## RANDOM READINGS.

OVER 400 patents have been taken out in England for the manufacture of paper, and more than 500 in this country.

In many parts of China paper shirts are used by the natives. They are said to be much warmer in cold weather than cotton.

THE first paper mill in America was set up in Roxborough, near Philadelphia, in 1690, by William Bradford and William Rittenhouse.

JOHN WHITAKER was the first to introduce a style called the *Etruscan*, in which the designs are carried out in their own colors in place of gilt.

SILENCE is the element in which great things fashion themselves together, that at length they may emerge, full formed and majestic, into the delight of life, which they are thenceforth to rule.

MANY of the works prior to the Fifteenth Century which have been handed down to us are of a devotional character, gorgeous in velvet, studded with jewels, with bosses of gold and silver, and rich in ornamentation of every kind.

THE following placard was recently found on a church door in a Montana mining town: "Notice--There will be preaching in this house, Providence permitting, Sunday; and there will be preaching here, whether or no, on the Sunday following upon the subject: 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned at precisely half past 3 in the afternoon.'"

Smyth----" What does a typewriter cost?" Wythe---" Well, mine cost me a divorce and \$10,000 alimony."

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