

CURRENT TOPICS.

Only two children have been born at the White House.

It will take three months and \$2,000 to mount Jumbo.

LAD in the city of London proper costs \$15,000,000 and acre.

ST-PAUL gambling houses are being closed by the authorities.

Nine-inch water dogs sometimes gnaw out of Chicago's hydrants.

LADY RANDOLPH CURCHILL is said to disapprove of woman suffrage.

THIRTY American girls are teaching normal schools in the Argentine Republic.

Artificial honey is made with a machine invented by a Wisconsin woman.

An incandescent lamp that requires no vacuum has been patented in Germany.

It is rumored that Princess Kung, of China, has been converted to Christianity.

CALIFORNIA is selling grapes by the wagon load at less than the cost of hay or corn.

COWPENS, Ga., has three brides, aged respectively thirteen, fourteen and fifteen years.

THREE thousand women are connected with the different trade unions of Philadelphia.

FARMERS in Fayette County, Pa., are offering to give away all the apples anyone will take.

WELL diggers in Dakota hunt for ant hills, which they always locate over a vein of water.

THE Postmaster General has decided that there shall be no special postal deliveries on Sundays.

An exchange asks: If tobacco is an evil, why does Providence permit such things to grow so abundantly?

EDGAR FINE THUNDER is the first name of a young Indian blacksmith who is to be sent out to Carlisle.

BURLINGTON, N. J., is exercised over an alleged hoodlum ghost seen at the roadside near Millville.

BELVA LOCKWOOD is said to have cleared \$2,000 from her lecturing tour since she was elected President.

It is officially denied that Germany and Spain have reached an agreement concerning the Caroline Islands.

A PHILADELPHIA hatter claims that the heads of Americans are gradually but surely decreasing in size.

It is said that a pretty woman marries a homely man simply to give her own beauty the benefit of the contrast.

THE spire of the Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, New York, is to be carried up to three hundred and fifty feet.

THERE is an increased demand at the Treasury for small currency, which is interpreted as a sign of business revival.

A MORTAL battle between two stock raisers with two or three head of cattle a few years ago, recently sold his herd for \$23,000.

THE oldest living ex-member of the Vermont Legislature is Eli Chamberlain, of Albany, 94 years old. He served in the sessions of 1822.

INQUIRIES are being made by a Congressional committee regarding a statue of Lafayette to be placed in Washington at a cost of \$30,000.

OUR Signal Service costs \$1,000,000 a year, and the Government will, finally, by many stations and fully as efficient, cost only \$50,000.

THE grand jury reported no indictments against the sixteen persons in custody charged with killing Chinese at Rock Springs, Wyoming.

It is said that forty-five millions of eggs are consumed every day in the United States. New York city alone consumes 450,000,000 annually.

IT is claimed that the cultivation of cardy beans is a great industry in times of peace. More can be produced with an acre of water five acres of land.

A NEW YORK paper seriously doubts if a pretty woman can be convicted of murder in the courts of this country, no matter how strong the evidence against her.

THE Austrian Government has invited the nation to send delegates to a conference to be held in Vienna, at the end of October, to establish a standard musical pitch.

MERCHANTS of means, and who are ambitious to get rich, are being lured by the offer of sale in Italy. Their impetuous owners have no further use for them.

A FRENCH musician has succeeded in making a piano from musical stones. The flint is suspended by wires from a board and are played upon by two other flints.

THE growing of the sunflower for its seed to feed is rapidly increasing in many sections of the country. Sunflower seed is said to be one of the very best poultry feeds.

THE new Pennsylvania marriage law levies a tax on bridegrooms, and compels them to answer under oath about twenty questions as to themselves and intended brides.

THERE is a young lady in Orangeburg, S. C., who runs a farm, and makes from thirty to forty bales of cotton a year, besides other crops. She doesn't want to marry.

GOLDSMITH MAID, the famous trotter, which died recently, earned during her lifetime of twenty-eight and one-half years, nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, it is stated.

PAPER is made in France from hop vines, and it is claimed that the fiber secured is the best substitute for rags yet obtained, as it possesses great length, strength, flexibility and delicacy.

THE President has received an elegant framed photograph of Prince Bismarck. It was a present from Prince Bismarck himself, and bears his personal autograph. It will be hung in the President's chamber.

BUDENBROCK, the New York builder of mud-mortar infancy, found the walls of the Tombs prison of pretty good construction, and succeeded in digging out only a few days ago through the aid of satisfactory bondsmen.

THE harp used by Tom Moore is owned by George W. Childs, proprietor of the Philadelphia Inquirer, into whose possession it came by bequest.

THE increasing masculinity of English girls is a topic for many London essayists. In dress and manners it is the fashion with daughters of wealth and refinement to be as much like their brothers as decorum will allow.

THE British Imperial Government have presented to Ottawa, a thirteen six-pound bronze cannon for a statue of the Indian chief Joseph Brant, an English ally during the war of the Revolution.

TO KEEP postage stamps in the pocket or memorandum book without sticking, a post-office clerk advises people to rub the sticky side over the hair two or three times. The oil of the hair coats the mucilage and prevents it from sticking.

Mrs. MARY HOPKINS, who lives at Great Barrington, Mass., and left California out of fear of Dennis Kearney and his followers, has at least \$25,000 to manage. She makes good interest on shrewd investments and careful management.

IN ETERNITY.

Peaceful Close of a Fruitful Life—His Career.

Death of Cardinal John McCloskey

New York, October 10.—Cardinal McCloskey died at ten minutes to one o'clock this morning.

Cardinal McCloskey was born in Brooklyn in 1810. He was sent to the church schools in New York, where he was distinguished as an apt scholar.

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BLACK CHOLERA.

A Fishing Vessel Supposed to Have Brought it Over From Spain.

HALIFAX, N. S., October 7.—Huntsville, a little fishing hamlet of about two thousand people, located forty miles from here by rail, has been suffering from the "black cholera" apparently in its worst form for the past six weeks.

It seems that Captain Hunter, who commands the fishing smack Eliza Ann, was taken suddenly and mysteriously ill in the latter days of August. His malady puzzled the village physicians sorely.

They had two consultations, but did not fully make up their minds what the disease was until after Captain Hunter's death, which occurred within forty-eight hours of the time he was taken ill.

Half an hour after he died Hunter's body began to turn blue in a short time was a dark-blue all over. Then a horrible odor came from the corpse. By this time the doctors agreed that "black cholera" had been his fatal trouble.

Notwithstanding this, however, they did not want to commit the body to the water, but kept it in the town until it was taken to the sea.

There were but only a few days left to the season, and the fishermen were in a hurry to get to sea. It was decided to take the body to sea in a coffin.

The coffin was taken to sea in a small boat, and the body was thrown overboard. The fishermen were in a hurry to get to sea, and the body was thrown overboard.

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