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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The trial of the Chicago Anarchists cost \$25,000, and the lawyers are the only persons who have made any money out of the affair.

When Mr. Irving landed in New York, he was at once sued for the price of two plays by one Mr. Hose, of Brooklyn. Irving was angry and complained that American enterprise prompted men to take undue advantage of strangers. The turning on of the Hose should have cooled his wrath.

A German newspaper estimates the number of sewing-machines annually produced at 1,500,000, one-third of which are of German manufacture. Estimating the number of people in need of sewing machines at 500,000,000, the annual production allows one for every 300 civilized people.

Territorial extension is now the policy of Germany. According to the Hamburg Geographical Society, Germany has annexed within the past year 34,508 square miles in New Guinea, 3,399 in New Ireland, 9,349 in New Britain, and 15,261 in the Bismarck Archipelago, altogether 62,517 square miles, or an area greater than that of the three Maritime Provinces.

Last year the United States imported from Canada, Scotland and Bermuda, 642,000 bushels of potatoes, and exported to Cuba, the Sandwich Islands and other countries, 373,000 bushels. Uncle Sam buys his potatoes in Canada, and sells them at a profit in Cuba. Would it not pay us to carry on this trade direct.

A regular edition of the *Canadian American* is to be published in New York, in the interests of the many Canadians living in that great metropolis. The Jaffrey Brothers, who now publish the *Canadian American* of Chicago have succeeded admirably in catering to the needs of the thousands of Canadians dwelling in the United States. We trust their dual enterprise will be crowned with the success it deserves.

Russia has succeeded in disestablishing Prince Alexander, but it is not probable that she will take active measures in the Balkans before spring. Had Prince Bismarck given the Prince the weight of his support, Russia would have been thwarted, but Bismarck never regarded the Bulgarian throne in a serious light, since he advised Prince Alexander in the first instance to take it, as it would furnish him with a pleasant memory after he had lost it.

A pedestrian walking through Halifax during the later hours of the evening, cannot fail to notice the number of young children to be seen playing about on the pavements at a time when they should be sound asleep in their beds. In Oakland, California, the church bells are rung at nine o'clock, and children found on the streets after that hour are arrested. If such a law could be enforced in some parts of this city, much good would result.

The latest European sensation has been caused by Signor Succi, the Italian fester at Milan, who will not divulge the secret of his African herb liquor, as he intends to take out a patent for it. He claims that the liquor will become a staple drink among the poor. He says it will be sold cheap, so that a large family may subsist for a week on a franc's worth of liquor. Succi is visited daily by dukes, princes, senators, deputies, and hosts of foreign doctors. His strength is unimpaired.

The lucky stars shine on the royal house of Denmark. The members of that family appear to have the monopoly of all vacancies that have or may occur. When the Greek Republic went to pieces, it was a Danish Prince who was chosen to wear the Hellenic crown. A Princess of Denmark will, in the course of time, be Queen of England, her sister being already the Czarina of Russia. And now that the Bulgarian throne has been rendered vacant by the overthrow of Prince Alexander, Prince Waldemar, a younger son of King Christian of Denmark is to take his place.

Within the past twenty-five years the fever for collecting cancelled postage stamps has twice been at its height. During the first craze, many old and valuable stamps were rescued from destruction, and large collections were made; but these are dwarfed into insignificance by the collections made at the present time, several of which include a sample of every stamp that has ever been issued. The extent to which the business is now carried on may be estimated from the fact that a single house in Nuremberg disposed last year of 23,000,000 stamps.

The Trades' Congress, recently convened in Toronto, commenced its morning sessions at 8 o'clock, and its members were consequently able to overtake the work without running into the "wee sma' hours of the night." Civilization has heretofore tended to push on the breakfast hour far into the forenoon, and delay the time of retiring long after the sun had gone down. Perhaps this is the result of the variation in the length of the daylight in high latitudes, but be this as it may, the day is the best time for Parliamentary and other bodies to transact their business in.

We were of the opinion that no one living in a civilized country for a moment doubted the rotation of the earth, but there are some persons ever ready to believe a doctrine, whether it be a new or an old one revived. An English society, whose members are of that way of thinking, is about to issue a weekly journal, to be devoted to proving that this planet is not a revolving globe. The society's appeal for support for the journalistic enterprise is made to "all those who profess to love their Bible, and are zealous for the truth it contains." Galileo's ghost should haunt the editorial sanctum of the new journal.

Why is it that so many women aspire to be called ladies, despising the term woman, which is by far the nobler appellation of the sex. In a recent issue, anent the foolish fashion of using the word lady in preference to woman, *Puck* makes a telling hit. It has been customary, it says, for a long time to call all women ladies. In fact, the term "lady" has got such a hold on the populace that it is almost a questionable piece of propriety to call a female a woman. It is not necessary to resort to argument to prove that "woman" is preferable to "lady." It prints a few quotations from the literature of civilization and polite society, substituting "lady" for "woman," just to let the casual reader know how works. The following are samples:—

Man that is born of a lady is of few days, and full of trouble.

Ophelia—"T is brief, my lord—

Hamlet—As lady's love.

What mighty ills have not been done by lady?

Who was't betrayed the capitol? A lady.

Who lost Marc Antony the world? A lady.

Who was the cause of a long ten-years' war,

And laid at last old Troy in ashes? Lady—

Destructive, damnable, deceitful lady.

Here are a few more:

A continual dropping on a rainy day and a contentious lady are alike.

It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling lady in a wide house.

Favor is deceitful and beauty in vain, but a lady that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

No fiend in hell can match the fury of a disappointed lady.

The lady that deliberates is lost.

O, lady! Lovely lady, nature made thee to temper man.

Her stature tall—I hate a dumpy lady.

A lady moved is like a fountain troubled.