NEWS SUMMARY

Interesting Items of News from all Parts of the World.

UNITED STATES.

In the past twelve months over $600,000,000 passed through the Sub-Treasury in Wall Street.

The list of failures in the United States during the past year is very heavy, over ten thousand having occurred.

During the past year Police Justice Walsh, of Brooklyn, tried 7755 cases and collected fines to the amount of $4,348.25.

The statement is made that New York, Brooklyn and Boston contributed $5,000 to Matthew Arnold's slender purse.

Cook, who murdered his wife at Springfield, Mo., has been sentenced to ninety-five years' imprisonment for the crime.

Ex-Gov. English, of Connecticut, who started out in life as a carpenter, is now worth $6,000,000, and is the richest man in his State,

Strawberries are in the Savannah market. Although very early in the season, the fruit is grown in the open ground just east of the city. The market opens at $1 per box.

At Kansas City 32,000 acres of land in Stafford county, Kansas, have been sold for $160,000 to capitalists of Staunton, Virginia, who intends to colonize Dunkards on the land.

The Secretary of the Treasury had decided in the case of the Chinaman who was brought to New York on the ship "Resolute," that he cannot be landed in United States, but may be transferred to any other vessel going to a foreign country.

All the nail mills controlled by the Western Nail Association have been closed. There are upward 5,000 workmen who will be affected by the stoppage, which has been ordered for the purpose of restricting production and decreasing the stock on hand.

After the settlement of all claims by fishermen interested in the Fortune Bay award, the payment of lawyer's fees, and commissions, and interest, a balance still remains in the hands of the U. S. Government, which is to be divided *pro rata* among the claimants.

Detroit recognises the value of an efficient fire department. It has now one of the best brigades, if not the best brigade in the United States. Through its skill and activity during 1883, with a total of 275 alarms, the city has suffered a loss of only $208,977 from fires.

A few days ago a very fine pair of black horses were sold by the Customs authorities at Buffalo, seized and confiscated because they had been smuggled from Canada. The driver, Fred Cotton, fled when he learned there would be trouble, but he was arrested and imprisoned for the crime.

There has been a great loss of life and property on the lakes during the season and a number of insurance companies have been very much pressed with payment of their losses. On the great lakes fully one hundred crafts of all descriptions have become total losses, and the aggregate damage to shipping will reach $3,000,000. On Lake Ontario thirty-seven crafts were lost, three tugs, one steamer, four barges, six propellors, and twenty-three schooners, the loss amounting to $303,000.

The statisticians of the Agricultural Department has completed a preliminary estimate of the principal crops of the country for the year. They show that potatoes as well as all other roots, and oats have grown luxuriantly and yielded abundantly. The average yield of corn per acre is nearly 23 bushels or 12 per cent. less than an average. The quality of corn north of the 40th parallel, however, is worse than for many years. The wheat crop is slightly in excess of 400,000,000 bushels, and the cotton product about 6,000,000 bales.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Queen Victoria will leave England for Baden-Baden at the end of February.

The Empress of Austria is coming to Bath to take the waters in the hope of curing herself of sciatica.

The patrons of the Tichborne claimant have bought the celebrated Granville Hotel for him. The claimant will shortly be released.

Miss Vera Manning, a niece of Cardinal Manning, has entered a convent at Rochampton. She is an heiress to £2000 annually.

In the matter of music the English and most other European nations are far behind the Teutons. According to statistics recently published, there are 300 towns in the German empire possessing orchestras and choral societies that give concerts in the season.

The rooms at Windsor Castle which for many years were occupied by John Brown are henceforth to be kept locked up, and will not be used by his succestor or personal servant and page, or by any one else. During the past autumn the staircase at Windsor leading from the octagon to the ante-room of the royal gallery of the Private Chapel has been entirely altered, in order to make the ascent of it more easy for the Queen.

Reports are being published respecting the shipbuilding trade on the Clyde. These show that trade has been prosperous during the past year. The enormous aggregate of 293,023 tons new shipping has been launched by the various firms on the Clyde. Several firms this year will surpass all their previous efforts. One firm will launch 40,000 tons, another will complete nearly 30,000, while an unusually large number of firms will launch over 29,000 tons each. The prospects for this year, however, are by no means bright. Inquiries for new vessels are not numerous. Great difficulty is experienced in "booking" new contracts, while one or to two firms are already making arrangements to curtail their establishments. Should there be a revival of general trade, a large amount of new tonnage wil be ordered; oherwise the Clyde shipbuilding will experience a notable reaction.

CANADIAN.

The number of letters delivered by letter carriers in Toronto during the first week of the new yeor was 150,548, including 3,683 registered, and 37,589 newspapers. This is more than 25,000 increase on the corresponding week last year.

Chinese Science.

From ancient times the Chinese have taken note of natural phenomena. Their record of solar eclipses is perhaps the most ancient and accurate in the world. They have more or less elaborate works on astronomy, mathematics, botany, zoology, mineralogy, physiology, and many other sciences. Yet there is scarcely any true science in them. Classification, even in regard to plants and animals, there is none. Mineralogy is mainly a description of curious stones. Nor is there any progress, for the more ancient works are generally the best, and as a consequence the Chinese to-day are as their fathers were thousands of years ago. The superstitions respecting natural phenomena, which are as living, active truths today for all classes in China, remind us fo man in his state of barbarism rather than of the ancient culture and civiliztaion of the middle kingdom. The sun and moon are to the Chinese as they were to primitive man, living things, gods to be worshipped. The stars in their courses powerfully influence, if they do not absolutely determine, all human events In them the wise men may read as in a book the destiny of man and the fate of empires. Their combination make lucky and unlucky days, and we shall do well to note carefully their signs and silent warnings. Comets are the precursors of famine, pestilence and war—prognosticators of the wreck of empires and the fall of kings. Eclipses are the periodic effects of the dragon fiend to destroy the lights of heaven, and every notice of an approaching eclipse sent by the imperial astronomer to the provinces is accompanied by a government order to employ the usual methods of gong-beating, and so forth, in order to rescue the threatened luminary. Again, thunder is the roar of the anger of Heaven, and to be smitten by a thunderbolt is to be marked as a thing accursed. Wind is born in the heart of great mountains, whence it issues at the command of the wind dog. Most districts have their wind mountains. That at Lung-Shan, in the northren province of Chilhi, is the most remarkable. It has a cave at each of its four sides. The spring wind issues from the cave on the eastern side, the summer wind from the southern, and so for the others. Wind eddies or whirl-winds are raired by the hedgehog in his rapid passage from one place to another. the dust serving to screen him from the vulgar gaze. Rain is produced by the dragon god, who carries up vast quantities of water from the lakes and rivers in his capacious jaws, and pours it down in showers over the earth. Every mountain has its spirit or genus, every valley its nymph, every spring its naiad. Hence mountains and rivers, old trees and curious rocks, become objects of worship.—*Nature.*

Getting Even With the Conductor.

"The last time I went to Boston," confided a thin, consumptive-looking traveller of the Eastern road to the New Haven *Register*, "the conductor grew monotonous. He insisted on examining my ticket at every station, and grew restless as we passed watering troughs. This time," the traveller continued, as ho looked anxiously toward the car door, "we play a change of programme and the boxes are all taken." As the conductor entered with a pompous "tickets please," the stranger quietly presented a single trip ticket to the next station. The next time he entered, the unknown handed him a milage ticket, following it later with a sportsman's ticket for Labrador. As the conductor was passing him on the next round, the traveller pressed an emigrant's ticket for Puget Sound into his hand, and then tried to get him to take a first-class passage to Sing Sing with sleeper check. "Didn't I just punch a Puget Sound ticket for you?" demanded the astonished conductor. "Must have been another party," quietly replied the traveller, burying himself in *Harper's*. Again "tickets please," echoed through the car, and the stranger confronted the conductor with a "Florida for the winter," excursion via the Richmond boats. "See here," said the enraged official, "What does this mean? I have punched tickets for you for all parts of the globe. Haven't got a child's ticket to Patagonia or Hong Kong cattle show excursion, have you? If you give me any more tickets to punch I'll punch your head." "Yes," replied the passenger, with painful dignity, "I usually travel on this," presenting a director's pass, "but we understand that passengers on your train get lame in the arm showing their tickets, and have no time to take in the scenery; so I am instructed to notify you that there is a good vacancy on the night freight unless we hear of an improvement." and the director returned to *Puck* and the frightened conductor passed two tramps 100 miles, not daring to call for tickets.

Three Wedding Gowns.

Some rich wedding toilets just completed in this city are worthy of note by reason of their extreme beauty and novelty as models for brides. An exquisite robe designed for a prospective bride in Washington, is made of heavy white velvet, trimmed with heavy white flounces of duchesse lace, headed by downy bands of white ostrich feather trimming. The effect of the fall of exquisite, delicate and rich lace over the soft white velvet is exceedingly lonely, the whole dress proving much more becoming to ordinary complexions than opaque white satin. A second bridal dress is made of white Ottoman silk, brocaded with tiny golden roses and leaves. The petticoat is of pale gold satin, hand painted in clusters of white lilac and full blown white roses. The lower edge of the court train is battlemented—i. e., cut into square blocks and faced. Underneath these blocks is set a ruffle of gold lace, falling over a second one of kilted silk. The Josephine corsage is cut out very much in the neck in casement shape and trimmed to match the edge of the train. Lastly for a very youthful bride is a charming toilet, composed of plain white Ottoman silk and made in regular Grecian style, the chaste and artistic arrangement of each softly draped fold and curve giving a most graceful and statuesque effect to the whole. The trained skirt is perfectly plain. but the lace drapery of the Grecian bodice is to be fastened with a magnificent diamond clasp, and the square neck and edges of the half-open sleeves are finished with rare old point lace. —*N. Y. Post.*

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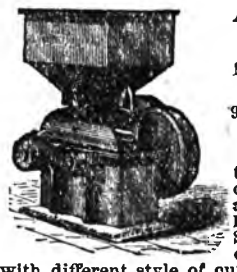
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