

ODDS AND ENDS.

QUEEN VICTORIA drinks tea out of a saucer.

THERE are 300,000 Russian exiles in Siberia.

The slave trade in Upper Egypt has been crushed.

They have a new postoffice in Texas called Hash.

CANOING is the latest pastime for English ladies.

The milk supply of New York costs \$4,000 a year.

ELIZABETH, N. J., has been sued for over \$1,515,000.

THERE are 300 brandy distilleries in Middle Tennessee.

ROBBING stages continues to be a Texas amusement.

ARTIFICIAL ice in Florida costs about seventy cents a ton.

CHATTANOOGA has a boy orator who is only six years old.

GAMBLING is unusually active in Washington session.

An extensive lead mine has been discovered near Berne, Tex.

Rosswood is taking the place of black walnut in furniture.

THERE is one divorce to every ten weddings in Connecticut.

OMAHA is building 750 new dwellings and business buildings.

NEGROES are said to be less liable to color-blindness than whites.

Since the war 200,000 negroes have joined the Methodist Church.

The guinea hen is said to be a sovereign remedy for potato bugs.

A MAN living in Henrietta, Tex., has domesticated four buffaloes.

In Kansas they now put their wheat crop at a possible 40,000,000 bushels.

THERE are 300,000 seamen employed on the rivers and lakes of the West.

BEANS planted between thin rows of potatoes drive away the potato bug.

EVERY State in the Union except Louisiana has a Sunday law of some kind.

THE Jewish Times computes the number of Jews over the world to be 6,000,000.

A MASSACHUSETTS man decides that when a robin becomes white the cause is disease.

One hundred and eighty-three cotton mills have been built in the South since the war.

A FARMER on the shores of Lake Ontario has had nine acres washed away in twenty years.

A WRITER from California says the ground-squirrel in that State is the great pest of the farmer.

There is a Justice of the Peace in West Alexander, Va., who has married over 1,400 couples.

THE Key Stone sponge trade is on the increase. Seventy vessels and 350 men are engaged in it.

FARMERS along the Warrior river, Ala., have planted more cotton than any year since the war.

LONDON TRUTH thinks the Swedes are more like Englishmen than any other people in the world.

In Paris and its suburbs there are more than 18,000 people who live by rag-picking or rag-selling.

TROY, N. Y., makes \$5,250,000 worth of shirts, collars and cuffs annually, besides her laundry business.

A BOSTON woman poisoned herself and died rather than testify against a lady friend accused of arson.

A BRITISH religious newspaper, The Rock, announces that the surprise is the harbinger of spiritual death.

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region, which is the great fruit raising region of the State, never looked more promising than now.

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FRANCE is now said to be the richest country in the world. England's wealth aggregates, exclusive of public highways, \$42,500,000,000. Recent estimates place France ahead in the matter of wealth. Her private property, real and personal, is set down at \$43,110,000,000, and her navy, palaces public buildings and other public property, excepting highways, at \$1,475,000,000, making \$44,585,000,000.

ACCORDING to the American Exporter the exports from the United States for the first ten months of the fiscal year show an increase in merchandise of over \$21,000,000, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The increased exports of live cattle and hogs amount to \$5,000,000; flour, \$3,000,000, and wheat \$30,000,000. Barley exports have decreased \$2,000,000, and Indian corn \$8,000,000. The exports of manufactured goods generally show an increase. The balance of trade in our favor (specie excluded) for the past ten months is \$14,401,538.

PITTSBURG is one of the blackest of cities by reason of the smoke from its manufactures; but a plan is being tested that promises to make it clean.

THE second Chinaman was made an American citizen at Chicago, a few days ago.

SECRETARY SHERMAN will make several speeches in Maine during the month of July.

COMPUTING on the basis of a new City Directory just issued, the population of Chicago is about 537,000.

GOLD has been discovered on Sherriff Mountain, in Canada, in large quantities, causing great excitement.

DANIEL O'LEARY gained about \$9,000 by his victory in the recent seven-and-a-half hour walk with Crossland.

KENTUCKY racing men dropped about \$40,000 on Kentucky horses at the races at Chicago, last Wednesday.

ARCHBISHOP PURCELL expects to raise \$100,000 in New York city to aid in the relief of his financial embarrassments.

GEN. BEN. HARRISON declines his appointment by the President as a member of the Mississippi Levee Commission.

ACCORDING to his present traveling programme, General Grant will arrive at San Francisco on the 10th of September.

A BILL continuing the pension of Gen. James Shields to his widow and children, has been passed by the House of Congress.

SEVERAL Indian tribes express a willingness to go on a new reservation, and many Indians will occupy lands under the new Homestead Law.

THE health of the Emperor of Germany is reported to be in most critical state. He is subject to prolonged fainting fits, and may go off any hour.

CETTYWAYO has sent messengers to the British commander to treat for peace. The British have increased their demands, and the prospects for peace are not encouraging.

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THE late Eben C. Ingersoll held the same peculiar religious views as his eloquent brother Bob, who delivered a funeral oration at the former's grave. The Ingersoll brothers conducted the services at the funeral of their father the same way, Colonel Bob making the address. The body was interred in the garden and a flower-bed was made on the grave.

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