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Among our exports to Australia are rock-drills, steam-pumps, mill machinery, American stores, tram cars, barbed wire and lager beer.

It is stated on reliable authority that nearly one hundred thousand former members of Powderly's Knights of Labor have gone over to the new organization.

The anarchists have \$30,000 for their monument to the Haymarket murderers, while a fund for a monument to the brave policemen who were killed only amounts to \$4,000.

Georgia upholds the dignity of the press. One of its courts has decided that a newspaper man cannot be compelled by a grand jury to testify in a case where he had pledged his word to keep the source of his information sacred.

A Philadelphia capitalist, Hamilton Diston, has expended over \$1,000,000 in reclaiming swamp lands in Florida. A number of thriving towns have grown up in the reclaimed territory, and the work of dredging and cutting canals is being energetically prosecuted.

Lockyer, an English scientist, declares that the entire universe had its starting point at the meteorite. Another one declares that the beginning was caused by an impulse of nature. Now, if Lockyer would tell us how the meteorite was started, and the other party inform us what made nature so that it could "impulse," we might get nearer to the beginning of impulse.

Industrial exhibitions pay in this country, especially in the north. With the profits of this year the Minneapolis exposition pays off \$60,000 of its debt, leaving only \$9,000 of arrearage. A similar exhibit in Boston has even a still better record. The mechanics' fair in San Francisco is another remarkable illustration. It has been able from the profits of its annual exhibitions to acquire, free from debt, considerable valuable property adjacent to the new city hall, and to warrant assuming new obligations of greater magnitude than any hitherto risked by the managers, in another quarter of the city, relying upon the profits of future exhibitions to redeem them.

The Carnots of France are in one respect like the three generations of Mendelssohns. When Abraham Mendelssohn was a young man he was spoken of as the son of the great Mendelssohn, meaning Moses Mendelssohn; and when he was an old man he was renowned as the father of the great Mendelssohn, meaning Felix Mendelssohn, the composer. So when Lazere Hypollite Carnot was a young man he was famed as the son of the illustrious Carnot. Now he will be known as the father of the distinguished Sadi Carnot of the French republic. It is thus that family reputation sustains itself in Europe.

"REAR ADMIRAL HENEGAGE, who has just taken over the command of the Pacific squadron in succession to Sir Michael Seymour, has been charged with special instructions on two points of some interest," says the St. James Gazette. "He is first of all to visit Alaskan waters with a view to the protection of British interests there; and, subsequently, he is to make a special report for submission to the postoffice department on the Canadian Pacific railway as an imperial route to the east. This naval command has lost forever that isolation which was a characteristic feature when it took four months' steaming to get to it, and it has, beside, gained immensely in importance, owing to the development of commerce on both sides of the North Pacific."

Os Bedloe's Island in New York harbor, stands the great statue of Liberty Enlightening the World—the gift of France to America—its right hand, stretched toward heaven, bears a cluster of brilliant electric burners, forming the most powerful light that shines on land or sea. This light, which is enclosed and defended by heavy plate glass, is proving wonderfully fatal to birds. Last summer on one morning alone, 1,372 birds, actual count, were found lying dead around the foot of the statue. The great light attracts, allures, dazzles, and maddens the birds; they fly toward it with amazing and uncalculating swiftness and break their necks against the defending glass. This suggests the thought that there are other creatures besides birds who cannot bear the light of liberty, and who dash themselves to pieces in it. In sober truth, there are creatures among us who, having flown out of the darkness of old world despotism into the light of our liberty, become utterly dazzled, confused and crazed by it. It seems to cancel all power of thought and self-control. If the light was not sternly defended, they would put it

out. As it is they break their necks against the transparent but adamantine justice which defends, and which can alone protect the light of liberty.

The negotiations upon the fisheries question have been temporarily suspended so as to enable the Canadian commission to visit Canada in order to study the situation more fully from the dominion point of view. No statement has been made by the commissioners to the press regarding the result of the negotiations thus far, but from what has leaked out it appears that the United States commissioners demanded of Great Britain the admission of full commercial rights to American vessels in Canada and the placing of vessels of both countries on an equal footing as regards the navigation of the harbors of both. This demand was met by an offer to concede not only unrestricted navigation of Canadian waters to vessels of the United States, but also the privilege of inshore fishing in return for the consent of the United States to a new reciprocity treaty based on that of 1854. This demand the United States commissioners are unwilling to concede, holding that the rights which they demand are rights which they should not be asked to buy. So the matter rests for the present. There is little chance for the adoption of the Canadian proposition if for no other reason than that the question of revenue adjustment, which would, of course, be affected by a reciprocity treaty with Canada, is just about to be dealt with by congress.

WHO WROTE SHAKESPEARE? How the Element of "Doubt" Leads to Grand Achievements.

The world is agitated again over the question of who was the author of Shakespeare's plays. The world is full of doubting Thomases. The man who has been successful in exciting the present momentary interest in the subject is like most successful agitators, an Irishman. He claims to have discovered a cipher running through the Shakespearean plays which proves them to have been written by Lord Bacon. It is also claimed that there is a cipher in the epitaph on the mossgrown tombstone which, properly interpreted, leads to the same conclusion. This age shows a decided inclination to pry into mysteries. It can make no difference to Shakespeare now whether the world believes he wrote the plays that bear his name or not. The plays are immortal. Ignatius Donnelly cannot rob us of these grand works, even though he should succeed in robbing Shakespeare of his glory. Were it not for doubting Thomases many of man's great accomplishments would never have been brought to successful issue. Men have been stricken down without warning. Doubt put in motion the investigation which ascertained the cause. After the discovery of the cause, the world was ignorant of any remedy with which to stay the terrible slaughter of humanity, and medical science said it was impossible. Doubt led the way to the light, and Warner's safe cure solved the seemingly unsolvable problem. Its friends tell us with conclusive proof that the unsuspected kidney disease befalls the blood and causes most of our diseases!

For years the heart was looked upon as the most important organ in the body but doubt led to further inquiry, which developed the fact that the kidneys are the real blood purifiers of the system and these organs now attract the first attention of the careful practitioner. It is now a recognized fact that if they are put in a healthy state by the use of that remedy possessing such wonderful curative and cleansing powers most of the prevailing diseases of the system will be easily overcome, since their cause will be removed. How unimportant, in comparison with such problems, is the present discussion as to the authorship of Shakespeare!

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