

General Notes.

The silver mines in the vicinity of Guanajuato, Mexico, are the richest in the world, and from the year 1858 to the present time there has been a total product valued at \$1,000,000,000.

The transactions in real estate in Chicago last week amounted to \$1,074,325. The demand for outside lots and acres is said to be greater than ever before.

An English statistical writer says that while population in Europe and the United States has risen 34 per cent. since 1850, working power has increased 105 per cent. and as a consequence of this five men can now accomplish as much as six in 1870 or eight in 1850.

A thermometer has been made in the shape of a purse, and it can be carried in the pocket or at the end of a watch-chain. A silver case has a dial face on one side, divided into degrees, and with a finger pivot in the centre.

German papers are exchanging congratulations on the growing importance of Berlin as a centre for the negotiation of international loans. It is claimed that Berlin has become a formidable rival to London and Paris in this feature.

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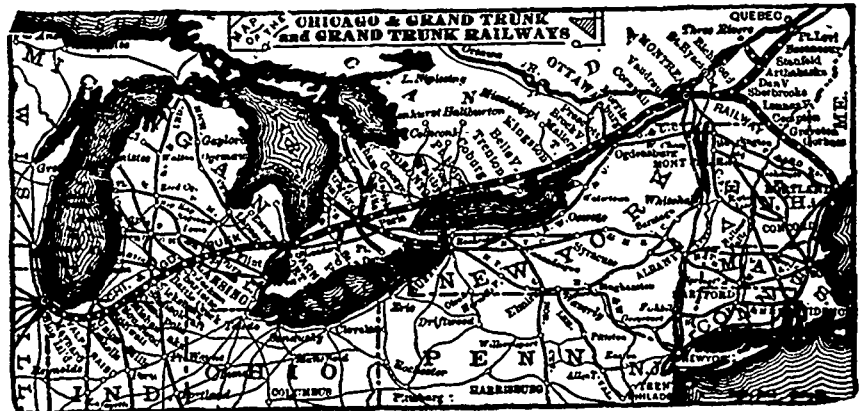
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