We have decided to extend time to January 15th, '97, that we will send to every reader of this paper pre-paid one 25c bottle of 5 drops for 10c. Large bottles (800 doses), $1.00.

5 drops is not sold by druggists. Only by us and our agents.

This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief and is a permanent cure in rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, dyspepsia, backache, asthma, hay fever, catarrh, sleeplessness, nervousness, nervous and neuralgic headache, heat weakness, toothache, earache, croup, la grippe, malaria, creeping numbness, bronchitis, and kindred diseases.

"It is not often that we commend in these columns anything of a medicinal character, but our Chicago representative has had personal access to the correspondence of this Company, and has seen some of the many thousands of genuine testimonials and letters they receive daily, and assure us that the cures affected by this remedy border on the marvelous.—Chicago Opinion.

If suffering do not delay, but order today. Your money refunded if 5 drops fails in any way short of what we claim.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

As wood is largely wanting in the Australian gold fields, several steam ships are engaged in carrying timber from the Pacific coast for use in Australian mines. The steamships carry from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 feet each. The wood is California pine and fir.

In a black letter bible which a few years ago was to be seen in Lees Castle, near Maidstone, the peculiarity is to be found in Genesis xxxix 6, that "Joseph was a polye felow," instead of "godly person," as stated in the authorized edition.

It is estimated that the redwood forest of Sonoma and Mendocino counties, California, contains no less than 40,000,000,000 feet of lumber, and that at the present rate of cutting it would take 100 years to exhaust the supply.

$100 Reward, $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address,

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Canada lynxes have multiplied greatly in Maine during the past few years, and the woodsmen fear that if they continue to increase at the same rate they will prove dangerous and destructive to other game, especially fawns.

A team consisting of three horses and an ox is in regular service hauling lumber to the railroad stations in Aroostook county, Me. The ox is harnessed with bit and breeching, and harmoniously and well beside one of horses.

Some idea of the enormous mineral wealth of Australia may be formed from the fact that the value of the mineral products raised in a single colony—New South Wales—to the end of 1894 was more than $545,000,000.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth,

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething.

It is reported that in an Elkhart, Ind., musical instrument factory, in which profit sharing has been practiced since 1892, $58,000 has thus far been distributed among the employes of the factory.

The Langson railroad, in Tonquin, which was to open a conquered province for an expenditure of $500,000, bled the French treasury to the tune of $4,367,790.

The eggregious underestimate of cost of the Panama canal nearly swamped that enterprise before wholesale stealing completed the ruin.

Hegeman's Camphor Ice with Glycerine.

Cures Chapped Hands and Face, Tender or Sore Feet, Chilblains, Piles, &c. C. G. Clark Co., New Haven, Ct.

The devil does a good day's work when he persuades the father of a family that he can save money by not taking a religious paper.

The greatest taxpayer is tobacco. In the last 27 years this product has paid a tribute of a billion dollars to Uncle Sam alone.

About 600 horseless carriages are in use in the city of Paris, the greater part of them by stores and business houses.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free $2 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The man who knows Christ well will not look for perfection in anybody else.

Michigan iron mines give every promise of activity in the near future.

To obtain salvation, the sinner needs to take nothing to Christ but his sins.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4228 Regent Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

London has 448,300 inhabited houses.

London prefers wood pavements.

"Mend it or End it,"

has been the rallying cry of reform, directed against abuses municipal or social.

For the man who lets himself be abused by a cough the cry should be modified to: Mend it, or it'll end you. You can mend any cough with

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Pickled tea is used in Burmah as a sort of sour-kraut. The young leaves are boiled, poured into pits about six feet deep, lined with plantain leaves and covered with earth, and are kept there for some months. They are then used either to make tea or are eaten after being soaked in oil with garlic or dried fish.

Japan is again actively engaged in railway construction. "A sum of $22,000,000 has been voted for the construction of a double line, 376 miles long, between Tokio and Kobe, passing through the principal commercial and industrial centers of Japan, viz., Yokohama, Kioto and Oska."

A 50-Cent Calendar Free.

Perhaps the most beautiful Calendar issued for the year '97 is The Youth's Companion Art Calendar, which is given to each subscriber to the paper for the year '97. It is made up of four charming pictures, beautifully reproduced in twelve harmonious colors. It is in form a four-page folder which, when extended, is 10x24 inches in size. The subjects are delightfully attractive. This Calendar makes a desirable ornament for mantel, center-table or writing-desk. It is offered for sale only by the publishers of The Youth's Companion at 50 cents per copy. Only because of the enormous number published it is possible for the publishers of The Companion to send it free to all Companion subscribers.

Traveling churches are to be established on the Trans-Siberian Railway, which passes through many desert tracts, where neither village nor church can be met with for miles. Cars fitted up for divine service will be attached to the trains for the benefit of the officials.

The Consular returns of exports from Bradford to the United States show that the year has ended well, the total showing an increase of $503,380 over the corresponding month of last year, and being larger than that of any month in 1895, except August.

According to a statement made in Parliament, there are in England and Wales more than 40,000 pauper children.

Whatever we would do if we had the power is what the Lord will give us the credit of having done.

No work is hard for the man who has God for his helper.

It is better to be right and poor, than wrong and rich.

The devil throws the most darts at a shining mark.

The Lord's sheep all know their Shepherd.

The Eureka, Cal., gold mine is 2290 feet deep.

Mrs. Potter Palmer has a $5,000 bracelet.

Germany has 1,000,000 textile operatives.

England makes copper coins for Russia.

Artificial flowers are made of bread.

Texas pecan crop is worth $500,000.

Syrup of Figs

Gladness Comes

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