

SCRAPS.

A state lunch in China contains 146 dishes.

A bomb, weighing about seventy pounds, exploded into a shower of 1,200 pieces.

The fishing industry in North Carolina yields an annual product of the value of over \$1,000,000.

Seventeen Russian newspapers had trouble with the censor last year and two of them were entirely suppressed.

A 110-ton gun, though it can fire only eighty full charges, can fire 190 three-quarter charges and 320 half charges.

When an Arab widow intends to marry again she visits the grave of her dead husband the night before the new marriage is to occur.

The value of the egg crop of the state of Missouri exceeds in amount the value of the cereal crops of that state sold on the market.

It's the fast young man who runs through a fortune quickly, but it doesn't take an athlete to jump a board bill.—Philadelphia Record.

Owing to the lack of capital and a drought probably unprecedented in its duration, the gold industry lately has made no headway in British Guiana.

Miles—"I wonder how a composer feels when he encounters a man with a hand organ grinding his tunes?" Giles—"Probably like any other man who has to meet his own notes."—Chicago News.

The city of Akron, Ohio, is entitled to the credit for installing the first automobile police patrol. It is of the largest size, having a seating capacity of twenty persons, and was built at a cost of \$2,200.

A special service for the detection of gambling has been organized by the police of Vienna. They seek for offenders, not only in the cafes, but in clubs, and even enter private apartments with hope of surprising poker-players.

Women as train porters are an innovation that is fast becoming popular. The woman who wishes her shoes laced, her dress fastened, etc., is wondering how she managed to travel before without such aid.—Racine (Wis.) Journal.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Gerald Griffin is to impersonate Mr. Bowser in the vaudeville houses.

Mrs. Langtry denies that her own life is portrayed in "The Degenerates."

Marie Dressler hopes to have a theater of her own in New York next season.

E. S. Willard, John Hare and Mrs. Patrick Campbell will act in America next season.

The Paris Journal des Debats calls Mr. A. W. Pinero the greatest of English dramatists.

Mrs. Grace Van Studdiford, prima donna of the Jefferson de Angelis opera company, has resigned.

Robert Taber's term of management at the historic Adelphia theater, in London, will begin March 10.

In Japan it is not considered correct for ladies in attendance at the theater to wear the same dress during the entire performance.

Two of Whishaw's novels of Russian life have recently been made into plays. Beerbohm Tree may appear in the version of that one called "A Boyar of the Terrible."

Masterlinck has promised to write a play expressly for Martin Harvey, whose success in London with "The Only Way" has raised him to place in the ranks of actor managers.

Josephine Hall will sail for London April 16, and two weeks later she will take the leading part in the production of "The Girl from Maxim's" at Charles Frohman's Duke of York theater.

Clara Lipman has just finished a dramatization of the popular novel, "Lady Barbarity." It will in all probability be included in Mr. Mann's and Miss Lipman's repertory next year.

Forty-three per cent of the fruit trees in southern California are orange and fifteen per cent lemon.

MUCH IN LITTLE.

In the fashionable thoroughfares of London a good house rents for \$50,000 a year.

Each British soldier on landing at Cape Town receives 170 rounds of ammunition.

In 1830 the United States did 5.4 per cent of the world's commerce. In 1898 it did 9.5.

Temperance advocates will be pleased to learn that one man in six in the British navy is a teetotaler.

In the battles of the Franco-German war the proportion of killed to wounded was generally one to four and a half.

Thirty-six foreign vessels having an aggregate tonnage of 57,556, met with a disaster in American waters last year.

The nut trees alone of the world could on a pinch feed a population three times as great as the present number of inhabitants.

The first law in tailors is that every stripe of whatever breadth or color must be the same in both the length and breadth of the web.

One of the books of etiquette in France during the fourteenth century advised the man of fashion to wash his hands every day and his face "almost as often."

Excellent as are some of the modern public school houses built in large cities of Germany, the schools in the country, especially, where a rich possessor of large farms owns all the land, and has the superintendence of school affairs, are often very poor.

It is the divine in man which rouses itself against undue chains. It points forward like a day star with an undying hope to the final freedom of a soul in slavery, but to Christ alone.—Rev. J. C. Smith.

The mind, the spirit of Christ in us is that which redeems us now from earthly weakness and fear and shame, and brings us out at once in heavenly experience of peace and joy and power.—Rev. Dr. Raymond.

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