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Says the Boston Traveller: It seems that in Great Britain, as well as in Germany, the cities are growing out of all proportion to the rest of the country. Apparently these are the tendencies in all the great industrial nations. This drift cityward foreshadows an active demand and good prices for farm products everywhere, and an improvement in conditions for the farmers.

One of the latest electrical discoveries is the power of electricity, under certain conditions, to destroy in water bacleria that causes diseases, and possibly in the human system as well. There are good and bad bacteria, some of them of great value to farmers for the increase of fertility of soil. These we have sometimes thought were increased in activity by thunderstorms. So when scientists aim their electrical discharges at bacteria they should have a caution to aim to des roy those only that are known to be injurious.

The St. Louis Star-Sayings observes : "One result of the marvelous growth of Auterican citizens and the consequent crowding together of large numbers of citizens and their families, has been a renewal of the agitation in favor of a new cabinet officer to have charge of a national health department. In all the crowded countries of the Old World such a department and such a head have been found necessary, and there is no good reason why we should wait for a very serious epidemic before following the example. The expense would be quite nominal, and the concentrated action which would be rendered practicable in cases of emergency might be the means of saving thousands of lives." There is a marriage bureau in Ber-In which during the last eleven years has received 19,959 applications for 'husbands and wives from all civilized countries, while matches have been brought about for 4399 women applicants and 5417 men. "To such an extent is the traffic carried on," asserts the Philadelphia Record, "that the matrimonial agent arranges with the keepers of American boarding-houses where the American girls live to take young officers into their homes, with the promise of a commission if a match shall be brought about. The penniless Lieutenant Herr Baron, with waxed mustache, blue eyes and red uniform, has frequently found his fate in one of these accommodating agencies." The Washburn & Moen Company, at Worcester, Mass., is making a series of experiments which promises to transform the rod and wire business. Copper is now used altogether in rods and wire where great strength and resistance to tension are required. Steel lacks this tenacity. It is stated, however, that the company's experts have discovered a process by which steel can be tempered so as to possess this necessary tenacity, and that steel wire has been actually made which will stand all the strain and tension that copper wire will. It can be manufactured, it is believed, at a much less cost than the present figures for copper, and its success would cause a decided drop in that metal. Despite the secrecy of those who have had the experiments in charge gossip about them has been current for some time among the brokers, and speculation os to their influence on the market is rife. The late Mr. Moen, it is understood, was the active spirit in this malter, and the new plant which the company is starting at Chicago is supposed to be intended for the extension of the business which would result from the success of these experiments. The willingness of the company to part with its barbed wire patents to he trust is explained by this new industry.

What Ramie Is. Ramie is a plant belonging to the nettle family, which from time immemorial has been cultivated in China and known to botanists by the name Bæhmeria nives, frequently called the stingless nettle. It is also known as

"China grass" and "Rhea." It has long been cultivated also in Japan, in Java, Borneo, Sumatra and in the East ry has been introduced into other countries. Its introduction into the United States dates back to the year 1855.

a height of four to eight fect, clothed cypress, and other kinds of timber. with large leaves that are green above and whitish or silvery beneath, the fiber being formed in the bark which surrounds the stalk, this having a pithy centre. It is of rapid growth and produces from two to four, or even five, crops a year without replanting, dependent upon the climate where cultivated. In China and Japan, where the fiber is extracted by hand labor, it is manufactured not only into cordage, fish-lines, nets and similar coarse manufactures, but woven into the finest and most beautiful of fabrics. In England, France and Germany the fiber has also been woven into a great variety of fabrics, covering the widest range of uses, such as lace, lace curtains, handkerchiefs, cloth or white goods resembling fine lizen, dress goods, napkins, table daniask, table covers, bed spreads, drapery for curtains or lambrequins, plush and even carpets and fabrics suitable for clothing. The fiber cau be dyed in all desirable shades or colors, some examples having the luster and brilliancy of silk. It is one of the strongest aud most durable of fibers, is least affected by moisture of all fibers, and from these characteristics must take first rank in value as a textile substance. It has three times the strength of Russian hemp, while its filaments can be separated almost to the fineness of silk. In manufacture it has been spun on various forms NEW BERNE, N. C. of textile machinery, and also used in connection with cotton, wool and silk, and it can be employed as a substitute in certain forms of manufacture, where elasticity is not essential, for all of these textiles, and for flax also. It likewise produces superior paper, and can be utilized in the manufacture of celluloid. In short, the uses to which it may be put are almost endless, and when the economical extrac-

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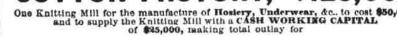
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It is said that spiders' threads may be woven, which is true enough, that they are more glossy and brilliant than those of the silkworm, which is not supported by the conclusions of those who have compared the two side by side, and that enough of it was once secured for the weaving of a suit of clothes for Louis XIV. Now, stockings have certainly been made from spider silk, and gloves too, for specimens of each were presented to the Royal Academy of Paris, and to the London Royal Society in 1710, and there is an indefinite mention of waistcoats being produced from this remarkable fiber. But this is the first that has been heard of an entire suit of clothes furnished by spiders. As it has been calculated that it would be necessary to rear 55,296 of the largest spiders, or 663,552 of the ordinary sort, to yield a pound of silk, we may regard that suit with some hesitation. It is most probable, however, that it is only a case of slipshod inaccuracy will keep looking straight toward the after all, for it is on record that M. Lebon of Montpelier sent a pair of

gloves made from spiders' silk to that same Louis XIV., and faulty memory, with careless haste, has most likely made a suit of clothes out of them .--

Growth of the Kindergarten System.

"The growth of the kindergarten system of starting off young children in the race for knowledge is not astonishing," said a lady who has devoted considerable attention to the subject. "It is the school of practical common sense and is very popular with both parents and children. I have little four-year-old tots in my school who not only know their letters and are otherwise mentally smart, but who can do almost anything with their hauds and fect. We pay more attention to the physical training of these little ones now than we ever did before. You should see some of my four-year-olds putting up their wee little dound bells, turning out their toes and going through their regular calischenics. And they love it so, and think everything such great fun. We don't push them into books. They have nothing to do with books. Letters and numericals are merely incidental."- New York Herald.



TRUMPET TEACHINGS.

Notes from the Indianopolis Ram's Ho n. MHEN you find it dark everywhere else look straight It is always up. light there. THERE is such a thing as mistaking our own willfulness for religious earnestness. THOSE who always love Christ

are always sure of having a safe place to walk in.

MANY men have ended by becoming scoundrels, who began by running in debt.

WHEN a man is driven to drink, it is because he has himself loosened the brake.

It is human nature to want to try everything else before we are willing to try God.

No MAN can stay poor very long who cross.

THE highest attainable success in God's service is accomplished when we are faithful.

You can tell about how much religion there is in a church by the way the people sing.

In the service of God work is life. The spiritual consumptives are spiritual sponges.

"In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death."

THE Bible has no promise for the pretending Christian who goes in bad company.

UNLESS you have more religion tomorrow than you have to-day, you will backslide.

THE devil would soon have to leave this world in despair if there were no bad women.

THE saloon-keeper sells whisky to buy houses. Other men sell houses to buy whisky.

NEVER ask the devil to dinner with you unless you are willing to take him for a regular boarder.

PERHAPS the most foolish of all things is trying to live a Christian life in the devil's way.

An old coat that is paid for looks better to the Lord than a new one you buy on credit.

THE hardest of all things is to get a man to stop and look himself squarely in the face.

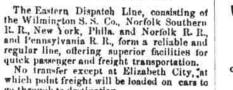
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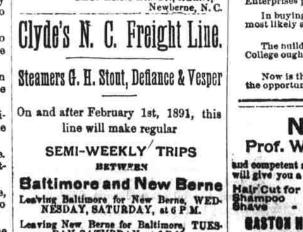
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