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In following up the question of Foreign Immigration, we would ask. Is there one out of every hundred who come here from foreign lands, with whom it is safe to trust our right of suffrage? What is the main incentive that induces immigrants to leave their native land and come to America? We answer the hope of making money. It is seldom the freedom and independence of our government is taken into consideration except so far as the liberties guarantee better opportunities of getting rich. If the citizens of the old world have become so much imbued with the idea of freedom and independence and have fallen so much in love with our republican form of government, why don't they change their home government to one of freedom and independence?

Now we believe any impartial observer will agree that what we have stated is correct, and if so it is fair to presume that foreigners, as a class, will vote and work for any measure conducive or that will contribute to the incentive that has brought them to this free country; even if such a measure imperils our freedom.

In conclusion, is it safe to trust such an element with the ballot boxes.

MANY years practice has given C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of patents at Washington D. C., unsurpassed success in obtaining patents for all classes of inventions. They make a specialty of rejected cases, and have secured allowance of many patents that have been previously rejected. Their advertisement in another column will be of interest to inventors, patentees, manufacturers and all who have to do with patents.

EX SENATOR Mahone, of Virginia, is said to have serious designs on the Farmer's Alliance, and that the action of the republican State committee, of which he is chairman, in deciding to put up no republican nominations this year, was in furtherance of those designs. Mahone will bear watching; having no principles himself he is always willing to endorse those of anybody else, always provided that he is to be thereby benefited.

Bob Bardette thinks the "Girl Novelists" is overworking the adjectives in the English language, and Bob is in the near neighborhood of the truth. He might also have added that they are overworking the patience of the reading public.

THE republicans do not appear to like the idea of that democratic missionary car travelling through the northwest. Well, it isn't to be sent out for the benefit of the republican party.

THE head porter of a Chicago hotel has retired with a fortune of \$100,000. No wonder ordinary travelers stand in awe of hotel porters.

RAILROAD accidents are becoming so frequent as to make one wish that the inventors would hurry up with the balloon lines.

ARSENIC AND AMMONIA.

Remarkable Contrast in the Effect of Two Poisons on the Complexion.

The slow absorption of many poisons changes in some more or less modified form the complexion, but arsenic and ammonia show their effect about as quickly as any. The popular belief that arsenic clears the complexion has led many silly women to kill themselves with it in small, continued doses.

It produces a waxy ivory-like appearance of the skin during a certain stage of the poisoning, but its terrible after effects have become so well known to make it of common use as a cosmetic.

The effects of ammonia upon the complexion are directly the opposite to that of arsenic. The first symptom of ammonia poisoning which appears among those who work in ammonia factories is a discoloration of the skin of the nose and forehead. This gradually extends over the face until the complexion has a stained, blotched, and unsightly appearance. With people who take ammonia into their systems in smaller doses, as with their water or food, these striking symptoms do not appear so soon. The only effect of the poison that is visible for a time is a general unwholesomeness and sallowness of the complexion.

Many persons are slowly absorbing ammonia poison without knowing it. The use of ammonia in the manufactures has greatly increased of late, and it is unquestionably used as an adulterant in certain food preparations. Official analysis have plainly shown its use even in such cheap articles of every day consumption as baking powders. The continued absorption of ammonia in even minute quantities as an adulterant in food is injurious not merely from its effect upon the complexion, but because it destroys the coating of the stomach and causes dyspepsia and kindred evils.

Professor Long of Chicago, is authority for the statement that, if to fifty million parts of water there is one part of ammonia, the water is dangerous.

She Shot a Chinese.

Blanche Henry, a disreputable woman, fired a shot at a Chinese named Lee Mon at her place, 834 Sacramento street, last night. Because the Chinese annoyed her she drew her revolver and discharged the contents of one chamber, missing Lee by a mere shade, but peppering his face with the powder. Lee scampered off in terror, but when the police arrived he charged the woman with attempting to kill him which she promptly admitted without compunction. She was detained in the City Prison on a charge of assault to murder.—S. F. Examiner.

A large number of distinguished scientists are at Washington D. C., in attendance upon the annual convention of the American Association for the advancement of Science.

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