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The railroad mileage of California is only about half that of Kansas or Iowa.

Chancery M. Dewey says that there are not 500,000 persons in this country who do not endorse Mr. Gladstone's plans for Ireland.

The prevalence of suicide is frightful, exclaims the Washington Star. Psychologists should put their heads together to offer some practical suggestion toward its prevention.

The trade has recently been established in Vienna of serving charged storage battery cells to private houses on much the same plan that the milk is brought in the morning and the empty can taken away.

It appears from Mr. Poland's book on "Fur-bearing Animals" that during last year nearly six millions of skins were imported into England.

Maritime and business circles of New York are maturing a scheme to develop South African trade by establishing at Cape Town a permanent exhibition of articles manufactured in the United States.

The quarantine in Turkey, so it is stated, during cholera times, lasts ten days; Austria, seven days; Italy, five days; France, five days from Southern ports and none from Northern ports.

The British Medical Association, which is the most powerful organization of physicians in the United Kingdom, and which in a great measure controls the practice of medicine in Queen Victoria's dominions, has just wiped out a blot from its escutcheon.

During the last twelve months, says Electrical Industries, the number of roads has increased from 385 to 469. The increase in capital stock has been from \$155,087,973 to \$205,870,000.

In France trades-unionism was first recognized and legalized by the Government in 1884. In the seven years which have since elapsed the number of trade societies has reached the surprising total of 1284.

You can telegraph from almost every spot of the globe now with the exception of the islands of the Pacific.

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The American Farmer states that enterprising men are making money in New England by buying up for a song abandoned farms and converting them into sheep ranches.

Most of the German papers of recent date contain articles upon Columbus. All agree that the destiny of the entire American continent is unavoidably bound up with and can only be accomplished through the progress and leadership of the United States.

Chilean advices say vandalism, influenza, highway robbery, railway disasters, have now suicide as a powerful ally in their work of destruction in Chile.

The British consular agent in North Borneo says that on the West Coast several people have been seriously hurt by trying to fly out of cocoanut trees, and in some districts the paddy planting season has been allowed to pass without planting the crop.

European Nations have talked loud about Uganda, Africa, and the planting in its fertile territory of their several flagstaffs.

Queen Marguerite, of Italy, recently arrived in a town where great preparations had been made to do her honor, and, being offered some lunch, declined it and said that all she needed was a glass of water.

One of the most interesting exhibitions in connection with the recent Orientalist Congress in London is a collection of tools used by workmen in building the pyramids of Egypt.

The experience of Aubrey Stanhope, the New York Herald's cholera-inoculated correspondent, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of its contemporary, the Tribune, that the plague can be successfully resisted.

The bravery of Policeman Griffenhagen, who stopped the runaway firehorses on Union Square, New York City, during the Columbian military parade, has been properly recognized by the Police Board.

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THE COMING OF WINTER.

There's a cloud on the brow of the mountain, A mistle hangs on the vale; A dim dingles the flash of the fountain, There's a sob in the sigh of the gale.

THE STRANGLER.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

THREE years after the Sepoy rebellion had been put down in India, and with the country under such military and legal discipline as it had never known before.

When I remembered his looks I wondered that he had not killed the monkey that attacking him, and I reflected that the man must have a hot temper when aroused.

The first sensation was exactly like that of falling. I remember a roaring in my ears and fireworks dancing before my eyes, and I was perfectly conscious that my most wretched beast he sprang for my throat.

Under the new laws no native was allowed to carry a deadly weapon. I one was found provided with knife or pistol he was sent to prison.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Make the home attractive. Necessity is its own justification. Nature is the mother of tragedians. Crumbs saved are pleasures purchased.

True popularity takes deep root and spreads itself wide; but the false falls away like blossoms; for nothing that is false can be lasting.

THE NATIONALITY OF SHIPS.

Painting to represent gun-ports is not much in vogue nowadays except among French and Scotch ships and craft hailing from London, aboard which latter vessels sailors are supposed to live better than on most English ships.

COLUMBUS MAPS.

The Columbus exhibition at Madrid, Spain, has on display two very ancient and curious maps loaned by the Vatican library.

Subterranean Channels.

On the place of W. B. Keele, Waycross, Ga., there are two wells and the water in them seems to be boiling all the time.

COLUMBUS.

He made his single, throbbing thought Amidst the age's withering scorn. Do more than ever heroes wrought— For, out of it a world was born.

Food for thought—Fishes. A spoiled child—The adult. Down-stares—Furtive glances. Bound to please—In tree calf.

Children could be brought up with much greater care if it were the duty of every mother to punish her neighbor's children.—Elmira Gazette.

Invalid Wife—"John, dear, I do hope if you should ever marry again you will find a better wife than I have been."

A Famous Old Grizzly.

In the Gray's Harbor Country of Washington there has been a famous grizzly for ten years or more.

There Are Miners in Greenland.

Greenland is a high, mountainous region, rising to a height of 10,000 feet above the sea, inclusive of the ice and snow which cover it.

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PHILADELPHIA RECORD.

Billings—"You shouldn't say 'William's politics are.' Say 'William's politics is.'" Jones—"Not much, William has several kinds of politics to suit the tastes of clients."