

speciality is the sapphire The Empress of Russia has an unrivalled collection of turquoises and pearls. The ex-Queen Isabella of Spain has the most valuable collection of laces in the world, one of her shawls being worth £4,000.] The Grand Duchess of Saxe Weimar is

Brown, son of John Brown, lives alone on an island in Put-in Bay. Senator Bayard and Representative Clymer are at York, Me. The Rev. Edward Eggleston has gone to England. Joaquin Miller

his new play produced.

taneously on the railroad connecting Richmond and the south west and up the Shenandoah, their operations being designed to help Grant by crippling and confusing the enemy. Crook was fairly successful in destroying the road, but Sigel was forced by Early to retreat. Col.

"What of earls with whom you've sup't And of dukes that you dined with yest'reen! Lord! a louse, sir, is still but a louse, Though it crawls on the curls of a queen."



"Some Expriments in Co-operation," "A Scottish Loaf Factory" in the November press, it has accordingly been the aim of the editors to bring down the information to the number, and "Toad Lane, Rochdale, ' in De-

Strother ("Porte Crayton"), who was on Sigel's staff, remarked that the only difference between the commanders was, that while Crook was tearing up the road sigel was tearing down the pike.

At the exhibition now being held in England to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the production of the first printed book in England by Caxton, there are 192 specimens of his own press representing over eighty distinct works. Such a collection has never before been brought together. Nineteen specimens are sent from the Cam-bridge University Library, and 18 by the Duke of Devoushire, while the Bodleian Sion College, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Earl Beauchamp, the Marquis of Ailesbury, Eton College, and the Earl of Leicester are contributore of smaller numbers.

The wool clip of the United States for 1876 was about 200,000,000 pounds; of England, Ireland and Scotland, about 162,000,000, mostly combing; of the Continent of Europe, about 463,000,000; of Australasia about 350;000,000; of Buenos Ayres and River La Plata, about 207,000,-000 pounds. These are the principal wool growing countries of the world, and produce 1,382,000,000 out of the estimated 1,419,000,000 produced on the entire globe, The selling value of the total clip would probably aggregate \$450,000,000. Out of fourteen hundreed and nineteen million pounds of wool (the estimated clip, there would be fully a loss of 567 -000,000 pounds in scouring, making the net yield of claan wool about 852,000,00 pounds.

After all Gen. Grant has had less special honor paid him by Qieen Victoria than she has sometimes chosen to give to less notable Americans. One of the pleasantest stories told of her concerns the reception she gave Capt. Henry J. Hartstene in 1856, when he took to England the Brttish exploring bark Resolute, found abandoned in the Arctic Seas, rescued by a New London whaler, and bought by Congress as a present to the British Government. The Queen invited him to be her guest at Osborne House from Saturday evening to Monday morning, and patd him the compliment of treating him with just the courtes y and even ony practice by any lady to a guest. To his pleased surprise he dined the evening of his arrival with the Queen and Prince Albert alone, his hostess observing that she presumed an American would prefer to escape the formalities of a state dinner. The children came in and shared the dessert and the Queen poured out the tea when that meal was served. At bed-time she said good night and left the Captain to chat with the Prince. The Sunday was spent in the same simple way, and he went to church with the folks. The next morning he came away, and always said. when he told of his visit, "I could not have felt myself more at home if I had been on a visit to my sister and her family." Queen Victoria has always been fond of dispensing with formalities, as at Balmoral, where she is nothing but the good woman friend to all the people. And every one must remember that charming account Mendelssohn gave in one of his letters home of his visit to the Queen, when, after playing for her, she at his request took him up into the nursery and showed him the babies.

The exiled Modocs are living peacefully on their reservation in Kansas, and occasionally turn a penny by selling bows, arrows, and Indian notions to the whites.

Just as the Empress of Brazil stepped into the railroad carriage to leave Paris, she missed a casket containing diamonds worth \$600,000. It had been left behind but was quickly recovered.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 1877. A United States Senator noted for his onvivial habits, was once reproached for taking two drinks before breakfast. "I take the first one" said the Senater "and it makes me feel like another man, then out of common politeness I treat that other man." What increase of population would follow a third or fourth draw the Senator did not say, but doubtless cach additional one would bring "another man' and poss bly many men. In this rapid extension of acquaintanceship the element of confusion would naturally enter, and the ample bar-room of the Congressional hotel might be filled with "other men" who existed only in the Senators imagination. The number would literally grow by who it fed on. Not altogether unlike this Senatorial experience is the caucus and convention order of Mr. Haves. He started out with an idea of "reforming" the New York Custom House, but, getting STORY, SKETCH AND FAMILY PAPER encouragement, saw other reforms that were necessary, and soon proposed, he said were necessary, and soon proposed, he said to reform politics completely. His inten-tions may be excelledt, and he may do with the choicest stories and shetches by the absurd in saying that the men who receive office from a party shall not do the work of the party. They are the people who can afford to do it. It is said, too, to especially proscribe those persons who preside over caucuses and conventions, as, n nine cases out of ten, they are simply by those in the back-ground.

But Mr. Hayes can hardly be so much in carnest as he has been represented, as ic has just decided that members of the National Republican Committee may re- on recoiot of a 3-cent stamp. Address, tain their places on that Committee and also hold Federal offices. The reason given is that they will not have any committee duties to perform for several years. This rule, if carried to its legitimate results, nullifies the original order. This kind of wavering has been shown in much that Mr. Hayes has done since coming here, and shows that he had no definite plan of his own or that he has allowed himself to be overruled by others.

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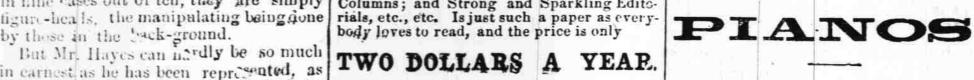
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