

Manufactories.

We are pleased to see that an interest is being developed in the minds of our people, in some parts of the State, in the direction of supporting home manufactories and encouraging the establishment of others.

Now, most articles used by producers and consumers are brought from other States—many from the far East—at great expense of time and freight added to the manufacturer's price.

Let our people in Albany, and elsewhere throughout the State, wake up to the importance of establishing home manufactories; encourage by your patronage those already in existence; and energized by such an impulse, we will progress more rapidly in population and wealth.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES WHO HAVE FRUIT TO CAN.—A towel dipped in cold water and wrapped about a cold glass jar will ensure the safety of the jar when boiling hot fruit is poured into it.

Some of the Californians are laughing at a stranger who, in one of their towns, said that he had been "perusing around seeing the climate."

Indecent Publications.

It is a fact, which can not be too deeply deplored, that crimes, growing out of licentiousness and lust, are on the increase in the United States.

Papers, containing the most vulgar and lascivious illustrations, are daily hawked about the streets of our cities, spread out in most conspicuous places to attract attention in news depots, sold by the newsboys on every train, and sent to subscribers in all parts of the country.

The English government—which is ever watchful of the morals of the masses—is making strenuous efforts to suppress indecent publications. The same thing should be done in this country, where the evil is said to exist to a more alarming extent than in the most morally corrupt of European cities.

Let San Francisco take the initiative in the good work of quelling these abominations. The law may be invoked for their suppression. Fathers and mothers should see to it that such publications are not received into their families.

A gentleman took a lady out for a drive the other day, and came home with a false curl attached to the button on the side of his cap. He wondered how it could have got there!

Remarkable Family of Gigantic Turks.

On Friday, January 27, the floor of our office trembled under the tread of the largest giant that ever pressed its boots since Minn & Co. commenced business.

The name of the individual referred to is Colonel Ruth Goshen, and he resides at present in Algenquin, Ill. He is a native of Turkey in Asia, and was born among the hills of Palestine.

What sort of a waist has the grandmother who comes in from the country to take care of you through a typhoid fever? When nine o'clock comes, she drives the young ladies, off to bed.

When her loving, laughing face appeared at the door, how we small chaps did tickle and squirm all over. But I must stop writing of her, or I shall have to lay down my pen. Never have I seen a girl of eighteen who was half so lovely.

It is not high crimes which destroy the peace of society. The village gossip, family quarrels, jealousies, and bickering neighbors, meddlesomeness and tattling, are the worms that eat into all social happiness.

The Triumphs of Old Age.

Physiologists tell us that with a greater prevalence of a knowledge of the laws of health, the world may expect an increase in the average duration of human life.

Nor are these wonders of longevity by any means confined to the German side of the contest. Thiers at seventy-five, fits with the vivacity of a boy from one camp to the other, is a negotiator of peace, and the executive head of the French government.

Opium.

Opium, prepared from the juice of the white poppy, is a very dangerous drug, and in China is very extensively used. The trade of the East India Company in this drug is about ten or eleven million pounds, of which China is the leading consumer.

As the hour for his daily dose approaches, the Turkish opium eater drags his emaciated frame slowly to the shop where he buys the drug, and turning his livid countenance toward the vender, demands his customary dose, which is large or small, according to the length of time during which he has yielded to its sway.

And let me think; why did I bring forward this treasure of my heart? Oh, I remember; it was to speak of her waist. How we used to laugh at her shape. We insisted that she was bigger around the waist than anywhere else.

A Russian Conjuror.

About the beginning of the present century a species of Cagliostro, or rather a superior kind of Wizard of the North, made his appearance at St. Petersburg, and astonished the natives by his marvelous performances.

The czar Alexander, having heard of his magical powers at the representation of his magical powers at Court, the hour fixed for him to make his appearance being 7 o'clock.

The czar pulling out his watch violently in order to confront what he considered a piece of downright insolence, was completely amazed. The watch marked 7 o'clock. In the confusion of the moment, the czar, who had been sitting at the table, started up and rushed toward the conjuror, who had just uttered the word "Abracadabra."

At mid-day to-morrow I shall have the pleasure of presenting to your Majesty, your Majesty, replied Pirnetti, who bowed and withdrew.

The gentlemen of the household followed the conjuror to make sure that he quitted the palace; they accompanied him to his lodgings, and a number of police surrounded the dwelling the moment he entered it.

"Aha! He has found out that the undertaking is impracticable, and he has abandoned it," observed the czar, with a smile.

Washington was a surveyor and farmer. Franklin was a printer. Greene was a blacksmith. Warren was a physician. Sumpter was a shepherd.

off this week, unless your Majesty orders a prolongation of my sojourn. "No!" hastily observed the czar, "it is not my intention to detain you; and moreover, I should vainly endeavor to keep you against your will. You know how to leave St. Petersburg as easily as you have found your way into the palace."

Pirnetti could not leave like an ordinary mortal; it was necessary that he should crown his success in the Russian Capital by something surpassing his previous effort; therefore, on the evening preceding the day fixed for his departure he announced that he should leave St. Petersburg the following day at 10 o'clock in the morning.

How a Thirsty Skipper was Sold.

The Bangor (Me.) Wig tells this story: "There is a master of a fishing schooner down the river, who thinks Bangor a hard town for a trade, and he tells this story in corroboration: Some time since he came up here with a quantity of fish, valued at about \$50, for sale.

Frightened half out of his wits, the captain started his crew and got out into the stream, but wind and tide being against him he was obliged to get out the oars and pull for dear life.

WORK AND WAIT.—There are two things that always pay even in this not over-remunerative existence. They are working and waiting. Either is useless without the other.

SUCH A LEAP.—A Wisconsin editor, while riding on the platform of a car recently, lost his hat. A train boy at his side suggested, jocosely, that he had better jump off and get it.

A PRINTERS' OPINION OF HIMSELF. The foreman of a printing office at West, who had been left in charge of a weekly paper, while the proprietor was enjoying a jaunt with his brethren of the press, thus announces the fact: "The editor of this journal being absent, accounts for the improved appearance of the paper, and the higher order of talent exhibited in its columns."

AMERICAN "ARISTOCRACY."—It may be a consolation to "stuck up people," whose great boast is that they have never been engaged in any useful employment, to be told of the following facts concerning the heroes of the Revolution:

Poverty and pride are inconvenient companions; but when idleness unites them, the depth of wretchedness is complete.

The three great conquerors of the world are Fashion, Love and Death.