INTERESTING ITEMS.

Post Cards in China-Magic Mirrors-English Co-operationists - Another Ship Canal, Etc., Etc.,

China proposes to adopt postal cards on and after Jan. 1, 1885.

More visitors from the provinces have sojourned in Paris this summer than during any season since the siege. Many were refugees.

Lord Byron sold his manor of Rochdale in Lancashire at a ludicrously low sum in 1824 in order to get money for the Greek cause. It is now of immense value.

Notwithstanding the enormous attendance at the Health Exhibition in London, the receipts have, up to the present, only just covered the cost. Profit may now be looked for.

South of Long Island, beneath the Atlan. tic, are the remnants of a vast marsh. In clear water roots of trees can be seen from a boat, and in stormy weather masses of decayed wood and peat are thrown upon the shore.

in a Marseilles hospital as a nurse for the cholera victims; she is pretty and young, useful. She is fulfilling a vow made during the illness of one of her children.

A successful attempt has been made to introduce fresh springbok meat from South Africa into England. "It was the most delicious mert" writes a correspondent, "that any of us had ever tasted, being very far superior to English venison." But that is not very high praise.

A lemonade man on a Hudson River excursion boat is said to have sold ten thousand glasses of lemonade on one excursion not long ago, and he had half the lemon left for the next day's trip up the river. Fortunes are rapidly made in the United States.

Japanese magic mirrors are in the market. They are made of fine burnished metal, and when lightly breathed upon disclose geomitrical patterns, landscapes, or faces. Their manufacture is a secret, but is believed to consist in welding the pattern in one kind, of steel or iron upon a plate of a different kind. One which reproduced faces, sold at Philadelphia for \$110.

Wood pavement is to be given up in London, and the old McAdam system restored. The former is said to have not only failed to realize the expected advantages, but has led according to Prof. Tyndall's report, to serious affections of the eyes and lungs; that is, by centinual watering, the wood became saturated with street filth, and then, under the influence of the hot sun gave forth a pernicious species of dust.

A census was recently taken of the swans on the Thames between Southwark bridge and Henley. The total number of swans was 267 and cygnets 53. Of these the Queen claims 176 swans and 46 cygnets, the Vintners' Company 48 swans and 12 cygnets and the Dyers' Company 43 swans and 5 cygnets. The mandibles of the royal birds were marked with a diamond, the Vintners' with two "nicks" and a couple of "V's" and the Dyers' with a single nick and other distinguishing emblems.

A suit to recover \$50,000 damages has been commenced in the Brooklyn courts. The defendant is a New York firm and the plaintiff a young lady of Brooklyn, who alleges that she ate of canned tomatoes sold by the defeudant to a Brooklyn grocer, and through the eating was posoned so that at one time her life was despaired of, and that her health is permanently injured. Her plaint alleges the tomatoes were poisoned by the solder used in the canning.

A local paper of Dakota is responsible for the following; A Dakota farmer in 1881 planted a single grain of spring wheat and from it grew twenty-two stalks, each bearing a full head of wheat, yielding in all 860 grains of wheat; 760 of these were planted the next year, producing one fifth of a bushel of splendid wheat. This was planted last spring, yielding seventeen bushels, making 1,020 pounds of wheat from one grain in three years.

The project of cutting a ship canal across the province of Holstein, connecting the North Sea with the Baltic, is now being taken up by the German authorities in earnest. The canal is to run from near the mouth of the Elbe to the harbor of Kiel, Germany's chief naval port on the "Ostsee." It is to be constructed of such dimensions as to permit the largest ironclads in the German navy steaming from the Baltic to the German Ocean, or vice versa, thus avoiding the necessity of making, as at present, the long voyage round the peninsula of Jutland. Detailed drawings on the subject are to be submitted to the new Reichstag.

At Cocket, in Wales, a poor man was knocked down, dragged by the train; and his skull was taken off. The guard of the trsin ran to his assistance, and was himself injured in so doing. Some time afterwards a traveller who had witnessed the accident, asked the guard whether he had quite recovered; he showed his arm, the bruise of which was still visible, and told him he had been three weeks an invalid; and on asking him what compensation the Company had given him, he replied that his pay was stopped on the following day.

Paris tradesmen begin to utilize science for advertising purposes. A late notice reads: "Tea and coffee contain tannic acid, the essential part of oak and hemlock; milk contains albumen and fibrin in the same manner as flesh and skin. Add milk to coffee and a turbidity ensues, of which each particle is a tannate of fibrin, i. e., an atom of leather. In a life time a man thus consumes a hundred pair of boots, but no man could thus consume the elegant and scientific foot wear only to be found at 5 Rue de

A Fiji correspondent writes to an English paper: "Often, while sailing among the South Sea Islands, I have passed flocks of birds, principally terns and whale birds, resting in vast numbers on the sea. It is remarkable that, however rough the sea may be at the time, yet where the birds rest there is not a ripple to disturb them. This must be caused by oil, but whether it is purposely deposited by the birds with the intention of quieting the water, or whether they do so from natural cause is a question the answer to which I think would interest many of our readers."

A truly singular method of preserving historical ruins, says the London Truth, has been discovered in Ireland. On the Case Hill, near Belfast, there was a short time cents

ago an ancient castle. In order to protect its ruins from the ravages of time and of passing vandals, some local antiquarians determined to surround it with a wall, and employed a contractor to execute the work. The wall was finished in due course [but when the antiquarians came to admire the castle it was gone. The contractor had used the ruins for building material, and not a stone of the castle remained!

At the sixteenth annual Congress of English Co-operationists, held at Warwick, Derby, last June, 1,242 societies were represented, with a membership of 668 000. Their sales during 1883 aggregated £27, 865,054. Many societies were unrepresent. ed. The growth of co-operation in England is well illustrated by the figures in a table prepared by H. R. Bailey, Secretary of the Co-operative Board. In 1869 there were 450 societies, 91,500 members, £2,300,000 sales; in 1865 these had increased to 867,-148,580, and £3,370 000; in 1874 to 1,026, 411,250, and £16,350,000; and in 1883 to 1,242,668,000 and £27,865,000.

Were Mr. Under Secretary Burke, who was with Lord Frederick Cavendish, murdered in the Phœnix Park, now living, to him would belong the baronetcy or the A Parisian marchioness has taken service Burkes of Glynsk. which has just descended to his brother, Col. Burke, by the death of Sir. John Burke, the last of the direct dresses in plain calico, and has been very line. The family, which is the oldest of the name in Galway, succumbed to circumstances some time since, and the Glynsk estate became the property of strangers. The late Under Secretary had a good estate, however, in his own right, the revenues of which he never touched, but applied wholly to his mother and sisters.

The Lancet calls attention to the fact-in speaking of beer drinking and heart disease -that statements are made to the effect that the average weight of the heart in men is greater in Munich than elsewhere. The result of 1,000 autopsies appears to have created a belief among the observers that "the habitual consumption of beer in large quantities tends to enlarge the heart by the direct action of alcohol on its tissues, by the increase of the amount of fluids in the body and by the belief that the nutritive ingredients of the beer are easily assimilated." It is stated as an interesting fact that in 1882 the average amount of beer consumed by each person in Germany ranged in different districts from 54 to 186 litres. In Bavaria it reached 233 litres, and in Munich it reached 432. The litre is a little less than an English quart.

So many vague statements have been made concerning Prof. Koch's views relating to Cholera that the Berlin correspondent of the British Medical Journal (Aug. 2) thinks it wise to give his ideas as printed in the official report. The spread of cholera, it recites, is caused by personal contact, and not by goods and other objects, except damp infected linen. The infection is not in the air, but in the ejections of the patient; it is only dangerous in a moist state, and dies very speedily when dry; air cannot transfer the disease. The bacilli do not, as in small-pox, produce spores, which may dry up only to reappear alive. Drying will positively kill them in three hours. The disease is confined wholly to the digestive organs. Contact with the patient is without danger if no contamination from the digestive organs is received. The following convey infection; infected drinking and washing water, infected moist and liquid food especially milk. The Berlin Hospital inspector stated thore was no need to be especially afraid of cholera, it was much less dangerous than indigenous plagues.

The Ladies' Waist.

The more closely a woman can get her bust to approximate to the shape of a pegtop the prouder and happier she usually is. Why the peg-t p has attained to the high distinction of serving as a model for woman is one of the many puzzles connected with dress. The Greeks-who certainly knew something about the human form-assigned to their ideal waist dimensions quite in tolerable to an American woman of to-day. Moreover, they made it oval, whereas the modern waist is round. It is a physiological fact that there is about an oval waist a delightful suppleness and elasticity, while the round waist so common at the present day is hard, rigid, and unsympathetic. The fact is that some women are blessed with waists naturally small and oval, as every waist naturally is, while other women less favored by nature, are determined to outdo the smallness at no matter what coat. But no discriminating critic can can ever fail to perceive the difference between natural and artificial smallness. Perhaps if this were better understood women would cease to ruin their health and weaken the muscles of their back by going out in a tight fitting cuiras, even at the risk of appearing to depart conspicuously from womau's dress. They would then find that some other problems, such as distribution of weight, would settle themselves without much difficulty.

A Chinese Shave.

The customer seats himself erect on a stool or bench, with the knowledge that an hour must pass before he is released. The barber begins operations by carefully washing the victim's face, ears and head with very warm water, wiping off the dripping parts with a wet towel. He then begins shaving the head, or rather around the crown where the cue begins, commencing over the right ear and moving along until the forehead and the lower part of the backhead are cleaned. He next passes to the face and afterward to the neck. The ears are shaved and carefully brushed out and cleaned with delicate brushes and ingenious instruments. The face, neck and arms are then washed and rubbed until the skin assumes a healthy pink. The second part is somewhat like the "Swedish movement cure." The barber begins to turn and manipulate the head and neck until every cord and muscle has been stretched, pinched and pulled. The shoulders, arms and back are also scientifically pounded and pulled until the victim expresses a desire to have | zas. the manipulation stop. The cue is then unbraided, combed and cleaned, and again braided up and put in place. Occasionally, when a barber desires to show great attention to a distinguished customer, he rubs and pulls his fingers, and even his toes, until the joints crack.

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Sour, A No. 1.-Take a knuckle of veal, cover it with water and let it boil until you can shred. Add to it, one dessert spoonful of allspice, one of cloves, cayenne pepper and salt to taste, three eggs boiled hard and chopped up fine, one pint of port wine, the juice of two lemons, and one wineglassful of Lee & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce, or mushroom ketchup, and enough browned flour to thicken.

BAKED OYSTERS. - Grate some day-old Vienna bread into fine crumbs and season them with salt, white pepper and a little grated nutmeg. Drain the oysters and dry them between the folds of a cloth, being careful not to press them. Now dip them into beaten egg and roll them in the seasoned crumbs until well covered. Then place them in their lower shells with a piece of butter on the top of each oyster and bake a few minutes in a hot oven. Arrange them still in their shells, on a plate, and, before sending to table, squeeze over them a little of the juice of a lemon.

To Broil Oysters in their Shells .-After opening the oysters let them remain in the deep shell with their juice, placing a small piece of butter upon the top of each and seasoning them with a little salt and cayenne pepper. Have a good clear fire; place the shells on a gridiron, squeeze a little lemon juice over the oysters, and broil until done. Two or three minutes will suffice to cook them.

DEVILED Eggs .- Put a dozen fresh eggs into a pan of cold water, set the pan on the fire, and after the water comes to the boil, let them remain boiling for fifteen minutes. Then take them out and put them in a bowl of cold water to stand for a minute or two, that the shells may be the more readily removed. Take off the shells, cut the eggs into halves and carefully remove the yolks without bruising or breaking the whites. Make a thick paste by mixing the yolks smoethly with a tablespoonful of anchovy sauce, seasoning it with salt and cayenne peppe:. Fill the white halves of the eggs with this paste, and after slicing a little off the point of each, stand them upon a dish in any desired form and fill the intervening spaces with finely chopped lettuce.

To BROIL A FRESH MACKEREL. - Select a large fish, cut it down the back, cleanse and dry it well, and then rub over the in side with a mixture containing a little salt, cayenne pepper and Lucca Cream oil. Now take a sheet of white paper thickly buttered fold it over the fish, and fasten each end loosely together with a pin. Have your fire clear, place the enwrapped fish between a folding wire broiler and cook for twentyfive minutes, turning the broiler frequently.

STUFFED TOMATOES.-Take a dozen, smooth, solid tomatoes, slice off the part where the stem joins the fruit. take out the centre with the seeds, and fill the cavities with a mixture made as fellows : Put into a stew-pan a quarter of a pound of fat bacon, a dozen mushrooms, an onion, a bunch of parsley, and a little thyme; (the above ingredients to be minced very fine,) Season the mixture with salt, pepper, and a pinch of cayenne; stir over the fire for a few | 4 ADELAIDE ST. EAST, - TORONTO minutes, and then add the yolks of five eggs well beaten, to bind it together. After the tomatoes are filled with the mixture, put them in a baking pan, pour around them Lucca Cream oil just sufficient to cover the bottom of the pan, strew over their tops some fine bread crumbs, and bake in a quick

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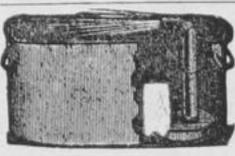
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