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| is finer and does not make such thick. <br> Another large consolidation of iron interests is nearly affected at Birming ham, which will unite the Alice and Eureka furnaces Dow in operation, the great Sloss furnaces now building, snd great Sloss furnaces now building, and two more yet to be constructed. The capital of the company will be $\$ 10,0 \cdot 0,0,-$ 000 . The leading movers in the scheme are De Barledeben, who recently sold the Pratt mines to New York capitalists for $\$ 1,0: 0,000$, the Hilmans and Col. Slo3s This would practically consolidate all the iron producing interests of Central Alabama, except the charcoal furnaces The six furnaecs would have a capacity of 150,000 tons annually. <br> The Bane of Habit. <br> Habits in little things exercise a petty tyranny which is most degrading. A man cannot do anything without observing a lot of preliminary forms ; he must have slept just so many hours, have risen at a regular time, have breakfasted on beafsteak and coffee, have read one particu- lar newspaper, have walked a certain number of blocks, before he can make his great speech, or write his brilliant editorial, He cannot rise to a great oc- casion. He becomes a machine. His casion. He becomes a machine. His work may be regular and neat, but it is sonlless, cold, touched with no charm of individuality. Such a man may serve <br> TOPICS OF THE DAY. <br> What has become of Ben Butler, any way? <br> San Franoisoo granted 364 divorcee last year. $\qquad$ <br> In sezms that the country is about to devote itself to paying pensions. <br> It is stated that Mrs. Garfield took nc interest whatever in the Guiteau trial. <br> Thi Cincinnati Commercial says the English of Spuyten Duyvil is "Spitting Devil." $\qquad$ <br> In Congress are eight Irishmen, four Scotchmen, five Englishmen, and three Germans. $\qquad$ <br> Gutreat will now swait the "divine pressure"-irresistible in its very nature -of the hangman's rope. <br> Edward S. Stokes, Fisk's murderer, lives in a house in New Yorl for which he pays a rental of $\$ 4,000$ a year. <br> THR Photographers' Association of America will hold their next annual meeting at Iudianapolis, August 8, 1882. <br> Tie leading London newspapers express satisfaction over the conviction of Guiteau, but they all criticise the con- |  |
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