





AN EXTRAORDINARY BALE OF COTTON.—A sample of the finest bale of cotton ever produced was exhibited at the New York Cotton Exchange, July 21st. The weight of the bale was 443 pounds, which in the aggregate realized the respectable sum of \$3,312 10—an average of 87 48 per pound. The cotton was raised by W. B. McShaw, Lee County, Mississippi, and was picked by himself, and his wife, and daughter, in their parlor, and was the first premium of \$500 for the best bale of short staple cotton offered at the St. Louis Fair last October. Again, it took the sweepstakes prize of \$1,000 offered for the best bale of cotton in the Fair, in June, presented by the same party. After this Mr. McShaw donated the cotton to the Southern Educational Society, which offered it at the St. Louis Corn Exchange, and sold it to Mr. D. G. Tait at thirty cents per pound. It was then presented to the same society, when it was again sold at twenty-five cents per pound. Again it was presented to the society, when it realized thirty-eight cents per pound, the buyer in this case presenting it as formerly. After this it was not offered for sale by the society, but was raffled for \$1,000, and finally sold and resold to Messrs. Shroyok and Co., who shipped it to New Orleans, where it was sold to the Northern Cotton and Lumber Company, and was then shipped to New York, where it was sold to the same party at thirty cents per pound. It is a very fine specimen of the cotton of the South, and is well adapted for the manufacture of fine fabrics.

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STATISTICS OF BRITISH FRIENDS.—Some curious statistics have lately been published in reference to the Society of Friends in Great Britain. Their numbers, steadily on the decline for years, have now fallen to 10,113, nearly equally divided between the sexes. In addition to these about 4,000 persons, not members of the society, attend its meetings for worship. Fifty-two managers took place in the society last year, and a number of new members, many of them, marrying outside, had the wedding ceremony performed in other than Quaker meetings. The society gained by 27 births during the year, and lost by 270 deaths; in addition to the latter there was a loss by resignation, and of 24 by "disavowment"—in plain terms, expulsion. To balance these losses, 12 persons joined the society by "convincement"—a considerable number, seeing that, like Unitarians and others, the Quakers do not seek to make proselytes.

Miscellaneous.

A PORTRAIT OF BOSTONIANS.

The Rev. Dr. De Witt Talmage, the eccentric Brooklyn preacher, gives us a picture of Bostonians in the Methodist. Here are some of the touches of his brush:

RULES FOR GOOD HEALTH.

Keep the feet warm and the head cool. Breathe pure air. Keep the skin clean. Take rest and exercise in such proportions as the body seems to require.

VALUABLE TREES.

It is astonishing to me to see how little value some people seem to place on a handsome tree, even fruit trees. Having had occasion to move and repair up an old building, the carpenter who has charge of the job thought at one time to cut down a fine apple tree or tear a porch off another building to make room for it to pass.

GILDING.

In treating of the characteristics of gold, in The London Mechanics Magazine, Prof. Dembansky says gold is so extremely ductile that a grain of it is capable of extension over an area of 563 square inches.

NEW FORM OF STEAM ENGINE.

Among the recent English inventions is a new form of steam engine, involving the use of the piston and construction. In a disc or wheel, mounted on a hollow fixed shaft, are cylindrical chambers, in which weighted pistons work steam tight.

HOW ARAB LADIES PERFORM THEMSELVES.

The Arab ladies perform themselves in a manner described by Sir Samuel Baker, in his work on the Nile.

ODDS AND ENDS.

During the late war in Europe, it was demonstrated that the German Navy was suffering from many disadvantages. Neither the harbors nor the works of fortification about them were complete.

LARGEST DEPOT IN THE WORLD.

On Saturday, July 1st, the offices of the Harlem and New York and New Haven Railroad companies, were completed on the corner of Fourth and Forty-second streets.

SUNSHINE FOR SLEEPLESSNESS.

Sleepless people—and there are many in America—should court the sun. The very rays of the sun, if taken in, and the very best sunshine, therefore it is very plain that hours in the day in the sunshine, and as few as possible in the shade.

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