

Secretary Whitney is the only Cabinet official who keeps his own carriage, horses and coachman. His footman and driver are Englishmen. They wear a handsome dark green livery and gloves of a bright tan color.

British Minister Sir Lionel Sackville West will go to England next month. This will be his first visit to his native land since he went to Washington six years ago. He has improved greatly in tennis during that time.

The latest official estimate of the revenues and expenses of the government for the current fiscal year places the receipts at \$370,000,000 and the expenditures at \$266,000,000. This would leave a surplus for the year of \$104,000,000 which is not so great as some experts predict it to be. But it is that much more than ought to be taken from the over-taxed people.

The will of Washington C. Depauw was probated on Monday. It covers thirty-three sheets of closely-written legal cap, and bequeaths \$3,000,000 to his family, and the residue of his estate, estimated at \$5,000,000, is donated to benevolent and educational purposes, including a bequest of \$1,025,000 to the Depauw University.

The Confederate monument was unveiled at Hopkinsville, Ky., on Monday last, in the presence of an audience of several thousand persons, among whom were distributed medals of elegant design, embossed with National colors and beautifully engraved. Henry W. Grady, of Atlanta, delivered an eloquent oration, suitable to the occasion.

The exports during January, February, and March of this year, largely exceeded the imports. The statistics of imports and exports for April, as yet only partially completed, indicate that there has been a change in the balance of trade, and that the imports for April exceeded the exports by at least \$15,000,000.

Patrick Gilmore and his band were recently obliged to wait two hours for a train at Warren, Ill. The citizens made up a purse of \$50 and offered it to the director on condition that his musicians would play one selection. Mr. Gilmore informed them that a little music would cost them \$150. Warren did not hear the great band that day.

Some years ago Major Jared Rathbone, of California, lately appointed Consul-General at Paris, lost a great deal of money. He owns a place at Menlo Park next to the estate of Leland Stanford. He and Senator Stanford are great friends, and the latter at once made Major Rathbone Superintendent of the Menlo Park ranch at a good salary. This proposition he has most ably and acceptably filled.

June 2 will be the first anniversary of the President's marriage. It will probably be passed in the sylvan solitudes of the Adirondack region. Mrs. Cleveland will take to the woods her mountain trousseau with which she made a sensation at Dear Park last year. One of her favorite costumes when in retirement is a loose flannel dress,

stout shoes and a soft felt sombrero hat. In such attire she will in all likelihood celebrate the first anniversary of her wedding day.

NEARLY FIFTY MILLION BIBLES.

Printed in 165 Languages and Distributed Broadcast Over the World. The American Bible society has just compiled the results of its work for the past year. It has issued 977,905 volumes, besides 500,000 in foreign lands. This makes the total number of Bibles issued by the society since its organization in 1816 48,356,251. The corrected proof of the last pages of the New Testament in Ponape have been returned from Micronesia, and the last pages of the Masokoke Testament from Okmulgee. The Dakotans want a new edition in their language.

The American Bible society has published the Bible in all the languages of Europe, and in Reval-Estonian, Irish, Finnish, four dialects of Africa, Gsebo-Mpongwe, Benga, Di-kele, Zulu; in the languages of the Sandwich Islands and Micronesia; in the Slavic, Bulgarian, Chinese and Japanese, and in ten North American Indian dialects, making forty-eight in all. Those issued by the British and Foreign Bible society makes the total number of languages and dialects in which the Bible is printed to-day by these societies 165. Of these the oldest, looking are the Irish, Slavonic, Turkish and Azerbaijan or Tartar-Turkish, Georgian, Syriac, Arabic, Ethiopic, Tigre (which has a colon after every word), Amharic, Persian, Pali, Pari-Gujerati, Sindhi, Cararese, Malayalam, Urdu, Orissa, Siamese, Burman, Tibetah, Karen, Japanese, Coptic, Cree, Timne and Cherokee.

"How many translators do you employ?" was asked of the Rev. Dr. Alex. McLean, one of the secretaries.

"We have no translators. The work is done by the missionaries, who have to study the language of the country in which they labor. The Bible society pays their expenses while they are translating for us."

"How many Bibles have been printed for the blind?"

"There were issued last year 207; the entire number in forty years is 14,184. There are in the raised letter form."

"What are the new Bibles for the blind?"

"We printed twelve years ago a Bible in the New York point print, and have printed the Psalms in the same, and have now completed the Gospel according to St. John."

"What is the point print?"

"It is a system of points that represent either separately or by combination the letters of the alphabet. The old raised letters could not be readily detected by fingers that had become calloused by basket making, at which many blind people work. The points can be felt by the dullest finger."

The cost of supplying the Bible in foreign lands is \$100,000.24 more than is received from them. One-ninth of all the families visited by the agents are destitute of the Bible.

It took Dr. Eli Smith and Dr. Van Dyck sixteen years to translate the Bible into the Arabic. Dr. Schaeffer spent fourteen years on the Osmanlee version. Dr. Schereschewsky fifteen years to render the Old Testament into the Mandarin Colloquial. Dr. Williamson and Dr. Riggs spent forty years on the Dakotan version. One of them estimates that he spent on an average thirty minutes on every verse he translated. Since Bible societies were organized 250 versions have been produced in about 200 languages and dialects.

An Indulgent Royal Grandmother. While the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are absent in India, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, in Malta and the Duchess of Albany at Cannes, their several children and nurses are under their royal grandmother's immediate surveillance at Windsor. Whenever Victoria leaves the castle, if only for a single night, the royal nursery goes with her, and not the least interesting feature to spectators of the retinue that follows the queen's carriage when she comes to Buckingham palace to hold a drawing room is the coach full of nurses with baby faces peering out of little white hoods. At an upper window of the palace may be seen the little white frocked princess and princesses looking with childish delight upon the dazzling pageant below. It was the indulgent grandmother, rather than the queen, who issued the edict for a special entertainment at the Olympic for the royal family. The grandchildren of Victoria are to be congratulated.

Hints Concerning Religious Pictures. "What picture or photograph or engraving of a religious type may I safely buy for my house?" some one inquires. Truth is, too many religious pictures die out altogether, and sooner or later lose all power of suggestion or inspiration. Our homes are full of such litter, which we retain from sheer force of habit or dread of further distillation. Chiefest among such are pious "death beds," the imperiled women clinging to her rock cross among the waves of mid ocean, tawdry and painfully realistic "Holy Families" utterly wanting in sanctity or spirituality, and so on. But there are religious pictures that are so charged with an esoteric religiousness that it becomes quite as much an element as the drawing, the composition or the chiaroscuro. And such pictures are always living for such as have the true insight. There are Holman Hunt's "Light of the World," certain cartoons of Kaulbach, the wonderful "Christ Before Pilate," and much of Ary Scheffer and all of Overbeck.

The Matter of Pedestrianism. If we Americans used the street cars less and our spindle shanks more we would be a great deal healthier race of people. English women can put their American sisters to shame in the matter of pedestrianism, and their well developed figures, fine carriages, and beautiful complexions speak eloquently in praise of their activity. Last year Mrs. Langtry out walked three New York ladies, who took turns in accompanying her in a day's perambulations, and that night she appeared on the stage as bright and charming as if she had just awakened from a long, refreshing sleep. It is not altogether the fast eating of indigestible food that makes us a race of dyspeptics, but the sedentary habits which seem natural to us in spite of national energy. That sounds paradoxical, but it is true.

To Copy With Pen or Pencil. The quickest way to copy with pen or pencil is to put a flat, heavy weight over the upper edge of the paper on which you write, to hold it firm and leave both hands free. Then place the matter to be copied flat on the desk at the left, so as to bring it as near as possible to the blank paper. With a finger of the left hand keep your place in the book or MS. as you write, and you will find generally that you can copy quite as fast as you can compose. For a paper weight a heavy, oblong, rectangular piece of brass or glass is most desirable.

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