

Canada is putting her foot on Mormon immigration from this country.

The death of John Bright is regarded in England as a great loss to the Unionist cause.

More railroad building is being done in the South than anywhere else in the country.

Capital is taking hold of a scheme to create the soft timber of the South, now useless, and ship it abroad.

The Mexican financier states that the English investments of capital in Mexico reach the sum of \$165,000,000.

South America is filling up with English, French and Germans, who are trying to carry their trades and industries with them.

The late Sydney Bartlett, of Boston, during his active career at the bar saw the Supreme Court of the United States twice entirely renewed.

Georgia's Capitol was to cost \$1,000,000; it did cost \$999,981.57, the commissioners appointed to superintend its building having \$18.43 to the State Treasury.

Some one has discovered that women never reckon time by calendar years, but always say so many years ago instead of in the year 1888, or whatever year may be meant.

There have been some lugubrious tales lately about the failures of exhibitions held in Europe, but the one at Melbourne, Australia, is the most disastrous that has ever been held, as the deficit amounts to nearly \$1,500,000.

Installment dealers are aghast at a recent decision of a Louisiana judge that in that State title to any goods passes upon the payment of the first installment, and that after that is made the purchaser may do what he pleases with the goods.

According to a denominational paper it cost this Government \$1,848,000 to support 2300 Dakota Indians for seven years while they were savages. After they were Christianized it cost \$120,000 to care for the same number for the same time, a saving of \$1,728,000.

The largest brick yard in the United States is being built at Chicago, and the bricks will be as hard as granite and as heavy. This new brick yard is creating quite a sensation in architectural and building trade circles. They bear a crushing strain of 35,000,000 pounds per square inch. The works will cost \$250,000.

An employment which would seem perfectly delightful to small boys is tasting molasses. The molasses taster frequently has twenty or thirty samples to experiment upon, taking care to swallow as little as possible. It is said that only a man with a sweet tooth and a clear head can bear up under the strain of the occupation.

Li Hung Chang, the famous Viceroy of China, said recently: "Before half a century has passed China will be covered with hallways as with a net. Its immense mineral resources will be developed. It will have rolling mills and furnaces in many parts of the country, and it is not impossible that it may do the manufacturing for the world."

Says the American Standard: "The fundamental chord which binds and preserves American liberties is the common school system. It is only by educating the masses of the people to a full understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship that we can hope for a conservation of American ideas and a continuation of American liberty."

From a native paper it is learned that some of the employees of the Japanese Naval Department are to be fed with a new and delectable delicacy—blubber. The heads of the Department have decided that whale flesh is tolerably nutritious, and therefore it is to be supplied for food from time to time at Yokosuka and Uraga barracks. The War Department also propose to adopt whale fish as an article of diet for the soldiers.

The insurance business seems to be undergoing a transformation under the competition of the mutual system, observes the Chicago Sun. Last year's report of the factory mutual insurance companies, numbering nineteen, just published, shows that the amount of risks written for the year were \$491,366,988, on which premiums paid amounted to \$4,462,059, and dividends declared, \$8,062,308. Losses, \$648,068, or less than five per cent.

We are not apt to look to South America for evidence of the great progress in science or art, and yet it is said that the sewerage system which is now being constructed in Buenos Ayres is the most perfect in the world. Measures have been taken which will result in putting every house in the city in perfect sanitary condition within three years. Sanitarians will watch this stupendous undertaking with great interest, and will be able to deduce from it many valuable practical lessons.

WHIP POOR WILL.

When purpling shadows westward creep And stars through curtains westward creep And south winds sing themselves to sleep; From woodlands heavy with perfume Of spicy bud and April bloom, Comes through the tender twilight gloom, Must needs be heard.

THE FATAL FLOWER.

"You are a dead man," said the Doctor, looking fixedly at Anatole. Anatole was astonished. He had come to spend the evening with his old friend, Dr. Bardeais, the illustrious savant, whose studies of poisonous plants had made him famous. It was not his fame, however, which attracted Anatole to the Doctor, but his nobility of heart and almost paternal kindness. And now suddenly, without any preparation, the young man heard this terrific prognostication from the lips of so great an authority.

BUDGET OF FUN.

Humorous sketches from various sources. Couldn't Scratch Against the Door—Not Otherwise—About the Same—Original Domestic Economy. Artist at a Shantytown house door—Excuse me, madam, but I have an etching. Irish Landlady (blaming the door in his face)—"An itchin', have yest Begobal then y'll not scratch yourself agin my durr."

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Attack is the reaction. To the lean pig a fat score. Good bread needs no trumpet. He is the happiest, he is king or peasant, who finds peace in his home. Let us consider the reason of the case. For nothing is law that is not reason. To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. If you employ your money doing good you put it out at the best interest. He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the staple of his argument.

AT SET OF DAY.

I sit alone and look back to the past— Those golden days whose shifting sands have run, And left a present barren of the sun— As one who noble gains had preferentially amassed, and now he grieves to find To find them melt like fairy gold at last, Who lingered, dispossessed, despoiled, undone, Deploring the dear wealth so dearly won, So lavishly upon the waters cast.

PITH AND POINT.

Always worn out—Hats. Universal profanity—That of gold chaser. Ground rents—The effects of an earthquake. The tears shed on the stage are all volenters. A young man in town says the best kind of meter to save gas is "met her by moonlight alone."—New York Herald.

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