

one of the most necessary articles of food, it has a variety of other uses. A great quantity of the starch used in our laundries is made from it, and after the starch has all been separated from the pulp, what is left is used in the manufacture of boxes. From the stems and leaves of the plant a fluid that produces sleep is made. In many places bread, cake and puddings are made of potato flour.

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The normal number of telegrams sent daily through the London Central Office, which is the largest in the world, is about 160,000. About 500,000 words are sent every night in the form of Press telegrams when Parliament is sitting.

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China has sent abroad a large number of students to various countries. There are now 50 in France, 50 in

Germany, 100 in Belgium, about 70 in London, and others in Austria, etc.

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A Gyroscope wheel about 6 ft. in diameter, running at 1,400 revolutions per minute, will keep steady a vessel of 2,000 tons displacement in any sea likely to be encountered. The first practical application of the gyroscope in ships has been made in Germany, where the Vulcan Works, in Settin, have finished the apparatus intended for the Hamburg-American Company's vessel "Silvana," a pleasure steamer of about 900 tons displacement.

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During 1908 wheat fetched exactly half the price that it did in 1858.

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The circular saw was devised by Bentham, an Englishman, 1790.

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