topics of the day. The total number of children in the
United States of "school age," which United States of "school age," which
varies in each state from four to sixvaries in each state from four to six-
teen, is estimated at $16,052,283$; the schools rolls for 1882 show a membership of $9,781,521$, however, and a daily average attendance of $5,705,342$.
The Worshipful Company of Gro cers, of London, have issued an announcement, offering a prize of $\$ 5000$
for the best original essay on Sanitary Science. This prize is awarded every four years, and is open to universal competition, British and foreign.
Somebody travelling in New South Wales writes that the famous cataracts of this country are mere spigot-
exhibitions beside the waterfalls to be seen there. At the Wentworth Falls, for instance, the river drops down 1500 feet, with but a single break is fairly unable to see the bottom because of the spray. And then "the
valley below the falls spreads out into a great amphitheater fifty miles across, and hemmed in on every side
but one with perpendicular walls on the mountain."

Over the door of a small frame building in which a colored family is
living, in Greenville. Tenn, is a pine living, in Greenville, Tenn., is a pine
board on which is the legend, now al board on which is the legena, now, "A Johnson, Tailor." A little beyond the western border of the town is a mar-
be monument that marks the last home of "Andrew Johnson, President of the United States." This little pair of facts would provide a full meal for the pessimist, and suggests the incom-
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greatness and $n u l$.
It is a fact worthy of note that, of all the classic Venuses known to in modern times, the Venus of Milo is certainly the most popular. It is cal culated that every year some fifty-five ble, plaster and terra cotta are sold in Europe, while for its photographs it aan claim a greater sale than even
Mrs. Langtry or Miss Mary Anderson in the zenith of their fame. made by the French government, this matchless statue was computed to be worth a great fortune.
The business of the manufacture proportions in America. The Brewers Journal shows that the ale and beer
sold last year, in six states alone amounted to the following: New York 5,843,254 barrels; Pennsylvania, 1,706 646 barrels; Ohio, $1,585,852$ barrel Wisconsin, $1,298,183$ barrels; Minois,
$1,071,403$ barrels, and Missouri, 1,022 ,659 barrels, New York city alone shows sales of $3,239,908$ barrels; Phil dent that the consumption of beer and ale in Amermans Englismen

The well-known Italian economist, Signor Cirio, has come to the conclu-
sion that Italy ought to raise her own potatoes and that now is the time and Sardinia the place for the experiment. He has selected some of the best
varieties, will follow the most approved methods of cultivation, and will carefully note the results for the purpose
of ascertaining the kind best adapted to the requirements of the Italian farmer. Signor Cirio, however, has al-
ready been reminded that he will have to persuade his countrymen to become hope to make potato-planting general and popular.
In Dakota there are great numbers of Norwegians, who have been at-
tracted to the country by the flaming tracted to the country by the flaming panies, and still more by letters from friends already on the ground. They are not disappointed, for they
content to begin very humbly. first a house of sods of one room satisfactory, though the pig is a fellow sty close by the front door, and the pis only enters the house occasionally as a visitor. Next, the house-made sod stove must make way for an iron one dwelling all wood, and costing per haps as much as $\$ 200$. When thi house, with its windows and its hingled roof, is finally painted whit
in its wildest flight can picture nothing more luxurious or beautiful.

A clear example of the ease with which A
sound statistics is shown in the following: Dr. Guy, the English statistician calcuated with reason that the actual nean age at death, which is twentynine years in England, is only twenty years in America. A careless writer was a very unhealthy place to live in, as compared with England, and it was necessary to inform him that the mean age at death depends upon the pro-
portion of old and young in a populaportion of old and this varies in different places and in the same place at different times. It was also explained that the mean age of death is useless as a professions unless the age distribution of the living persons engaged in them is known.
In the report of the medical officer of the Woking (England) Prison for Females for last year a number of in-
teresting cases are detailed. After instancing the case of a woman who who was over and over again convicted and sent to prison, whose passion for destroying prison furniture and her
own clothing never ceased, and who died at fifty years of age whispering a regret that her strength would not permit her to indulge as formerly in acts of violence, the medical officer goes on to say, in connection with the subject of wrong-doing and the con-
dition of the brain, that he was led dition of the brain, that he was led
during a series of examinations to the discovery that a very notable number of conviet women have had their skull fractured. It is not uncommon
hear a woman say, "I knew I was in temper, but I could not help it; was mad." This irascibility and loss frequently associated with a damaged skull and presumably an injured brain.
Mr. Bookwalter, of Ohio, who during his recent tour around the world rial information as well as of natural curiosities, is much impressed with the
aetual and prospective competition etween the wheat growers of America and those of India. "The fact is a
signiticant one." he says, "that although the India farmer ploughs his groun respects the crudest methods of tillage espects the crudest methods of tilage raising an average of a little over varying but slightly from the average the appliances of science and skilfu methods of farming. This would limate be sufficient evidence that the more favorable to the growth of wheat than our own, and we are justified in
inferring that if the same methods and appliances were employed in Indi and with the same intelligence as here, ncreased over that of America."

Some years ago the United States overnment bought in Asia Minor beasts of burden for army use in New Mexico and Arizona. For some time hey were used between Fort Tejon times 100 gallons of water, and going without a drink for themselves for nine days at a time. For some reademned and sold the camels at Benicia, Cal., to two Frenchmen, who use them in carrying salt to Virginia City,
Nevada. Their next experience was in "packing" ore in Southern Arizona, turned them loose upon the desert, where they have been roaming wild of sage and greasewood and the thorny herbage of the desert. With herds of wild camels in Arizona, ostriches in Southern California, Moorish architecture wherever Indians have settled and pearl and sponge fishing in its adjacent seas, our remote Southwest can offer the tourist pretty much all there is in Northern Africa.

A very remarkable increase of manuActuring facilities in the South has been noted since the latest census was
taken. The gain has been so large that it has excited attention from interested persons everywhere. Accord-
ing to a writer in the Baltimore Manuthe South of iron, steel and of agricultural implements acquired in the Thus, from 345.570 tons of iron in 1870, the production in ten Southern States, not including Virginia, in-
creased to 614,971 tons in 1880 . More remarkable still have been the changes in the last three years. Here are a tons of iron and steel:

## $\begin{array}{llll} & 1870 . & 1880 . & 1883 . \\ & & \\ \text { Alabama, } & 7,060 & 62,986 & 128,000 \\ \text { Georgin, } & 9,64 & 35,152 & 80,00 \\ \text { Tennessee, } & 3,3,30 & 77,100 & 105,000\end{array}$

In 1880 there were in twelve Southern States 296 establishments for the manufacture of agricultural implements, almost all of which, excepting those in Kentucky and Virginia, had ployed 2,638 hands, and $\$ 3,509,81$ ployed 2,053 hands, and $80,509,081$ material valued at $1,646,750$, and produced wares valued at $\$ 3,557,604$.

## A Story of the War.

In that desperate battle of Murfreesboro, or, as some may call it, Stone riv gallant and daring charge was made Breckinridge's brigade on the asked batteries of Gen. Rosecrans, so placed as to do fearful work. The of the war, and among the foremost in it was the First Louisiana regiment In this regiment a brave soldier and ntrepid officer was Lieut. J. B. Trist, of this city. Manfully he went forth the terrible ordeal, and while leading his men was struck down, mortally wounded, It was impossible to withdecimated and torn, Breckintidge's
brigade was forced back. The Feder als swept over the field, which was covered with the dead and dying, and,
while the bloody work was still going while the bloody work was still going
on, one of their number, Sergt. George W. Kent, who was afterward first lieutenant of company B, 88th Ilinois
volunteers, saw poor Trist, fast sinking from his wounds, lying on the ing fro
field.
Sergt. Kent went to the side of the dying southern lieutenant and gave Iraught of water from his canteen, and then, to protect him from the cold,
arefully wrapped him up in som blankets packed up on the battlefield in such a bloody hour, such brotherly attention met with a grateful respons in the heart of the dying man, and taking off his sword he presented it in most his last words to the succoring Kent became lieutenant. He treasurd the sword dearly, and when the Trist's name, date of battle, etc, en graved on the scabbard, intending to some months ago, thinking that rela
Sol tives of the dead lieutenant might de sire to recover the sacred relic, Lient, Kent wrote to the association of the y was put in communication with him. $\Delta$ few days ago the sword reach ed this city, and the brother of the gal lant dead officer, N. B. Trist, receive it, 21 years after the battle. Lieut,
Kent, of Gridley, McLean county, IIL, Kent, of Grialey, McLeale here with will ever be remembered here
sentiments of the warmest regard.

Educated by the Newspapers.
A member of a manufacturing firm, that employs 500 men, told a committee of the United States senate that reading the newspapers, and not from books, and that by reading the papers he kept himself informed on the literature and current events of the day. Thousands of other prominent busi ness men would make the same ac subject. The tendency of all literature is toward expansion, so the most industrious reader of books can scarce newspapers, on the contrary, condense nearly everything into as few words as possible. Were a student to attempt o give the political, socia, religious
and literary history of the world for a day he might do it in far more elegant style than the newspapers, but his history would occupy the reader's paper is the true American university

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The Governor Kissed Patti.
Governor Crittenden, of Mississippi,
has improved his reputation according o a story told by Patti to a St. Louis
Post-Diepatch reporter. She was at the of her singibing of "Home, Sweet Home "
of of her singing of "Home, Sweet Home.
She said: "Now, every one seemed s pleased when I sang it that it made me
feel good to see them. Were they not
pleased? such a funny thing pleased? such a funny thing happened was-yes, Governor Crittenden came to see me after that night, and what do you
think he did? Well, he kissed me. He said: 'Mme. Patti, I may never see you
again, and I cannot help it,' and before I knew it he threw his arms around me and was kissing me." The diva laughed
heartily and merrily at the recollection of the incident.
"Is that the privilege of governors
only, madame" ${ }^{\text {" }}$ asked the susceptible reporter

Now, it wouldn't do, you know, t ave everybody washing my face, but an old gentleman, and a nice-lookn
gentleman-I think he was nice ng-but the truth is he kissed me so
puick I didn't have time to see, an especially when they do not give
time to object, what can Idor"
Photographing on linen will never wash out. Henry Irving's portrait was
on each napkin used at the London banquet given hime ere he left for America, the napkins being intendea a
for the guests to take away.

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