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Nails have been advanced ten cents per keg by the Atlantic States Nail Associaion, and factories are to run only two weeks in March.

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A German expedition will start shortly to explore the eastern part of the desert of Sahara. It will be under the direction of Mr. Rohlfs, who has received the Paris Geographical Society's medal for intrepid and able exploration, More than one savant will be of the party.

Each professional school of Boston University is to be represented on commencement day by two speakers, one chosen by the faculty the other by the students. The school of law has already appointed its representatives, the choice of the faculty being F. L. Wellman; that of the students L. W. Ardricle.

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The illustrated papers are scarcely behind the dailies in the enterprise of their special correspondents. The Illustrated London News had on board the tug that brought home Cleopatra's Needle an artist who had shipped as a coal-trimmer, there being no other means of accompanying the vessel. As soon as the tug arrived off Gravesend, Mr. Wells, the coal-trimmer, got a boat and went ashore with his precious stetches, and it is said, has been entered in the ahip's log as a deserter.

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A steam tree-cutter is the latest invention. Capital and Labour describes some recent experiments in which anew machine for felling timber was successfully tested. The instrument consists of a cylinder and piston, the rod of which is directly connected with a strong saw blade working horizontally. The cylinder rests on a solid framework or foundation which is fixed in the ground close to the tree, and the blade is kept in its place by firm chains attached to the trunk to be operated upon. A supply of steam is, of curse, provided, and when everything is in position the engine is started and works itself. A very few minutes are said to have been occupied in cutting through the largest tree, and it is plain that if the success achieved was conclusive, the new saw must come into general use.

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Another case of cannibalism at sea has turned up. On the 17th of December last a small schooner sailed from Charleston for Baltimore, captain and crew counting eight men, three of them coloured. On December 30th a tremendous gale drove the vessel far out to sea, and by January 23rd the last of the provisions had been consumed. They had nothing now but coffee, and still had to work by turns to keep the pumps going night and day. January 30th one of the coloured men became delirious, and threatened to shoot the captain, who got out of his way. He next threatened in the same way one of his comrades, a colourthe same way one of his comrades, a colour-ed man like himself, when the latter, as he ed man like himself, when the latter, as he says, shot the former to save his own life. Thus happened a tragedy which, the men admit, had already been contemplated as likely to happen in another way, the dread resort of casting lots to see who must die first having been for days present to the minds of all. For some time after the shooting however, not a ward ward. minds of all. For some time after the shooting, however, not a word was spoken of what they were all thinking about, until at last one said that now the man was dead there was no help for it, and he meant to try and save his own life, even if he had to be a cannibal to do it. The example once set was speedily followed by all the rest. The very next day, the 31st, a ship was sighted and signalled and relief came. Some of the men say they have got such a fright that they will never go to sea again. The wealth of England is enormous and

The wealth of England is enormous, and should she be compelled to take part in a war her resources would be almost incredible. Mr. Giffen, of the Statistical Department of the Board of Trade, ififth of the gross income yielded come tax as the proceeds of cathe year ending March, 1875, the assessed is reduced by the Mr. Giffen to £378,000,000. Capitalizing this sum on a moderate basis—the value of land being taken at thirty years' purchase, of houses at fifteen years' purchase, of farmers' profits at ten years—the result is that the capital value of income assessed to the income tax after omitting all income not derived from capital, is £6,643,000,000. There should probably be a considerable addition to this on account of income not assessed, which Mr. Giffen estimates as little less than £2,000,000,000. After little less than £2,000,000,000. elaborate calculations he concludes that three years ago the total capital of the United Kingdom amounted to £8,500,000,000—a sum eleven times the National Debt—which divided equally would give to each individual in the United Kingdom £250. On the same calculations the capital of the country in 1865 amounted to no more than £8,100,000,000, the accumulation of new capital in the ten years reachtion of new capital in the ten years reaching £2,400,000,000—the annual savings during the decade averaging £240,000,000. The new capital laid by in ten years exceeds the estimated amount of the whole capital of the country at the close of the structure against Navyley 15. struggle against Napoleon. "The mere savings," says the Saturday Review, "of those ten years exceeded the accumulations of all the generations that succeeded one another from the birth of our civilization to the year 1815. If this be so, nothing need be added to show how incomparable more powerful we are now than we were sixty years ago. Then the debt was more than one-third of the whole property mortgaged as its security; now it is one-eleventh."

St. Malachy, Bishop of Armagh, in the twelfth century, visited Rome to pay his respects to INNOCENT the Second, and while there, so the legend runs, was delivered of a prophecy respecting the Popes. The story is told in several ways, but in its most ancient form it runs as follows: The Saint fell form it runs as follows: The Saint fell asleep one day on the brow of the Janiculum Hill, and the faithful gilla-na-naombh, or servant, who accompanied him, heard him repeatedly mutter in his dreams the word "Rome." He listened eagerly and the saint said that he saw a Pope ly and the saint said that he saw a Pope named Corfus Christi in the chair; another named Dei Sacerdos; another Doctissimus; another Exsul; another Crux de Cruce, and next after him Lumen in Cœlo. As interpreted Corfus Christi was Urban the Fourth, who established that feast; Dei Sacerdos, Boniface the Eighth; Doctissimus, Adeian the Sixth: Exsul Purs MUS, ADRIAN the Sixth; Exsul, Prus the Sixth, who was dethroned by Bona-PARIE, and CRUX DE CRUCE, PIUS the Ninth, while his successor is to be the Light in the Heavens. The legend is regarded as of the Mother Shipton order, apocryphal. Another of St. Malachy's legendary prophecies foretells the invasion of Ireland: They shall come from the West on the Ocean's crest With stars their prows adorning;

And the thunder's roar on the Mayo shore Shall announce my Erin's morning. Shall announce my Erin's morning.

When the three French frigates. Humber in command, landed at Killala in '98, the men of Mayo thought St. Malachy's prophecy was fulfilled, and when the French won the battle or "races" of Castlebar, they were sure of it; but the surrender of the invaddrs of Ellemanush filled all Convents. of it; but the surrender of the invaddrs at Ballynamuck filled all Connaught with a grief and disappointment which have become the hereditary portion of her children. Modern interpreters now think the prophecy refers to the landing of an armada from the United States, the "stars their prows adorn-"ing" being taken to mean the American flag; and to-day the true pilgrim to the top of Mount Nephin shades his eyes with his hand and looks out into the Atlantic for O'Donovan Rossa's the Atlantic for O'Donovan Rossa's flotilla of "Skirmishers." Sr. Malaony having "fooled" Mayo so terribly in '98, his prophecy as to Lumen in Coelo in '78 should be taken with a barrel of



rooms with thick carpeting; if that is done, the carpets should be frequently taken up, beaten, and well aired; a better plan is to leave a space of some half a yard next the walls uncovered, as also the floor beneath the bod. Of carpets, the best are the cheapest in the end, and the same may be said as to mats; the street-door mat should be of India-rubber, and it should be sunk in the floor, in which position it will last much longer than if left loose on the floor.—N. Y. Times.

Calla lillies deserve and retain their popularity, and are not hard to rear. If you want to increase the present stock of plants the old bulb deep down; there will be

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