

work, but the perfecting of the picture in the incredibly short space of less than a minute is due to the ingenuity of a young photographer named Frank Davey.

The process is thus described: The tickets used must be of special manufacture, two inches of the end of each being of sensitized material, which must be kept in a light-tight paper case. A purchaser presents himself at the window and asks for a ticket. The sensitized end, with its paper covering, is slipped into a frame. The whole is then inserted in the slot at the top of the machine. The operator presses a spring, a percussion cap explodes, igniting a flash light, the lens uncovers, shutting almost instantly, and in the twinkling of an eye the picture is being automatically developed. The explosion of the flash-light sets the machinery in operation, an elevator draws the ticket down, leaving the light-tight case behind, to a point where the first bath meets it. This bath is filled with developing solution. The first bath then gives place to the second. As these baths recede they empty into the lower tank, where the development is completed. The elevator then returns the ticket to the slot and the operator pulls it out and presents it to the purchaser. Thus the ticket is made absolutely non-transferable. That is the process so far as the railway is concerned. If successful as claimed, the ticket brokers will be put to their wits' end to make another photograph take the place of the one originally stamped on the ticket.

THE PLAN formed by a wealthy New York syndicate, backed presumably by the Rothschilds, to buy Cuba for \$100,000,000, is one which the Spanish government ought to support. It would relieve it of a burden under which it has been groaning for years. Cuba may be a gem, but it has proven too expensive for a country not wealthier than Spain is. The question is, however, whether the patriotic Cubans who now are exerting themselves to the utmost in order to cast off an oppressive yoke would be swift by a transfer of their country from the Spanish government to the scepter of the money Caesars. As far as the common people are concerned the change might possibly be one from the frying pan into the fire—from the stinging whips of Solomon to the stinging scorpions of Rehoboam.

MORE SERVILIANS are coming. Their intention is to join the band that recently arrived in New York for the purpose of searching for a suitable location for the establishment of a colony somewhere in the United States. The remarkable thing is that they are under the leadership of a "king." It is safe to say that however desirable additions to our population they otherwise may be, unless they give up the idea of forming a little kingdom in this country, they will soon find out that they have committed a mistake in coming here. Somebody ought to tell them before they proceed any further that the star spangled banner has no corner for a luminary that borrows its light from a sun foreign to its own glorious constellation.

SAN FRANCISCO clergymen are mak-

ing vigorous efforts to prevent the re-production on the stage of the Durrant murders. The play, it seems, has been written and is ready for public gaze. One clergyman says of the horrid drama: "The dramatization of the horrible murders at the Emanuel Baptist church should be condemned. Theaters and theater managers who would put such a play on the boards would do more to corrupt the youth of the city than all the hell-holes of iniquity that flourish so abundantly in San Francisco. Such plays would tend to cultivate a morbid spirit and lead the young men and women on the road to destruction."

This is the truth plainly stated.

IN SPEAKING of bee keeping in Utah, J. L. Townsend writes: "Black bees are now replaced with Italian, or Holy Land colonies, and the latter are more docile and better gatherers of honey. Nearly all hives are of the American pattern with frames about 11 3/8x14 5/8 inches, very few other patterns being used. Every apiary has an extracting house, containing a honey extractor and tank for holding the honey, comb foundation, machine, boiler for melting wax for making foundation, machine for fastening foundation in sections, utensils for handling bees, and mechanic's tools for making hives, frames and sections. Every apiary has some form of the improved sun wax extractor, all of them home-made, and many ingeniously constructed.—*Field and Farm*."

FOR SOME reason or other the United States does not seem to have its fair share of the trade with China, considering the geographical situation of the two countries and our vast resources. The general trade of China in 1894, according to available statistics, amounted in value to \$219,907,880, of which \$122,780,750 was the value of imports, and \$97,035,750 that of exports. The trade with the United States, notwithstanding considerable increase over the previous year, was: Imports from the United States, \$7,044,750; exports to the United States, \$12,423,000—total, \$19,468,570. It ought to be ten times this sum.

A PROPHETIC conference is one of the new thoughts of the day. Lately invitations were issued to twenty-five clergymen and lay church workers to meet at Pittsburg, Pa., and examine the scriptures with a view to preparing for this meeting. They say present conditions, notably the political, sociological and industrial disturbances, indicate the approach of the fulfillment of the prophecy touching the Savior's second coming to earth. They feel the subject has been sufficiently studied. They fear their movement will be classed among those of cranks, and they refuse to make public all the details of their proposed conference.

THE NEWLY elected president of Peru, Pierola, the rebel, is reported, says an exchange, to be a man of fine proportions, tall, erect and very handsome. A white lock on the top of his forehead forms a singular contrast to his slightly tinged gray hair. He is vivacious, courteous and dignified in bearing, and his intellectual attainments are such that at one time he filled the chair in Lima seminary, as professor of philosophy. His wife is the daughter of the Mexican emperor,

who was the leader of the second revolution in 1821 which proclaimed Mexico independent of Spain.

THE LATEST is a device for cutting hair with electricity. The instrument is said to consist of an ordinary comb made of aluminum, with a thin platinum wire running along the top of the row of teeth. When the battery is attached to this wire it speedily comes to a white heat, and, being drawn through the hair, it removes the superfluous hirsute growth and singes the hair that remains. "Next!"

REGARDING WILLIAM MILLER.

SALT LAKE CITY,
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As one of the early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints I wish to make a statement in regard to Father Miller, which may apparently conflict with a portion of that which was stated in Thursday evening's NEWS.

I remember an interview I had with him in the town of Lansingburg, New York, in the fall of 1842, where he delivered a course of lectures to crowded houses. I was an attendant, and during the time I obtained an introduction through the favor of John G. McMurray, at whose house he was staying. Mr. McMurray himself being a believer, and an ardent advocate of his views. Without naming my religious belief, I said to him that it was impossible for his predictions to receive a fulfillment before the Jews were gathered, Jerusalem and the temple rebuilt, and all nations gathered against them to battle, etc., quoting the Prophets of the Old Testament in support of my assertion. I soon perceived he was getting angry, and he cut me short by saying, "Oh, you are one of those Judaizing teachers, that pervert the Scriptures to their own destruction." That ended our conversation, seeing he was not willing to hear me. But April 6, 1843, was the date fixed upon for the second coming of Christ; and I remember that many of his followers prepared robes of white and waited until midnight for the "midnight cry" to be made. It was expected by them that they should ascend up in the air to meet Him, and when the time fixed upon had passed, then it was that other dates were sought for and fixed upon during the year, and many of his staunch friends turned away, including my friend Mr. McMurray, who paid a visit to this city in the spring of 1870, putting up at the old Townsend house, where I had a conversation with him upon the subject of our religion. He returned to his home in New York state, favorably impressed with the truth, and died a short time after, since which I have done for him that which he could not do for himself. He was one of the many honorable men of the earth holding offices of trust and high position in his native town, besides being an extensive manufacturer of brushes.

Yours respectfully,
WM. H. MILES.

Four hundred women and girls, ranging from 60 to 10 years, are employed in one establishment in Sacramento, cutting apricots.