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The increase of the electrical lighting business is wonderful, considering its infantile age. There are now one hundred companies in this country with over \$120,000,000 nominal capital, and of course there is a growing contention about the infringement of patents.

The New York Herald advocates making the army a continuous and effective military school by attracting a superior class of recruits with better pay and some relief from drudgery. The army appropriations are cut down close. There are no opportunities for jobs in them. The soldiers of the little regular army ought to be picked men and fit to form a nucleus for and to officer an imposing army whenever war may occur and volunteers be required.

Patti, at \$5,000 a night, will get about five dollars a breath in "Lucia." She is on the stage, by the watch, just sixtytwo minutes during the three acts. This gives her eighty dollars and some odd cents for every minute. The average rate of respiration is about eighteen a minute, so that each breath is paid four dollars and forty-four cents. In "Lucia" there are 1,200 words and 2,800 notes, so that Patti is paid four dollars and sixteen cents a word, and one dollar and seventy-five cents a note. For a little run of a dozen notes a twentydollar bill is very fair pay.

The freshets of last February are es timated to have caused a loss of \$50, 000,000 on the tributaries of the Mississippi, chiefly on the Ohio, Professor Shaler, writing in the Atlantic, in advocacy of dams and reservoirs on the headwaters of the large streams, to check the floods, thinks that 3,000 dams, with a total surface of something more than 100,000 acres of water reservoirs, and a mean depth of ten feet, would be required to lower the water at Cincinnati below the level of destruction during such a flood as that of two months ago. The cost of these would not be far from \$30,000,000.

From 1870 to 1873 the Emperor William of Germany created the highest military rank, that of Field Marshal General, which he conferred upon twelve of the most prominent princes and generals in his army. Of these only six survive-the Crown Prince, Prince Fredrick Charles, Count Moltke, Prince August of Wurtemburg, Aaron von Manteuff and Gen. Herwarth von Bittenfield; while the following are dead: Gen. von Steinmetz, Count Roon, Count Wrangel (who, however, received the rick of the Netherlands, Prince Charles the penitentiary. of Prussia, and the Grand Duke of Mecklendurg-Scherwin

Augusta Chronicle: North Carolina papers admit that the Internal Revenue Bureau is the greatest curse in that State, and that, outside of raiding and killing mountain men, it has knocked down the Democratic majority from 17.000 in 1876 to 840 in 1883. It is additional to the control of the contr 17,000 in 1876 to 840 in 1883. It is admitted that the Democratic party cannot maintain the internal revenue sys tem in North Carolina and hold the State, and yet when Senat or Brown just like a perfect gentleman." offered an amendment to the Tariff bill abolishing the Internal Revenue, both North Carolina Senators voted against it. If our North Carolina friends are wise, they will do all that is possible to abolish the Internal Revenue system. leaving tariff reform to tuture consideration. The protective tariff does not harm the people of North Carolina as the Internal Revenue system does.

PENALTIES OF WEALTH.

The suicide of Amasa Stone, of Ohio, a gentleman of large wealth and extensive business interests, says the New York World, is one of those sad domestic calamities from which no family is exempt, whatever its position in life may be. It conveys a lesson which in these money-seeking days well deserves

the study of the "madding crowd." Mr. Stone had lived an active, useful and successful lite-successful, that is so far as the attainment of money goes. He was a millionaire and a philanthropist. He founded and endowed a college. He had an estimable wife and pleasant family surroundings. His two daughters were happily married to men of honor and good social position. Thousands of people who have passed his elegant residence have doubtless envied

the happiness of its fortunate owner. Even while they gazed and envied, the rich man sat in his luxuriously furnished room, careworn, weary, sad; feeling that all his business success, all his accumulated wealth, had failed to bring him contentment and peace. While the outside world thought only of his millions, how often did the throbs of his heart warn him of the anxieties that were slowly undermining his health and life! The sturdy mechanic who wielded the hammer at the iron foundry all day long threw himself on his hard considerable masses of flowers from their highest phrenological bump to the hems of their skirts.

A native of India, writing to an Englishman, says: "We are mild Hindows, I know, and we are cowards and vegetarians, but we are two hundred millions, after all."

The register of Vanderbilt University, are Tennessee, just issued, contains a total enrollment of 487 students, of which 171 are Tennesseans. The others are from twenty States, including all the Southnished room, careworn, weary, sad;

bed at night and sank at once into a ern States and Indiana. Indian Territosound and invigorating sleep. The ry, Kansas, Wisconsin and Colorado. millionaire lay on his soft couch restless and courting sleep in vain.

The rich man had met with losses. He did not need the money and would scarcely have missed it from his income. But his pride as a successful financier was wounded. A fatal accident had occurred through the falling of a bridge he had built. He dreaded being held responsible for the deaths. His fears were groundless, but were they not the natural result of his career? He had commenced lile as a builder's apprentice at \$40 a year wages. Then came success-independence-and, unfortunately, in the end, accumulated millions. The strain on his mind when the first reverses-trifling in themselves-occurred, threw him into a condition of nervous prostration and ended in his suicide.

In this country, and especially in New York, the object of life is the almignty dollar. Competency no longer satisfies of the country. -it is a mad struggle for millions.-When the object is gained, here is the result-anxiety, care, dread that disappear like a fairy castle. And while luxury surrounds the suddenly made millionaire, while the world bends before him, while with his dollars he can gratify nearly every wish of his heart, he finds that his wealth has tailed to bring him the one great object of life for rich and poor-peace of mind.

PERSONAL.

Senator Logan has returned from New Mexico, and proposes to make things warm in political circles.

Ex-Vice President Wheeler is rapidly recovering from the illness with which he has for some time past been

Prof. R L. Dabney, of Hampden-Sidney College, Va., has been elected professor of mental and moral philosophy, of the Texas University.

land the racing mare Girofle, paying light for lighthouse purpose. \$200 for her passage.

Sam Collier, the veteran pugilist of Phildelphia, has invented an automatic C., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitpellers are placed on each foot, and they are revolved by the wearer kicking out vigorously.

The appointment of Secretary Folger's son to an important place in the Treasury Department is hardly in the line of civil service reform.

London World speaks of Mr. Froude as the greatest master of English now living and the stormiest petrel of litera ture ever known. It compares his work on the Carlyles with Swift's Gulliver and Yahoos.

The succession to the seat in the Senate now occupied by General Wade Hampton is thought to lie between General James Conner and Charles H. Simonton, of Charleston, Chief Justice Simpson, of Columbia, and W. B. Wilson, of York.

MOONSHINE.

England's new explosive law is so comprehensive in its grasp that we don't title as long ago as 1865). Prince Fred- her husband without being landed in bang.

A Southern journal says there are three seasons in Florida—the orange, vegetable, and invalid, the last paying the best. In the Summer the Floridians live on yams and sugar-cane, and in the Winter on Yankees.

thing awful nice. Pa used to work awful hard and used to go round in his old clothes; but since he has gone into bankruptcy, he dresses up every day and doesn't do anything but walk about,

One of the sweetest pictures of domestic economy is a poet blacking a white stocking so that it won't show through the fissure of his boot.

"Papa," said a lad the other night, after attentively studying for some minutes an engraving of a human skele-ton, "bow did this man manage to keep in his dinner?"

in the human body?" 'Whose human body? Mine?" "Yes, yours, for instance." "Can't tell. You see I've cents, worth double. Another instalment of been eatin' shad tor breakfast, and that upsets the anatomical estimate at

SHORTS.

Augustus prim went out to swim. And following tradtion. He hung his clothes on a hickory limb,

Devoid of all suspicion.

A William goat soon came that way, Tobacco & Snuff. Warranted the best He wickedly chewed up those clothes

Devoid of all contrition. Augustus prim came from his swim. Devoid of all suspicion;

But, when he saw the empty limb. Fled like an apparition. -Gil Forde in Puck. London is beginning to eat horse

meat with a full knowledge of its Up to date only thirteen ex-Congressmen have applied for ex-Commissioner Raum's old place.

Colored people of Kentucky are said HALL&PEARSALL to be preparing to remove to Kansas in

considerable numbers. Paris ladies wear masses of flowers

A German physician has written a communication, which has been published in the London Lancet, advocating roller skating as an exercise for children. It is especially recommended for those who are subject to bleeding from the nose, and the suggestion is made that a rink be established in connection with large schools.

Johnson's Island, in Lake Erie, was the principal military prison for Confederate officers during the war, nearly 300 of whom were buried there. The graves are neglected, the headboards tallen or gone, and the lettering upon those remaining well nigh obliterated. A movement is on foot to place the ground in presentable condition.

The Church of England seems to have lost all the good opinion which it formerly had of the Salvation Army. The Bishop of Chichester announces the withdrawal of his moral support, the Archbishop of Canterbury is cool where he used to be warm, and the Bishop of Oxford charges in public address, that the ratio of illegitimate births has increased in proportion to the army's meetings in different parts

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