

Paper bottles are being manufactured in Chicago. They are lined with fluid heated composition, which sets hard and will resist acids and spirits.

Persecution of Jews continues to be lively. The Czar is down on them, and a mob in a Hungarian town burned down the Jewish quarter on the 19th June.

According to reports, a wholesale land purchase bill is being prepared by Messrs. Chamberlain and Goschen, and will be introduced near the close of the session.

A possibility is hinted that the Rev. Phillips Brooks may be desired to preach before the Queen, Her Majesty being desirous of hearing him on account of the eulogies of the late Dean Stanley.

Sir Ambrose Shea has been appointed to the Governorship of the Bahamas, and will probably, in due time, step thence to Newfoundland; meantime Governor Baker is moved thither from the Bahamas.

The trade of the United Kingdom has grown since 1837 from 115 millions to 686 millions sterling. That with the colonies from 34 millions in 1840, to 170 millions in 1885.

Some Russian papers, commenting on the loyalty of the Queen's subjects, and considering it well deserved, regret that the relations between the two countries are not more cordial.

A gentleman, recently deceased in England, who was one of the chief promoters of the Exhibition of 1851, also boasted the singular distinction of having witnessed every race for the Derby from 1821 to 1885.

The Bill to which we alluded the other day as wanting confirmation as to its passage through the House of Lords, is a Registration Bill of the Lord Chancellor's. It will effect primogeniture, if it does not get talked out in the Commons.

Great pressure has been put upon the Porte by France and Russia to prevent the ratification of the Egyptian Convention, and the Porte has urgently appealed to England to consent to a postponement, which has been conceded.

Mr. Gladstone is said to be about to raise the cry that the Empire is in danger by reason of neglect of foreign policy, owing to the insistence of Irish affairs. There is a great deal in the idea, and it will, no doubt, be cleverly handled. France is evidently acting on it.

News has been received of a terrible famine in Asia Minor, embracing the ancient cities of Tarsus and Adana. The harvest time is past, but no grain will be gathered, even on the plains, which are ordinarily so fertile. It is said, that unless help is soon given, 100,000 people will have to face starvation.

An American exchange, giving a list of women of humble origin who have achieved distinction, has the following:—"Mrs. Langtry is a daughter of a country farmer of small means, but the old proverb of her face being her fortune proved true in her case." This is incorrect. Mrs. Langtry is the daughter of a Church dignitary in Jersey.

Nationalists at Cork paraded black flags during the military review there, and got up a riot; and the same sombre color was hoisted in other towns. On the other hand, some Irish Home Rule gentlemen, of New York, amongst an immense assemblage, held at the Opera House, endorsed in emphatic terms a graceful tribute to Her Majesty.

A gigantic colonization scheme proposed by Sir Francis De Winton, and endorsed by the Marquis of Lorne, is being discussed in London. The plan is to raise half a million pounds capital with three per cent. guaranteed for four years, half of the interest to be borne by the Imperial Government, and the other half *pro rata* according to the number of families sent to each colony by the colonial governments. It is proposed that of the first thousand families, three hundred should be sent to Canada.

Great Britain and her colonies control nearly one-third of the commerce of the world.

Boyle, the Australian bowler, has been doing some extraordinary work. Against an Australian fifteen he recently took all their wickets for eleven runs. In the last over he secured four wickets with as many successive balls, and the sixth ball took another.

Italians emigrate in large numbers to South America. There is a settlement of three quarters of a million in the valley of the Plate, and the Italian Government contributes £50,000 yearly to the support of Italian schools in the Argentine Republic.

The Russian railway is completed, to within 125 miles of the Afghan frontier.

The side-wheel steamer "Prince of Wales," just launched on the Clyde for the Liverpool and Isle of Man line, made 24½ knots (28 miles) an hour on her trial trip. This is the fastest ever recorded on water.

Russia and France threaten Turkey with war if the Egyptian convention is ratified. Britain refuses to modify the terms. The situation is disquieting.

The Buddhists continue to make most vigorous efforts to counteract the spread of Christianity in Japan, and the Hongan ji sect was never so busy. One school in Kyoto alone is to be rebuilt at a cost of \$12,000, (Mexicans,) and other Buddhistic seminaries and colleges are being started in various parts of the country.

"Mr. Irving has hit on the happiest possible method of celebrating the jubilee," says the *Pall Mall Gazette*. "On the afternoon of June 21 he will throw open his theater to as many children of the Ragged School Union as can be squeezed into it, and he will perform for their benefit 'The Merchant of Venice.'"

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