

British and Foreign.

France derived 950,000 francs last year from the tax on cycles, the number of machines being 132,276.

Glencoe, the scene of the massacre of the MacDonalds was lately sold for \$80,000. The estate comprised 6,300 acres.

Ibsen's income tax has just been assessed in Norway at \$335, based on a fortune of \$44,000 and an income of \$3,300.

Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday. He went to India on entering the army in 1820, and saw almost all his active service there.

United States magazine rifle is said by London Engineering "to possess all the requisites now universally admitted to be necessary to a perfect magazine gun."

Kossuth's son has been declared by the authorities to be ineligible to the Hungarian Parliament, as he is not a Hungarian subject, and has never taken steps to become one.

Miss Raine, an eccentric lady, who died recently in London, left as a legacy to Lord Randolph Churchill her mansion and estate in Oxfordshire, "in recognition of his commanding political genius."

Schools of commerce are to be established by the Italian Government at trade centres in Asia Minor, where there is a considerable Italian-speaking population. A beginning has just been made at Beyrout.

Brussels has a new executioner. He was a waiter in a saloon, and was dared by his companions into betting that he would try for the place. He won the bet and the place, which carries with it a salary of some 1,200 francs a year.

Since the new Tower Bridge was opened two months ago, an average of 70,000 foot passengers and over 3,000 teams have crossed it daily. On the first Sunday 156,000 people crossed. It has reduced the crowd on London Bridge by nearly one-half.

At Bologna it has lately been discovered that the university seal has been forged and affixed to spurious diplomas. The chief offender has been arrested, and it is believed that the diplomas of other Italian universities will be brought under suspicion.

Fonts of type and a printing press are now ready to be presented by the Bible Society to the Katholikos of the Armenian Church. He has agreed to have not only the ancient version printed, but also that in the Armenian now spoken around Mount Ararat.

Thirty years ago, in 1864, W. C. Grace, then a boy of 17, made his first three-figure score in an important cricket match. The other day, being nearly 50, he ran up a clean score of 131 against the best professional bowlers of England in the "Gentlemen and Players" match, making the ninety-ninth "century" to his credit, a performance never approached by any other cricketer.

By 1896 ten of the thirty-three English Judges will have served fifteen years, and be entitled to retire on a pension. The Master of the Rolls, Lord Esher (Brett) has served twenty-five years; Baron Pollock "the last of the Barons" of the Exchequer, twenty-two; Lord Justice Lindley, nineteen; Lord Justice Lopes and Justice Hawkins eighteen. The late Lord Coleridge had been twenty-one years on the bench.

At Maisons Lafitte, near Paris, a Spanish bull fight was given for the entertainment of his friends in a private ring built for the purpose by M. Max Lebandy, the young heir of a rich sugar refiner, who is now showing all France how fast he can spend his father's millions. The fight was very brutal. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals tried to stop it, but the police refused to interfere, as it was a private entertainment.

During the past five years the production of tin in the Dutch East Indies and the Straits settlements has increased greatly. The shipments to Europe and America to the end of August, 1894, were 44,118 tons, as against 27,557 tons in 1890. The syndicate which is trying to corner the market will have to obtain control of this source of supply to succeed, as well as of the visible supply, which was over 20,000 tons in August and only 14,000 tons a year ago.

The French Academy of Medicine has taken up the question of the healthfulness of bicycling, and at a recent meeting decided to investigate the subject thoroughly. Besides a number of sudden deaths from heart disease ascribed to the practice, cases were reported of tuberculosis being reawakened by cycling, and of vertebral disease. The Academy resolved unanimously that till the results of the inquiry are known "the use of the bicycle (safety) should be permitted only after a careful medical examination of the individual." Paris papers irreverently translate this "a lousie a visit, if you please."

Two Lucky Men.

The particulars of a remarkable cure of consumption, after the patient had reached the last stages, related in the article published in last week's issue under the heading "An Open Letter from a Prominent Physician," has caused much comment. It is well known that physicians, as a rule, are averse to speaking words of praise for an advertised medicine, however meritorious it may be, and when one of them casts this prejudice aside and gives in plain unvarnished language the particulars of a case that must take rank among the most remarkable in the practice of medicine, it is not only a noteworthy triumph for the medicine in question, but also reflects credit on the physician who has cast aside his professional prejudice and gives the result of his use of the medicine for the benefit of suffering humanity. In the articles published from time to time, vouched for by reliable newspapers, the public have had the strongest evidence that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is a medicine of remarkable merit, and now to these is added on the authority of a well-known physician, over his signature, the particulars of a cure of consumption through the timely use of Dr. Williams' famous Pink Pills. It cannot be too widely known that a remedy has been found that will cure this hitherto deadly and unconquered disease, and if any of our readers have not read the article to which we refer we would advise them to look up last week's issue and give it a careful perusal. The facts related may prove of valuable assistance in a time of need.

Mr. C. C. Heine, a writer on the New York Insurance Monitor, has created a sensation by stating that the average Jew re risk is twice as liable to burn as an American risk.

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That Open Letter.

Less than a month ago S. Lahishensky was a poor, struggling young tailor, at 214 Jackson boulevard. To-day he is one of the happiest men in Chicago, for fame fortune has smiled upon him in a most substantial way and he is the proud possessor of quite a comfortable bank account. It happened in this way:

Mr. Lahishensky is a Hebrew. He was born twenty-two years ago in the land of the Czar, where the Jews are much persecuted. Five years ago, alone, and almost penniless, he left his native and sought a home in America, finally locating in Chicago in 1891. He had learned tailoring in Russia and at 214 Jackson boulevard he started a little repairing shop about five months ago.

On Friday, Aug. 10, W. Rothenberg, a customer of Mr. Lahishensky, came into the shop and chanced to show two one-twentieth tickets in the Honduras National Lottery (Louisiana State Lottery) which he had purchased for 50 cents. Mr. Lahishensky offered to take one of them, more as a jest than ought else, and was given one of the slips, for which he gave Mr. Rothenberg 25 cents. The drawing took place on Aug. 14 and Mr. Lahishensky was surprised that the number on his ticket, 18,172, had drawn the second capital prize of \$20,000. He presented his ticket and last week received a check for \$1,000, being the one-twentieth to which he was entitled.

Mr. Lahishensky is an industrious, energetic and deserving young man in whose hands the money will be well spent. When asked by a reporter for The Dispatch what he intended to do with the money he replied: "I am going to send a part of it to my father and mother, who are still in Russia. The remainder I shall use to enlarge and expand my business, and to build myself up in Chicago. I appreciate the good fortune and I have purchased another ticket in the September drawing of the Honduras National Lottery. That company is honest and prompt and paid my prize without a quibble."

W. Rothenberg, who held the other one-twentieth of the same number, lived at 25 Newbury avenue, but when a reporter of The Dispatch called there it was found he had moved; none of his neighbors could give his present address. But Mr. Lahishensky said he knew Mr. Rothenberg had gotten his money also. Mr. Rothenberg was a workman in very moderate circumstances, and the money paid him by the Honduras National Lottery company will prove a blessing to him and his family and will be well spent, no doubt.—Chicago (Ill.) Dispatch, Sept. 14.

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