

California and Florida orange growers are beginning to fear that Mexico is soon to be a powerful rival in their business.

Twenty thousand people live in Alexandria, Va., yet during the month of March not a wedding occurred.

It is estimated that between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 pounds of maple sugar, or its equivalent in syrup, is made in the United States each year.

Man is the universal animal. It is estimated that there is 1,250,000,000 of him on the globe. The sheep rank next with 500,000,000; 300,000,000 cattle, 100,000,000 hogs, (the four-footed variety,) and 60,000,000 horses continue the list.

The custom of tolling the bells of steamboats while passing Grant's grave on the Hudson River has been adopted by a few boats, in imitation of the custom among steamboat men on the Potomac when passing Washington's grave at Mount Vernon.

Next to England, little Holland is the greatest colonial power in the world. She has 800,000 square miles of colonial possessions, some of them the richest in the world. This gives her wonderful commercial power.

The packing of hogs at the leading Western points from March 1 to April 24 was as follows: Chicago, 435,000; Kansas City, 233,000; Omaha, 102,700; St. Louis, 105,000; Indianapolis, 52,000; Cincinnati, 45,000; Milwaukee, 53,886; Cleveland, 36,100.

The Swiss watchmakers have invented a watch for the blind. A small peg is set in the middle of each figure. When the hour hand is moving toward a given hour, the peg for that hour drops. The person finds the peg is down, and then counts back to twelve.

Official statistics continue to show a decrease in immigration into the United States, the arrivals for nine months of the current fiscal year numbering 255,797, as compared with 293,231 during the same period of last year, and 260,961 during the nine months of the year previous.

To prevent belts conveying power from slipping on pulleys, it is proposed to cover the pulley with perforated sheet iron one-sixteenth of an inch thick, riveting this to the pulley; the tension on the belt causes it to slightly grip the holes, and thus slipping is avoided, while at the same time the pulley is strengthened.

Mrs Margaret Arnold, the oldest person in Ohio, was born near Richmond, Va., on July 4th, 1777. Her father was Robert Kiser, four of whose twelve children are still living. Mrs Arnold spends all of her time now in bed, and is totally blind. She has a remarkable appetite and weighs 110 pounds. Her height is 5 feet 2 inches. Since the year 1819 she has been addicted to the tobacco habit, and even now lights her pipe now and then. She does not say much, but is by no means an imbecile.

The Russian government proposes to build the longest railroad in the world. It will extend from St Petersburg to the Pacific ocean, a distance of 7,000 miles. About one-fourth of the line has already been constructed. It has been suggested that a road be built up the Alaska coast to meet it, and that Behring straits be bridged by means of the many islands it contains. Stranger things have happened, and we may yet go from New York to Paris by rail.

The dancing bear business has become so great in New Orleans that the police courts have taken action on the matter and ordered the seizure of all bears found upon the public roads unless caged. There is scarcely a house in Louisiana that has not been visited by wandering Turks and their bears. If a dime is given to one of them to get rid of him, the unhappy donor will find a dozen bears and two dozen Turks at his front door the next morning, all asking for the same recompense. If they get no money, they will ask for food, and if refused, they will lie down in front of the house and express their intention of dying there.

Blood oranges, for which a big demand has already sprung up in New York, probably because there is a big supply, have long been popular in Paris, so popular that suspicion was cast on their genuineness. The supply of blood oranges in Paris a year ago seemed to be enormous, and the question arose whether common plain oranges were not colored by artificial means. On submitting a "blood" orange to an analytical chemist it was discovered that fuchsine, a red, harmless coloring matter, had been injected with a small syringe.

Bushrod Washington Adams, of Philadelphia, owns George Washington's watch and seal. They are on deposit at the vaults of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company. Mr Adams' father was the most intimate friend of Gen Washington's nephew, Judge Bushrod Washington. The watch and seal, together with two of Washington's diaries, were left to Mr Adams by name in Judge Washington's will. The existence of the two diaries was not known to the United States Government until last year, when a stenographer was sent to Philadelphia to copy them, and thus completed the collection of Washington's diaries.

Minnesota has a law which provides that the counties shall provide seed grain to such of their farmers who are too poor to buy it. In Marshall county, that state, the county commissioners in three days received 304 applications for grain, of which 100 were rejected. The number of bushels of grain asked for in the applications accepted were: Wheat, 19,660; oats, 2,589; barley, 1,034.

The original copper plates from which Audubon's book on the Birds of America was printed were recently sold to a brass company at Ansonia, Conn., and all but two of them melted down. By the merest accident the identity of the plates was discovered in time to save these two, and the proprietor of the works has had them polished and inserted as panels in a mantel-piece in his library.

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