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The total weight of the latest electric locomotive constructed is 134,000 pounds.

It is supposed by some that when a tree is struck by lightning it is torn not by the electricity, but by the explosion of water suddenly converted into steam by the heat of the arrested current.

It is said that the wild lettuce is "one of two well-marked compass plants" and that it has the property of twisting its leaves until they point straight upward, with the edges directed north and south.

Maxim's cavalry gun, which fires 700 shots a minute, weighs but thirty pounds and can be carried strapped to a soldier's back.

The following figures show the growth of the Protestant communions in China: In 1843 there were 6: 1853, 350; 1865, 2,000; 1876, 13,000; 1886, 38,000; 1889, 37,287; 1894, 50,000.

The Mississippi Press Association, at its recent meeting at Biloxi, appointed a committee to arrange for an excursion to the Cotton States and International Exposition at Atlanta during October.

A watch has been invented which measures distance by sound. The inventor, a French officer named Thourvenin, has called the instrument a phonometre.

Lafodino Hearn relates that there was a remarkable identity of ideas and expressions in the compositions written by his Japanese pupils on a single theme.

Some interesting calculations have recently been made to determine the frequency of earth tremors or shocks, which show that the surface of the earth is in a state of almost constant vibration.

Montes de Ballore has found that in a given area which he assumes to be fairly representative of the whole a shock occurs on an average each half hour.

A Speed of Two and a Half Miles per Minute Expected to be Attained. Here is something colossal now passing through the mind of the great locomotive works in the world.

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COL. CARR FAVORS FREE SILVER.

And Gives Reasons for the Faith That is in Him—It Was the Basis of Our Daddies and Its Demolition Was the Cause of All Our Woes.

Col. Julian S. Carr: A name-magical and magnetic—to conjure with in North Carolina. A personality, which, like that of the lamented V. I. Mitchell, has been the terror for the people of the good old North State.

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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Administration Taking a Rest—An Aggressive Foreign Policy Ransom and Mexico—Other Notes of Interest.

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