

Out of every 10,000 persons in Cape **Colony**, South Africa, there are 4403 persons who are engaged in agriculture, the aggregate number being 572,468 persons, of whom 383,612 are males and 288,846 Memales.

The value of the British mineral output declined nearly \$10,000,000 in 1891. "It is only keeping company," com-ments the San Francisco Obronicle, with the general decline in that country, which is in marked contrast to the striking increase in every branch of production in the United States."

Iowa ranks fifth among the fortyeight States and Territories of the Union in the extent of its railroad mileage, 8444. The States which lead Iowa are, in order, Illinois, with 10,235 miles; Pennsylvania, 8978; Kansas, 8901; Texas, 8854. The total mileage in the United States is 171,070, and of the world 383,500.

The British Royal College of Physicians has passed a resolution to the effect that "this college regards the sale and purchase of practices or the transfer of patients from one physician to another for a pecuniary consideration among fellows or members of its body as contrary to the traditions and practice of the college, interfering with the freedom of patients, and derogatory to the position of a physician.

In Missouri fifty-seven per cent. of the males of voting age are foreign born, in Wisconsin fifty-two per cent., in Indiana twelve per cent. In those States, with Ohio, Illinois and Michigan as a whole, thirty-three per cent. of the males of voting age are foreign born. There are nearly 26,000 colored voters in Ohio, 13,000 in Indiana, 18,000 in Illinois and 6000 in Michigan, but comparatively few in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

THE SLOW CREATION OF HAIR. EXES, WRINKLES, AND PORES.

Coloring, Posing, and Providing the Figures With Clothes-What Hecomes of Them Finally TEARLY every one has at some

time seen a collection of good wax works; "perhaps at the Eden Musee, in New York, or at Mme. Tussand's, in London, or the Musee Grevin, in Paris. Yet to how many, asks the New York Sun, has it occurred that the making of these figures requires a very large amount of time, labor and artistic skill? The 'process of making wax figures is much more complicated that one would at first sight imagine. Take, for instance, the group of Lincoln liberating the negroes. Sup-pose such a group has been decided upthe body may be felt under the clothes. which otherwise-as in poor way works -wrinkle and flap around the body in a most unnatural way. The first-class museum keeps a regular sculptor, usually a very clever artist, who works on a he has finished his figure-Abraham Lincoin in this case-in elay, a plaster mould is made. Then it is ready to be reproduced in war, that is, the head and

hands but not the body. Right here we learn a curious fact: Very little of the "wax figure" is really made of wax. The exposed portions of the body, head and hands are, but those covered by clothes are not. The latter are made of carton pierre, which consists of strips of paper and linen pressed alternately into the plaster mold, the inner side of the latter being lined in this manner to a thickness of about a quarter of an inch. This layer is then pressed down by a thin coating of plaster, and when the carton thus formed is dry and ready to be taken out, it is as

hard as stone. If Indians, Africans, or other savages are to appear in a group, their lightly clad bodies are cast in plaster, painted over with the color of

MAKING FIGURES OF WAX of Germany, his wife the Empress, and the little Orown Prince, the uniforms the little Orown Prince, the antistring were made by the Emperor's own tailor, the Hofschneider. And then there are all those paraphernalis—belts, sashes, epaulets, ornaments, decorations, medals, and all sorts of trappings—which are also generally bought abroad, so as to make sure that they are correct. One might think that when a figure

becomes old and "shopworn" it is no longer of any use. But that is not so; the wax figure never really becomes al-together useless. If it is still to be kept on exhibition, and has simply grown dirty and dingy, a good washing with soap and water, and a fresh coat of color where it is needed, makes the figure as good as new. If it is withdrawn from the exhibition gallery it is placed in the cirier's room. This place is a veritable storehouse of material for the sculptor, especially when he is engaged on and the general arrangement elabora- on a large group, or on one which is to ted, perhaps with the aid of some pencil be quickly finished. Old figures are sketches. 'Then the first step is to frequently used over again, and even heads too. Thus, in the group of Conecessary in order that the presence of lumbus reporting his discoveries to Ferdinand and Isabella, you can see Emperor William I., with his hair combed down into his face, posing as a courtier in fifteenth century costume. And Count de Lesseps, the celebrated French engineer who constructed the Suez Canal, salary and is kept busy enough in a has deceived more than one visitor as he large and well-appointed studio. When logue like one of the public. All the figures are thus in time made use of in some way or another. When they finally are worn out beyond repairing they are tumbled into a dark cupboard, the "hospital." This heap of broken arms, legs, heads, hands, and feet is destined to be melted down, so that the wax can be used over again.

## WISE WORDS.

Men are killed when a boy dies. The growler never grows in grace. Little sins are always good looking. A fact never apologizes to anybody. "The memory of the just is blessed." The man who looks high will never live low.

The real wise man knows enough never to say too much. A stingy man is

mercy on himself.

ring of money in it.

bigger to lift him up.

are those who start right.

your right place is empty.

kind of a long procession.

willing to rejoice with others.

## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

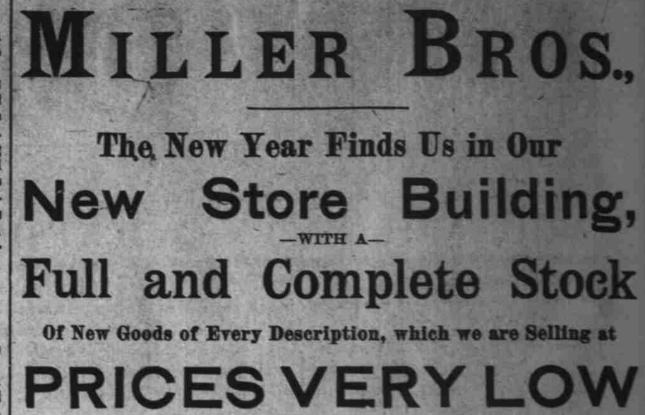
TO BEMOVE GREASE FROM GLASS. Dissolve earbonate of soda in water in the proportion of one of the former to ten of the latter, and let the liquid boil in a clean, untinned pot. Slake eight parts of quicklime in a covered vessel and add the hydrate thus formed to the bolling liquid, stirring it meanwhile. Great care must be exercised in using this caustic solution, says the Industrial World, and it must not be allowed to touch the hands; the glass must there-fore be dipped in it by the aid of tongs or pliers. When the grease is dissolved the glass is to be well brushed and subsequently rinsed in water.

## A CULINARY MAKESHIFT.

It is said that some of the most valuable discoveries have been made by accident, and there is every reason to believe the statement. Not long since, an inexperienced housekeeper found herself in a dilemma from which she extracted herself in a rather convenient and original fashion. Being left alone in the house for a few days, she was somewhat disconcerted by the arrival of unexpected guests. It was necessary to prepare a hasty breakfast in order that they might get an early train; the oatmeal, therefore, was partly cooked the night before and was set on the back of the kitchen range to be ready for the morning. As often under such circumstances, the proportions were somewhat out of order. and when the breakfast time came the oatmeal was little better than porridge. Crowding the fire seemed to do no good. and as there was no time for cooking anything else, she ventured an experiment. Wheat flour was sifted into the dish and stirred rapidly to prevent lumps. After a moment's cooking, it was served, and, as might be imagined, with a good deal of doubt as to results. But the unanimous verdict of the party that it was the best oatmeal they had ever tasted set doubt at rest and taught the housekeeper a very useful lesson.

THE COCKROACH PEST.

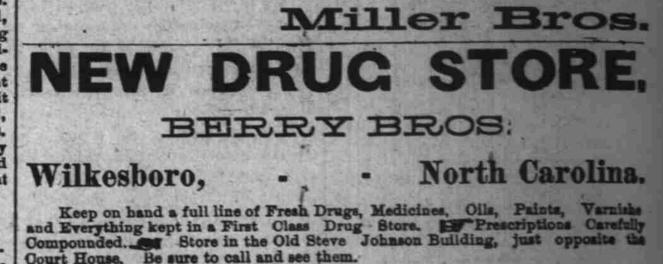
Cockroaches are somewhat of a nuisance when they become too numerous about a house, but they are at the same time useful in destroying bedbugs, especially in ships and in the tenements of our large cities. There are several species known under the general name of cockroach, but perhaps the most com-The right kind of praise always has a mon is the Blatta orientalis, a native of the East Indies, but now pretty well dis-It never makes a little man look any tributed over the world, and perhaps this is the one of which you complain, The only people who come out right but we are not certain in the absence of apecimens. In the Oriental cockroach the females have only rudimentary wings, Whenever you are in the wrong place and those of the males are slightly shorter than the body. This species Every man on earth is leading some may be destroyed by placing phosphorus paste in their hiding places or in the You can always be happy if you are rooms frequented by them at night. A good way to wage war upon this pest is The shadow of a trouble is always to put a little of the paste on bits of blacker than the trouble itself. paper and lay these about the room where the roaches are most abundant If you want to walk straight yourself, and late in the evening, after the family don't watch another man's feet. have retired. Then let some one get up Character is what a man is when he early and gather up the poison and sweep up the dead cockroaches which will be hinks nobody is watching him. It will not be hard to speak kind found lying about on the floor. The words if you cultivate kind feelings. kitchen is the room usually most fre-No man can do his best for any cause quented by the roaches; consequently is n whose justice he does not believe. the best one in which to poison them. Repeat the operation as long as any dead cockroaches are to be found. As the young roaches will be hatching out as long as there are any eggs left, it will be necessary to use a little poison once a week for a month or longer. We have known badly infested houses to be entirely cleared of these pests by the use of phosphorus paste in the way we have described. Most druggists keep this paste on sale, for it is largely used for destroying rats, mice and other vermin. —New York Sun. RECIPES. Potato Salad-Boll potatoes until.soft; alice thin; add a few alices of boiled bests cut into small dice and a little parsley picked to pieces. Serve with French dressing. Baked Bananas-Selectlarge red ones. take the skin off cne section of the banana, loosen the skin from them, put a row in a dripping pan with the side up from which you took the peeling, sprinkle sugar over them, bake half an hour in quick oven. Fried Onions-Pare and slice, round. in half-inch pieces and soak fifteen minutes in milk. Then drain on a towel, roll in flour and fry in smoking hot fat. or roll in egg and bread crumbs as you prefer. Turn carefully, skim out and drain on paper and serve on a hot platter. Pumpkin Pie-To three cupfuls of showed pumpkin add one egg, three cup-fuls of milk, two soda crackers rolled, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two-third oupful of brown sugar, one even tablespoonful each of einnamon and nutmer. one-half teaspoonful of ginger. This will make three pies. Johnny Cake-One cupful of buttermilk, one-half teaspoonful of soda, onehalf teaspoonfuls of salt, one heaping tablespoonful of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of melted shortening. Take one fashion of dress never varying saves the ruis of meited shortening. Take one part of fine corn meal, one part wheat flour and make a stiff batter. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. Baked Tomatoes—Chop a small onion very fine and fry it a delicate brown in one tablespoonful of butter. Add a can of tomatoes, season with salt, pepper one tablespoonful of butter. Add a can of tomatoes, season with salt, pepper and a taspoonful of sugar and cook ten minutes. Butter a pudding dish, put a layer of tomatoes, then of fine bread erumbs and a few bits of butter. Fill the dish is this way, having the last layer buttered crumbs, and bake brown in a



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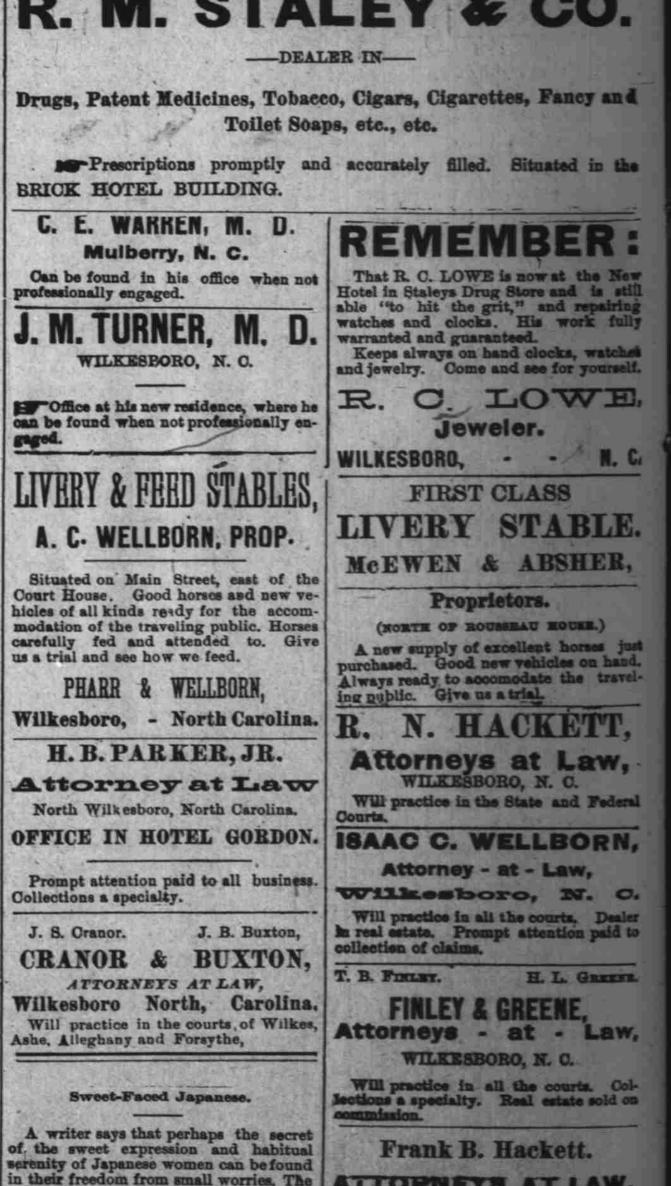
It will be remembered, recalls the Boston Transcript, that when Jumbo was originally taken from the London Zoological Garden he displayed great unwillingness to leave his companion, Alice. Tears figured in the episode, and great compassion was excited by the evidence of the elephant's affection. A. Mr. Gaylord, who was with Barnum when Jumbo was bought, says it was all arranged; that Scott, the keeper, who came over with Jumbo, manœuvred the elephant in a way to give the desired effect of feeling. When it was time for him to leave and car was ready, he got the order to me down, and down he went, and the populace wept at the thought of the elephant's unhappiness. When he was told to come away he came.

A scheme of the Chinese Six Companies of San Francisco to collect \$100. 000 from the Chinamen in California, by taxing them one dollar apiece for "protection" against the Geary law, has collapsed. The companies, it will be remembered, advised their countrymen not to register, and had promised them that that the law should be repealed or at least fought to the bitter end. It leaked out, however, that these officers were not so earnest in their opposition to the Registration law as they appeared to be, and that when the fund was once in their hands they would recall their edict against registration and tell their dupes after all to credit their names and pay the fifty-cent. tax for photographs to the authorities. As soon as the San Francisco Chinamen got wind of the state of affairs, some of them registered and filed their photographs. The Presidents immediately called a meeting to consider what action should be taken in the face of this open revolt. It was reported to them also that the Chinese laborars throughout the city were retusing to pay the dollar assessment, and this unwelcome news was as potent as the acts of registering in bringing the officers to their senses and causing them to recall their recent proclamation.

their dusky skins. But to return to wax work proper. President Lincoln's body, we see, is being reproduced in carton as rapiply as the lively, plump French woman to whom the work is entrusted can get the paper and linen into the mold. The mold of the head, meanwhile, goes to the room of the wax worker, or cirier, as he is called, for the French produce the cleverest work in this line. Here it is filled with hot wax, and when the wax nearest the outside has cooled and hardened, clinging to the inner side of the mould, the rest, still warm, is poured off, so that the wax head is hollow when it is taken out of the mould. It would be difficult at this stage to discover much resemblance to President Lincoln, for the head-hairless, eyeless, and colorlesslooks exceedingly ghastly. It is now that the cirier must show his skill, and put the appearance of life into this corpse-like face. His tools are of the simplest-a spatula and some blunted needles set in small pieces of wood or matches-but with these he works wonders. Hair and beard, eyelashes and eyebrows are first put on, a most laborous task, for in a carefully and wellmade head each individual hair is pushed into the wax with the needle. After this a hole is punched through each eve. and a ball, set on the end of a curved rod so that it will pass into the head from below, is heated and pressed against the eye from the inside. This produces a hollow into which glass eyes are set. Finally the heated spatula is used to trace wrinkles and crow's feet, produce nimples, and the cracks in the lips, and to form teeth and tongue if the mouth appears half open. The pores in the skin are produced by drawing lines on the face across each other, by means of a number of Munt needles set in a wooden handle. The shaven portions and finger nails being indicated in the same way.

So we see that there is work enough in the mere making of a wax figure, and | my hand down to pick one of them up that the work increases in proportion as found my fingers caught by suckers on more care and artistic skill is employed. the weed, the fronds of which had closed Furthermore, when a large group is to tightly upon them. The fish had been be made-like that of Columbus before Ferdmand and Isabella at the Eden Musee-the composition (that is the relative position of the various figures) has to be carefully considered. For this purpose pencil sketches are first made, and these are usually repeated in a clay sketch, that is, a small bas relief in clay. This, though rough in execution, "blocked out" as the sculptor says, nevertheless gives the artist a good idea of the arrangement and general effect of doubt." the group. Only then, after careful consideration, is the modelling of the UTES De When the figures are finished there is still enough to be done. The figures the root absorbing foodstuffs, the stem still enough to be done. The figures must be dressed, furniture and other ac-cessories must be selected and placed with care, the background prepared, the matter of effective lighting carefully con-sidered, and with all this, the arrange-ment and color effect of the whole must be always kept in view. ment and color effect of the whole must be always kept in view. The matter of clothes presents not a w difficulties, even in figures of mod-eru people. Fashions change rapidly, and to be correct Lincoln must be dreased in the particular style of loose coat and baggy trousers which was worn while he in the particular style of loose coat and baggy trousers which was worn while he vas President, nor would it do to put he Virginia militiamen who are guard-ing John Brown on his way to execution into the uniform of a United States regu-lar of to-day. But such costumes are not always easy to get, and foreign uni-forms, even of the present time, are usually marie in Europe and imported. And even then errors will creep in. For

The people who have cared the least about living right are the ones most anxious to die right. If men were only as near perfect as they would like to have others think they are, the sun would soon shine all night. It will help you to be charitable toward others, to remember that other folks have just as much mule in them as you have.-Indianapolis (Ind.) Ram's Horn. A Weed That Eats Fish. Commander Alfred Oarpenter, writing from Suakin, Red Sea country, in Africa, contributes the following remarkable instance of a plant preying upon one of the vertebrata. The instance noted was observed by him when surveying the Paraof the face are well indicated by dots of cel Islands in the South China Sea: "As color pushed in with the needle, while I neared a pool out off by the tide from for a bristly beard of recent growth, the sea, I noticed among other submashort hairs are used, lastly, the lips are rine plants a very ordinary-looking fleshcovered with colored wax-teeth, tongue, colored weed. Bending to inspect it closer, I noticed numbers of small fish lying helpless in its fronds, apparently with little or no life in them. Putting caught in every conceivable way-by the head, the tail, sides, etc.-and some of them had been held until the skin was completely macerated. Those of the fish that were still living had evidently been caught at different times, they appearing in all stages of extaustion. regret being unable to name either the plant or the fish, but that the botanical cannibal really preyed upon the finny denizens of the deep there isn's the least How Plants Feed. Plant nutrition is carried out through the agency of the root, stem and leaves; circulating and the leaves elaborating them. Plants, like animals, assimilate their food—that is, convert the sub-stances on which they feed into their own substance, but while the animal bot oven.



## How Veneers are Made.

The veneers are made. One of the most interesting places to visit in Greeneville, Me, is the veneer mill, which uses immense quantities of beech, birch and maple lumber in the manufacture of veneering. After being steamed the logs are then taken out and bark removed and taken to the cutter. In the cutter, which resembles a large turning lathe, a long knife driven by machinery is made alowly to approach the revolving log, peeling off the veneer into long strips, the desired thickness varying from one-eighth to one thirty-second of an inch. These strips are drawn out on a long table, cut and trimmed into the required sizes and then are carried to the dryhouse. The veneer is dried in long moha, two strips being placed together, turned so that the frames of siz. After remaining in the dryhouse two or three days, the veneer is taken lown, pressed and packed into bales for highment.—Boston Transcript.

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bot oven. Prunes — Prunes when fresh are nloe to eat, but not as desirable for canning as fruit which is more tart. Dried prunes are very healthful. Wash thoroughly in several waters, then leave over night in cold water. In the morning pour prunes and water into a porcelsin kettle, and cook over one hour slowly; when nearly done, add what sugar is needed, skim out the prunes, and cook the juice s while-longer. moment's notice. There are seasons and days in Buffalo when piazza life is not inviting. The Japanese women, moreover, probably do not reside with "ladies" who are continually giving them "a week's notice."-[Ruffalo (N. Y.) Commercial.

wear worn in the dusty streets. And then the feeling of living in rooms that can be turned into balconies and ve-

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