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Other European countries are not so excited over the Swedish hero, and in Norway, perhaps because he is a Swede, the papers are cynically referring to him as Finansen. Certainly his monetary rewards are going to be enormous.—London Cor. N.Y. Times.

The Cozy Kitchen.

The modern kitchen, incased in brick walls at the back of the house, lacks much of the charm associated with the old-fashioned kitchen of a generation or so ago. Yet a small expenditure of time and money will make bright and cheerful an apartment where at least one human being spends three-quarters of her life. A clock ticking cheerily and some thin white sash curtains at the window add much to its comfort and cost but little. The floor should be covered with a bright oilcloth or linoleum and the walls tinted some sunny color. A rack for three or four books and two or three plants on the window-sills will help to brighten the kitchen, and there but few maids who will not appreciate these efforts made in her behalf.

The Demand For Thermometers.

A dealer in thermometers said that under ordinary conditions the sales of thermometers were about ten per cent. greater in winter than in summer. There were more people, and so more buyers in town in winter, and he thought, too, that people were more interested in the temperature of winter weather than in that of summer. If there should be a prolonged spell of very hot weather in summer the sale of thermometers would increase enough to make it equal the usual sale in winter. A like cold spell in winter, however, would increase the sale in that season, so that take it altogether the average sale of thermometers was greater in winter than in summer.—New York Sun.

British Strikes in 1895.

The annual report of Mr. J. Burnett of the Labor Department of the British Board of Trade, on strikes and lockouts, "shows that there were 876 disputes resulting in stoppage of work during 1895, and these involved 263,758 workpeople, as against 1061 disputes and 324,245 workpeople in 1894. As regards results, 303, or 34.6 per cent. of the disputes ended in favor of the workpeople, as against 35 per cent. in 1894; but in these successful disputes 24 per cent. of the persons affected during the year were involved, against 22.1 in the preceding year. The aggregate number of days lost in 1895 was 5,542,600, compared with 9,322,096 in 1894 and 31,205,062 in 1893. The average duration per head of disputes in 1895 was 21.6 days, as against 29.5 in the preceding year. The value of the aggregate number of working days lost, worked out as wages, would amount to about £1,120,000, compared with £2,000,000 in 1894. The percentage of persons concerned in the disputes of 1895, which were settled by conciliation or negotiation, was 74.8, as against 56.7 in 1894."

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