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All the Greek philosophers, sages and seers ate no flesh. The first Latin Bible with a date was finished at Menby by Faust in 1462.

The state of North Carolina has mined nearly \$10,000,000 worth of gold since 1874. Boston has a Portuguese colony numbering about 3,000. They are for the most part

Venice is built on 80 small islands, has nearly 400 bridges and is 80 miles in circumference. Canals serve as streets and gondolas as carriages. By the tenth census 23,010,000 inhabitants

of the United States were supported by agriculture, 11,520,000 by manufactures and 5,620,000 by commerce. Hargraves Jennings, in his work, "The Rosicrucians," tells of a lamp that was found in a tomb in the year 1491 that had burned constantly for nearly 1,200 years. It is estimated that of the 5,000,000 inhabliving on less than £1 a week for each fam-

The blood in its natural state contains an amount of pure water that is really astonishing to one who has not given the subject attention-nearly seven-eighths of its entire bulk.

ily-while over 200,000 are in chronic pov-

There is an extensive alligator industry at Jacksonville, Fla., as may be inferred from the fact that in 1890 8,400 alligators were sold there to tourists as relics of Florida life.

The shah of Persia does not possess a railway train of any kind. He goes about Persia in carriages or on horseback, and al-though 61 years old is still one of the best horsemen in the country. The elephant is given the credit of being the most long lived as well as the most intelligent of all animals. Cuvier says that

there are instances of its having lived to beyond the age of 300 years. The barber derives his class title from the Latin word barba, a beard. Rude, uncivilized races were originally called "barbarians" solely on account of the unkempt ap-

pearance of their beard and hair. The "angry tree," a woody plant found n eastern California and western Arizona, annot be touched without it exhibits signs of vexation by rufling its leaves and giving forth an unpleasant, sickening odor. Not only do the children enjoy the games as games, but they find added pleasure in the evident appreciation of their elders who happen to be looking on. "We always play

etter when people are looking," said a litle maiden. The explanation of the zigzag course pursued by a flash of lightning is as follows: as the lightning condenses the air in the nmediate advance of its path, it flies from side to side in order to pass where there is

he least resistance to progress. Wanted to Change One Word, Private John Allen of Mississippi had a ease in the supreme court the other day. t had been dragging along for a good while in the lower tribunals, and when it was reached in the higher body the opposing counsel presented a brief history of the cause so far as it had gone. The justices had listened attentively to the lawyer, and when he had finished Mr. Allen was asked if the opposing counsel had stated what

was strictly true. "If your honors please," said the astute Mississippian, "I can best answer the question with a little story. Some time ago a sheriff in one of the counties in my state died. There was another gentleman residing in the county who thought he could fill the official shoes to a nicety, so he proeeded to draw up a recommendation in his wn behalf for appointment to the vacaney and then secured the neighbors' sig-natures to it. He recited in the document his numerous qualifications for the posi-tion and stated, among other things, that 'Mr. Jones was strictly honest.' He carried the paper to old Judge Smith and asked

him to sign it. "The judge put on his spees and carefully read the paper over. Then he coughed and

"'Jones, I'll sign this here recommenda tion if you'll let me change one word in it.' "Jones glowed with satisfaction, for the judge's signature was a power in the prem-"'Cert'ny, judge, cert'ny,' he cordially remarked. 'One word can't hurt the paper. Now what word would you like to change,

"'Well,' replied the judge, 'I just want to scratch out the word "strictly" where it precedes "honest" and insert the word "tol-"The grave justices laughed, and the case went on."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Thirty-nine Million Pounds of Gold Each An experimental boring 2,500 feet deep was recently made in the Witwatersrand goldfield with a view to testing the lie of the auriferious deposits. The result was of the most satisfactory character, and the "strike" has led to calculations of the hidden wealth of these fields, and possibly the following by Mr. Scott Alexander may be interesting as showing the rich possibilities of the future: Circumference of basin, 460 miles; diameter, 127 miles; area, 12,580 equare miles, or \$60,710,272,000 square feet. Taking average thickness of eight series of blanket beds at 6 feet (equal to 48 feet), equals 16,831,093,656,000 cubic feet of reef or, at 15 cubic feet to the ton, 10,521,433,-160,000 tons. At 30 shillings per, ton (very low), value of gold equal to £1,578,196,224,

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TWO VIEWS OF GOLD.

Comments of Two Senators Who Have Sin Changed Their Minds. In the United States senate on April 1, 1874, Hon. John P. Jones of Nevada said: "The value of gold is represented by the average amount of labor required to produce it. Its scarcity gives a small quantity of it great value, so that it is easily transported from place to place. It is capable of division and subdivision, and also of being reunited-all without loss. It is in every commercial country made into coins and stamped by national authority with a crrificate as to fineness and weight. It is flexible and self regulating, and flows by natural laws wherever the exigencies

trade demand it. "Gold is the articulation of commerce It is the most potent agent of civilization It is gold that has lifted the nation from barbarism. It has done more to organize society, to promote industry and insure its rewards, to inspire progress, to encourage ience and the arts. steam and electricity.

"The use of gold had its origin in the ecessities of mankind. The human heart is set upon it. It will command the proper services of everybody at all times and in all places. The necessities which compel its use are as inexorable today as they were in the beginning, although improved systems of exchange have diminished the proportionate volume necessary to do the work.

"So exact a measure is it of human effort that when it is exclusively used as money it teaches the very habit of honesty. It neither deals in nor tolerates—false pretenses. It cannot lie. It keeps its prom-

ises to rich and poor alike. "While it has seen human institutions perish and human governments crumble and decay, it is itself imperishable. The gold that was in Solomon's temple pos-sessed the same qualities as the gold dug today from the sands of Africa. The gold of California and the gold of Australia are precisely the same. It defies the corroding hand of time and the friction of the agea. It is the common denominator of values. It makes possible the classification of la-

bor and the equitable interchange of commodities. "Gold has intervened in the bargains made between men since the dawn of civilization, and it has never failed to faithfully fulfill its part as the universal agent and servant of mankind. But it withdraws from the companionship of the bedizened harlot called irredeemable paper money and says to every people, 'Banish her before you look for my return. It is the oxygen in the commercial atmosphere, and its absence produces financial asphyxia."
Senator John J. Ingalls, in a speech Feb.

10, 1878, said: "No people in a great emergency ever found a faithful ally in gold. It is the most cowardly of all metals. It makes no treaty it does not break. It has no friends it does not sooner or later betray. "Armies and navies are not maintained by gold. In times of panic and calamity, shipwreck and disaster, it becomes the agent and minister of ruin. No nation ever fought a great war by the aid of gold. On the contrary, in the crisis of the greatest peril, it becomes the greatest enemy, more potent than the foe in the field, but when the battle is won and peace has been secured gold reappears and claims the fruits

of victory. In our own civil war it is doubtful if the gold of New York and London did not work us greater injury than the powder and lead and iron of the rebels.
"It was the most invincible enemy of the public eredit. Gold paid no soldier or sailor. It refused the national obligations. It was worth most when our fortunes were the lowest. Every defeat gave it increased value. It was in open alliance with cut enemies the world over, and all its energies were evoked for our destruction. "But as usual, when danger had been averted and the victory secured, gold swaggers to the front and asserts the supremacy.

A Long Black Finger. A Lee gentleman, who is in the habit of reading after he goes to bed, tells us of a queer experience he had recently. The other night he had been reading a newspa per and finally turned to the stand and blew out the light preparatory to going to sleep. As he closed his eyes he was surprised and not a little startled to see a big black hand appear to his vision. It was surrounded by a halo of light, and whether he opened or shut his eyes the hand still appeared with a long black finger pointing lownward. The gentleman is not classed as a spirit

ualist and says he is not superstitious, and thoughts of the apparition as a warning that he was going down to perdition were only momentary, as that fact was not news to him. Still the hand staid, and he felt uneasy and could not explain it, and as it continued to point down he concluded that t might be a warning that the Stockbridge burglar was in the cellar. About this time his wife heard a noise that she could not account for. That settled it. He got up, lit a lamp and proceeded to the cellar. lightly clad in a nightshirt and hand lamp. in knocking over a pan of milk, and when he heard his wife scream he knew the family were awake and frightened. He swore softly and mounted the stairs and restored quiet. As he entered the bedroom The Gleaner lay on a chair, and there, boldly printed at the head of an advertisement, was the hand. He had read the news, the story, the advertisements and finally dropped off into a muse with his eyes factened on the hand. The lamplight, white paper and black printed "fist" had left an opression on his eyes that remained after the light was extinguished.-Lee (Mass.) Gleaner.

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