

St. Petersburg, 669,741; Bombay, 644,405; Glasgow, 566,940; Liverpool, 532,681; Manchester, with Salford, 530,765 people. All these are above the half million. Then comes Naples, with its 457,407; Calcutta, with 429,535; Madras, 397,552; Hamburg, (the State), 406,104; Birmingham, 383,117; Baltimore, 355,000; Buda-Pesth, 319,530; Dublin, 314,666; Leeds, 304,948; Amsterdam, 302,266; Sheffield, 289,537; Rome, 282,214; and Breslau, with 267,000 population. He seems to omit the great Chinese and Japanese cities.

Sir Capel Fitzgerald, Bart., has been tried for stealing £400 of jewellery from a woman whom he took to Paris with him. He admitted having pawned it to raise money for their expenses, but the jury found him not guilty.

An Irish lord who last session spoke strongly against the release of the Fenian prisoners, is now unable to live in Ireland for fear of being shot, as all the protection he can get is to have a policeman on each side of him when he goes out of his house.

Major John Bellamy, of the 2nd Batt. 17th Foot, blew out his brains at Shorncliffe Camp on Oct 19th. He was in depressed spirits, and was about to go on sick leave. He had been in the service about thirty years, and was well known in Canada.

Two years ago over one million of acres were devoted to potato culture in Ireland; now only about 870,000 acres are thus employed. The decrease is attributed to the great uncertainty attending the cultivation of the crop, and to new methods of foraging cattle.

Mr. Edward Jenkins, M.P., speaking at Dundee, advocated the starting up of public indignation to demand the resignation of the Beaconsfield Government. He said that no nation would now accept the diplomatic word of Britain, so fall was it of duplicity and intrigue.

A bicyclist of Battersea has been fined £10, and in default of payment had to go to prison for a month, for knocking down a woman and injuring her seriously. There is no doubt that the reckless way in which bicycles are used at night in England has become a serious nuisance.

A young girl, very ladylike in looks, has been arrested in Dublin for waiting at the arrival of railway trains and driving off with other people's baggage, which she always directed the porters to carry to her cab. By this sharp trick she succeeded in a short time in stealing over £1,000 worth of property.

It is no wonder that the probable substitution of electricity for gas as a lighting agent has created much excitement in London. The gas interest there is an enormous one. The total authorized capital of the six principal companies amounts to nearly £70,000,000. The total gross earnings in the last six months of last year amounted to nearly \$11,000,000.

A Manchester clergyman—a curate attached to Christ Church, Greenleys—of which his father is rector—has just invented a remarkable torpedo, of which the following description is given in the English correspondence of the New York *Evening Post*:—"He can immerse himself and his boat 'full fifty deep' in the bosom of the ocean, and at this invisible and uninhabitable depth he can do his boating and blowing up business with almost as much facility as if he was on the surface of the sea. By the aid of a small knapsack, strapped across his shoulders, which contains some curious chemicals for purifying air that has become vitiated by breathing, the reverend gentleman can remain under water more than an hour at once. How this is done appears to be one of the secrets of the invention, while another is the method of sinking himself and craft and sailing about at pleasure. The boat is about 40 feet long by 9 feet deep. It is covered with glass, and has two waterproof sleeves, as it were, attached to it, into which are thrust the arms of the operator, who thus propels, steers, handles and affixes his implements of destruction, whether they are torpedoes or towlines." It is added that a public trial of the invention took place some time ago at Birkenhead, which was quite satisfactory.

COLONIAL.

A pestilence is said to be carrying off hundreds weekly in some of the cities of the Punjab, India.

It is reported that the government of India contemplates adopting a gold currency, and making English gold coins legal tender throughout the country.

The Australian International Exhibition, under the auspices of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, has been definitely fixed for August, 1879.

It is rumoured that Lord Dufferin will shortly be appointed Viceroy of India. There is talk of the recall of Lord Lytton, owing to the criticism of his public acts by Lord Lawrence and Sir Henry Havelock.

Orders have been sent to Cyprus for the immediate return to England of a number of officers on Sir Garnet Wolseley's staff. Certain Royal Artillery batteries are also being removed from that island to India, and will not be replaced.

The agitation against the immigration of Chinese into the colony is still maintained in Sydney. A deputation has waited on the Premier on the subject, who replied that the evil had not yet assumed perilous proportions, and that action in the matter was at present unnecessary.

The English papers are advocating planting the *Eucalyptus*, or blue gum-tree of Australia, in Cyprus in order to drive away malaria. It not only drains the ground, but also attracts the rain. In Algiers, in the Roman campaign, in South Africa, and in California, it has been used with much success for these two purposes.

The Queensland Parliament was prorogued on September 10th until October 3rd. The Governor, in his speech, congratulated the members upon the legislative activity displayed during the past session, stating that a number of laws of unexampled importance had been embodied in statutes since the opening of the present Parliament in 1874.

It is rumoured that the negotiations between Portugal and England in regard to the cession of Delagoa Bay, an inlet of the Indian Ocean on the southeast coast of Africa, have been concluded, and that England pays £60,000 for it. A railway connecting the new port with the Transvaal will be begun at once. This is the second rumour of this kind.

Sir Bartle Frere left Cape Town amidst great display of popular enthusiasm. News has been received of his arrival at Durban, where he was met by General Thesiger. Before leaving, his Excellency commuted the sentence of death passed on Gongulabale and Tini Macomo to penal servitude for life. The news from the Zulu border is of no importance beyond a general feeling of uneasiness which prevails. No overt acts on the part of the Kaffirs are reported in the Transvaal. One hundred men of the 18th Regiment have been ordered to march straight to Fort Weber instead of Leydenburg, as previously intended, and more troops are leaving Pretoria for the front.

FOREIGN.

Russia is strengthening the defence of Adrianople. Bismarck has been decorated by the Emperor with the grand cross of the Order of the Red Eagle bearing the sceptre and crown only.

The Paris Exhibition was formally closed on the 21st inst. The ceremonies appear to have been on a grand scale, but to have failed completely in effect.

On account of the uncertain relations between England and Russia, Schouvaloff's mission to Pesth has been countermanded. The diplomat, it is believed, will proceed to London and present his letters of recall. Serious consequences may ensue.

Shere Ali, the Ameer, or emir, of Cabul, is a good-looking man under forty. He is really sixty-five, with a long gray beard, white eyebrows, a large hooked nose and broad shoulders. His face is of the Jewish type. He is short in stature, and in addition to his Astrakhan hat wears a green silk waistcoat and a brown coat embroidered with gold. His trousers are white, and his boots of patent leather.

A congress of brewers from all parts of the world has been held at Paris. The chief subject discussed was the mode of taxation. It was contended that the interference of the Excise in the United Kingdom, France and Belgium was unnecessarily injurious to the business, and the American system was recommended, under which the materials for brewing are not taxed, but each barrel of beer must bear a stamp over the bung, which costs one

dollar for a barrel. This system was stated to be safe and convenient, avoiding all interference with the brewer, and making fraud almost impossible.

The German Government has marked its approval of the valuable service rendered by the English coast-guard on the occasion of the recent wreck of the Grosser Kurfurst, by presenting to Capt. Osborne, of the Folkestone division, a handsome Berlin vase adorned with a portrait of the Emperor, together with gold watches for the divisional officer and the chief boatman under him, and a draft for \$1,000 to be distributed among the men of the station.

Russian soldiers are sorted, so far as practicable, according to their size and complexion. The late Emperor Nicholas was especially exact in this. He had a hussar regiment entirely composed of dark-haired men pitted with the small-pox, and another of light-haired men similarly scarred. The soldiers of one regiment all had fair hair, blue eyes and slight figures, and of another, swarthy features and hooked noses. Assortments are less exact at present, but care is taken to bring men together speaking different dialects, in order to guard against mutiny.

The *Afghans*, the dominant race in the Kingdom of Shere-ali, now menaced by England, call themselves Jews and claim to be descended from King Saul. In defense of these claims it is asserted that they are unquestionably of the Jewish type, are divided into tribes, clans, and families, that they practice the ceremony of the scape-goat, and celebrate their religious rites on the hills. There is, however, no trace of Hebrew dialect in their language. In other respects their religion is that of the Mohammedan Sunnites, and they regard the Sultan as the legitimate successor of the Caliphs.

WITTICISMS.

"Wisdom is oft-times nearer when we stoop
Than when we soar."—*Heraclitus*

THE FROG was the original greenbacker.

THE ROAD TO THE NIAGARA FALLS.—*Via Dollarosa.*—*Punch.*

TRUE FRIENDSHIP grows stronger with age. The same remark applies to butter.

It is strange that when a man becomes bankrupt, his *promises* to pay become *com-promises*.

A MUSICAL sick friend of ours insists on having his food regulated on the *diet-ionic* scale.—*The Jester.*

A YALE STUDENT to another who is unwell and in bed: "Well, old chap, are you sick?" " *Sic sum*," was the quick response.

"KEEP 'EM ALIVE, boy—keep 'em alive!" said an old physician to his young brother practitioner. "Dead men pay no bills."

SHE WHO COMPOSES a cross baby is greater than she who composes books: and with the aid of soothing syrup it is much easier done.

METAPHYSICS.—Professor: "Miss B, how would you classify love,—active or passive?" Miss B. (innocently): "I don't know, sir."—*Argosy.*

THE number of men who come up next day after an election and say "I told you so," seem to increase as the years roll on.—*Cincinnati Breakfast Table.*

A STUDENT, soliloquizing as his eyes rested languidly on the Ladies' Academy, said: "A faint heart never won a *fair* lady. I wonder if it ever won a *brunette*."—*Argosy.*

A YOUNG MAN was married against the wishes of his parents, and in telling a friend how to break the news to them, said: "Tell them first that I am dead, and gently work up to the climax."—*Exc.*

THE Burlington *Hawkeye* compares the mingling of the Greenback and Democratic State tickets in Iowa to pouring a pint of ink into a quart of water—it spoils the water and does not make any more ink.

SCIENCE MADE EASY.—Friend to Scientific Authority: "Doctor, how is a man to tell a mushroom from a toadstool?" Scientific Authority: "By eating it: if you live, it is a mushroom; if you die, it is a toadstool."

HORACE GREELEY struck the keynote of political and business success, when he said that the darkest day in any man's career is that wherein he fancies there is some easier way of getting a dollar than by earning it.—*Cin. Breakfast Table.*

A SHARP LITTLE GIRL in Chicago got out of patience with her bashful lover's backwardness, and so brought matters to a favourable climax by saying to him, "I really believe you are afraid to ask me to marry you, for you know I would say yes."

BEE SPRINGS are now said to be a good remedy for rheumatism. As the bees are to apply the remedy, perhaps it would be well enough to see that they don't put the dose in the wrong place in the hurry of the moment. Bees are sometimes very impulsive.

A BOSTON PAPER says: "A butterfly was caught at the South End yesterday." It may be safe enough to catch a butterfly at the South end, but when you go to catch a wasp you want to grab it at the northeasterly end, shifting westerly towards the head.—*Exc.*

In all the talk about the "lost arts," there is not a word to say about the art of filling, lighting, and carrying a kerosene lamp without getting enough oil on one's fingers to taste for a week. This art is unknown to-day, and the question is, could the people who lived before the flood do it?

A CORRESPONDENT wants to know what is the singular of measles? The spots, woman, the spots; there's nothing else singular about measles that we ever heard of. And come to think of it, the spots are generally plural, too. It would be a poor, feeble measle that couldn't raise more than one spot.—*Hawkeye.*

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