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The strike is still on though the B. & M. appear to have plenty of engineers, who on becoming familiar with the road will be able to get trains in on time.

The following opinion from the St. Louis Globe Democrat is fast becoming unanimous:

Judge Gresham refuses to interfere in the case of the Indiana tally-sheet forgers, and they will accordingly have to go to the penitentiary.

The Board of Trade meeting tonight should be well attended as matters of importance to every business man in the city will be up for discussion.

The Herald thinks we should have a republican club in each ward of the city, not only on account of the presidential conflict now coming on, but on account of the city elections as well.

There is no clamor in this section for a reduction of postage from 2 cents to 1. What is particularly desired in Colorado and Kansas is that the 2-cent letter should reach its destination in reasonable time.

The above criticism is very appropriate; the "reform" administration is fast proving itself to the people as a humbug and fraud of the first water.

WITH malice toward none, but with charity for all, the Journal will go its way in pursuit of the right, doing all it can, honorably and fairly, to secure the nomination of General Benjamin Harrison for President.

CLEVELAND'S majority over Blaine in New Jersey was just 4,411. The narrow margin of Democratic safety in that State is made still narrower by the return to the Republican ranks of thousands of temperance Republicans who have been acting temporarily with the Prohibitionist organization.

LATE jingoism: New York Canadian Club banquets British fish commissioners. Letter from Secretary Bayard: "The treaty has been framed in a spirit of just and mutual conciliation and advantage."

Club immensely pleased. Loud cries: "Bravo! Bayard. Fine old chappie. Hurrah for us and mutual conciliation." Joseph Chamberlain taps his champagne glass with his monocle, and hums gaily to himself during the reading.

George W. Cable lectured in the Y. M. C. A. Hall of Boston the other night and books for the library served as admission tickets.

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"Got a pencil?" asked a farmer on the market the other day of a citizen. "Now, then, let's figure a bit." "What on?" "Well, I come in most every day with something, and generally start for home about dusk. One boy in particular up Grand River avenue has bothered me a great deal by 'hitching on.' The other night I thought I'd give him a lesson. When he got on I grabbed his cap. "And the boy?" "He sat down on some bags of cats I hadn't sold and was taking-back home, and didn't seem to care much about it. He rode about a mile and then got off without his cap." "But what about the figgers?" "I'm coming to them. He threw out six empty bags worth thirty-five cents each. He slashed into three bags full of cats with his knife and let 'em run out. He threw away a new tea kettle which cost me eighty cents, and he dropped overboard a horse blanket for which I paid \$1. Add up these sums, subtract a two shilling cap and see how much I came out ahead.—Detroit Free Press.

A Shoe Dealer. The western and southern shoe trade demands a wider last than is used in the east. This is not altogether due to differences in the pedal structure. There are notions that prevail among dealers as to how a shoe should be fitted, which are peculiar to sections. The eastern retailer prevails on a lady to wear a shoe that is often a full size longer than her foot. Have plenty of room in that direction, the foot can then be fitted with a narrower shoe, with a slimmer and more elegant appearance. On the other hand, western and southern dealers make the fit snug as to length, and often after the shoe is worn a few days, the great toe protrudes over the sole. Being crowded longitudinally, the foot must have room some way, and the wider last is therefore used. The eastern is the correct method of fitting, being less injurious to the feet, and the shoes will wear better and look better after a fortnight's wear.—"Dealer" in Globe-Democrat.

The Next Census. Already plans are in outline for the collection of the eleventh national census. Many of the shortcomings of the methods of 1880 are to be remedied. That census was more complete than any previous one, but the work was so much greater than the sum available to pay for it that its day of greatest use was over before it was put in a shape to be available. Gen. Francis A. Walker, who was superintendent of the last census, advocates the collection of the statistics two years hence by the national bureau of statistics, which has Carroll D. Wright at its head. He also suggests that the statistics of population be taken by one set of enumerators and published as early as possible. There is a disposition to make the census of 1890 even more complete than that of 1880.—Philadelphia Times.

Cemetery in Tangler. Not far from the market place, upon the hillside, is the public cemetery—a forlorn and dreary place full of sprawling cacti and brambles. Some of the graves are inclosed with rude low walls, a few have stones of turban shape, but all look crude and cheerless. We saw two or three women sitting among the graves, enveloped in their white haiks, and looking like the risen ghosts of those who slept below. True to the tenderness of their sex the world over, they had gone to the graves of their friends to weep there. "Near by, and also close to the old cistad, we saw tonsils of former shepherds—low, square structures, surmounted with domes, all of dazzling whiteness from frequent whitewashing.—G. P. Gates in Boston Transcript.

Depth of Wave Action. The depth to which wave action extends has been differently estimated, but it varies from seventy feet to 150 feet, as shellfish which are known only to live at these depths are thrown upon the shore during heavy gales, and it has been ascertained that shingle is moved in a depth of fifty feet. For all practical purposes, however, so far as harbor works are concerned, it is found that there is little movement of materials under eighteen to twenty feet below water, the foundations of breakwaters hitherto constructed not having been disturbed below these levels.—The Scotsman.

A Play in Prison. "Of all the experiences I ever had," remarked Annie Russell, "the most singular was when I was a child playing in a juvenile 'Pinafore' company. We were to give a performance on Christmas day in Auburn penitentiary before the convicts. I shall never forget the feeling that came over me as I passed through those frowning gates. We dressed behind screens on an improvised stage, and while we were so occupied we heard the wardens speaking to and arranging the prisoners. I had never before heard human beings spoken to so roughly. When I came out upon the stage and saw that sea of faces, many of the most repulsive type, and knew that nearly every crime had its representative there, I could scarcely go on. At first their laughter was terrifying. It was so coarse it seemed bestial rather than human. But little by little the charm of the music and the sight of the fresh young faces softened them. They quieted down, till from their behavior one could scarcely have told them from an ordinary audience. And at last I saw many weeping and some sobbing almost convulsively. It was a wonderful experience, and I do not regret having known it, but I do not think anything could tempt me to go through it again."—New York Tribune.

Hard Study Not Unhealthy. Hard study is by no means the unhealthy factor in college life which it is popularly supposed to be. Professor Pierce, of Harvard, publishes some tables in the last triennial catalogue which clearly establish the fact that the excess of deaths during the first ten years after graduation is found in the class of students whose scholastic work and attainments were below the average. Even ignoramus are not necessarily the healthiest or the longest lived.—Chicago Times.

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WOMAN'S WORK AND PAY.

How Production Is Produced at the Expense of Human Flesh and Blood. "It is not true," said a well known woman engaged in the amelioration of the condition of women, "that steam power applied to sewing machines lessens the labor of the operatives. It merely increases production. When foot power was used the operator could rest, in a measure, by working at a slower pace. With steam power no such latitude is possible. It is a continual drive to keep up. A half hour is allowed for lunch. Occasionally three or four minutes are allowed absence by permission from the room, but a minute over this time brings its fine. The contractors for cheap work give out the finishing of coats by the dozen for four cents each. The finishing of a coat is understood to mean everything but the machine work. A mother and daughter, coat finishers, by working fourteen hours a day were able to finish a dozen each. That is to say, twenty-eight hours' labor earned ninety-six cents. This is a good record for such work. "Coat finishers," continued the reformer, "for such goods as are sold by the larger Broadway houses, receive eighteen to thirty-five cents. How neatly and carefully such work is done the wearers of these goods know. It would be a very expert worker that could finish more than two of these coats in an ordinary day's labor. "Coat finishing is done under contract. It is perhaps fair to the larger well established houses to believe that they do not know the conditions under which it is done nor the prices paid. The contractor is indeed employed to spare them thought and annoyance in the matter. Here is a specimen case—seventeen men and women are huddled in a small room. There is a roaring fire for the irons. The room reeks with heat and the steaming odors from the workers. These, on account of the heat, are scarcely decently clad. The opportunities for breeding disease and infecting the garments are limitless. It is not only the cheap shops who endanger the public health. "A woman, for making a pair of cheap trousers, receives nine cents a piece, the usual price. By working all day and into the night she can make two pairs. On the eighteen cents a day she earns she supports herself and four little children, for she is a widow. Fully one-third of the working women of this city are out of employment. From day to day they watch and follow the weary trail of the advertisements in the newspapers. Such are the changing conditions of labor that women who used to earn from \$15 to \$18 a week as feather curlers can now make but from \$10 to \$12 a week. The same rate of decrease is seen in other trades."—New York Evening Sun.

Chinese Gamblers' Superstitions. Chinese gamblers are more superstitious than the mass of their countrymen. All colors, save white, are carefully avoided by the owners in the walls and decorations of their gambling rooms. White is the color of mourning and of the robes worn by the spirits of the dead, always considered inauspicious, is associated with the idea of losing money, and is believed to bring bad fortune to their patrons, with corresponding gains to themselves. Even the inscriptions of the tutelary gods are always written upon white paper, and white candles are burned before his shrine instead of the red ones ordinarily used. Gamblers on their way to play fan tan will turn back if any one jostles them or they happen to come in contact with any obstruction. If a player's hand encounters another's as he lays his stake on the table he will not put his money on the number toward which he was reaching. Gamblers refrain from reading books before playing, and books are not regarded with favor in gambling houses from the word "she" (book) sounding like "she" (to lose money). All inauspicious words are avoided. Thus the almanac, "Hung she," is always called "Gut sing" through unwillingness to utter the ominous "she." This book is of daily use among gamblers, for in its calendar of lucky and unlucky days there is special mention of the days favorable for playing and, besides, it always contains a dream book, and they attach much importance to the interpretation of dreams.—New York Times.

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