

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Wooden pavements in Paris, France, have been condemned, as they serve as a breeding place for all kinds of dangerous germs.

In Germany one man in 213 goes to college; in Scotland one in 520; in the United States one in 2,000, and in England, one in 5,000.

Nebraska has discovered that the much dreaded Russian thistle is a first class fodder for cattle. But, of course it has many other fine points.

It would be entirely proper to include American war vessels in any list of noted health resorts. No other places can boast such low death rates.

The natives of China are much impressed with American sewing machines, and American firms recently sent a shipment to Bangkok, valued at \$83,000.

At the close of the last century there were supposed to be 1,000,000 aborigines in Australia. There are now less than 100,000 and among them are still some cannibals.

In St. Louis boys leave school at thirteen years and three months, in Chicago at fourteen years and five months, in Boston at fifteen years and three months.

With the single exception of Norway there is no land in Europe whose area is so taken up by forests as Germany, more than a quarter of its surface being devoted to them.

Diamond fields have recently been discovered near Shantung, in China. The fact will not increase the chances of China keeping foreigners from interfering in her affairs.

In the course of events America's famous White Squadron of other days has been painted red with the glories of victory. It is somewhat the finest exhibition of color work now visible to the eyes of an admiring world.

Mr. W. D. Howells, the well known novelist, has made a recent statement to the effect that New York is a mart where literature is on a plane with dry-goods and that the upper-fourth class as much for the one as for the other.

The United States, which for many years has ranked second to Great Britain in the production of salt, produced in 1897 considerably more than the production of Great Britain in 1896, according to a recent report of the United States Geographical Survey.

An open secret of the Spanish weakness on land and sea was repeated in the remark of a Spaniard to an Englishman, as printed in a London paper: "In England you order a ship and a ship gets made. In Spain we order a ship and one or two people get rich."

The contract for printing United States postage stamps next year includes 2,726,768,525 two-cent stamps, and 1,344,524,550 one-cent stamps. The smallest number of any one variety will be 4,420 fifty dollar stamps. These are used for postage upon newspapers mailed in bulk.

In the last ten years American exports to Germany have increased from \$56,500,000 to over \$150,000,000. A large share of these exports consisted of food products. This explains why Prince Henry was not in a hurry to get between the American line of fire and the Spanish enemy at Manila. Emperor William is not courting bread riots at home.

It is the belief of some political economists that the population of a country should not exceed half the number of its cultivated acres. There are, therefore, seven European countries which are over-populated—Belgium, which has 115 persons to each 100 tilled acres; England, 115; Holland 95; Scotland, 86; Italy, 60; Germany, 55; and Switzerland, 58.

No American can afford to forget the name of La Quasina and Sevilla. These words are carved deep in the towering wall of republican institutions—placed there by the same gallantry and devotion to country that founded those institutions in the long ago. Every spot where an American dies in behalf of liberty and popular government is hallowed. The hills of Santiago have become for all time, to us, a shrine.

One feature of the work of the war dog is worthy of special mention. For instance, in Germany, a soldier is dressed as a Frenchman and put on a bicycle. His legs are menced in strong leggings and the dog is set on him. All riders know that it does not require much urging to get a dog to attack a cyclist. The war dog is no exception, and in a very few weeks he delights to be allowed to pull cyclists from their wheels. Inasmuch as the bicycle is no small institution in the armies of Europe, the training of the dogs to attack the riders is important and is expected to produce great results in time of actual war.

To find a total import trade as small as that of the fiscal year 1898, the student of our commerce must turn back as far as 1879, when the country's population was smaller by nearly twenty millions than its present total. Only five years ago, in the fiscal year 1893, the United States imported \$866,400,000 worth of foreign goods. In the past fiscal year the total fell to \$616,000,000. The net result is an excess of exports over imports wholly unparalleled in our history, the so-called balance of trade in our favor reaching \$615,259,000, against the \$286,263,000 balance which in 1897 was hailed as breaking all past records.

The acquisition of Hawaii makes all commerce between those islands and our Pacific cities a coasting trade, in which only American vessels can take part, says the New York Mail and Express. This fact alone will enormously swell the trade of Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and the other Pacific coast points, and create a new era of prosperity where there has for many years been depression and languishing. Add to this the fact that the new Pacific cable now being laid, and the incalculable volume of commerce sure to follow our increased influence in Asiatic waters, and the Pacific coast may well count on a state itself upon the vista of prosperity opening before it.

The lessons in naval construction taught by our war with Spain confirm those of the latest preceding wars, that of Japan with China. What was specially noticeable in the battle of the Yalu was the great damage done both to the Chinese and Japanese ships by woodwork, through its taking fire and splintering. Secretary of the Navy-Hillary A. Herbert tried to substitute other material for wood in our newest ships, and wherever this was inconvenient, he attempted to make the wood fire proof by a patent process. This last device had drawbacks, but the need itself was not questioned, and foremost in the recommendations of the Naval Board of Survey at Santiago was the advice that the least possible wood work should be used on warships. The ravages of fire on the Spanish ships furnish all the argument needed on this point, and it will be our own fault if hereafter we neglect it, thinks the New York Sun.

Lord Reay presided a short time ago at the distribution of the annual prizes at University College, London, and betrayed a considerable disturbance of mind over the fact that so many of them had been won by students of the female sex. Lord Reay expressed a faint hope that something might be done to put an end to this unhappy state of affairs, and even went so far as to say that he was ready to offer a prize for an essay embodying an exhaustive inquiry into the state of a woman's mind. The particular had reference was comprised in the term "accuracy." He was anxious to know whether the mind of man or woman was the more accurate, and he had a fervent desire that this question might be discussed in all the debating unions. Perhaps it did not occur to Lord Reay that all the debating unions in England could not settle such a question. It is doubtful whether any power on earth could do so. What does the noble Lord mean by "accuracy?" If he is correctly reported, his own mind, if it may be judged by his language, is anything but "accurate."

Although harmful adulterations of flour may be had by those who would not scruple to use them, there is little evidence thus far that flour is adulterated. In Massachusetts, where, as in other states, it has been assumed that flour was adulterated with clay, white earth, talc, or some such substance, an inquiry by the Board of Health disclosed only the presence of corn-starch and gluten, each perfectly healthful. The inquiry was a thorough one, samples of flour being obtained from 100 towns in the state, and generally from the groceries patronized by the poorer people, on the assumption that the poor would be most likely to suffer in case of any adulteration. Only two of these samples were found to be adulterated, and the board, though continuing its investigation, is satisfied that the rumors of adulteration are greatly exaggerated.

A Confusion of Names.
He was looking lank and lean; he wore a threadbare suit of black and under one arm he carried a volume; under the other there was an umbrella which had been better days. He entered so quietly that Dodson, who was busy at his desk, did not hear him.

"I have here," he began softly. Dodson wheeled in his chair and took in the situation. "I don't care what you sign," he roared. "Don't you see that sign? 'Peddlers and book agents not wanted,' or are you blind?"

"The Life of Samson—" continued the agent with an apologetic smile. "Why didn't you say so before?" said Dodson, subsiding.

"In one volume, price \$1.50," continued the long, thin man in black. "I'll take it," said Dodson shortly. "Good day, sir."

A few minutes later a friend of Dodson's happened in and took up the volume.

"Hello, old man," said he. "I didn't know you went in for biblical subjects."

"I don't see the joke," said Dodson testily. "I believe that in times like these every patriotic American citizen should familiarize himself with the lives of our prominent men who are at the front making history for the glorious country. We neglect these things too long. I propose to keep up with the times."

"You will have to hurry if you do," answered his friend dryly. "This particular Samson without the 'p' has been dead for three thousand years."

The Dangers of Electric Fans.
"Electric fans have probably come to stay," remarked an electrician, "and though they are decidedly pleasant to many during stuffy and very warm weather, there are some things about them that are not thoroughly enjoyable, as far as after effects are concerned. My experience is that persons should not sit for any long time in the direct draft of them, especially if they are sensitive to draughts. It may not always feel so, but the fan is just as cooling if the wind produced by it does not strike you directly. Better have it strike you from either side, however, than full in the face or back, and especially avoid having it play on the back of your neck. People who are suffering from neuralgia have found this out for themselves. There is a peculiarity about electric fans, and that is that persons sitting so the wind plays on them directly in nine cases out of ten will have a slight attack of sneezing the moment they go out in the open air. The fans in the stores that paddle the breeze over the heads of the customers do much less damage than the wheels that shoot the air directly at you. If the circulation is above the head it is better than if it is on the level of your head."

She Enjoyed an Earthquake.
An old lady from Oxford, Mich., who with her husband had spent the winter in California, was asked by one of her neighbors if she had heard an earthquake while in California.

"Yes, I heard one," she answered, "and rather enjoyed it, for it was the first thing that happened since John and I have been married that he did not think I was to blame for."—San Francisco Argonaut.

The population of England at the time of the Conquest did not exceed 2,000,000 all told.

"We Chinese bind our feet and you Americans your lungs," a royal little lady said one day to a missionary who protested against the former cruel practice; "it is a difference of custom, that is all, except that ours is the better." Similar superiority is felt by the native women of India, some of whom were recently horrified by a sight of the corsets of an American traveler. After examining the garment one asked if she might touch her, and receiving permission, exclaimed, "O child of God! Have you really bones inside of you? We supposed that you must have been made without them, since you wear them outside."

She—Now, can you guess my age, Major? Gallant Major—No, I can't; but you don't look it.—Tit-Bits.

Swallowed a Needle and Died.
A tailor in Chicago accidentally swallowed a needle and died as a result of the injury. Little things frequently have great power, as is seen in a few small doses of the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which, however, has an entirely different effect from the needle in this notice. The Bitters make nervous weak and sickly persons strong and well again. They are also good for dyspepsia and constipation.

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A Scotch minister while on a visit to England noticed that when the minister stopped praying the choir sang "Amen." The first Sunday after his arrival home he arranged with his precursor that at the end of the prayers he would drop a pea on his head, when he was going to sing "Amen." When Sunday came, about the end of the first prayer, the precursor felt a shower of peas fall on his head, and began singing: "Amen! amen! amen! amen!" as fast as he could, when the minister leaned over the pulpit and whispered: "Whist! whist! Jock; the poke's burst."—Golden Penny.

A Real Prize.
"If I had such a wife as Mrs. Negley I think I could be supremely happy."

"Why, I don't consider her especially good-looking, and it is easy to see that she isn't very clever."

"I know, but when her husband starts to tell a funny story she doesn't assume the look of a martyr, or try to change the subject."—Chicago News.

Richard Folsom Cleveland, infant son of Grover Cleveland, LL. D., has been shot. A wicked reporter took a snapshot at him with a kodak.

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Heroes of War.
From the Chicago Times-Herald.
The feeling of admiration for heroes of war seems to be innate in the human heart, and is brought to the surface as the opportunity and object for such hero worship presents itself.

Among those who proved their heroism during our Civil War was A. Schiffender, of 121 Sedgwick street, Chicago. He is an Austrian by birth, came to America at the age of 17 and soon became an American citizen. He was living in Milwaukee when the call for volunteers came, early in 1862, and promptly enlisted in Company A, of the Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteers. In the Army of the Potomac our hero saw much fighting, campaigning in the Shenandoah Valley.

In the first day's fighting at the battle of Gettysburg, Schiffender received a wound in the right side, which afterward caused him much trouble. With a portion of his regiment he was captured and imprisoned at Bell Island and Andersonville, and afterward exchanged. He returned to his regiment, which was transferred to the Army of General Sherman, and marched with him through Georgia to the sea.

In this campaign Mr. Schiffender's old wound began to trouble him and he was sent to the hospital and then home. He had also contracted catarrh of the stomach and found no relief for years.

It happened to read an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People about a year ago," he said, "and thought that they might be good for my trouble. I concluded to try them. I bought a box and was directed to take them according to directions. They gave me great relief. After finishing that box I bought another, and when I had taken the pills I felt that I was cured. I recovered my appetite and ate heartily. I can testify to the good the pills did me."

Mr. Schiffender is a prominent Grand Army man in Chicago, whither he moved some years ago with his family.

F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, who has lived much in Italy and owns property there, points to the crushing weight of the discontent among the Italian people. Taking national, provincial and commercial taxation together, he himself pays upon the assessed income upon a few acres of land 42 per cent, upon the assessed rent of his house 23 per cent, and if he paid income tax in Italy the Government would exact 13 1/4 per cent more. As there is no limit of estate, real or personal, below which taxation is not applied, he finds it easy to understand the enormous emigration which of late years has crippled Italian agriculture by sensibly diminishing the farming population, while leaving upon the hands of the Government an immense area of farm land confiscated for overdue taxes, which no one could be induced to take under the present conditions even as a gift. Such a condition of things he regards as simply an incipient form of national bankruptcy.

Prominent English statesmen have recently declared in favor of an alliance between the United States and Great Britain. Commenting on this subject of an Anglo-American alliance, a writer aptly says the real basis of it is not blood relationship but bread relationship. Bread is the bond of peace. England is dependent on foreign food supplies for existence. Five-sixths of her food is imported. The United States finds England the best market for surplus food products. This inter-dependence is the basis of the alliance proposed by Great Britain as a far-sighted measure of self-preservation.

The mistress of a certain servant lost the salaried position which had been her support. The servant thereupon offered to accept reduced wages while her mistress was out of work. Who would dare now to say to either party that this Golden Rule compact that the relations of employers and the employed can be stated in full in dollars and cents? Instances of mutual helpfulness make bright countless homes and offices. Those who declare they cannot discern such examples of consideration and co-operation are wilfully blind.

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The medical profession, he said, adapting itself to the needs of the times, had felt it incumbent upon it during the last decade to insist mainly on the evils of misuse of the brain, on the excessive strain not seldom imposed on it in these days in the fierce struggle of the race to be rich, and more especially on the over-pressure imposed on it in the name of education when in an immature state, but they were not less keenly alive to the correlative evils of the disuse of the brain.

Elderly persons who gave up business and professional men who laid aside their avocations without having other interests or pursuits to which to turn were in many cases plunged in despondency or hurried into premature decrepitude. He did not know any surer way of inducing premature mental decay than for a man of active habits to retire and do nothing when just past the zenith of life; and, on the other hand, he did not know any surer way of enjoying a green old age than to keep on working at something till the close.

It had been said that one of the rewards of philosophy was length of days, and a striking light might be presented of men distinguished for their intellectual labors which they had never laid aside, who had far exceeded the allotted span of human life. Galileo lived to 78, Newton to 85, Franklin to 85, Buffon to 80, Faraday to 70, and Brewster to 84 years. Sir James Orlinton-Browne drew special attention to the great age generally attained by our judges.—London Lancet.

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