

FOREIGN NEWS.

Education in France—Skobloff on the Eastern Question—The Spanish Navy—Bottling Tears—The Cholera Germ—Etc. &c.

Since the organization of Mr. Spurgeon's Stockwell orphanage 924 fatherless children have been sheltered and cared for.

A portion of the tunnel being excavated in Glasgow for an underground railway recently fell in.

From a bedroom in Windsor castle were recently stolen a valuable gold watch and a silver chain and medal.

At Wrenham, in Wals, a few weeks ago, one of the attendants at a menagerie, while cleaning out the cage of the lions, placed his right arm inside the bars, when one of the animals suddenly tore it off at the elbow.

A revolution in the match-making industry may be expected. The Russian department of commerce and manufacturers has recently awarded a patent to the inventor of a means for so impregnating wood with a liquid that, when dried, it lights with slight friction and can be used several times over, thus securing, according to the inventor, an economy of at least 75 per cent.

In the early months of the present session of parliament sixty-five measures were introduced by the government.

During the recent heavy rainfall in Poland and Galicia whole districts were completely flooded, hundreds of families losing their homes.

Gibraltar having been included by Spain in the recent order to enforce quarantine on all English arrivals, the authorities at Gibraltar, by way of reprisals, have expelled from within the lines all Spaniards who did not possess annual licenses.

Politics in Roumania are in a state of considerable confusion. The conservatives have secured the support of students, and a part of their programme comprises a scheme for withdrawing King Charles and placing in the vacant office the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Societe Hippique in Paris, which undertakes to look to the well-being of horses, has adopted among its reforms one to the effect that no carter shall be allowed to water his horse at the cab-stands, and as a substitute it has placed a number of buckets and troughs at the public houses in all the chief thoroughfares.

The porte is preparing to take a bold step. It was announced that on the 4th of August would place sentinels at the foreign post-offices in the capital to prevent letters from being posted.

Commercial enterprise has taken a new direction in Italy. The Milan Society for the Commercial Exploration of Africa has organized a circumnavigation of Africa, with a view to affording the pupils of the high school of commerce an opportunity of becoming acquainted with likely markets for Italian products.

The Duke of Brunswick the supreme court of the duchy is at present engaged with a case which commenced in 1604 before the then imperial court of Wetzlar.

The cholera germ described by Dr. Koch was discovered by an Italian, Dr. Filippo Pacini, in 1854, and translated into French in the "Archives of Military Medicine of France" in 1855, and into English in the "Report on the Cholera Epidemic of 1855,"

The old custom of bottling tears is still continued in Persia. It was formerly used, as it is alluded to in the Fables of La Fontaine, as a means of preserving the tears of the monarchs as a memorial of their reign. The tears were squeezed into a bottle, and the tears preserved as a powerful and efficacious remedy for reviving a dying man after every means have failed.

The Spanish navy consisted in 1863 of five iron-clads, an iron-plated monitor, a floating battery, and 117 other vessels. The navy possesses 35 gun-boats for the defense of the islands of Cuba and Port Rico.

On the recent anniversary of the death of Gen. Skobloff, a mass was performed in the Kazan cathedral, at St. Petersburg, at which however, very few persons attended. The "Novoye Vremya," lamenting his forgetfulness of the illustrious dead, publishes a very remarkable letter of Skobloff, written in 1881 to a Moscow journalist.

M. Levasseur recently read to the Academie des Sciences an interesting report upon the progress made in primary education throughout France during the last five years.

The number of primary schools has increased during the five years from 71,547, to 75,535, the increase being chiefly in public and lay schools. The number of pupils in the public and free schools has risen from 4,716,935 in 1876 to 5,341,211 in 1881-1882.

In Summer, Remember

1. That infectious diseases generally are due to filth in some form—most of them directly to divers kinds of microscopic plants (bacteria) which gain entrance into the system through the lungs or the stomach.

2. Remember that the best preservative against them is high health, which either digests them in the stomach, or repels them from gaining a foothold, and eliminates them from the system.

3. Remember that the next best preservative against infectious diseases is a free and strong circulation of pure air through the house from cellar to attic. The danger is when large numbers of bacteria gain admittance.

4. Remember that in our cities and large towns the sewers, constantly receiving the excreta of the sick, are never free from infectious bacteria; that these readily pass into dwellings through every open connecting pipe; that these pipes should be kept closed when not in use; and that they should in no case, enter a sleeping room, but only into a well-ventilated water-closet.

5. Remember that, in the country, wells are dangerous when they are within one hundred feet of a privy or cesspool.

6. Remember that while boiling may purify infested water, mere filtering never renders it safe.

7. That all water closets, cesspools, etc., should be frequently disinfected, copperas (sulphate of iron) being a good and cheap disinfectant for the purpose.

8. That a deodorizer is not necessarily a disinfectant. We may kill a bad smell, and not kill the bacteria.

What She Was Sorry For.

It is related that a confessor once had much difficulty in getting an old Irishwoman, a regular penitent of his, to recollect any sin. She could not remember that she had done anything wrong at all.

A THIEF IN A COFFIN.

The city of Mexico, the scene of many peculiar crimes, is just now suffering from the ravages of a thief, who has been busy for several days in the Santa Cruz Church in that city, and acted permission to hold funeral services over the remains of a deceased individual.

About midnight the sacristan was awakened by the barking of his dogs, and feeling that something was wrong he dressed hastily and stepped from his room into the chapel.

BURNING NEAR THE ALTAR.

By means of which he could see a figure moving slowly on the other side of the chancel. Making up his mind that robbers were in the church he ran quickly to his room for a pistol, and then made a search of the church.

THE SUPPOSED DEAD MAN.

As he looked he noticed that the eyelids of the "corpse" twitched nervously under the light, and at the same time his own eyes fell on some of the glittering jewels which lay beside the man in the coffin.

Overjoyed at finding the thief, the sacristan thrust his revolver into the face of the "corpse" and ordered him to get out. The cold steel on the man's forehead convinced him that the order must be obeyed, and a most extraordinary resurrection took place then and there.

The Art of Tattooing.

Englismen only tattoo flags, leaves or flowers. The French don't do much. A flag, laid on flat, or a liberty-cap, is about their best. It is in the Sandwich Islands that the best artists are found.

An Ingenious Convict.

An ingenious contrivance, to be used in effecting the escape of a convict named Theodore Scheff from Sing Sing prison, was captured by Principal Keeper Connaughton, recently. This convict was an skilled machinist, and worked in the machine shop.

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DANCE AND GESTICULATE WILDLY.

He was immediately seized by the attendants, who divested him of his outer garments and ornaments. He then, with a vacant, staring expression, began to dance wildly before the tall candle.

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Bob Burdette's Ideal Old Man.

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STROKING HIS LONG GRAY BEARD.

And smiling serenely. Near him was another old man, watching the proceedings. The chief evidently did every thing in his power to excite him.

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