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It is to be hoped that the excellent articles in the Times on the Canadian North-West will be widely read. They form one of the most important contributions to the literature of the subject in recent years. The tone is sound and moderate, neither running into optimism on the one side, or to pessimism on the It is evident the writer knows what he or she (one is never certain about the sex of journalists nowadays) is talking about, and has taken much pains to arrive at a fair and accurate judgment. The North-West is not an El Dorado, but it is possessed of a fertile soil. and a climate which, although severe, is admirably adapted for general mixed farming. Colonies and India.

The young African Prince Eyo Ekpenyon Eyo II., who was recently brought over to Liverpool by Mr. Alfred L. Jones, and placed in the Congo Institute, Colwyn Bay, cannot, it appears, bear the English climate. The Prince has just written a letter to his kind patron, in which he says he cannot keep warm, and offering to go back as steward, which, it is reported, he has now done. Here is his letter to Mr. Jones:—"My Lord, I try all my best to see if I can stand this cold, but now is more worse to me. I can feel even my fingers and my feet, and I seat beside the fire all the day long from morning to evening. I can go outside except on Sunday. My Lord, I don't think I will stand this cold. My Lord, I see all you kindness to me since I came over here, but I am very sorry because cold stop me to see the end of it."—Colonies and India.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Rosa Bonheur, the famous artist, is given special permission to wear masculine attire. She affects the dress of French workingmen.

The old Lincoln homestead in Larue County, Kentucky, has been bought by a syndicate of Kentuckians, who will convert it into a park and present it to the Government.

The Philadelphia Inquirer counsels the formation of a society like the Municipal Art of New York to watch over the public squares, buildings and monuments, secure artistic work and prevent the erection of poor buildings and statuary.

Housekeeping is a science. It cannot be intuitively grasped. Its principles are sometimes imparted by mothers to their daughters. No doubt the science of housekeeping could be effectively taught in schools. When the time comes when no girl who expects to marry is believed to have finished her education until she has graduated in the science of housekeeping, the vexing servant girl problem, which now seems so formidable, will have disappeared from American life.—Milwankee Evening, Wis-

The cura of the Adelaide (S.A.) Museum, who was recently sent to Lake Militgan to collect the remains of the diprotodon and other extinct animals, returned to Adelaide the other day with about 60 cases of specimens that he has collected, including one entire skeleton of a diprotodon 10 feet long and six feet high. He also obtained the skeleton of a bird called the dromohrno, which is somewhat similar to the emu. The curator says that to remove everything round the lake and make a thorough search would be a work of 50 years.

Direct trade in two years, 1890 to 1892, increased the South's imports \$89,000,000 against \$82,000,000 in all the rest of the Union, and swelled the South's imports 25 per cent. against 5 per cent. in the rest of the United States. One prime object of Southern direct trade has been to induce Western grain and flour and meat to go abroad through Southern ports by Southern railroads. In 1892 as a fruit of this direct trade the West shipped \$104,000,000 of its exports through the South breadstuffs, \$13,000,000 meat products, and \$6,000,000 cattle. And nearly all of this Western stuff went through Baltimore, Newport News, New Orlcans and Galveston .-Atlanta Constitution.

The great vertical compound condensing Reynolds-Corliss engine, which formed the principal feature of the power house of the in-tramural railway at the Fair, was never once stopped during the period of the exhibition for repairs to the engine proper, and yet it propelled no less than thirteen trains of live heavily loaded cars each, through the working hours of each day. The award committee hours of each day. The award committee watched the working of this engine on one occasion for twenty-three hours in succession, and satisfied themselves that while ruining at 100 revolutions per minute, its speed did not vary as much as 1 per cent. even when the gross load was suddenly reduced something like 50 per cent. A few years ago the construction of such an engine would have been scouted as an utter impossibility.—Railway

If the fact were not officially certified, it would be difficult to believe that the enormous pressure of 60,000 pounds to the square inch had been registered in a trial of ordnance, or that any gun was ever made which would stand that almost inconceivable strain. Such, however, is the official report of a trial made not long ago at Birdsboro, Pa. The piece tested was a Brown segmental tube wire-wound gun, was a Brown segmental tube wire-wound gun, the powder charge 18 pounds, and the projectile an 84-pound shot. The gun was a 5-inch rifle, and the shot being somewhat roughly finished is supposed to have been a trifle large for the bore. At any rate, the pressure above stated was shown by the United States Army pressure gauge and duly reported, after careful and repeated inspection by a United States ordnance expert. States ordnance expert.

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The Hon. Simon Wolf, of Wasnington, has about completed a "roll of honor," in which he has entered the names of all Jews who have served in the army or navy of the United

The metropolitan and city police districts of London, according to "Whittaker's Almanae" for 1894, cover an area of 443,421 acres with a population of 5,633,806. The total length partialled by the pulse product \$\gamma 360\$ length patrolled by the police reaches 8,360

As to the speed with which the migration flights of birds are accomplished, Canon Tristram, in the British Association, quoted Herr Gatke as maintaining that godwits and plovers can fly at the rate of 240 miles an hour. Dr. Jerdon had stated that the spine-tailed swift, roosting in Ceylon, would reach the Himalay as, a thousand m les, before sunset. In their ordinary flight the conditions of the spine tailed swift, the ordinary flight the swift was the only bird the author had ever noticed to outstrip an express train on the Great Northern Railway.