

EDITORIAL DASHES.

—Mr. Gladstone has gone to Hawarden for a prolonged stay.

—There are now 186 patients in the asylum for the colored insane at Goldsboro.

—About fifty delegates will go from Raleigh to the Tobacco Convention at Morehead.

—Alabama's first bale of cotton was sold in Selma for twelve and a quarter cents per pound.

—President Cleveland has at last determined to appoint Secretary Lamar to the Supreme Court Bench.

—Mrs. Langtry says that by applying simultaneously for citizenship and divorce she shows that she is thoroughly acquainted with the customs of the country.

—There are over 100,000 children under 14 years of age employed contrary to the law, in the factories and workshops of New York.

—The number of persons who struck during the first week of August was 10,500, while during all of August, 1886, only 13,200 struck.

—Pine City, W. T., claims to have the smallest living woman. She is 27 years old twenty-nine inches tall, and weighs thirty-three pounds.

—The rubber manufacturers are holding a convention to see if an effectual combination cannot be formed at the next meeting, on August 17.

—News comes that Mr. J. S. Carr, of Durham, has offered the proprietor of the Panacea Springs \$50,000 for that valuable property. The offer has not been accepted yet.

—A colored student, J. P. Haynes, of Galveston, Tex., has been appointed demonstrator of anatomy at Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., for the ensuing term.

—It is said to cost about \$8,000 for a family to spend the season at Newport—\$3,000 for a cottage, \$1,500 for horses, \$1,500 for servants and marketing, and \$2,000 for clothes. It is really a millionaire's wateringplace.

—Southern enterprise has been encouraged by the good returns, and there is a great degree of interest in the multitude of smaller industries employing from 5 to 100 men. Shops and little factories are multiplying.

—Governor Scales has appointed the Fayetteville Light Infantry as his body guard to the centennial celebration of the promulgation of the Constitution of the United States, which will be celebrated in Philadelphia on Sept 15, 16 and 17.

—A one-legged beggar of St. Louis became so urgent in his requests for aid that he was arrested the other day. When the police searched him they found fifteen tobacco bags in his pockets and sewed to his ragged clothes, and each bag contained some money. The total amount was \$71.41.

—A British subject, Dr. Dillon has been arrested in Olessa, Russia for sitting on the same seat in a public tram car as the Governor of the city, whom he did not know. He was subsequently released, but was threatened with expulsion. The Governor public-

ly made some offensive remarks respecting Englishmen.

—A citizen of Cincinnati thought he had a sure fortune in a kitten which had five heads, five tails, ten forelegs and five hindlegs. He also thought that it ought to have about forty-five lives and was good for many years, but after a brief career of fifteen days the little monstrosity died, the result of too much handling by the curious.

—The base ball enthusiast is a peculiar moral, says the Washington Post. When his club loses he leaves the grounds swearing at some particular player and also vowing never to go again, but the next day sees him on the bleaching boards, yelling like a wild Indian, and if his team wins, trying to convince every one in his vicinity that it is the best club in the country.

—Mrs. Henn's yachting costume was much admired at Bar Harbor when she went ashore. The material was of white duck, with a very loose, blouse-like waist, and a broad rolling collar of dark blue, open at the throat, such as is worn by her Majesty's men-of-war's men. The arms of the Royal Yacht Club was heavily embroidered on the sleeves, and a regular navy cap completed the costume.

—The fight for the possession of the person and property of Thomas Wiggins, better known as "Blind Tom," the pianist, has been transferred from Virginia courts to New York. Gen. James N. Bethune on Thursday last appeared before Judge Donohue in the Supreme Court, Chambers, and argued to vacate the order made by Judge Donohue last March appointing Mrs. Elsie Bethune, widow of Blind Tom's late manager, John G. Bethune, a committee of the idiot's person and property. Blind Tom is in charge of Gen. Bethune, with whom he has lived in Farquhar county, Va., nearly all his life when not travelling, and he wanted the blind musician put permanently in his care. Argument yesterday was based on the fact that Blind Tom had always been a ward of the courts of Virginia and the courts of New York had no jurisdiction. The motion was opposed by counsel for Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Bethune. It was denied.

Dr. Hammond of New York threatens to write twenty-four novels before he quits. Several of them have already appeared, and some one who has read them declares that the doctor has discovered an excellent substitute for morphine.

Twenty-one years ago the steamer Brother Jonathan went down off the Oregon coast with \$2,000,000 in specie on board. Various unsuccessful efforts have been made to get the money, and now another effort on an elaborate scale is to be made.

There are 25,810 doctors in Great Britain, or one for every 1,350 inhabitants. In France the proportion is one for 1,400; in Austria, Germany and Norway, one for every 1,500; in the United States, one for every 600, while in Russia there is only one for 6,226.

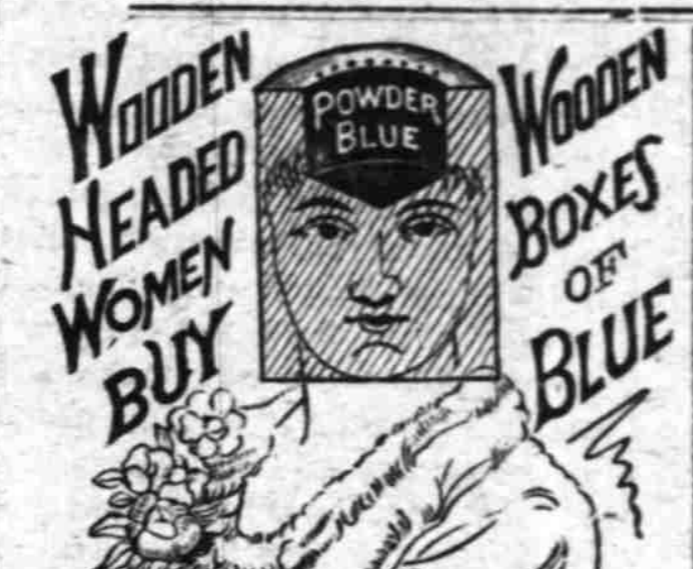
A New York housekeeper writes that she has a maid-servant now working for \$14 a month who has several thousand dollars in railroad stock, which she has accumulated. She reads the news, dresses well, and does good work, from scrubbing to cooking or sewing.

A Pittsburg natural-gas company is the largest one in the country. It supplies over four hundred manufactories and over seven thousand dwellings with the entire amount of fuel consumed. The total area of pipe leading into Pittsburg is given as 1,341,602 square inches.

For many years there has been a custom kept up in the Grass Valley, Cal., schools of setting apart one day in each year for contributions in aid of the poor. Every pupil attending school is expected to contribute something—a potato, a stick of firewood or something of that kind.

Henry Gwaltney dug into a mound near Wakulla, Fla., recently and found a skull that must have belonged to a giant. The under jaw was particularly large, being twice the size of an ordinary man's, and none of the teeth were missing from either jaw, and but one showed any signs of decay.

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