

IN VARIOUS PLACES.

Three new railway lines are projected in Turkey.
Cuban railroads are compelled by their charters to carry mails free.
Japan sent 63 ships through the Suez canal last year, or more than Spain (34) or Denmark (27) and nearly as many as Italy (52).

THE TAG ENDS OF THINGS.

The largest artesian well in the world is 14 inches in diameter and 564 feet deep. It is at Carrizos, in California.
To prevent stoves, or even farm utensils, from rusting, when not in use, rub them over with a rag dipped into kerosene.

HOW ROYALTY SLEEPS.

The king of Italy cannot sleep except upon a very hard bed. He dispenses with the use of pillows. He uses sheets of the very coarsest web and sleeps like a top.
Queen Victoria went to bed quite late, although she was a comparatively early riser. Year in and year out her average time of going to bed was 10:15. A lady in waiting was deputed to read her to sleep.

HOW CLOTHES GOT NAMES.

Mackintosh is the name of its inventor.
"Umbrella" is from "umbra," a little shade.
The word "gown" comes from the Welsh "gwn."

WHAT OUR POETS SAY.

How Often We Forget!
We are too heedless of the little things
Done for our comfort by our own dear hand.
Too thoughtless of the cheek our lips
Might kiss.

ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS.

The "wheel" surcharge on the recent issues of Salvador has been described as a sunburst.
The Garzon, Colombian Republic, provisionals, March, 1894, issue, were largely bought up by a dealer in Garzon, who at first was the sole source of supply of the stamps.

The Hoangho, or Yellow river, of China, is 2,800 miles in length, and drains a territory equal to one-third the area of the United States.

Milwaukee is laying cement curbs and gutters, in the place of the customary stone, and the experiment is said to be wholly satisfactory.

Leopold III, the king of the Belgians, goes to bed late. He spends half the night working and reading.

"Pocket" means "poke," a bag or pouch, with the diminutive, the pocket being only a little bag inserted in a garment or any other article.

In Sunshine Land.
The days are long and bright and fair
From east to west, in Sunshine Land.

Thirty-five years ago, when the collection of postage stamps was thought to be mere child's play, the stamps worth hundreds of dollars to-day could be bought for a few cents each.

FRENCH FACTS.

Gold has been discovered at Clairac, in France, during the sinking of a well.
France's annual consumption of wheat (including seed wheat) is 340, 226,000 bushels.

CURIOUS INFORMATION.

San Francisco is to have a five-story office building exclusively for physicians.
Double the time of the sun's rising gives the length of the night; double that of his setting gives the length of the day.

HOUSEWIFELY HINTS.

Throw warm sponges in cold water and let them soak four or five hours.
To prevent a rug from curling, sew a piece of furniture webbing along the under edge of the corners.

INDIVIDUALITIES.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Dombrowski is the rector of the only Polish theological seminary in America, located at Detroit. He was born in Warsaw, studied at the university of that city and took part in the revolution of 1848.

A DREAMER'S WORLD.

Good night, old world! We're on the way
From this your world, to Sunshine Land!

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Michigan's school fund permits of a per capita appropriation of two dollars.
Prof. Henry M. Howe, of the school of mines, Columbia university, has been elected an honorary member of the Russian technical school at St. Petersburg.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Chicago has invested close to \$1,000,000 in golf grounds.
Fairmount park, at Philadelphia, takes 2,740 acres; Central park, New York, 843 acres.

GOSSIP OF ACTORS.

Phil May, the caricaturist, is going to appear on the stage in London in a play that has been written for him.
Sir Henry Irving is shy about offering passes to cab drivers since one declined the favor with the remark: "The missus prefers the waxworks."

IN WOMAN'S REALM.

Miss Mary Claggett, daughter of the late Judge W. H. Claggett, of San Francisco, has opened a barber shop at Spokane.
It is said that Mrs. Theresa Wilcox, wife of Hawaii's delegate to congress, will start a newspaper printed one-half in English and one-half in Hawaiian.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

In 1900 Germany imported \$21,429,000 worth of tobacco.
The cotton exported from the United States during the past year amounted to 3,326,890,118 pounds.

THE EGOTIST.

When I am glum and feeling blue,
Why does all earth seem that way, too?

GLASSING OF FACT.

St. Louis is to have a newspaper published exclusively for negroes.
The retail price of meats in Chicago is higher than it has been for years.

A WOMAN NEVER.

Likes to give money to woman alma collectors.
Tells the exact truth regarding the size of her shoes.
Wants a saleswoman to think economy regulates a purchase.

FORMER BRITISH SOVEREIGNS

Henry VIII. was enormously fat and easily overheated. At the slightest exertion his face became purple.
Edward I. was six feet two inches high, and it is said that the tips of his middle-fingers extended below his knees.

TOLD IN NUMBERS.

Water is 820 times heavier than air.
The death rate in the United States is 17.5 per 1,000 population.
A tumbler contains about ten ounces of water; a teaspoon six ounces.

LONDON TOWN TALK.

London soot manures 100,000 acres of land a year.
The night population of the city of London is falling off at the rate of about 700 a year.

LITTLE HINTS.

The straight front corset is in greater demand than ever this season.
Stitched pongee velvet is considerably used for trimming cloth tailor gowns.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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JUST A MATTER OF WORDS.

The term carat merely means a twenty-fourth part of any given weight.
The word tomboy, now applied to a rude young woman, formerly meant a rude young man or boy.

LITTLE HINTS.

The windmill bow of satin ribbon or velvet is seen on many of the latest designs in children's hats.
The very latest walking skirts are made to show the feet to the top of the instep, and are of equal length all around.

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