

The Democrat.

A recent discussion about the height of trees in the forests of Victoria, Australia, brings from the government botanist the statement that he has seen one 525 feet high. The chief inspector of forests measured a fallen one that was 495 feet.

In Cypress the eggs of locusts are gathered, and the developed insects are caught in systems of screens. The quantity of eggs collected was 37½ tons in 1879, 237 tons in 1880, and 1330 tons in 1881. More than 6000 screens were used in 1882, and 195,000,000 insects were destroyed; while in 1886 there were more than 11,000 screens and 13,000 traps, the former representing an aggregate length of about 315 miles.

Nineteen hundred will not be a leap year, because the length of the year is not exactly 365¼ days. It is really a little less (eleven minutes and fourteen seconds), and as the difference keeps increasing from year to year, it is necessary to drop out the extra day every hundred years or so, to bring the calendar right. Even this correction is not quite exact, but it will serve for a great many centuries, so there is no pressing need of reform.

Hot water is now a remedy so popular and varied in its applications that it is not surprising to hear it recommended for the treatment of inflamed and aching eyes. An American writer, a woman whose eyesight was wonderful, considering her age and the immense amount of labor she performed, attributed it mainly to the custom of bathing her eyes freely in water as hot as could be borne, night and morning, a habit continued for many years.

In Great Britain, according to an eminent authority, the ratio of increase from 1840 to 1850 was only 2.49 per cent, while from 1870 to 1880 it was 10.57 per cent. In his annual report for 1885 Consul Gen. Raibe of Berlin estimated that Great Britain doubled its population in fifty-one years. At this rate of increase it will take but 204 years to give that country a population of 450,000,000, or 5333 people for every square mile of territory. Germany doubles its population every forty-seven years, which rate in less than a century will give it 568 persons for every square mile. At present, with only 217 to the mile, the country is crowded. Dr D T Taylor, writing from Australia last February, said that at the present rate of increase the population of the island in 1991 will not be less than 94,000,000.

LEARN TO BE HOUSEKEEPERS.

Begin with your own possessions, girls. Refer to your upper bureau drawer; relieve your closet-pegs of their accumulation of garments out of use a month or two ago. Institute a clear and careful order in the midst of which you can daily move, and learn to keep it so that it will be a part of your toilet to dress your room and its arrangements while you dress yourself, leaving the draperies you take off as lightly and artistically hung, or as delicately folded and placed, as the skirts you loop carefully to wear, or the ribbon and lace you put with a soft neatness about your throat. Cherish your instincts of taste and fitness in every little thing you have about you. This will not make you "fussy," it is the other thing that does that, the not knowing, except by fidgety experiment, what is harmony and the intangible grace of relation. Take upon yourself gradually, for the sake of getting them in hand in like manner, if for no other need, all the cares that belong to your own small territory of home. Have your little wash cloths and your sponges for bits of cleaning; your furniture brush, and your leather duster, and your light little broom, and your whisk and pan; your bottle of sweet oil and spirits of turpentine and piece of flannel to preserve the polish, or restore the gloss where dark wood grows dim or gets spotted. Find out, by following your surely growing sense of thoroughness and niceness, the best and readiest ways of keeping all fresh about you. Invent your own processes; they will come to you. When you make yourself wholly mistress of what you can learn and do in your own apartments, so that it is easier and more natural for you to do it than to let it alone, then you have learned to keep a whole house so far as its cleanly ordering is concerned.

Our Republican friends are likely to get into trouble over the tariff question. With the great favored class asking for more on the one hand, and the New England iron men insisting for free coal and pig iron, the bicycle makers demanding free steel rods, and the woolen manufacturer's clamoring for free wool on the other, the situation is becoming interesting.

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