NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In all Africa there are 727 white missionaries, 1,036 native preachers, 26,960 adult native Christians and 36,000 school children, a grand total of 1,004,788 Christians.

An Ohio judge has just refused a divorce to a woman whose complaint against her husband was that he "objected to building the morning fire, and did refuse, without love or just cause, to take her to the World's Fair."

Wisconsin ought to be in a happy frame of mind. Her debt is wholly owed to trust funds for the benefit of various institutions, her property of various kinds amounts to more than 15,000,000, the assessed value of taxable property is $654,000,000, and she had in the treasury in the last week of February nearly $2,000,000.

Fourteen women known as the Grey Ladies of London have dedicated their lives to working among the poor of Blackheath. The population of this district amounts to over 70,000. And the Grey Ladies, so called from the habit they wear, visit the sick and try to educate the well. They have one day a week for rest, but with that exception devote themselves entirely to the people around them.

According to a recent issue of The London and China Telegraph, the cotton interest in Japan is going ahead in a most remarkable way. In 1888 the production of cotton yarns in Japan was less than 1,000,000 pounds weight. In 1892 it had risen to more than 64,000,000 pounds. This result is due, of course, to the cheapness of labor in Japan, which renders the cost of production even less than in India.

At a recent conference in Edinburgh, Miss Morley, of London, touched on the life and work of a barmaid. The number of women in licensed houses in London was estimated at 120,000, the hours being 15½, 16½, and 18½ per day, 7 to 9 on Sunday, and only one Sunday off per month. The women suffered much from varicose veins, resulting from the constant standing, and were also largely subject to alcoholic poisoning.

Among the numerous talismans which the Shah of Persia carries with him on his travels is a circle of amber which fell from heaven in Mahomet's time and renders the wearer invulnerable, a casket of gold which makes him invisible at will, and a star which is potent to make conspirators instantly confess their crimes. But that talisman of good health and morals, the bath tub, the Shah does not carry about. In place thereof he has vials of Araby odors with which he perfumes his royal carcass.

Charles W. Scuffins, of Breathedsville, in western Maryland, was induced by a recruiting officer at Booneville to enlist in the United States army. The new soldier reappeared two weeks later at Breathedsville, and a despatch from Washington, whither he had gone after enlistment, asked for his arrest as a deserter. Three citizens arrested him and held him prisoner over night, when there came a second despatch from Washington to say that he was not a deserter. Scuffins then brought suit for damages against the chief of his captors, and the court has just awarded him $850.

A government publication pictures two Alaskan families of Eskimos, one civilized, the other uncivilized. The latter are clad in skins and have sullen, incurious faces, while the former appear in rather ill-fitting civilized garments and were evidently alive to the presence of the photographer. Perhaps the most striking contrast, however, lies in the eyes. Those of the civilized Eskimos are well opened, while those of the others are mere slits. Doubtless this difference tells the story of differing household conditions. The uncivilized Eskimo dwells in a dim, smoky hut; his civilized fellow has learned to live in the light.

The Atlantic coast below the mouth of Delaware Bay, and at least as far south as the Sea Islands that fringe the shore line of South Carolina and Georgia, has many shooting lodges and club houses belonging to wealthy Northerners. The land in its usually wild state, save where it is suitable for cotton growing, fetches very low prices, and a great domain may be had at trifling outlay. The chief expense is for building and maintenance. It is said that Northern sportsmen have invested $1,000,000 in Currituck county, North Carolina, alone, and there are many thousands of dollars in such investments from Cape Henlopen point northward to Cape Henlopen.

A large pasture will be fenced in on the reservation north of the Cheyenne River this summer by Fred Dubois, an old Frenchman, who is known as the "Cattle King," for his herd of buffalo. He secured permission from the Government to fence in the land and it has also offered him any other assistance he may need in preserving the herd. This is the largest herd of buffalo in the world at present, and the preservation and increasing of it are very important in preventing the breed from becoming extinct in a few years. He now puts the buffalo in a corral each night, and is getting them tame, so they are now much like domestic stock.

One of the peculiarities of railroad construction is found in San Pete County, Utah. It is that of the San Pete valley, a little narrow-gauge line extending from Nephi, where it connects with the Union Pacific to Manti, the county seat of San Pete County. The little road is forty-four miles in length, and parallels the Rio Grande Western for almost half the distance. This narrow gauge is owned and operated by an English syndicate, independent of the Union Pacific system. It cost something near $1,000,000, with one engine, a combination coach and a few freight cars in operation. The road has been sold or bargained twice to the Union Pacific and once to the Rio Grande Western for prices ranging from $100,000 to $250,000. A sixteen-mile extension has just been completed at a cost of $250,000. Since the line was completed to its present terminus all passenger and freight traffic has been absolutely free over the entire line. This is done for the purpose of freezing out the Rio Grande Western or probably to force that company to purchase the little road.

RAILROADS VERSUS RIVER.

Why Steamboat Traffic on the Mississippi Has Declined.

"The railroads are rapidly paralleling the Mississippi river on both of its banks, and in my opinion it will not be many years before freight traffic on the Father of Waters will have entirely ceased," said F. L. Dickey, secretary of the Iowa Iron Works at Dubuque. "It is mournful to listen to the tales of woe of the old Mississippi vessel men on the decadence of shipping since the railroads began to creep along the great river's shores from New Orleans to St. Paul. But they are, of course, compelled to submit to the installation and encroachments of the iron horse precisely as the lumbering old stage coach was obliged to give way early in the century. In fact, it is idle for the steamboat men of the Mississippi to attempt to resist the irresistible invasion of the railroads by ruthlessly slaughtering rates and 'freighting' at a loss, or by any other means. For instance, there is a railroad from Dubuque to St. Paul on each side of the river. Both of these roads touch nearly every river town on their respective shores. During the months when river navigation was 'open' the river men used to have a pretty fair show at the shipping, for their rates were much lower than those of the railroads, and, curiously enough, they are more speedy carriers than the railroads. But for four months of the year, on an average, the river is frozen tight from shore to shore. The railroad people took advantage of this fact by forcing the shippers to make yearly contracts with them. Shippers who at first refused to do this were squeezed very tight in numerous ways by the railroads during the months that river navigation was closed, and now nearly all of them have perceived the good policy of acceding to the railroads' yearly contract scheme. The railroads have further entrenched themselves by building tracks from their main lines to the plants of nearly all the large shippers. Below Dubuque almost the same conditions prevail. There is a line of railroad along the Mississippi from St. Louis to Cairo, and a line along the shore of the big stream from New Orleans to Memphis. Other lines in process of construction or in contemplation will, in a few years, fix things so that the street rails shall extend from the headwaters of the Mississippi to its mouth. Thus the old steamboat men, whose memories extend back to the times when they were the lords of all the domain through which the great river courses, have of late years been wrapped in a gloom, profound and unspeakable." — [Washington Star.

Shopping in Turkey.

Shopping is an art in Turkey. If you want to buy anything, it is not usual to ask the price of it. You carefully ask the price of fifty articles, and sandwich the article you particularly want to buy among the number. Then march out of the shop, and say you merely inquired out of curiosity. Two days later pay another visit, inquire the prices over again, smile at the shopkeeper, and depart once more. Now you have paved the way for obtaining the article you really require. Call a third time at the shop, and offer the owner a third of what he asks for the article. He won't take it, upon which you take your departure. On the fourth visit prepare for the final battle. Offer him half the sum demanded, and if you are shabbily dressed he will probably accept it. Such is the method of shopping in Turkey.—[New York Dispatch.

Chicago has a court house and city hall that cost $4,000,000.

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Musicians in the Navy.

Musicians in the United State Navy are a fairly well paid class o enlisted men. Only flagships have a band, but something in the way of official music is provided on board all ships. Bandmasters receive $52 per month, first musicians $36, musicians of the first class $32, second class $30, drummers $13 and $20.

The members of the Marine Band, by provision of an act of Congress, now almost forty years in operation, receive, in addition to their pay, an allowance of $4 per month for playing at the White House.—[Philadelphia Press.

Savannah is the forest city of the South from its innumerable shade trees.

Many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous exhaustion, or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present, alike to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent, or overbusy doctor, separate and distinct diseases, for which he prescribes his pills and potions, assuming them to be such, when, in reality, than are all only *symptoms* caused by some womb disorder. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, encourages his practice until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but probably worse by reason of the delay, wrong treatment and consequent complications. A proper medicine, like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, *directed to the cause* would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery.

The lady whose portrait heads this article is Mrs. Ida Coventry, of Huntsville, Logan County, Ohio. She had an experience which we will permit her to relate in her own language. It illustrates the foregoing. She writes: "I had 'female weakness' very bad—in bed most of the time, dragging down pains through my back and hips; no appetite; no energy. The family physician was treating me for 'liver complaint'. I did not get any better under that treatment so I thought I would try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I felt better before I used one bottle of each. I continued their use until I took six bottles of each. In three months' time I felt so well I did not think it necessary to take any more. In childbirth it does what Dr. Pierce recommends it to do—lessens the pain and perils to both mother and child and shortens 'labor'. I would like to recommend Dr. Pierce's Extract of Smartweed to those who have never tried it; it surely is the best thing for cholera morbus, or pain in the stomach I ever used; it works like a charm. I try never to be without it." [illegible] Pierce's Favorite Prescription, for leucorrhea and uterine debility than I have for sixteen years. I am cured of my trouble, and now weigh one hundred and sixty-six pounds, whereas my weight for many years stood at one hundred and twenty-five pounds. With pleasure, I remain,"

Yours truly,

Mrs Harriet Hards

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In the first year in which the Aermotor Co. did galvanizing it expended $50,000 in this work, and did not furnish galvanized goods for the entire year either. No extra charge was made for the goods into which this enormous sum was put.

Are you curious to know why this lavish expenditure was made? Are you curious to know how the Aermotor Co. came to make best-rock, hard-times prices long before hard times set in? The explanation is this. The Aermotor Co. foresaw that something better than painting was required and foresaw that hard times were coming.

THE AERMOTOR CO. FORESEES, IT LOOKS AHEAD, IT ANTICIPATES, IT KNOWS WHAT IS COMING, IT KNOWS IN ADVANCE WHAT IT SHOULD BE COMING, IT KNOWS IN ADVANCE WHAT IT SHOULD DO.

Because of this it has an enormous factory, and turns out an enormous quantity of goods, and *good goods*. The other fellow is a used-to-be, has been, or might have been, had he known, but he didn't know. It is all in the past. His business is in the gone by. Ours is in the present, the future. His consolation is found in the darkey's statement. "It's better to be a has-been than a nebber was." After we have done and are doing a thing and it is known to be the only thing to do, certain little piping voices are heard saying. "We can do it if you will pay us enough money to do it."

We made the Steel Windmill business, made the model to which the best of our imitators can only hope to remotely approach and in their endeavor to approach it are still weakly experimenting at the expense of the user. But to return to our enormous outlay for galvanizing. Why did we do it? The reason is this. WE BUILD THE BEST WE KNOW, REGARDLESS OF COST, and we believe we know better than anybody. We know that this metal, exposed to the air, will not last unless galvanized, but if properly galvanized, will last scores of years. Barbed wire galvanized will last 20 years, and be practically as good as new. How long does it last painted? But the barbed wire is an eighth of an inch thick, while some of the steel used in the vanes of windmills is from a thirty-second to a sixty-fourth of an inch thick, and therefore would last only from a fourth to an eighth as long as the barbed wire, other things being equal, but they are not equal; the sheet metal has holes punched through it and is riveted to thicker and more rigid pieces.

The vibration of the thin parts at once cracks the paint around the rivets, and water at once gets in and rust quickly eats away the thin parts. Some have used galvanized metal and put in black rivets. This of course is not so good as painting, since the cut edge of the galvanized metal is exposed and is in no way protected. WE BUILD FOR THE AGES. We wouldn't sell you a poor painted wheel, nor one made of metal prepared before being put together as double price for it. We know, and know things are great worthless, we have nothing to do with them.

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One word about the nature of galvanizing. The silvery white coating which fills every pore and covers every portion of the Aermotor Wheel, Vane and Tower is zinc and aluminum when it is first put on, but which, after standing for a time forms, with the steel, a chemical combination or alloy which cannot be melted and is practically indestructible.

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