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### FACTS IN NEW LINES.

body Some Notable Events That Are Hardly News.

The only European country which has a lower death rate than Eng-Since the Tyrol first offered a boun

ty on poisonous smakes in 1896 it has been paid on 3,171 snakes. Millions of acres of fertile land in Hayti remain uncultivated Sugar,

tobacco and oranges of the first quality could be produced there.

Eights per cent of the cattle of Uruguay is used for the purpose of making "tasajo," or jerked beef, for exportation to Brazil, Cuba and Porto.

The number of hereditary titled Canadians has now reached 13, made up of seven peerages and six ronetcies. Of nonheriditary titles of knights Canada can boast of 32. The Province of Quebec requires the barber, first of all, to be himself a healthy subject, free from transmissi-ble affections. Then he must pass an

examination in disinfection.

Between the beginning of April, 1899, and the close of January, 1900, Great Britain's public expenditure increased \$53,500,000 over the same months in the preceding year.

The "bloodiest battle of the century" was that of Borodino, a Russian village, where Napoleon fought the Russians on Sept. 7, 1812. Near-ly 80,000 men were placed hors de

In Ireland the potato does not oc cupy the position which it held some years ago. The cheapness of foleign flour has done much to reduce the value of the potato in the diet of the

The work of reforesting Pennsylvania has been well begun. Thus far 60,000 acres at the headwaters of the principal rivers have been purchased by the state, and 40,000 more will soon come into its possession.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the world's postal union is to be celebrated by a congress at Bern next July. The countries now included in the union have a population of about 1,000,000,000.

While holes were being drilled on the Canadian side of Niagara, Falls ecently natural gas was struck. The matter will be investigated further, but already it is possible that cheap fuel supply may be found for new industries at Niagara.

It would seem as if the Japanese scheme for house decoration had reached the limit and that a reaction was about to take place among fashionable people. At all events, there has been an outbreak of Japanese auction sales in all parts of New

ern public schoolhouses built in large cities of Germany, the schools of the country, especially where a rich possessor of large farms owns all the land and has the superintendence of school affairs, are often very poor. Under a state law the voters of

New York cities may direct the muncipal authorities to erect a public oathhouse. Buffalo provided one in 1897 at a cost of \$14,800. It was used last year by 81,793 persons, and its running expenses cost the city The fashion of decorating flowers

with various kinds of paper very rarely produces agreeable aesthetic When colored papers supto match the tints of the flowers or to contrast with them are used, the general effect is likely to be distressing.
Some of the Parisian journals are

excited over the prospect that street cars will soon be operated upon the principal boulevards of the French They say that the beauty of. the city will be ruined and that if Paris loses its beauty its fame will speedily decline.

Scotch divorces are rapidly increasing in number. During the last year the court of session has dissolved 175 marriages as compared with 138 in 1898, and the annual average of the previous ten years was only 114. Two-thirds of the actions were brought by wives.

A jet of air can be heated rapidly by a new electrical device which has a coil of resistance wire inside a casing, through the center of which the air pipe is looped to come in close contact with the heated wire, becoming hot enough to warm the of in its passage.

Open air treatment for consump-

tion in its earlier stages appears to be the best so far hit upon. The continuous flooding of the lungs with purer and cooler air is a desidera-The natural life out of doors provides this. Many doctors pro-nounce the sanitarium system a fail-

Each battalion chief of the New York fire department is shortly to supplied with a pocket telephone which may be affixed to any fire box and will then enable the opera-tor to talk directly with headquarters. The attachment is simple, and the device may be carried in an inside

Usually with long lived folk the tsunk is long and the legs short in proportion. The habit of deep, slow breathing also belongs to this sec-tion of the human race. A calm nature is necessary, too, for a person always in a flutfer either with rage

or joy wears himself out.

Two German physicians are perfecting an instrument by means of which it will be possible to take photographs of the interior of the stomach. It is essentially composed of a series of ienses and a camera attached to a stomach tube. The

How He settled the Pitch Question Sir Augustus Harris, says the Argonaut, once settled the pitch ques-tion in his own of-hand fashion. A nous prima donna of his opera company came to him complaining that the piano used for vocal rehearsals was too high, and saying that it might be lowered. "Certainly," replied Druriolanus, with a bow; "Here, Forsyth, have a couple of inches sawn off the legs of this

### CULTURE OF BULBS.

THE SELECTION OF VARIETIES AND THEIR TREATMENT.

dow and Garden Growing of These Time to Plant-The Soil-Drainage

Of the many factors tending to make the home surroundings beautiful prob-ably none can accomplish desired results incre easily and cheaply than a lexurant growth of bulbs, artistically arranged in the sitting from window, or beautiful clusters placed in different parts of the lawn. It is not difficult to secure a pleasjug effect in either situation. The operations are not caly simple, but most builbe appear particularly ada; ted to various conditions, and even unfavorable conditions are, as a rule, quite easily over-



out any bright, thrifty, well-to-do person with a few rods of land at his command may be the happy owner of many choice nowers. Let these institutions cultivate rare and costly plants which require careful nursing; there are many others just as beautiful which are within the reach of all who desire them.

Conditions vary so widely with different persons it is impossible to make any latisfactory set rules for all to follow, even in the general culture of bulbs, and much less is it possible to select sorts agreeable to the varied tastes. I will, therefore merely suggest methods which appear to me most convenient to the greater number and within reach of many

Bulb growing maturally divides itself into two classes: First, window culture. er forcing; second, outdoor or garden sulture. Window culture requires a little nore labor, but the compensation is errespondingly greater, as the blosse on when vegetation is acturally taking her rest. However, we more time need be spent caring for these, and frequently not so much, as with the gerautum, a plant almost universally grown. Moreover, many of our mest asily grown bulbs are not to be compared with the geranium in beauty and elicacy of bloom

Hyacinths and the Chraese Sacred Lary are frequently forced in water, or by glass culture, as the process is usually termed. Glasses made especially for byasinchs, each holding a single bulb, may easily be obtained from florists or seeds-men. There are various designs and sizes, tome having two or more compartments, for as many bulbs. The glass is sometimes colored, to exclude bright light from the roots.

About November 1st a bulb is placed

in the top of the vase and the glass filled with water, even with the base of the bulb. Set away in a cool, dark place until roots are three or four inches long, when they may be gradually brought to the light. Instead of immediately starting mend plunging into wet sand, to one half their depth, keeping moist, and in a cool, dark place, until roots have formed about an luch long, when they are placed in glasses Either change the water occa-sionally, being careful that the water added is of the same temperature as that removed, or place a small piece of charcoal in the glass, which will keep the

For this purpose always select the iargest and most firm bulbs, as they depend largely upon their own resources for nourishment. The single varieties of hyacinths are better for forcing, as they bloom earlier and seem to endure the unnatural conditions better than double sorts. Further than this, as the varieties differ, principally in color, a selection

depends upon the taste of the grower.

The Chinese Sacred Lily is even more easily forced in this manner. Several are grown in each glass or earthen vessel, which has about one-half an inch of gravel in the bottom, on which bulbs are placed, and the space around them filled with fine pebbles to the depth of an inch. Otherwise treated as hyacinths, they may be brought into bloom in a month, or even a shorter time. Other narcissi are sometimes grown in water, but with

greater difficulty.

Most bulbs are quite easily forced in pets. The best time to plant them is about the middle of October. Use five or six unch pots with a little drainage in the



much better effect in arrangement can, as a rule, be secured by using smaller pots. The best soil is a light, sandy loam, suriched with cow manure and leaf

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cles of the middle ages. In the year 999 Liege reckened among its valiant chiefs one Jean Colin. He acquired the name Maillard from his chosen weapon being a mallet, wherewith in battle he used liter ally to crush his opponents.

In one of the feuds which were of

perpetual recurrence in those times he encountered the Count de Tourain in a pitched battle, and, so runs the story in the first onset Colin Maillard lost both his eyes.

He ordered his esquire to take him

in the thickest of the fight, and, fur-lously brandishing his mallet, did such fearful execution that victory soon delared itself for him.

When Robert of France heard of these feats of arms he lavished favor and honors upon Colin, and so great was the fame of the exploit that it was commemorated in the pantomimic representation that formed part of the rude dramatic performances of the age. By degrees the children learned to act it for themselves, and it took the form of a familiar sport.

The blindfold pursuer, as, with bandaged eyes and extended hands, he gropes for a victim to pounce upon, in some degree repeats the action of Colalso traceable in the name blind man's

# CONUNDRUMS.

What humorous writer was always close to his readers? Nye (nigh). What fur-bearing animal is always naked? The bear (bare).

Why is a stick of candy like a race horse? The more you lick it the faster it goes.

First, green as grass, white as snow, red as blood, and black as tar. Cherry. Which are the most noticable features of a Congressman? His eyes and noes (ayes and noes).

Which are a florist's most conspicu ous features? His two lips (tupils). Which is the difference between Christmas shopping and strong Turkish coffee? The first makes busy days, the last dizzy Beys.

What materials would be suited for

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