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NEWS AND NOTES.

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There are 10,000 miles of railroad in the Australian colonies, including New Zealand.

The elite of Japan wear the native dress indoors and the American styles on the street.

Gold is at a premium of 59 in the Argentine Republic and the premium is increasing.

The sculler Laycock has arrived in England and challenges the world, except O'Connor and Searle.

The fastest of British cruisers, the Sheldrake, twenty-one knots, just launched, is a steel twin screw.

The Lord Mayor of London's fund for the Relief of Distress by Famine in China April 1, amounted to £21,710.

Russia has recently obtained such large concessions in Persia that the latter country's independence is seriously threatened.

Twenty drops of carbolic acid evaporated from a hot shovel will go far to batish flies from a room, while a piece of camphor gum the size of a walnut held over a lamp till it is consumed will answer the same purpose.

Pongee silk must be washed in
pud lather; soup must never touch
as it makes it harsh; hung to
drain without wringing after being
well rinsed, then folded while very
damp, rolled in a cloth, and ironed
after twelve hours.

Prince Pierre Saltzkoff, who recently died in Paris, was a curious character. He was immensely wealthy, and spent his entire fortune in collecting works of art or curiosities. Before he died he was obliged to sell his collection in order to keep

Bismarck has never been a favorite amongst jingo Englishmen; and a London correspondent of a New York journal states that "were the German Chancellor to appear in public anywhere in London, he would meet with a reception similar to that accorded to Marshal Haynau a generation ago." In other words

The Jewish community in London will, says the Jewish Chronicle, shortly receive a rare guest in the person of a lady Bachelor of Arts of the Bombay University, Miss Marian Samuel. She is the daughter of a Prussian merchant settled in Bombay, and has obtained her position at the university solely through private instruction.

Mr. John Aitken has recently submitted to the Royal Society Edinburgh, an apparatus for counting dust. He calculates that there are 88,346,000 dust particles in a cubic inch of space near the ceiling of a room; and, if this be so, the dust breathed by human lungs must be enormous, and far beyond what has hitherto been supposed.

The Czar is said to wear always a ring in which is embedded a piece of the true cross, that was given to an ancestor of the Czar by a Pope long ago. The Czar is said to be superstitious about this ring, and once, when he started upon a long journey and had forgotten it, he had the train held while a messenger went back upon a locomotive and fetched it.

The Rev. Hugh Callan, of Glasgow, created a sensation at Jerusalem recently by entering the gates of the City of David on a bicycle. It was the first machine of the kind the inhabitants had seen, and the streets were thronged with people attracted by the novel sight. Mr. Callan travelled from Paris to Constantinople, then crossed Asia Minor to Alexandria, where he was obliged to

There is excitement in newspaper circles over the report that James Gordon Bennett has gone to Khartoum on an important mission. He left Paris three weeks ago, went to Marseilles, then to Alexandria, and then to Cairo. Two stories are circulated in explanation of the singular journey. One is that at the Club Mereton, in Paris, an officer who has memories in the Egyptian Army

He said it was impossible for a foreigner to enter Khartoum and depart alive. Bennett offered a heavy wager that he could do it within six months. The bet was accepted and Bennett accompanied by a friend, started. The other story is that Bennett received a dispatch from his Cairo correspondent, stating that he had received a visit from an envoy of the Mahdi with important news regard-

ing Chinese Gordon; that the latter was still alive and kept a close prisoner; that the new Mahdi, by reason of his reverse at Kordofan and Bah al-Chazal and the loss of the greater Province of Darfur, was willing to ransom Gordon for 1,000,000 francs. The next few days Bennett made arrangements for the trip and the payment of the vast sum mentioned, and with a friend set out for Egypt.