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## About the Refagees: At a meeting of the Cooper Cnion,

 last week, in aid of the refugees of given) having charge of the novement in St. Louis, reported that within thelast fotir weeks $\overline{0}, 000$ refugees had reached that eity. He had called uppon Fred. Douglas, but was received
coidly hy him. He then went to the president, and Hayes evaded his questions. That is the President's
method. No one can tell what he means to do, however they may call, and however sharp they may be i
questioning. Then the agent went $t$ Mr. Conkling, and there he was re
ceived cordially; and the senator gave him encouragement, and aftur that his
work, he says, was easier. Why Frel. Douglas shonld meet this agent of the colored people (voluntary or other-
wise), with the iciness of a white priltician of the late school, says the possible that Douglas has become white inside, like the other patrints
who hang about AVashington; or does he disapprove of the action of free worse than the old slavery from wheh he, the same Fred. Douglas, fled year
ago, and was but too happy for any ago, and was but too happy
assistance tendered him then
-Only two cottages are being erec
ted at Newport for the coming scason. One owned by Mr. Philip Caswell of Boston, founder of the New York drug firm of Caswell, Hazard \& Co tecture, and stands in a commanding position, surrounded by twenty acres
of beantiful grounds. The cost wiil be $\$ 100,000$. The other new cottag belongs to Mr. P. S. Taggart, a retired
New York merchant.
-The advertising columns of the Cuts of cows, tilled with rude wool brand on her side, and her ears trimmed into irreguiar shapes. These the way in which their stock is marked for identification, so that when the beasts get nstray on the prairies, or
are stolen, they may be readily traced. The variety of cows cars must be great out there, for in these pietures may be three-pronged, and irregularly notehed ears, no cow having ears that match
each other. -The recent breaking out of yellow last season, lad been thotonghly fumijected to the frosts and coill of the entire winter in a northern port, is south for fear that the germs of the dread disease have not been killed by the winter's frusts, and a return of than ever wny break out and sweep of warm weather. Every possible precaution shonld be taken to prepare
for such a visitation, even in the north; and the work of cleansing up cannot be beguatoo early, or repeated
to often. to Herbert Sponeer for an explanation of the paradoxtcal customs
of the Japanse, citing examples as follows: "A piece of cord in Japan is twisted from left to right in the drawn toward the person using The teeth of a saw are so sot that it the upward puil that cuts. Then call the end, turning the leaves from ieft to right, while the hees rum up and rown the pase, instead of across, asd the pretes are numbered at tho and the hands are stationary. They say it is four oclock, meaning that with us it is alvays so much pest the starting point." Mr. Spencer rephed that the question involves "a wid range than at lirst sight appears," bu plea of lack of time

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master-moneral of the German pire wifl loe completed, according to present arrangements, in a year
and a half. Two lines will then traverse the empire diagonally
the one rumning from northeast the one rumning from northeast to Strasburg, the other from northwest to southeast, from Hamburg south of Silesia. These two main
sorn lines will cross one another in Berlin. In the asest of the empric
a subterranean telegraph will run a subterranean telegraph will run
in a curve from Strasbarg through
Colan another line will connect Konigsberg with Ratibor; and, finally, a
cable will traverse southern Germany, runuixg generally east and
west, though apparently the exact west, thourh apparently the exact
route for this last telegraph has not
yet been definitely decided Wheen the proposed system is com-
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