

IRELAND'S CLAIM.

The Green Isle Does Something in the Way of Supplying the World's Wants. It surely makes me laugh, this talk...

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Boston is to have 40 new portable schoolhouses to follow the shifting school population. There is no escape for the Boston youth.

HUMOROUS.

Many a man has discovered after mixing politics with his business that he has no business to mix with his politics.—Chicago Daily News.

AN UNEXPECTED CUSTOMER.

Mistake of a Jeweler Who Thought He Was Dealing with a Green Hand.

"They were ordinary looking countrymen, attired in the up-river country fashion, and would have been passed unnoticed by the casual observer."

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Being or powdered sugar is reduced to the consistency of fine flour by passing it through heavy rollers, set very close together.

NEW USES FOR SAWDUST.

Compressed into Various Forms of Utility—Use of Pine Needles.

Sawdust, which used to be a waste product of the mills, is now being utilized in a number of ways. Compressed into bricks with tar, it is employed for making gas, the bricks being carbonized in fire-clay retorts.

POPULAR CHRISTIAN NAMES.

Those That Are Most Commonly Given to Boys in England.

Some romantic parents love to christen their infants with high-falutin' names. Religious parents search the Scriptures before the baptismal ceremony.

BURANO LACE WORKERS.

More Than Six Hundred Women of the Island Engaged in the Industry.

At almost every cottage door in Burano, about four miles from Venice, may be seen a woman, old or young, her face cushion on her lap, and her fingers busy with needle and the finest flax thread.

TRIES THEM AT HOME.

The Up-to-Date Milliner Sends Hats to the Prospective Customers.

The up-to-date milliner does not insist upon a patron trying on a hat in the shop nowadays. If the customer sees a model that she likes and that she thinks will suit her the saleswoman puts it on her own head.

Must Have One.

Papa keeps on reading. Papa!

"Well, Tommy, what is it? I thought when I brought that new hobby horse home for you it would keep you quiet for awhile."

KING OSCAR A GOOD FELLOW.

How the Popular Swedish Ruler Good-Naturedly Helped a Newspaper Man.

Like all other European royalties, King Oscar of Sweden is frequently called upon to appear in public in connection with the inauguration of public enterprises, the laying of foundation stones, etc.

Thought It Was Young Again.

Everybody has heard of the old war-horse that prances and snorts and sniffs the battle from afar whenever it hears a bugle call.

Any Kicker for a Kick.

Promise a man a hundred dollars, and if you give him only fifty-nine, he will kick.—Atchison Globe.

Rewards for Chinese Soldiers.

Rewards are seldom given for prowess on the battlefield in China, but when they are the most acceptable of them all, from the private soldier's point of view, is a sack of rice, valued at three taels (about 18 shillings).

Dialects of India.

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My hobby horse hasn't got one of those sunbonnets.

Sir Lucius O'Trigger: The gentleman I have the honor to represent, being nearsighted, insists on standing three feet nearer his adversary than his adversary to him.—London King.

Look Before You Leap.

Deliberate long before doing what it is impossible to undo.—Chicago Daily News.

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DR. LEYD'S STRONG ROOM.

Steel Safe That Became the Living Sepulchre of Its Former Owner.

Dr. Leyd, although not a Bore by birth, has spent so many years of his life with these strange people that he may be said to have assimilated much of their suspiciousness.

Peall, the English Billiard Champion.

Had a few tricks that were peculiarly his own. Some time ago a couple of men with whom none of the others was acquainted were sitting in the billiard room of a hotel at a Lancashire watering place.

Easy Clothes of the Chinese.

American clothes are not made for the performance of much stooping or domestic gymnastics, but the Chinese, in his loose, easy fitting clothes, is as free to stoop, jump, run or turn hand springs as a small boy in bathing.

More Food Consumed Far North.

The army follows about 3,000 pounds of food a year for 15 men, but in the arctic regions people eat at least a quarter as much more.

Might Be Unimportant.

The Yachtsman—Of course it makes a difference if a skipper loses his head. The far—Well, sir, that depends on whether he's got anything in it.—Puck.