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The Royal Art Academy of Munich has 134 pupils, of whom 14 are Americans.

A Spanish musician is said to have devised a system of musical notation by which the sharp and flat system is done away with.

A new washing machine is run over the floor like a lawn mower, and does the soaping, scrubbing and drying in one or two operations.

In a garden at Fort Meyers, Fla., there is a date palm which was planted by General W. S. Hancock during the Seminole war, while he was in command of the fort.

Two hundred years ago the west coast of Africa had "money of account," the standard a bar of iron, and anything supposed to equal its value was called a "bar."

Front bells are tolled in some districts of France when frost is threatened. Immediately the inhabitants place quantities of tar between the rows of vines.

The star is lighted and volumes of dense smoke arise, thus protecting the vines.

In Hillsborough county, N. H., there is a solid rock with a channel seventy feet deep and thirty feet wide cut through its side.

A flight of rude natural steps leads to the top, where there is a natural pulpit and pool for baptism.

The statement that Abraham Lincoln was a spiritualist and had a medium living in the white house has gained such wide publicity that ex-Minister Robert T. Lincoln is at pains to deny it.

In order to give an object lesson to several frivolous friends prone to irregularity in business, and to show them that steady, persistent plodding paid in the long run, Amos Keeter, or Bhubarville, Md., arranged a race between a tortoise and a hare.

The hare ran over the course, jumped the fence and was out of sight in two minutes. The tortoise pulled his head into his shell and didn't budge.

Keeter's friends went home with pains in their necks.

The show of distinguished beauty, transacted by famous artists, which is now taking place at the Academy of Fine Arts in New York, has been anticipated by the Cosmopolitan Magazine in its November issue, in an article by Wm. A. Coffin, with illustrations of some of the more beautiful faces.

The "Great Passions of History" series has for this month's subject the romantic career of Agnes Borel, who influenced the destinies of France under Charles VIII.

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THE COUNTRY SOUTH OF US.

Letters From Mexico to the Boys and Girls of New Bern—Giving Some Description of Mexico and the Mexicans.

It is a four day's journey from here, and shows you Mexico at her best, doctored all out in flowers, while here she wears weeds; if a fashionable man have flowers for his face, she must order them from San Antonio, for they don't grow here.

I believe one of my most grateful hours, if it ever comes, will be to see a rose-bush at one side, a white jessamine vine at the other, and violets, hyacinths, and pinks at my feet.

One gets tired of sun and moon here. He longs for a brilliant sunset, but it takes the dark clouds to mix the yellow with to make a gorgeous one.

People buy river water to drink by the barrel, price two bills, doze reale (ray-ale) which is twenty-five cents. There are very few wells.

I must go back to the old gentleman again to tell you what he was once. A forty-niner. Did you ever see one? I believe Mr. Havens was one.

Everything is Spanish, not English here. It is this nation's language, and anyone can acquire a sweet voice, who will speak it.

In connection with speaking Spanish, they say here, the Negro learns it quicker than any foreigner. The Peon and he get acquainted very fast, and you know he likes to talk, so there is the secret.

Another old gentleman must come into my letter now. He is a druggist; was once a doctor. His name is Handy. The way his family got that name is funny.

His great-great-relation, talking to all young folks, says "learn German and Spanish." He says he studied Greek and Latin at University of Indiana.

Here was a pickle, but some one got a crust. He thought of Latin, so he wrote a question in that. The young foreigners picked out the meaning like it was a puzzle, and wrote an answer in other words.

Oh, for the good German and Spanish would have done for me in my life! I loved Latin. Spanish would be a better friend now.

South America may so me day be represented in New Bern, when it grows to be a large city. Some of you boys, who means to be real live business men, let yourselves for interpreters. I have more to say of Peon and Castilian, when THE JOURNAL prints this.

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