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*The French and Tobacco.*—The French exceed all other people in the use of tobacco. In 1856 the net revenue to the Government amounted, from this source alone, to 121 million francs. Each inhabitant consumed that year, on an average, 30 ounces.

**The Harpers.**—Harper's publishing establishment in New York, the largest in the country, has been the source of a fund. A edition of Harper's "Month Magazine" alone, consists of 160,000. Few persons have any idea how large a number this is as applied to the edition of a book. It is computed that if these magazines were to rain down, and one man could attempt to pick them up, like apples, it would take him a fortnight to pick up the copies of one single number, not to mention him to pick up one every three pounds, and to work ten hours a day.

**Long Life.**—It is an established fact in physiology, that long life depends much upon the original *stamina* of the constitution. The principle holds true, with few exceptions, in the report of upwards of 2,000 cases of individuals living over 100 years. Thus the celebrated

**Cochineal.**—Every pound of cochineal contains 70,000 insects boiled to death.

**The Earth.**—The circumference of the earth is 25,020 miles. A railway train, traveling incessantly night and day, at the rate of 25 miles an hour, would require six weeks to go round it. A tunnel through the earth, from England to New Zealand, would be nearly 8,000 thousand miles long.

**Gambling on the River.**

A sleek-looking fellow shuffled a pack of cards, and the by-standers bet upon certain ones turning up trump. If they came up trump the banker lost, if not, he won. After the cards had been thrown several times, an individual among the crowd bet twenty dollars that he could run up any one he would bet on. He

he had won \$150. Then another individual commenced betting, and was allowed to win three times out of four.—Next a young Frenchman bet upon a club, and lost \$40. Those who had been successful before, now bet again and again won. Finally, an honest-looking German, on his way to the west, bet even twenty-dollar gold pieces, and lost. Again, he bet five more, with the hope of getting back a portion of what he had lost, but the five went with the seven. All this was done in less than half an hour. Those who bet first and won, were mere decoys of the banker, who mingled with the passengers, and acted as though

**Affecting Incident.**  
The Cincinnati Commercial publishes the following affecting incident. It says :  
A small lad not over ten years of age, knocked at the office door of the Jail, and asked permission of Mr. McLean to visit his father who was confined within. His form was slight and fragile, and but feebly defended from the cold by a few tattered rags. Poverty was depicted in every feature—his cheeks hollow and

ken them. The request was granted, and passing through the outer entrance, he paused before the ponderous grated door within, and extending his hand through the opening between the iron bars, addressed one of the motley group shut up within as "Father." The lad deeply felt for the parent's disgrace, and casting his eyes downward, remained for a length of time fixed and as immovable as a statue, and only aroused by him within asking, in a gruff voice, "What do you want?"—starting up, but still holding on to the and, the lad said in sweet but almost heart broken accents, "Father, Mother's

The criminal was suddenly transformed to a loving husband and father; his head sank upon his bosom, and he realized in a moment his degraded situation. Tears trickled fast—the first, perhaps, for baby a year—flowed down his cheek, and sobbing about motioned his boy away. Horribly the lad left the jail to wander back, to keep alone through the night; a weary vigil by the side of his mother's corpse.

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An Arkansas paper says that a party of five men recently went on a deer hunt down there, and in three hours caught five

"How do you like your new preacher?"

"Oh, he's first-rate; he hits the Devil the most awful licks—he knocks the old fellow's horns clear off."