

HERE AND THERE.

In England check reins are now entirely out of use, being forbidden by law.

The edelweiss seed, which was largely sown in the Giant Mountains of Prussia last summer, has come up remarkably well. This charming Alpine flower has taken root, and will apparently become a permanent attraction among the Silesian flora.

The tinfol so commonly used to wrap Neuschâtel cheese, chewing gum, various kinds of candy, and all kinds of chewing tobacco, is said to be dangerous on account of the lead in it. Its use for wrapping articles of food has been forbidden in France.

England owns over half of the entire ocean tonnage of the world. The exact figures are 51.4 per cent. The increase of the steam tonnage of the world in 1888 was 633,948 tons, and half of this increase was built by British owners. In the same year the United States added to her tonnage only twenty-seven new steamers and 10,274 tons. Even Japan has gone beyond this figure, in the same period, by the addition of fifty steamers and 36,084 tons.

THE CHECK REIN.—Reasons why it should be abolished. Issued by the Toronto Humane Society, 103 Bay Street, Toronto, J. J. Kelso, hon. sec. This little pamphlet contains the opinions of many medical men of this city that "cruelty is practised on horses by the use of an overtight check-rein, especially the overcheck form of rein." Nearly 600 veterinary surgeons in England have pronounced against the bearing-rein, when tightly applied, "as painful and irritating to horses as well as productive of disease."—*Montreal Times*.

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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

All even numbered sections, excepting 8 and 26, are open for homestead and pre-emption entry.

ENTRY.
 Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.
 Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:

1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.
2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.
3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT
 may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.

Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent. Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD
 may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.

All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A. M. BURGESS,
 Deputy Minister of the Interior.
 Department of the Interior,
 Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.