

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The guests at the Saratoga hotels refuse to eat chickens hatched in an incubator and insist that the food they eat...

The cholera does not appear to have excited the hidalgos of Castile and Leon half so much as Germany's seizure of the Caroline Islands.

"Does decency pay?" dubiously asks a New York editor, and he instances the fact that it requires eight lightning presses to run off the edition of the People's Gazette...

Mrs. CHARITY CHOSAT, the oldest lady in Grand Rapids, Mich., is ninety-six years of age. She has outlived all her children.

AMONG women at watering-places expert swimmers have become common. They ignore the old advice to hang their clothes on a hickory limb...

The law which authorizes the special delivery of letters from Post-offices is not mandatory. It simply gives permission to establish the delivery...

THERE is one sensible Arctic explorer, Melville and Greeley, and pretty nearly everybody that has ever enjoyed the horrors of the polar regions...

The taking of homing pigeons out to sea, and liberating five hundred miles from land, has an ugly touch of cruelty in it.

The manufacture of cigars is becoming quite an industry. The number of factories in the United States reaches more than 16,000.

ASTORIA issued the first postal card in 1870, the United States falling into line three years later.

The Caroline Islands, which just now are causing very bad feeling on the part of Spain toward Germany...

SAN FRANCISCO is now exercised over the extent to which her export trade with China is controlled by resident Chinese.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT. MYLER, MISS., August 27.—The bridge across Bayou Pierre gave way under a passenger train this morning.

THE girls in Vienna are kept at their studies in school until they are fifteen. Then they go through a course of teaching in the pantry and the kitchen...

BRADFORD, Pa., August 27.—Three thousand pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded at the factory of Roberts & Sons, at Bolivar, Pa.

MUNCIE, Ind., August 27.—Mrs. A. R. Boob, of Belleville, Ill., died, presumably of heart disease, this morning between Indianapolis and this city.

ANOTHER ALLEGED CHOLERA DEATH. NORTH MILAN, Ind., August 26.—Louis Block, aged thirty years, died of cholera at his home, near here, this morning.

FLOODS IN CHINA.

Entire Villages Engulfed and Rice and Silk Crops Ruined.

More Than Ten Thousand Persons Drowned, and a Far Greater Number Left in a Starving Condition.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

South American Commission Report—Frequent Steamship Communication Recommended.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—In the report of the South American Commission, prepared for Congress on the visit to the Argentine Republic, they say:

More than forty steamers monthly leave the harbor of Buenos Ayres for foreign ports, but the production of the value of the river Plata is the largest component of the Argentine Republic.

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DESTRUCTIVE WINDS.

Vessels Damaged on the Sea-Coast—No Loss of Life.

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SPAIN IN SPASMS.

Spanish Officers on Furlough Ordered to Join their Regiments.

Castilian Blood Fused Over the Caroline Islands—Reinforcements.

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