

There is some talk that Krupp, the great German gunmaker, will come to America and start a gun factory. It seems that Krupp does not consider that he is bound to produce his guns simply for patriotism, but will put his production into the market where they will bring the best prices.

It is reported that the anarchists will attempt to celebrate the execution of their fellows in Chicago in the near future. The officers say they are well informed as to the movements of the leaders and that at any attempts to hold meetings or excite the people to anarchy will be promptly checked. A repetition of past experience will be guarded against.

The Mormons have now lost control of the schools of the territory and the indications are that in the contest in January, 1890, they will lose all that they now have in control of the public affairs, and Salt Lake City and the entire territory of Utah will be under the control of Gentiles and the blot on the character of the nation by the latter day saints will be a thing of the past. Of course there will be some violations of the marriage laws for some years to come but the power of Mormonism will be broken.

The supreme court of New York has affirmed the decision of Judge Barrett in ordering the dissolution of the North River Sugar Refining Company. The point at issue was the sugar trust and the decision holds that that is illegal, and it is likely that other trusts will meet with similar treatment. The courts appear to take the ground that the laws were not made to protect or favor trusts, and with the growing sentiment against the centralization of capital it is quite likely that still more stringent laws will be made in this respect.

Progress of Inventions Since 1885.

In the year 1885 the present owners of Scientific American newspaper commenced its publication, and soon after established a bureau for the procuring of patents for inventions as home and in foreign countries. During the year 1885-86, 1,000 patents issued from the U. S. Patent Office, and the total issue from the establishment of the Patent office, up to the end of that year, numbered only 4,347.

Up to the first of July this year there have been granted 406,413. Showing that since the commencement of the publication of the Scientific American there have been issued from the U. S. Patent Office 402,166 patents, and about one third more applications have been made than have been granted, showing the ingenuity of our people to be phenomenal, and much greater than even the enormous number of patents issued indicates. Probably a good many of our readers have had business transacted through the offices of the Scientific American, in New York or Washington, and are familiar with Munn & Co's mode of doing business, but those who have not will be interested in knowing something about this, the oldest patent soliciting firm in this country, probably in the world.

Persons visiting the offices of the Scientific American, 361 Broadway, N. Y., for the first time, will be surprised, on entering the main office, to find such an extensive and elegantly equipped establishment, with its walnut counters, desks, and chairs to correspond, and its enormous safes, and such a large number of draughtsmen, specification writers, and clerks, all busy as bees, reminds one of a large banking or insurance office, with its hundred employees.

In conversation with one of the firm, who had commenced the business of soliciting patents in connection with the publication of the Scientific American, more than forty years ago, I learned that this firm had made applications for patents for upward of one hundred thousand inventors in the United States, and several thousands in different foreign countries, and had filed as many cases in the Patent Office in a single month as there were patents issued during the entire first year of their business career. This gentleman had seen the patent office grow from a sloop to a sturdy oak, and he modestly hinted that many thought the Scientific American, with its large circulation, had performed no mean share in stimulating inventions and advancing the interests of the Patent office. But it is not alone the patent soliciting that occupies the attention of the one hundred persons employed by Munn & Co., but a large number are engaged on the four publications issued weekly and monthly from their office, 361 Broadway, N. Y., viz: The Scientific American, the Scientific American Supplement, the Export Edition of the Scientific American, and the Architects and Builders Edition of the Scientific American. The first two publications are issued every week, and the latter two, the last of every month.

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BY MRS. S. LOUISE BARTON.

"Give you some bread?" Oh, my darlings, I would that I had it to give. It is hard when a mother is sorry That her precious children live; Hard as she looks with anguish On each little curly head. And says in the depth of her sorrow, "I would that my babies were dead."

But, Father in Heaven, to hear them Ask me for something to eat, And I with nothing to give them, And their father drunk in the street; To know that the husband who loved me, And called me "his precious wife," Has become the curse and the terror Of my own and my children's life.

I knew that he drank a little, But oh, I could not believe That the man who loved me so fondly Could ever betray and deceive; Could torture and starve and freeze me Till I've hated my very life, And cursed the hour and moment That gave me the name of wife.

I could not believe when my babies Were laid on my happy breast, And I thought that in all God's fair world There was never a woman so blest, That I should sit here in my anguish, Waiting for morning to dawn, And wishing, God knows I wish it, That my babies never were born.

And I love my children dearly, And I loved their father well, Tho' my poor heart he has broken And made of my home a hell; And the cup of shame and anguish I have drained to the very dregs, And to keep these boys from starving, Must go out tomorrow and beg.

When I think of those happy days When I married my handsome John, So bonny and bright, why I was envied By half the girls in town, And think of the father and mother I left for his dear sake, And then think what he is tonight, it seems that my heart must break.

Oh, pitiful, merciful Saviour, From thy throne of love look down; Give my children back their father, Oh, give me back my John. Thou who hast loved and suffered And died our souls to save, Rescue my husband, I pray thee, From the wretched drunkard's grave.

A Bad Thing Must Not be "Regulated." Looked at from my point of view, "regulation" of the liquor traffic is not to be thought of, provided the liquor traffic is wrong. When you have conceded the necessity of "regulation," you have conceded the necessity of prohibition. If it is an evil that calls for legal intervention at all, it calls for but one kind, and that is destruction. A good thing may be abused, may be regulated, but not a bad thing which the whole world concedes to be bad through and through. Humanity does not want "regulation." It makes no difference to the suffering, freezing wife whether her rum-enthralled husband gets his liquor at the licensed drunkey or a free one. He will have it anyhow, at no matter what cost. But it does matter to the suffering mother, whether there shall be licensed rum-shops on every corner, full of light, full of beautiful things, warm in winter and cool in summer, full of entertainments, which, under the protection of law, shall entice her children into their awful devil-fish embrace, and add to the awful curse of a drunken husband, boys certain to be drunkards, and girls certain to be harlots. It makes a difference to the community at large, to the tax payers, whether the evil shall go on, the black stream rolling on forever, bank full. License, which is regulation, means its perpetuation, its continuance, without let or hindrance. Prohibition means the saving of the coming generation and the help of those now on the road. One strengthens the traffic—the other is an honest attempt at its suppression. DAVID R. LOCKE.

Temperance. Of the many steps forward in practical temperance one of the most encouraging is the action of many of the Catholic clergy. They are condemning the saloon. Their followers, accustomed to obey their instructions, are in large bodies falling into line, and under their leadership are ready to move for the legal suppression of the traffic. A high ecclesiastic at St. Paul, who has just received promotion from Rome, has gained favorable distinction by his course against liquor selling.

The Father Matthew Total Abstinence Societies have multiplied, and direct their efforts against the saloons. A decree was put forth by the Plenary Council in Baltimore in 1885, pronouncing the sale of a saloon a dangerous and disreputable business, and urging all Catholics engaged in it to seek a better mode of gaining a livelihood. A convention of total abstinence societies in Philadelphia came near to passing a resolution essentially prohibitory.

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