



HERE AND THERE.

The opinion is entertained now by many men of science that the art of making stone for structure purposes is prehistoric, and that the pyramids were, in fact built of artificial blocks, manufactured from the surrounding plain.

A blast furnace & rolling mill have been erected lately in Brazil. The machinery was bought in the United States, and it cost the owners as much to carry this machinery from the Magdalena, as the purchase money and the ocean freight combined.

Mr. Thomas Robinson, senior member of a prominent firm in Indianapolis, is entitled to the belt for strict observance of the Sabbath. He will not permit business letters written on Saturday to be mailed till Monday, because otherwise they would travel on Sunday.

Sam Jones has declined an offer of \$100 a night for 100 lectures, on the ground that "when I go on a lecture platform I lose my grip upon the people as an evangelist," and he defines his work as an attempt "to get up some sweet now and now, instead of so much sweet bye and bye."

A Cleveland man is said to have succeeded in making a solderless copper float, a thing long regarded as impossible. Besides being solderless, it is claimed to possess strength in a degree not heretofore attained, a 2 1/2 inch float standing long-continued tests of 200 pounds steam pressure without either collapsing or filling with water.

The largest dynamo in the world is being set up in Cleveland, Ohio. It will be thirteen feet long, five and a half wide and weigh ten tons—four times the size and ability of the "Jumbo" machine exhibited by Edison at the Philadelphia Exposition in 1884. Five hundred horse power will be required to drive it, and its current will furnish incandescent lights of about 20,000-candle power.

Mrs. Ann Jane Mercer, who recently died in Philadelphia, has bequeathed her fine estate, called "The Mount," in Montgomery County, Pa., and \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing there an institution to be called "The John C. Mercer Home for Disabled Clergymen of the Presbyterian Faith." John C. Mercer her husband, died five or six years ago, leaving Mrs. Mercer his entire property worth about \$1,000,000.

A London journal, quoting statistics to back it up, presents as a moral paradox the statement that the most poorly paid working girls in the metropolis are those engaged in the work of sewing and binding Bibles. It adds that "for every heathen abroad who can be induced to use the sacred volume for anything else than gun-wadding a dozen of these girls are driven to perdition at home."

A well-known minister was sent south from New Jersey a few years ago to labor among the colored people. They received him with many demonstrations of joy, and at the first meeting which he held one old colored preacher prayed for him with great earnestness, thus: "O Lord! break dis yer dear brudder what's come down from de Norf to preach de gospel to us. Noint him wid de kerosene floob salvaslin, and set him on fire."

The wearing of the tires on buggy and wagon wheels is quite an interesting study. On a rocky road they wear rounding, on a clay road flat, while in sand they cut out in the center. Through Henry Lake Valley vehicles much used have two hollow places all the way around the wheel. There will be a little ridge in the centre, with a hollow on each side and a high place on each edge. Some of the stage wheels are square and many of the farmers' buggies and wagons.

There seems to be a difference between Cincinnati and Chicago reporters. Sam Jones says: "I don't understand why you newspaper people are so hard to reach. I should think you'd be easy, seeing that you see so much of the holiness, sham and wickedness of the world, but you can't reach you as newspaper men. I can reach you as a layman, but you can't reach me as a layman. Now for Chicago reporters, but I can't reach you with a 40-grain bullet."

An Irish man was married. "Then," said the priest, "you are married."

posed to view. He sold a third interest in his find for \$18,000, and very consistently named the mine, "The Nick of Time."

The Pentstee and Pacific Railway.

Some forty-one miles have already been laid down and the contract has been let for fifteen and a half miles more. When these are finished the track will reach as far as La Poudre, which is the first crossing over the Ottawa river. The contract for ballasting the whole line is let and there are between 300 and 400 men employed along the various sections. The line when completed will reach to Pembroke, a distance of 85 miles, and it is confidently expected that the company's trains will do some of the fastest time in the Dominion, it being intended to place 40 miles an hour as the minimum speed. The line will be finished towards the end of October.

Work every hour, paid or unpaid; see only that thou canst not escape thy reward. Whether thy work be fine or coarse, planting corn or writing epics, so only it be honest work, done to thine own approbation, it shall earn a reward to the sense, as well as to the thought. No matter how often defeated, you are born to victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.—[B. W. Emerson.]

The English Language in Japan.

There are a couple of Japanese journals published in Tokio, the capital of Japan, and not to be behind the times, Kioto now boasts a publication modestly styled "the pamphlet of the Kyoto association of English language." The enterprise of the proprietors of the pamphlet evidently evoked sympathy, for in the specimen number, is reproduced the following advice tendered by a well-wisher:

On first publication of Yeigi Shinshu. About the middle of November 1885, on the Himeji station saw an advertisement that you have the intention to publish a first book called Yeigi Shinshu to give the convenient method to the beginners who may want learn English Language themselves. This however owing to the progress of knowledge.

At present condition Japan shows great rapidity in commerce and trade. If the people are to want with English language in some case take a small unprofitable to carry an extensive business both on delivery and selling. It is therefore necessary for the Japanese to learn English language before getting into trouble. Consequently the editor will perhaps take strict attention to spelling pronunciation etc. correctly for the New Students. Kobe.

The strawberry short-cake is not long for this world.

From Thomas A' Kempis.

Of two evils the less is always to be chosen. That thou mayest therefore avoid the everlasting punishment that is to come endeavor to endure present patiently for God's sake.

Doest thou think that the men of this world suffer nothing or but as little? Ask even of those who live most at ease, and thou shalt find it otherwise.

But thou wilt say, they have many delights, and follow their own wills, and therefore they do not much weigh their own afflictions.

Be it so, that they have whatever they wish; but how long doest thou think that it will last?

Behold, the wealth of this world shall consume away like smoke, and there shall be no memory of their past joys.

Yes, even while they are yet alive, they do not rest in them without bitterness and weariness and fear.

No man doth safely speak but he that is glad to hold his peace.

No man doth safely rule but he that is glad to be ruled.

If thou wilt withdraw thyself from speaking vainly, and from gadding idly, as also from hearkening after novelties and rumors, thou shalt find leisure enough and suitable for applying to good things.