

are of course continued. There are the "new astronomy," "reminiscences of Daniel Webster" and "recollections of Charles O'Connor," with several papers relating to the civil war. The first edition of this number was almost at once exhausted.

HARPER'S BAZAR, besides containing from week to week portions of two novels—"Lazarus in London," by F. W. Robinson, and "White Heather," by William Black, gives much other instructive and entertaining reading, with many superb illustrations other than the usual fashion plates. There has been during the past few weeks a series of papers on "Women and Men." In the last number, in an article on "a little shirt of Nessus," it "goes for" the little knit woollen shirt worn now by many infants next the skin, and which we have no doubt, as the writer of the article endeavors to make plain, gives rise in many little ones to a great deal of suffering, by irritating their delicate skin. "When we look at the wool of these small garments under a microscope, and see the innumerable hooks and fangs and stilettoes of its tiny fibres, that seemed so delicate before, and then think of the velvety softness of a baby's skin, of its acute tenderness, and bring the two together in our minds, we shall ourselves shrink and shudder and fail to be surprised at any havoc the pretty little garment may make, while it assumes to our view the power, if not the proportions, of a real shirt of Nessus."

THE THERAPEUTIC GAZETTE, edited by Horatio C. Wood, M.D., Prof. Mat. Med. and Therapeut. University of Pennsylvania, and Robt. Mead Smith, M.D., Prof. Comp. Phys. in the same University. This is a monthly journal, of 72 royal octavo, double-column pages, devoted to pharmacology, in the broadest sense of that term, which includes the botanical origin, the chemical constitution, the physiological action and the therapeutical uses of drugs. It is the only journal in America thus devoted. It is a practical journal and is filling a want in the profession, attested by the fact that its *bona fide* subscription list has reached, it is said, the number of 12,000, and is still rapidly increasing.

N. W. AYER & SON'S *American Newspaper Annual*, Philadelphia, for 1884, contains a carefully prepared list of all Newspapers and Periodicals in the United States and Canada, arranged by States in geographical sections, and by-towns in alphabetical order. It gives the location, county seat, and population of every county in the United States. From it you can learn the character of the surface, the nature of the soil, and its adaptability to the growth of the various agricultural staples, of every State, Territory and County in the United States, and of each of the Canadian Provinces; the population of every State, Territory, County or County-

seat; of all the large cities and towns, and of almost every place in which a newspaper is published; also the colored population and the Chinese population, and a great deal of other useful information.

A CAMEL will work seven or eight days without drinking. In this he differs from some men, who drink seven or eight days without working.

IT IS SAID that if a stammerer will emit the sound with which the word "her," begins, each word attempted to be uttered, he will soon be cured of his stammering.

A CLOCK is being introduced in Europe, warranted to run five years without winding or regulation. The Belgian Government placed one in a railway station in 1881, and it has kept perfect time ever since without winding.

IT IS SAID that there are four unique mountains in Lower California, two of alum, one of alum and sulphur mixed, and one of sulphur. The alum and sulphur are almost chemically pure. It is estimated that in these mountains there are 100,000,000 tons of alum and 1,000,000 tons of sulphur.

THE MORTALITY OF THE GLOBE, as given by a continental journal, which has made the computation, is as follows: Per minute, 67; per diem, 97,790; and per annum 35,639,835; whereas the births are 36,792,000 per annum, 100,000 per diem, and 70 per minute.

THE AVERAGE WEIGHT of a thousand children at birth (*N. Y. Med. Times*)—born in the Philadelphia Hospital—is 7 lbs., 4 891 oz. Five hundred were boys and five hundred girls. The average of the boys is 7 lbs., 7-956 oz., and of the girls 7 lbs. 1-725 oz.; practically, 7-5 for boys, and 7 lbs for girls.

EFFORTS to cultivate the tea plant are being made in several parts of Europe. In France, on the lower Loire, the plants have been extensively set; but it is still a question whether the leaves will retain their characteristic aroma on a foreign soil. In Sicily the plants set three years ago at Messina are strong and healthy, and have flourished in leaf and seed. Russia has also made the attempt.

A NEW "everlasting" wood pavement has been brought out in France says *The American Inventor*. The wood blocks are boiled in a solution of sulphate of copper, sulphate of zinc and chloride of sodium, mixed with heavy mineral oil, linseed oil and tallow. The blocks are afterwards compressed to about one-tenth of their original volume. In this state they are said to be practically unwearable.