What a Spanish Lady Brought to England.

WHEN the unfortunate Katherine of Aragon, who was the wife of the brother of Henry VIII., and afterwards the wife of Henry VIII. himself, first came to England, she brought with her from Spain, an article that was quite unfamiliar to the British eyes. This small but necessary article had been manufactured in France, and was sent from that country to Spain as a part of the clegant outfit prepared for the bride of the King of England. Walking down Broadway you might pick up a thousand, perhaps, and a goodly number on the common road-side, but in the days of Henry VIII, it was an expensive luxury. And what do you suppose it was? Only a pin!

Previous to that time the fastenings, in general use consisted of clasps, ribbons, strings, loop-holes, skewers of bone, silver, gold, brass, or wood, and crudely formed hooks and eyes, but the simple pin, with its solid head and sharp point was unknown.

France claims that all new ideas which came into the world came through her, however well they may be developed and perfected by other nations. In the evolution of the pin France deserves the credit. She made the best pins long before they could be made in other countries, and it was a Frenchman, Fournier by name, who went to Nuremburg and taught the wire drawers and makers of that city how to improve their machines, and thus draw the wire finer for the manufacture of pins with solid heads. This improvement was a much-needed one, for an act had been passed in England prohibiting the sale of pins unless they had solid or double heads which did not come off. For a long time pins in England k longed to the list of imported articles, but is 1626 a manufactory was started in Glouces tershire, by a man named John Tilsby, wh operated so successfully that he employed a many as fifteen hundred people.

Facts in Few Words.

AN Aroostook, Me., farmer travels in grea comfort through the long reaches of snow an in the face of the bitterest north winds in a one-horse sleigh, hooded over like a prair schooner, and with a stove inside, the funne sticking through the top. It is a rig of his own invention, and, while not architecturally beau

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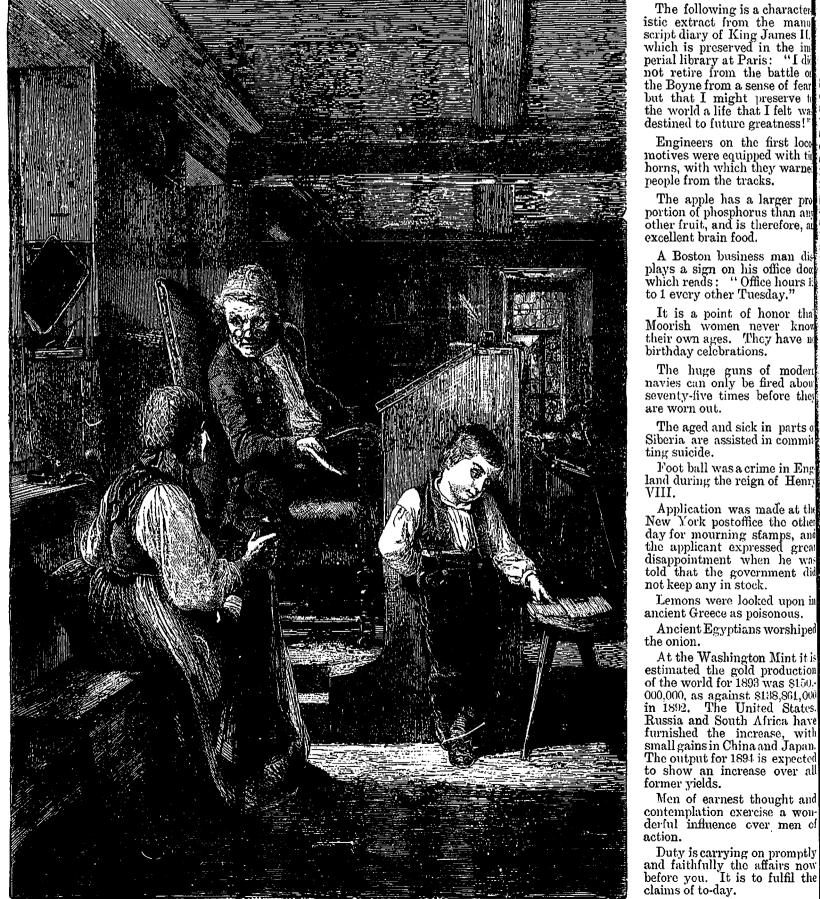
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