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placed end to end and cach carrying forty bushe's of shelled corn, extending around the world six times. The line would stretch in a straight line 154,879 and suspend it in a the liquor from the miles. Loaded on freight cars carrying 500 bushels each, the same quantity of shelled corn would require for carrying it four trains stretching continuously from New York to San Francisco, with a train 2,500 miles long left over. Traveling at the usual rate such a train

a train 2,500 miles long left over. Trav-eling at the usual rate such a train would require a whole year to pass through Chicago. Col. Murphy asserts that corn can be, landed on the coast of China from the United States in thirty days by steam, and can be sold for one-half the price of and can be sold for one-half the price of rice, which, as everybody knows, is the principal food of the Chinese. When they find this out it will not take the pig-talled orientals long to learn how to cook maize. They are so poor that they will eat anything which will sustain life, cheapness being the first consideration. Supposing this frugal diot once introduced among them, it is amazing to consider the quantity of the cereal which they would consume, taking into view the fact that the population of that country is 400,000,000. Processes are said to have been recently devised by which baked corn breadcan be preserved in good condition for a year or even more. At present 20,000,000 bushels of the maize produced in this country are annually used for purposes of distillation—(Washington Star. tion.—[Washington Star.

### INHUMAN OCCUPATION.

### Children Crippled and Hired to "Beggar Farmers."

Pinole is a preparation of the vegetalinow served out as a ration in the Maxica army.

Corn was first cultivated by white men on the James river. Virginia, in 1608. The seed was obtained from the Indian, who claimed to have received the plant direct from the Creator. Whatever the actual origin of corn may have been modern botanists and maturalists are agreed that the earliest species was the kind known as "zea tunica" or "clothed corn." That is, each kernel on the ear was inclosed in a separate husk, like gains of wheat in the head. Descending from this type varieties have become almost innumerable, each country, climate and soil producing their own modifications. No other plant thrives o well in all latitudes. There are five distinct species condent, flint, sweet, sort and pop. No fewer than seventy—200 varieties are grown in Nebraska alone. The different varieties of maizo have been so determined by cultivation that each will invariably produce ears true to type when kept free from others. It is said that the Indians have produced such well-defined mixtures of the kernels on the cars as to make it possible to describe by what tribe any particular ear has been grown. For example, one tribe has all red and white grains, and another all pure black, and so on, oven to the arrangement of the different colored grains on the car. The adoption of these distinctions is said to have been originally for the purpose of deteoting thefets of the two the cold seemed the lesser have two the cold seemed the lesser have two the cold seemed the lesser have two the cold seemed the lesser of the two the cold seemed the well-defined mixtures of the kernels on the ears as to make it possible to describe has been grown. For example, one tribe has all red and white grains, and another are rangement of the different colored grains on the car. The adoption of these distinctions is said to have been originally for the purpose of detecting thefts of com by one tribe from another. The great "corn patch," embracing Indiana. Illinois, lowe, Missouri, Kansas, and Nobraska, produces enough of the original when reduced to a proper temperature of about seventy-five degrees Fahr., strain the liquor. Add to every six gallons of the strained liquor one gallon of fine honey, and work the mixture together for both originally for two days; then boil the liquor afresh, skim it until ft becomes the strained for the various cocasionally for two days; then boil the liquor afresh, skim it until ft becomes the strained for the various cool; and return jt to the vat to cool; on one year to load a skring of wagons, Nebraska, produces enough of the cercal when reduced to a proper temperature, of Spain last year is estimated at 540,000,000 in one year to load a string of wagons, pour it into a vessel, work it for three | gallogs.

So minute are the pores of the skin that a grain of fine sand will cover 200 of them.

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Sentlower Oil. The cultivation of the aunthower has become an important industry in Southern Russia, where it is grown chiefly for the tasteless oil yielded by its seeds. This oil is taking the place of olive oils for domestic purposes in that region. The pressed seeds and the boiled leaves are utilized as food for cattle, while the stalks make good fuel. Like the euculyptus, the sunflower dries the soil, and operates against malarial germs.

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Economy of Electric Heating, —Prof Ayrton, the English electrician, declares that one's first thought must be that electricity cannot possibly be made economical for leating purposes, as the amont of energy contained in a Board of Trade unit costing 7d. or 8d. could be obtained by burning about 4d. worth of coal. The electric heat, however, can be applied just where it is wanted with a minimum of waste. Experiments by his students and those of Prof. Perry have shown that it costs about 2d. an hour to keep a flating heated by an enclosed zigzag of flat-iron heated by an enclosed zizzug of an insulated wire, and a frying pan may be made to cook an omelet in about a minute and a half at a cost of about

"Beggar Farmers."

The Foire au Pain d'Epice, or gingerbread fair, which is held every spring in the Fauborg St. Antoine and the Place de la Nation, Paris, and which is notoious for the number of natural and artificial phenomena exhibited in its gaudity draped booths, was this year much enhanced by the appearance hefore the public of twenty to thirty ouls de-jatte, whose aspect was so wretched and pitiful that they reaped a truly gold en harvest.

These unfortunate cripples whose strivelled legs are curled up on the boards on which they sit, and who go about propelling themselves by the and of their hands, remind one of the horrest which used to be seen in the Cour des Miracles of bygone years. In Spain, and more especially in the neighborhood of loles there are a number of inhuman more especially in the neighborhood of loles a there are a number of inhuman morters called the ggar farmers whose noths and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called jette who are nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called jette who are nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called jette who are nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called jette who are nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called jette who are nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called parts who are according to the called the grant farmers whose nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called parts who are according to the called the grant farmers whose nothe and philatthenic accoration it is to manufacture the called parts who are according to the called the grant farmers whose nothe and philatthenic accoration is at the case of vater and even maken and parts.

The mouthpiece of a great trumpet was fixed to the aperture, and the merciless wave which would dush a strong ship to pieces and drown her crew in an instant is made to blow the whistle that warns mariners away. Its sound can be heard for eight miles, though it ceases for an hour and a half at low water, when the mouth of the cave is uncovered. Thousands of sea lions make their home upon the Farallones, which are also inhabited by innumerable rabbits, the off-spring of a few pairs originally placed there by a speculator who thought to establish a rabbit-warren for supplying the San Francisco market. At intervals the rabbits over-populate the islands and perish in great numbers for lack of food add from disease Matinicus Rock, twenty miles off the coast of Maine, has a light-house that has been kept by one family for generations. Repeatedly all the other buildings, as well as live stock and everything movable, has been swept away by the sea.

## Punishment for Slanderers.

In the Kingdom of Poland there In the hingdom of Poland there we formerly a law according to which are person found guitty of slander was compelled to welk on all fours through the streets of the town where he lived, a companied by the beadle, as a sign the was unworthy of the name of man.

Late news from Par's is to the effect that scaling wax has suddenly become once more fashtonable. A nganing is now attached to each color. White scaling wax means a proposal of marriage; black, of course, mourning; violet, condolence; brown or old gold, an invitation to dinner; ruby is used by lovers; crimson is reserved strictly for business; areen means hope; pale gray, it endeship; pink, love letters; yellow, jeniousy; gold and silver, constancy, etc. Note paper is to be had in corresponding shades and in all shapes and forms. Mourning paper is now absolutely black, edged with silver, and silver ink is used to write thereup.n. A pretty movelty is the flower paper. It is of pale blue, pink, like or green, and is p. wdered all over with the buds and petals of flowers in a yet lighter lue. Forget-me-nots or gentianellas on the bue, roses and apple blossoms on the p.ink, crocuses, violets, or twigs of lavender on the lilac, and buttercups and daisees on the green. The envelopes match the paper, and are lined with silver.

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