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REVIEWS.

Books are sold in Paris at fifty cents a

dozen.

Steaks are the luxury of the sea-

son in Paris.

In England even the Queen has to

pay postage on letters.

The salt mines of Austria are worked

by fifteen miners.

Florida's present Secretary of State is

selected and educated African.

The New York Herald concedes that

Christianity is a success. That point is

settled now.

yet one lineal descendant of the 25

barons who forced King John to sign

the Magna Charta now sits in the

House of Lords.

Chicago has 2,000 drinking saloons,

which take in \$10,000,000 a year, and

pay the city \$100,000.

Washington has sixty-one churches.

San Francisco supports fifty-five

churches.

It is to be feared from the above that

San Francisco will soon be as bad as

Washington.

The corrupt associations which prey

on the government are called "rings,"

probably because there is no end to

them.

The Hindus extend their hospitality

to their enemies, saying: "The tree does

not withdraw its shade even from the

wood cutter."

A married woman in London per-

suaded her husband to allow her in

sport to tie his legs and arms, and when

she had him nicely trussed she pro-

ceeded to pay off her grudges against

him by gouging out his eyes with a ta-

ble knife.

A carpet-bag member of Congress

from the South went around among his

Radical colleagues in the House, the

other day, to find out who Thomas

Jefferson was, but none of them "had

ever heard of the old eus," they said.

A "Royal Navy" man, it is said, has

invented a machine by which the Cap-

tain, sitting in his cabin, may control

the motion of his ship with his thumb

and finger. The "man at the wheel"

will become a myth if this be true.

The Prussians are now cutting down

the trees in the public promenades at

Mentz, just as if they were on the brink

of a war. It is reported from well-informed

parties that they are working

day and night in their arsenals. They

do not feel quite comfortable about

Austria recovering strength, and France

being so well armed.

An old bachelor who had become

melancholy and poetical, wrote some

verses for a local paper, in which he

expressed the hope that the time would

soon come when he should

rest calmly within a shroud.

With a weeping willow by my side;

but to his inexpressible horror it came

out in print:

"When I shall rest calmly within a

shawl,

With a weeping widow by my side."

All gold that exists in the United

States to-day could be placed in a square

box of less than fifteen feet in length,

width and depth. A room one hundred

feet long, one hundred feet wide, and

ten feet high, would hold eight times

the total amount of gold known in the

world.

The latest sensation in literary circles

in England is a novel bearing the

rather peculiar title of "Blindpits." The

author, who is said to be a citizen of

Edinburgh, is unknown to the public.

The critics make very favorable men-

tion of the work, not excepting the "Sat-

urday Evening," which is usually rather

severe in its criticisms on new works of

fiction.

It is told of Billy Hibbard the Metho-

dist, that once when roll was called in

the Conference, his name was read

"William." He rose at once and ob-

jected, saying that his name was not

William, it was Billy. "But Brother

Hibbard," pleaded Bishop Ashbury,

"Billy is a little boy's name!" "Yes,

Bishop," was the quick reply, "and I

was a little boy when my father gave it

to me."

A gentleman waited upon Jerrold one

morning to enlist his sympathies in be-

half of a mutual friend, who was con-

stantly in want of a round sum of

money. "Well," said Jerrold, who had

contributed on former occasions "how

much does — want this time?" "Why

just a farr and two mons with

I think, put him straight," said W.

said Jerrold, "put me down for one of

the two noughts this time."

The son of Rev. Mr. Montague, resid-

ing at Whitewater, Wis., was deliver-

ing a college valedictory address a short

time ago, when, in taking his handker-

chief from his pocket, he pulled out a

pack of cards, which fell to the floor.

"Hulloa," he exclaimed, "I've got on

my father's coat!" The worthy divine,

who sat in front of his promising son,

was more confused than his hopeful

son.

A darky in Natchez was boasting to

a grocer of the cheapness of ten pounds

of sugar he had bought at a rival store.

"Let me weigh the package," said the

grocer. The darky admitted and it

was found two pounds short. The col-

ored gentleman looked perplexed for a

moment; and then said, "guess he didn't

want his child much; for while he was

gettin' de sugar, I stole two pair of

shoes."

A lady of distinction gave a fancy

ball not long since, and in order to be

distinguished placed a servant at the

door to announce the costume as they

entered. A couple of ladies appeared

in full ball-room dress. "What costume

shall I announce?" asked the servant.

"We are not in costume," they replied.

"Two ladies without costume," shout-

ed the servant, to the horror of every-

body.

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