

The English Speech Spreading.

A universal language must be a growth. Some national language must expand until it covers the whole world. Of late years the English language alone has been much spoken of as likely to grow so great. Hardly any philosophic linguist attempts to forecast the future without some discussion of the destiny of English; and De Candolle calculates that within a hundred years English will be spoken by 860,000,000 of men, German by 124,000,000, and French by 96,000,000. At present the populations either speaking the English language or under the domination of English-speaking people number more than 318,298,000, or one-fourth of the population of the globe. The English-speaking races occupy one-fourth of the dry land of the earth and own nearly two-thirds of the tonnage of the ships. They live in all regions; they handle all articles of trade; they preach to all nations; they command one-half of the world's gold and silver, and distribute more than two-thirds of the Bibles and Testaments. More than half of the letters mailed and carried by the postal service of the world are written, mailed and read by the English-speaking populations. The expectation that English will come into universal use is not based upon anything in the nature of the language, but rather on the character and circumstances of the people. The English people have been the great colonizers of modern times. They have taken possession of America, of Australia, of South Africa, the regions which are to be the seats of new empires, and they control and assimilate the populations which flow into them and which grow up in them.—*The Forum.*

Eruption of the Skin Cured.

ROCKVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA, Dec. 2, 1885.

I have used BRANDRETH'S PILLS for the past fifteen years, and think them the best cathartic and anti-bilious remedy known. For some five years I suffered with an eruption of the skin that gave me great pain and annoyance. I tried different blood remedies; but, although gaining strength, the itching was unrelieved. I finally concluded to take a thorough course of BRANDRETH'S PILLS. I took six each night for four nights, then five, four, three, two, lessening each time by one, and then for one month took one every night, with the happy result that now my skin is perfectly clear, and has been so ever since. ED VENNEY.

Japanese Birds.

The neighboring menagerie contained a tiger, various sorts of deer and monkeys, and a pool full of tigers; but the greatest natural curiosity (which did not look at all natural) was to be found in the aviary, where, among cages filled with peacocks, emus, pheasants, and lyre birds, was an inclosure containing three cocks, two white and one black and gold. Their bodies were not larger than ordinary English barn-door chanticleers, but their tails were wonderful, rising from the body in a thick mass, the feathers drooping gracefully in a sweep half nine feet in length. In the museum we saw stuffed specimens with tails twelve feet long. I scarcely expect this statement to be believed, but I assure the reader that it is strictly true. Exchange.

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Larboard, Ahoy.

The Italians derive starboard from *questa borda*, "this side," and larboard from *quella borda*, "that side," abbreviated into *sta borda* and *la borda*. Their resemblance caused so many mistakes that, by order of the admiralty, larboard is now thrown overboard and port substituted. "Port the helm" is even mentioned in Arthur Pit's voyage in 1580.—*Smyth's Sailor's Word Book*.

Watches for the Holidays.

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POPPED.

"Say it again and say it slow, Whisper it, darlin', soft and low; The words that you spoke, 'I love you, dear.' Again she whispered it soft and low, Again she said it and said it slow. To catch the words he strained his ear, And the sound that followed was strange and queer, 'Twas a sound like—like—let's see—oh, pshaw! Like that you make when a cork you draw. —*Boston Courier*.

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Ireland's Enemy.

Experiments by O. Kellner having shown that linseed oil as food for horses has 2.5 times the nutritive value of starch, Mr. W. Mattieu Williams mentions similar experiments in which potato-fed laborers proved less efficient than workmen who had eaten largely of fat bacon. He states that his observations throughout Ireland during four summers have convinced him that the chief curse of that country is "neither the Saxon, nor the priest, nor the leaguer, nor the Tory, nor the Radical, but in the potato; and the craving for a sluggish distension of the stomach which is generated by potato feeding, becomes a vice that in many cases is comparable to the alcohol crave. Even pigs degenerate if fed upon the potato exclusively, and human beings similarly fed suffer from a combination of habitual distension and lack of nutrition that deprives them of both physical and moral energy. The Irishman transplanted to America and properly fed, becomes quite an altered being so far as industry and general energy are concerned."—*Arkansaw Traveller*.

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