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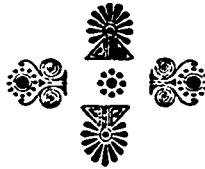
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#### COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Last year Australia produced 1,922,000 ounces of gold.

Pennsylvania considers herself practically out of debt.

It is said that only one of the Melbourne daily papers is paying expenses.

Mayor Hopkins, of Chicago, has cut down the detective force of that city.

There have been heavy rains throughout the north-western states and floods are feared.

The New Zealand Government offers a bonus for the local manufacture of glass bottles.

Minneapolis has a law requiring street-car companies to vestibule their cable cars in winter.

A Chinaman in New South Wales has been fined \$500 for endeavoring to dodge the poll tax.

The Nanaimo gas works are to be enlarged by the erection of a new and greater gasometer.

The people of Utah owe the United States \$725,555 for the expenses of prosecutions since 1875.

An attempt by the Carnegie Steel Company to roll a six-inch beam of aluminium at Homestead failed.

Sugar was first brought to England in 1497. The present yield of that staple in

the world is over six million tons, of which the United States consumes nearly one-third.

Earnings of the Queensland railways for December, 1892, were \$79,515 lower than December, 1892.

Philadelphia and New York capitalists propose building an electric railway from Philadelphia to Harrisburg via Reading.

Of the 1,500,000,000 people on earth, 700,000,000 still live in huts or caves, and only about 500,000,000 live in decent dwellings.

Flax seed and poppy oil, which were taxed 15 cents a gallon by the Wilson bill, have been placed on the free list by the Senate Committee.

Experiments in France looking to the prevention of frosts by producing a cloud of smoke from the burning of tar or resin have been pronounced a failure.

New Zealand Government statistics show that 1,200 permanent absentees own about \$40,000,000 worth of land. The 20 per cent absentee tax in addition to the land tax on these individuals is extremely popular.

The London *Financial News* lately called attention to Col. Baker's resolution in the Provincial Parliament, saying that "England now had a call from her extreme western as well as her extreme eastern colony, a coincidence which she could not ignore."

British Board of Trade statistics show that last year 307,750 persons left Great Britain as emigrants. The population in middle of 1893 was 38,431,586, the exodus therefore was at the rate of 1 in 124.

Chicago business men and builders are said to be getting alarmed at the settling of the post office and custom house, Board of Trade and other buildings, showing that the soft clay underneath the city gives an insecure foundation.

#### A NEW MILITARY IMPLEMENT.

The infantry and chasseur regiments of the Austro-Hungarian army have just been supplied with a new implement which can be used as a spade, shovel, hatchet and saw. It is about a foot and a half in length, weighs about two pounds, and is so arranged that it can be hung on the belt at the left side near the bayonet. It will enable the infantry to do all that is necessary in laying out a camp, fixing cooking places, providing a water supply and throwing up light earthworks. Exercises in the use of this new weapon, which is intended to render infantry regiments independent of their own pioneer companies, have also been introduced, and will be carried on by the Vienna garrison in one of the large drill grounds in the environs.