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BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

CAPTAIN KING'S novel, "Between the Lines," has won high praise from the foremost military authorities in Great Britain.

EMILE ZOLA has been paid $6,000 for the right to publish his new novel, "Money," in one of the Paris evening papers.

ELI PERKINS has written a book of reminiscences of famous men he has met on his lecturing tours, and just published under the title of "Kings of Platform and Pulpit."

LUCY LARCOM, the authoress, is superstitious in that she believes it a bad omen to speak of her future literary work to even her most intimate friends; "If I did," she says, "I should never go on with it."

TOLSTOI'S niece has prepared an edition of "War and Peace" for the blind. This edition will be printed entirely in raised letters, and each copy will contain about seven thousand pages. The preparation of the work has lasted five years.

MRS. SOUTHWORTH is the author of eighty novels, "Retribution," the first story, being published in 1849. That is big work for a woman's hand and brain, and the world none the worse for it, either. The latter fact is her crowning triumph.

AN old schoolmate of Rider Haggard says that at college the future author of "She" was not accounted clever. He was a plain, matter-of-fact boy, who lived simply. He had a preference for traveling, however, which he indulged immediately after graduation.

AFTER fifty-nine years of labor, Barthelemy Saint-Hilaire has finished his translation of Aristotle, a work in thirty-five volumes. For the last twenty years the translator has also been very active in politics as Secretary to Thiers, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Senator.

ON OR NEAR THE THRONES.

QUEEN VICTORIA has presented a richly-caparisoned Indian elephant to the Emperor of Morocco.

DURING the forty-nine years of his life the Prince of Wales has drawn $16,500,000 from the public treasury of Great Britain, and his debts, it is said, now amount to about $8,000,000.

THE finest specimen of physical manhood on a European throne is King Oscar of Sweden, in whose royal veins there runs very good red plebeian blood, with but little of the real blue article mixed in it. His ancestor was Napoleon's marshal, Bernadotte.

IN spite of the advancing years and increasing flesh of the Empress of Russia, she has not lost her taste for dancing, but indulges in that pastime nearly as freely as she did in her youth, when her devotion to it won her the name among her friends of "the grasshopper."

LILIUOKALANI, who becomes Queen of Hawaii by the death of Kalakaua, her brother, is the wife of an Englishman, Lieutenant-General John O. Dominis. Her designation as heir apparent was due to the fact that she was the only member of the royal family who had children.

THE German Emperor is now a landowner in Norway. A few weeks ago he made a contract with Holm Munthe, a well-known architect of Christiania, for the erection of five villas and a hunting lodge on his estate. The Norwegians believe that it is the Emperor's intention to visit his Northern home each summer.

NATIONAL NICKNAMES.

THE Danes are known as Danskers.

THE Switzer rejoices in the name of Colon Tampon.

THE Italians are almost invariably known in Europe as Lazzaroni.

THE Irishman derives his name of Paddy from his National patron saint.

A SCOTCHMAN is known the world over as Sandy and never objects to the title.

COUSIN MICHEL is the name by which the German is known to the continental nations.

ENGLISHMEN have accepted the name of John Bull as suited to the National character.

THE Russian Bear and the Unspeakable Turk are hardly real nicknames, but they go.

AN ancient nursery rhyme records the fact that Taffy is a Welshman and so he is called.

DON WHISKERANDOS is almost a national nickname for the Spaniards, dating from Elizabethan times.

MYNHEER CLOSH, an abbreviation of Nicholas, sums up the Hollanders, who are often known simply as the Mynheers.

ENGLISH sailors call the Frenchman, in contempt, Johnny Crapaud; but in France he is Jacques Bonhomme, or, as a bourgeois, M. Prudhomme.

AMERICANISMS.

LAST year the Government sold 13,000,000 acres of land to settlers.

TWENTY MILLION acres of land of the United States is held by foreigners.

IT costs the Government $250,000 a year to print the Congressional Record.

THE fashionable hotels of America have become the most expensive in the world.

CIGARETTE smoking in this country increased thirteen per cent. during the past year.

THE number of suicides in the United States in 1890 was 2,640, while in 1889 it was 2,224, and in 1888, 1,486.

IT is estimated that out of an army of 13,000,000 smokers in this country, those who use imported cigars only number 66,000.

THE gold dollar is worth 100 cents the world over. In London or Shanghai 25 8-100 grains of standard gold are equal to 100 cents.

THE records of insurance companies of the United States show that the American man lives longer than men of the same race in the Old World.

THE most reasonable answer to the question: "Where did you get that hat?" would be: "From Danbury," as there were over 6,100,000 hats made in the little Connecticut town last year.

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A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

How a Husband Checked His Wife's Extravagance.

A man with large business interests and a handsome income married a lady who, accustomed all her previous life to the luxuries of wealth, had never formed any clear conception of the worth and purchasing power of money. For some months the indulgent husband gratified his wife's every whim.

One day the lady, to carry out some caprice, asked for a check for so large a sum that the gentleman was disturbed. He saw that such prodigality, if persisted in, meant ruin; but not wishing to grieve his wife by a downright refusal, he determined to give her a lesson in finance. He therefore smilingly remarked that he could not give her a check as usual, but would send up the money from his store.

About noon the promised money came, not in crisp bills, as was expected, but in silver dollars, the sum total filling several specie bags.

The wife was first vexed, then amused, and finally, as the afternoon wore away, became deeply thoughtful. When her husband came home to supper, she took him gently by the arm, and leading him into the room where the ponderous bags of specie were still standing, said:

"My dear, is this the money I asked you for this morning?"

"It is, my love," was the reply.

"And did you have to take this money all in dollar by dollar, in the course of your business?" was the next question.

"Yes," he answered, gently; "it represents the results of many weeks of hard labor."

"Well, then," she said, with tearful eyes, "send a man to take it back to the bank in the morning. I can't use so much money for so trivial a purpose. I didn't understand about it before.—Youth's Companion.

Chinese Music.

The musical art of a people who represent one-fifth of the earth's population ought to be studied, if not for the sake of æsthetic pleasure at least in the interest of scientific knowledge. Yet there is scarcely a department in the history or philosophy of music concerning which the information to be found in the books is so unsatisfactory as that of Chinese music. Even a historian of the thoroughness and profundity of Ambros, after devoting many pages to an attempt to elucidate the Chinese theory, seems willing to believe the first traveler who sets down the modern practice of the art as nothing but crude, barbaric, unregulated noise. Crude, barbaric and noisy Chinese music certainly is, but not unregulated. Even the little music which can be heard on any holiday in the Chinese quarter of New York will serve to disclose to a discriminating ear that it is nothing if not methodical. The difficulty on the part of the historians has been that they have never come in contact with the Chinese, and therefore have had to depend on the descriptions of travelers and missionaries touching the practical side of the art. Correctly to apprehend music, however, requires special qualifications of education and natural gifts, and these have been possessed by so small a minority of those who have written about China that they are scarcely worth enumerating.—Century.

Teeth Germs in the Human Being.

The development of teeth germs from infancy to mature life is one of the most interesting phases of human growth. Pass the finger along the tiny jaw of the newcomer. Not only is there nothing which presages future teeth, but the jaws themselves seem too delicate and frail to become the sockets for such hard-working portions of the anatomy. Yet we are assured that there are fifty-two teeth germs hidden there. Twenty of them are for the temporary teeth, with which, in due time, the child will begin to gnaw or chew his way through life; the others include the permanent set and the molars, none of which begin to make their presence known until the child is six years old, and the "wisdom" teeth do not usually appear until about the age of eighteen. The little pulp germ grows and develops till it approximates the shape of the tooth it is to become; then it begins to calcify, forming the dentine part of the crown, while the enamel is deposited by an independent process. The surface of the crown attains its full size before the process of elongation commences. Then, gradually it pushes its way outward through the gum, absorbing its tissue as it advances, till the pure white enamel peeps out.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Tortonia the Banker.

A striking instance of the elevation of a person from humble to exalted circumstances is found in the life of Tortonia, a celebrated banker of Rome, whose father was nothing more than a valet de place, or a guide, who showed about strangers for hire. Tortonia, who was an active, intelligent young man, at first entered into business in a small way as a jeweler. In course of time he became a sort of banker; and an unexpected circumstance brought him in contact with Cardinal Chiaramonti. On the death of Pope Pius VI., a conclave was to be held at Venice for the election of a new Pope. Chiaramonti had expectations of being elected to the vacant office, but he was unable to attend the conclave for the want of money. In this emergency he was supplied with a few hundred crowns by Tortonia. The cardinal now repaired to Venice, where, in the Church of St. George, he was elected Pope, under the title of Pius VII. In gratitude for this act of service the sovereign pontiff on his return to Rome appointed Tortonia banker to the court. He was created a Marquis and afterwards a Duke, and became one of the richest capitalists in Europe.—N. Y. Ledger.

Dental Note.

A professor in the New York Dental College asked one of the new students: "What is the name of the teeth that a human being gets last?"

"False teeth, of course."—Texas Siftings.

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FROM FOREIGN NATIONS.

THE people of Mexico have taken to drinking beer. Breweries are springing up in every city of importance.

AN agitation has begun in England for the repeal of the law providing for the execution of women for capital crimes.

THE British Balloon Society has entered a sturdy protest against the threatened choice of Jerusalem as the prime meridian of the world.

FIJI is commencing the cultivation of tobacco, the enterprise being assisted by the concession of government land to the planters on easy terms.

THE wettest place in the world is Cherrapoonjee, about 250 miles northeast of Calcutta, just outside the torrid zone; there the rainfall is upward of 600 inches every year.

THE official Russian bulletins now being issued assert that the number of German colonists within the Empire have become dangerous. In one province they form sixteen per cent. of the population.

THE French Chamber has agreed to a duty on mural advertisements, as suggested by a private member. The duty is to be graduated according to the population of the localities in which the placards are affixed.

EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, is said to have demanded the resignation of the manager of the Court Theater, Berlin, owing to the faulty manner in which the "Prince of Homburg" was recently represented there.

THE Ministry of the Interior of Russia has approved a project to establish agricultural colonies for professional beggars and vagrants. A special commission has been appointed to work out the colonization plans in detail and to present them for adoption to the Ministerial Council. The plans will be ready by next spring and put in operation as soon as indorsed by the Government.

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

SWITZERLAND gets about $2,000,000 a year out of American tourists.

PREVIOUS to the time of Elizabeth the only article to assist in eating was the jack-knife, which also served for sundry other purposes.

A JEWELER says that it is a rare thing for him to sell a solid gold watch chain. Everybody buys the plated article nowadays, even those people who are well able to afford the solid.

ADDING the first figure to the second in 1891 gives us the third, and subtracting the fourth from the third gives us the second. And if we add all the figures we get the number of the century.

PRESIDENT ANGELL, of Ann Arbor University, says that the Chinese have no straight streets or walls because they believe the devil travels in a straight line. They are great believers in signs and portents, thousands in numbers.

MACHINERY is accomplishing wonders for agriculture. It is stated that in Kansas biscuits were eaten that were made from flour, the wheat of which the flour was made having stood in the field in a growing condition ninety minutes before the biscuits were eaten.

THERE is a temple of Siva, near Allahabad, in India, surrounded by a high mound composed wholly of the fragments of earthen bottles. On one of the last days of February from 20,000 to 40,000 pilgrims assemble, each being provided with two or three earthern bottles containing water from the Ganges and a few copper coins.

ILLUSIONS OF GREAT MEN

GOETHE states that he one day saw the exact counterpart of himself coming toward him.

POPE saw an arm apparently come through the wall, and made inquiries after its owner.

BYRON often received visits from a specter, but he knew it to be a creation of the imagination.

DR. JOHNSON heard his mother call his name in a clear voice, though she was at the time in another city.

BARON EMMANUEL SWEDENBORG believed that he had the privilege of interviewing persons in the spirit world.

DESCARTES was followed by an invisible person whose voice he heard urging him to continue his researches after truth.

LOYOLA, lying wounded during the siege of Pampeluna, saw the Virgin who encouraged him to prosecute his mission.

SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS, leaving his house, thought the lamps were trees, and the men and women bushes agitated by the breeze.

LAVAILLAC, while chanting the "Miserere" and "De Profundis," fondly believed that the sounds he emitted were of the nature and had the full effect of a trumpet.

OLIVER CROMWELL, lying sleepless on his couch, saw the curtains open and a gigantic woman appear who told him that he would become the greatest man in England.

DOMESTIC HINTS.

COLD meats are generally found more easy of digestion than warm ones

SET a dish of water in the oven with cakes when baking and they will seldom scorch.

EVEN the broken tacks are helpful in this utilitarian age. They are excellent for cleaning bottles.

PUT old rubber rings of cans into weak ammonia water, and they will recover their elasticity.

SALT and water, quite strong, and used persistently for a time, will prevent the hair from falling out.

AN excellent cement for fastening leather, paper, or wood to metal, can be made by adding a teaspoonful of glycerine to a gill of glue.

BUTTERMILK Is sometimes too valuable for the pigs. Use it instead of water when making bread, and use it as a drink on the table.

TWO PAIRS of shoes are desirable for each individual, to be worn on alternate days, since a single night's exposure to the air is usually insufficient to free those articles from moisture.

Itch on human and horses and all animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggists, Scotland 8 21 1y

Use none but Rolan Baking Powders.

QUITE ODD IF TRUE.

A GIRL of fifteen of Atlanta, Ga., was divorced from one husband and has just taken another.

AN Atchison man is soon to marry the woman who stood sponsor for him when he was baptized as a baby.

A CHICAGO man has reckoned that he has paid the proprietor of his hotel $80,600 for his own board alone.

A CONGREGATION at Leicester, Eng., has petitioned their vicar to dismiss a new curate because he is the son of a gardener.

MISS CATTON, of Constantine, Mich., lost her voice through illness several years ago. She recovered it by sneezing the other day.

A WOMAN at Atchison, Kan., sets a chair at table every day for her husband, who died more than a year ago. In his plate she puts a little bouquet of flowers.

A LITTLE boy at Utica, N. Y., one day recently played letter carrier, and distributed through the neighborhood a bundle of old love letters that his mother had saved from her courtship days.

W. A. FULTON, one of Clayton County's (Ga.) oldest and best citizens, died the other day. Just as he drew his last breath the old clock, which for forty years had faithfully kept time, stopped and has not run since.

THERE is no end to the artfulness of womankind. There comes a story from Ridgway, Pa., to the effect that a man there, while blowing smoke rings in the presence of a young lady, was surprised to see her run her finger in one and tell him we'll be married next spring. What could the poor fellow do except to bow his head in meek submission?

IN THE COURT-ROOM

GENERAL R. A. ALGER has just been victorious in a land-case contest before the Interior Department, in which the amount involved was $100,000. The land is situated near Seattle, Wash.

A NEW jury law in Minnesota enables five-sixths of the jurors to render a legal verdict. This will effectually nullify the stubbornness of the juror who knows that he is right and all the others wrong.

JUDGE GUERRY, of Georgia, is determined that his court shall be treated with respect. Last week he fined the Solicitor-General $2.50 for smoking and the sheriff $5 for talking while the court was in session.

THE following is a copy of the return made by a colored constable on a warrant in Liberty County, Ga.: "I have this Day Rest the Body of Kate Ann Lecounte. I have Hir in My Cust. This the 5th day of the 17th of Jan., 1891."

A WOMAN who figured as a pauper died recently in San Francisco leaving $6,192, which she had accumulated by begging. Three benevolent societies that had befriended her to the amount of $840, $895 and $905 respectively have begun suits to recover the sums named from her estate.

A WOMAN in Bar Harbor, Me., was brought before a trial justice charged with being a common scold. The record reports that "after an enjoyable entertainment of about three hours" the proceedings ended with the sentencing of the culprit to thirty days in the county jail. She appealed, however, and the case will probably be heard from again.

MECHANICAL MATTERS.

IN the absence of a complete chemical test, the high specific gravity of gold (19.3) is the test of its purity.

RECENT investigation into the curious question of the use of an annular drill by the ancients lead to the conclusion that jewel points were used in both drilling and sawing.

THE prize engine at the Royal Agricultural Society's exhibition in 1849 is said to have burned 11¾ pounds of coal per horse power per hour; that of 1850, 7½; of 1852, 4⅝; of 1853, 4½; of 1855, 3¾; of 1856, 3½; of 1872, 2¾, and of 1887, 1 4-5.

AT a test of steel manufactured at Reading, Penn., the other day, a one-inch bar broke at a strain of 283,832 pounds, "being about 20,000 pounds in excess of the highest record authoritatively known." The test was made under the supervision of Government officers.

THE following is recommended as a sure way of finding where a crack in a piece of metal ends. Moisten the surface with petroleum, then wipe it, and then immediately rub it with chalk. The oil that has penetrated into the crack exudes, and thus indicates where the crack ends.

WOOD AND IRON notices an ingenious way of cooling a journal in machinery that can not be stopped. This is to hang a short endless belt on the shaft next to the box, and let the lower part of it run in cold water. The turning of the shaft carries the belt slowly round bringing fresh cold water continually in contact with the heated shaft, and without spilling or spattering a drop of water.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

IF ducks are made profitable they must be kept growing from the start.

IN sending eggs to market a better price can be realized if they are washed clean.

IF managed quietly turkeys are very easy to handle and can be driven with very little trouble.

DOUBLE-YELLED eggs, flat eggs and all that class are nearly always the result of the hens being too fat.

UNTIL the chickens are six weeks old sweet milk can be used instead of water, and the poultry will thrive better.

YOUNG fowls when first hatched do not require any kind of food for twenty-four hours. Bread soaked in milk is good for the first feed.

AFTER they begin laying, an egg every day is not so certain with hens as with ducks. It is only in exceptional cases that a hen will lay every day.

A HEAD of cabbage in the poultry yard will be found very acceptable to the hens, and only a few days will elapse before nothing but the stalk will be left.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children that want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, and Biliousness. All dealers keep it.

SCIENTIFIC DRIPPINGS.

GLUE from whale refuse is a new article of commerce in Germany.

CORK, if sunk twenty feet in the ocean, will not rise on account of the pressure of the water.

A TEACHER of mathematics says that the simple tearing up or cutting of paper is a great relief to the mind after mental labor.

TOUGH paper is made by mixing chloride of zinc with the pulp. The more concentrated the zinc solution the tougher will be the paper.

AS AN instance of the wonderful fecundity of vegetable life, it is said that a single tobacco plant will produce three hundred and sixty thousand seeds.

A CHANGE in the channel of the river Stour, at Sandwich, Eng., has revealed the wreck of a vessel believed to have sunk at that spot during the reign of Henry VIII.

IN the ten years after he passes thirty a man's foot grows in length nearly an inch. In the case of a woman, however, her foot is generally smaller at twenty-five than it was when she was eighteen.

DIFFERENT classes of substances have been found to affect the organs of taste in the following order: Bitters, acids, saline substances, sweets and alkalies. The taste nerves are nearly 2,000 times as sensitive to quinine as to sugar.

IN each respiration an adult inhales one pint of air; a healthy man respires 16 to 20 times a minute, or 20,000 times a day; a child, 25 to 35 times a minute; while standing the adult respiration is 22 times per minute; while lying down, 13.

THE manufacture of butter from the marrow of cocoanut is a new but growing industry in Germany. The butter is of a clear, whitish color. The price of this butter is from twelve to fifteen cents per pound. It is suitable for cooking, and is not disagreeable to taste or smell.

A MONSTER egg is exhibited in the museum at Buda-Pesth, Hungary. It is an egg of the prehistoric bird Æpiornis, and but few museums possess such a specimen; 148 hens' eggs would find room in it, and it would hold nearly nine quarts. It was found in 1850 in Madagascar.

COMMON-SENSE CURES.

A THIN slice of raw fat pork dusted with cayenne pepper is our best remedy for a sore throat.

HOT water applied to a bruise will allay pain and prevent discoloration. It has superseded medical "eye waters" in the treatment of inflamed and aching eyes.

TRY a bandage of hot salt outside the face for neuralgia; fill the mouth with hot salt in case of toothache; put a little hot salt in a piece of muslin and then put it in the ear for a second or two when earache is troublesome.

IT is an old remedy for the hiccough to hold one's breath, and if that fails then to gargle with a little water, and if the hiccough still continues to tickle the nose to the point of sneezing once or twice, when the hiccough is sure to go.

MANY people are troubled with itchy eyes and try all sorts of washes. The best way to treat nothing is to use a cool, weak salt-water wash every hour. If this does no good consult a physician who makes a specialty of eye diseases.

FOR earache and toothache and neuralgia in the head [illegible] the best remedy is a bag [illegible] hot vinegar and [illegible] one should keep [illegible] flannel bags of convenient size [illegible] with strong home-cured hops.

A GERMAN physician discovers a simple means of suppressing the most violent fits of whooping cough by grasping the lower jaw [illegible] operation of dislocation of that bone and pulling it gently out through downwards and forwards. The effect of this on the paroxysm he calls [illegible] absolutely certain.

FOR hives in children, rub the irritated skin or the pustules without oil, applied with the tip of the finger. Baby will pass from fretting to [illegible] ber while the process is going on. The relief will be so great and quick. For inflamed eyes, bumped heads and sprained ankles, use abundantly water as hot as can be borne.

FAMILY SECRETS.

VISITOR—"I suppose your daughter is busily preparing for her wedding?" Mother—"Yes; she is up in her room now, destroying all her old letters."

MRS. JONES—"I think we'd better not build this year. Every thing is so high." Mr. Jones—"What is it now?" Mrs. Jones—"I notice an advertisement of eightpenny nails. That's a good deal for a nail."

WIFE—"Why, husband, I thought you had more sense than to buy a comet. You know the fellow next door worries us nearly to death with his." Husband—"Calm yourself, my dear. That is the one I bought."

"Do you like babies, Mr. Whiter?" asked the young mother bashfully of the grim old bachelor who sat at the foot of the table. "Don't know, marm," replied the bachelor, promptly, between two mouthfuls of potato; "never tasted any."

A WIFE was complaining bitterly of her cruel husband. A friend advised her still to treat him kindly and gently, and thus heap coals of fire on his head. "Ah, that will not do," she replied, "for I have tried two kettles of boiling water on his head, and he's no better."

HUSBAND (a member of the Sportsmen's Club)—"I see they have arrested some men in the East for shooting birds on the wing." Wife—"Serves them right. They should shoot them on the head or on the feet. You men have no idea how ugly a spoiled wing looks on a hat."

LITTLE WILLIE—"Is that the papa swan or the mamma swan?" Father—"Which do you mean?" Little Willie—"Why, the poor thing that's had the feathers pecked off the top of its head; and that isn't allowed to have none of the biscuit." Father (sadly)—"That's the papa swan, Willie."

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TOLD OF PEOPLE IN EUROPE.

THE widow of Prof. Schliemann will continue his archæological work.

DURING the illness of the late Emperor Frederick, it became so much the fashion to consult Dr. Morell Mackenzie that his professional income rose to an average of twelve hundred dollars a day.

THE famous Lafayette family, of France, has become extinct by the death of Senator Edmond de Lafayette, a grandson of the General. He was a wealthy bachelor and gave largely to charities.

SIGNOR JESSADA, the great lace fabricant of Genoa, Italy, carries back the manufacture of Italian lace as early as the year 1400, and has in his possession specimens which he declares to be of that date.

DURING the present century, three girl Queens have, before the advent of Queen Wilhelmina, almost simultaneously ascended the throne of a European Nation: Maria da Gloria of Portugal, Isabella of Spain, and Victoria of England.

MRS. MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, who lives now in Spencer House, London, is said to receive as many offers of marriage as any widow in the British metropolis. She has the entire income of the $8,000,000 estate, now very much increased, left by her husband.

DR. SCHLIEMANN left his property to be divided among his relatives, including £4,000 to his first wife's heirs. The sum of £800 is left to Prof. Virchow. The palace at Athens, with all its collections and libraries, with the exception of the Trojan vessels, which are destined for the Berlin Museum, is bequeathed to his wife.

PEOPLE OF ROYAL BIRTH.

THE high court of Amsterdam has decided that all official and public servants shall address the little Queen as King Wilhelmina.

ONE block of real estate owned by Queen Victoria is the most valuable in the British Kingdom. It is in London, of course, and includes both sides of the Quadrant and Regent street from Piccadilly circus to Oxford street.

ARCHDUKE CHARLES LOUIS, heir presumptive to the Austrian throne, will allow his sons but fifty florins a month until they attain their majority. At the age of eighteen they become free with an income of at least twenty thousand florins.

THE Sultan of Turkey is not in all respects the ease-loving monarch he is reported to be. He passes a good part of the day with his secretary discussing matters pertaining to the Empire, and it is his boast that he has never signed a state paper without reading it.

THE Princess Louise, daughter of Princess Christian, will be married to Prince Aribert of Anhalt during the coming summer. The private chapel at Windsor Castle will be used for the wedding ceremony and a whole stream of right reverend prelates will be laid on for the occasion.

THE Persian Shah's dinner is served to him in two courses. The first is composed of caviare, pickled fruits, dried prunes and apricots. Then, after an interval of two hours, a dish of thick broth, containing roast lamb, chicken and stewed apples, and a rice stew are placed before him. The Shah eats very daintily with the tips of his fingers.

SHORT AND PITHY.

WINTER slippers—The boys who slide on the ice.

"Now, don't borrow trouble, Molly." "No need to. You keep me well supplied, Silas."

"HOW ARE the mighty fallen," chuckled the icy sidewalk as the fat man sat down with a dull thud.

CALLER—"Where's your father?" Urchin—"He's shinglin'." Caller—"The barn?" Urchin—"No, Tommy."

MISS VAN DASH—"Have you met Count Easterbee?" Dr. Blank—"Oh, yes, he was my butler for some time."

IT is hardly necessary to state that a change from natural gas to soft coal would cast a gloom over the entire community.

THE man who sighed for the lost dreams of his boyhood could likely bring them back by eating one of his boyhood suppers.

"Do you think it will rain to-day?" "I don't know." "Say, you ought to join the signal service—they need just such men as you."

AN Irish witness excused his running from an opponent by saying: "It is better to be a coward for five minutes than dead all the rest of your life time."

HE—"Ya-as. I guess I have the reputation of being one of the young men who love about town who have more money than brains." She—"And yet you are not rich, are you?"

REGARDING RAILROADS.

THE longest railroad is the Canadian Pacific.

MEXICAN contractors are importing thousands of Chinese laborers to work on railroads in course of construction in that land.

THE railroad cars which transport Manhattan Island over their hundreds of miles of tracks last year carried the enormous number of over four hundred million of passengers who paid five-cent fares.

A CORRESPONDENT of a railroad publication has found that out of more than four hundred railroad accidents in the United States in 1890 over fifty per cent were caused by drunkenness, disobedience of plain orders or the most reckless carelessness.

THE Great Western Argentine railroad is about to try an experiment of burning crude petroleum in its engines. It has contracted with a Mendoza company to take one hundred thousand cubic meters of crude petroleum at twelve dollars a meter.

THE number of employes on all the railroads of the country amounts to seven hundred thousand. There are fifteen hundred and eighteen different railroad corporations, and the total mileage of these railroads is one hundred and fifty-six thousand four hundred miles.

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