

The census of China as taken in 1812, by order of the Emperor Kai-Fing, gave the population at 360,278,597; and the second census in 1852, under the reign of the present Emperor, Hien-Fung, gives the population at 536,090,300; so that if these figures be correct, the Chinese population has increased in forty years 176,629,703.

In Great Britain and Ireland there are thirty institutions for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind. In the United States, twenty one.

The total number of ships in the British Empire in 1857, was 37,014,—tonnage, 5,519,154,—manned by 284,135 men; this is exclusive of 1,916 steam vessels, of an aggregate of 682,433 tons.

In 1859 the United States had 5,145,037 tons of shipping.

TO REMOVE A STYE FROM THE EYE.

—Put a tea-spoonful of black tea in a small bag; pour on it just enough boiling water to moisten it; then put it on the eye pretty warm. Keep it off all night, and in the morning the stye will most likely be gone; if not, a second application is certain to remove it.

The *Wisconsin Farmer* says every farmer should have his workshop, where all the small breakages that occur on the farm can be mended, in place of losing time in sending them to be mended. Besides, when a wet day comes, the boys will interest themselves in learning a little mechanism.

From two to five per cent. of tungsten added to cast steel, produces a metal which is much superior to steel for the manufacture of edged tools.—Instruments made with it are said to retain their edge four times as long as those made with ordinary steel.

Meteoric stones have recently fallen in Ohio within the circumference of a few miles, weighing from thirty-six to fifty-six pounds. The thundering noise made by the phenomenon alarmed the community for many miles.

The Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was a *flat-boatman*; he had but little or no schooling; but never missed an opportunity of improving his mind, and by industry, ability and integrity, has advanced to be a member of the Senate, and a useful man in society.

Switzerland with a population of about 2,000,000, has an army of nearly 200,000 men.

The scarcity of fodder in many parts of Ireland is beyond any parallel in modern times; one gentleman sold ten tons of hay for one hundred pounds; a vast number of cattle have starved to death.

The cattle disease in Massachusetts is infectious; various means are being adopted to stay its progress. The disease is called Pluro-Pneumonia, and appears sure death. Large numbers of cattle have been destroyed by order of the authorities, and at the public expense. The Legislature of Maine had been called to devise means to stay the disease: it is spreading into other States.

Marriage is said by those who have attended to the subject, to be conducive to long life. For 41 bachelors who attain the age of 40, there are 78 married men who do the same; at 60 there are only 22 unmarried men alive, for 98 married; at 70 there is 11 of the former for 27 of the latter. As age advances the difference increases. The same rule holds good as regards the female sex.