

NO TWO OF A KIND.

It is alleged of a gauger, not long ago dismissed from the British Revenue service, that he lost his place because of a tin breast-plate. The chest protector followed in shape the contour of his form, added fitted on beneath the vest. It was hollow, and held about a fluid gallon. Its frequent filling at the expense of whole sale liquor dealers led to its owner's downfall.

An official notice has been issued in Russia that "physicians shall have the right to make use of hypnotism in the treatment of their patients. In every case of the application they must inform the administrative authorities, at the same time giving the names of physicians in whose presence the patient was hypnotized."

The Government of Saxony has adopted a novel method to secure the payment of taxes. The names of persons who did not pay their taxes last year are printed and hung up in all the restaurants and public houses. The proprietors dare not serve those mentioned on the list, for fear of losing their license.

It is not generally known that tobacco and cigars are supplied at libitum to criminal lunatics in Broadmoor and Perth penitentiaries. The luxury consists of the Treasury holding as the "weed" is provided gratuitously by the Commissioners of Customs out of confiscated goods seized at shipping ports.

A chemist at Melbourne, while engaged on some experiments with a powerful explosive, which he had succeeded in inventing after years of patient labor and an outlay of several thousands of pounds, has been blown to pieces by his invention.

In many manufactures requiring dexterity and quickness with the hands, women are far more valuable than men. For instance, where the folding of large quantities of books or magazines is required, one woman can do as much as two men.

Sir William Gull, the great physician, used to say that when fagged out by professional work, he "recreated his strength by eating brains, and not by drinking wine or brandy."

Suicide is becoming so frequent in Denmark that it is proposed to check it by a law handing over to the family of every suicide to a dissecting room.

A water-drinking contest was recently held in Paris. The winner swallowed 12 quarts; the second 9, and the third 7.

Three of the most important banks in Europe were founded by Scotsmen, viz., the Banks of England, France and Vienna.

Chain and cable suspension bridges existed before the Christian era.

MISSING LINKS.

Syrup of roses is any white wine sweetened and flavored with rose essence.

The fashionable cat at the national show in London this year is blue and long haired.

The agricultural capital of Europe has doubled since 1840; that of the United States has increased over sixfold.

The largest gold nugget ever found was the "Bullion" of Welton, August, weighing 2196 ounces and was worth \$41,833.

A scientist who has been listening to the voice of the house fly the microphone says it sounds very much like the neighing of the horse.

A pretty schoolboy in Vermont, Mass., has succeeded in taming the village terror, the worst boy in the school, and is going to marry the girl.

Kapoleon, who rarely gave attention to details, but laid plans for others to execute, had very small and perfectly formed hands with a very curious steplike character.

Whichever way the wind blows, it appears to blow out in that direction.

The Bank of Venice conducted its dealings for 600 years with such honor that in all that time no hostile criticism or condemnation of its methods has been found.

Young women of Germany have a superstition that if they bury a drop of their blood under a rosebush, it will afterward insure the experimenter a pair of toy cheeks.

Campfire trees have been planted at Sanford, Fla., and give proof of adaptability to soil and conditions. This is the identical campfire tree from which all the campfires of commerce have been derived.

Twenty-three thousand homeless men have been sheltered during the past year by the Central Lodging-house Association of Toronto, 108 men have found employment through its agency.

Thousands of linnet were noticed in Spokane, Wash., after a severe storm the other day. Linnet are not indigenous to that portion of the state, and much speculation was caused by their presence.

Needles were first made with very true machinery in 1545. At that date a workman did well if he turned out a day. It is estimated that the present product of the United States exceeds 80,000,000 a year, while England makes 110,000,000.

Sponges are being propagated in a cheap way just now. About three years ago a cude German divided a few healthy specimens of live sponges into goodly number of parts and placed them in deep water, with the result that he now has a crop of 4000 at an initial expenditure of \$50.

The army of Xerxes has always been greatly overestimated by historians. Commonly computed at 5,000,000, the best evidence goes to show that, camp followers and all, it did not exceed 1,000,000. His thousands of ships, numbered only 1200 to begin with, and of these 400 were lost in a storm, so that he reached the coast of Greece with about 800.

A French method of preserving grapes in something very close to their natural condition has some interest at this season. Shoots of the vine bearing, say two bunches of sound grapes each, are placed in bottles or vases filled with water containing carbonic acid in solution. The bottles are then hung along the edges of notched shelves in a dry place. It is said that, if the water be renewed from time to time, grapes so treated will keep in good condition into April.

The excavations which have just been brought to a conclusion in the Isle of Salamis have resulted in the discovery of a hundred ancient tombs, lying in five parallel rows. Most of them are oblong and quadrangular in shape. Another discovery is that of a large cemetery, the first yet found with Mycenaean characteristics.

The sepulchres, which are constructed of very small and narrow, are constructed of the Mycenaean epoch and in good state of preservation have also been found, together with a number of objects in bronze and gold, including rings, necklaces, and other things.

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 - Lined work basket, 90c.
 - Stand baskets, 75c.
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TO-DAY'S DOINGS ON 'CHANGE'

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New York Stocks Irregular, Closing Firm. Provisions Lowest at Chicago—Canadian securities Quiet and Unsettled—Local Grain Markets Steady—Oil Strong and Cotton Weak.

TUESDAY, EVENING, DEC. 11.
Montreal Gas, Telephone and C.P.R. are lower to-day.

There was a sale in New York to-day of Duluth Common at 5 1/2.

Canadian Pacific closed in London at 7 1/2, and New York at 7 1/2.

Hudson's Bay Company stock is unchanged in London at 21 1/2.

Consols are practically higher, closing at 98 1/2 for money and 98 1/2 for account.

Wagon Nihilists of the Toronto Silver Plate Company has been proposed for membership in the Board of Trade.

Money on call continues higher in London than in New York, the rates being quoted at 2 1/2 per cent.

The exports of silver from New York last week were \$60,000, the largest weekly shipment of the season.

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Money Markets.

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THE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

The fluctuations in the New York stock market change to-day were as follows:

STOCKS.	OPENING.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSING.
Ath. Sugar Ref. Co.	88	88 1/2	88 1/2	89
Cotton Oil	29 1/2	30	29 1/2	30
Am. Tobacco	100	101	100	101
Oil, Burlington & Q.	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	71
Am. Petroleum	100	101	100	101
Can. Southern	100	101	100	101
Can. Pacific	100	101	100	101
Del. & W. V.	100	101	100	101
Am. Lumber	100	101	100	101
Manhattan	100	101	100	101
Am. Glass	100	101	100	101
Am. Paper	100	101	100	101
Nat. Cordage Co.	100	101	100	101
Am. Textile	100	101	100	101
Am. Rubber	100	101	100	101
Am. Leather	100	101	100	101
Am. Hosiery	100	101	100	101
Am. Knit	100	101	100	101
Am. Socks	100	101	100	101
Am. Undershirt	100	101	100	101
Am. Corset	100	101	100	101
Am. Garter	100	101	100	101
Am. Stocking	100	101	100	101
Am. Hose	100	101	100	101
Am. Suspenders	100	101	100	101
Am. Ties	100	101	100	101
Am. Collars	100	101	100	101
Am. Cuffs	100	101	100	101
Am. Gloves	100	101	100	101
Am. Mitts	100	101	100	101