

All For Nothing.

One of the most unfortunate men of our acquaintance is a good-looking clergyman, a widower, who has six grown-up daughters. Of course they are violently opposed to the thought of having a stepmother, and their poor father is subjected to a cruel espionage, and is compelled to take one or more of his daughters with him wherever he goes.

Trade Prospects in New York.

The New York Times prefaces a careful review of the feeling, condition and prospects of the different branches of trade in that city with the following remarks:—When, last fall, business men were invited to say what the prospect in trade was for the immediate future, they were full of confidence that "the bottom had been reached," and that a new era of prosperity was about to begin.

A MURDER IN STATE PRISON.—At the Connecticut State prison, Wethersfield, Saturday night, a convict named Henry Hamlin became possessed of several tools and a skeleton key, and was able to unlock the door of his cell after it had been locked for the night, but before the sliding bar had been put on, and getting out, secreted himself until the prison hall was quiet and only the night watchman was about.

It is said that thousands of buffalo are killed in Texas alone for their hides.

The Wheat Crop and Prices.

Russia has in the past been the only real rival of the United States, in exporting wheat for English and continental consumption. The districts of Russia which produce wheat for export are those tributary to the Black Sea.

Last year our wheat crop amounted to 200,000,000 bushels. This year it is fairly estimated at over 325,000,000 bushels. The largest amount ever exported in one year from the United States was 90,000,000 bushels. The average export is about 60,000,000 bushels; but last year only 40,000,000 bushels of wheat was exported, owing to a short crop.

Under ordinary circumstances, therefore, we might naturally expect to see the prices of wheat go below living rates. The speculators of the wheat markets, among the most ingenious, unscrupulous and well-informed of any class, have already attempted to carry prices down, so that they might get a large bulk on hand, to control prices within the near future.

We believe that large as is our wheat crop for 1877, it may all be absorbed in European markets, at good prices this year. There is now no prospect that the Russian-Turkish war is to be ended this season. If it continues next year it will prostrate the agricultural resources of the Russian Empire, so far as their export of grain is concerned.

CARRIER DOVES.—These useful birds increase in value with each new development of their usefulness. The latest application of the "homing" faculty, as it is called, of this bird, is the establishment of communication between lightships and the shore, at times when it is impossible to convey intelligence by any other method.

At the wedding of Madame Charles Hugo and M. Lockroy in Paris recently, Gambetta and Louis Blanc were conspicuous guests. On the same occasion Victor Hugo made famous Cab 1094 by a colloquy he held with the driver.

A Favorite Story of Dickens.

The following story may have gone the round of the newspapers but it is good enough for re-telling, since Dickens said of it: "You must know that I have appropriated that story and acquired immense reputation by it!"

KISSING DAY IN RUSSIA.—A curious Easter custom prevails among the Russians of all grades of society. The fashion is to present an egg to a friend the first time you meet him or her—most generally her—after twelve o'clock on Easter night.

Timid swains eagerly take advantage of this custom to obtain the privilege of embracing some fond object whom they would otherwise be too bashful to approach. These eggs are of all kinds—some simple hens' eggs, gilded, or silvered, or colored; red, blue, or violet; some sugar eggs, embellished with all kinds of fanciful designs.

On this day hundreds of thousands of these change hands in St. Petersburg alone, and the sum spent in their purchase must be prodigious.

A young fellow who was a bit of a Bohemian, fell in love with his landress, a charming young creature; and, in order that he might see her frequently, he contrived to have her call every day to take something to the wash.

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