

THE WEEKLY AGITATOR.

A Chicago man claims to have devised an apparatus by which he can convert water into light.

Essos's new lamp consists simply of a horse-shoe shaped thread of carbonized paper, in the electric circuit, enclosed in a glass globe from which the air has been entirely exhausted.

A CLOSE SHAVE.

You can readily understand why a newspaper man would be attracted to visit a state prison, but you may well wonder why he should seek permission of the prison barbers to shave him.

"No, you don't know that he is a murderer," said the barber to the man who was shaving him.

"Who means to cut you, eh?" he growled, as he kicked the paper away. "No one," I answered, as I looked into his eyes.

He began his work again with a fierce scowl on his face, hurried it along, and in five minutes had finished.

"Good-bye, old man," I said, as I put on my coat and tossed him a quarter.

He lifted his head to give me one fierce and murderous look. The money fell to the floor and he kicked it aside in contempt.

"And he didn't even scratch your face?" said the warden as I returned to him. "No, not a scratch, and it was a close shave, too!"

St. Petersburg.—Fifty years after New York was founded, a vast marsh extended on both sides of the Neva, where St. Petersburg, or Petersburg, as the Russians generally call it, now stands.

ders and another would be nothing to his bad heart. It was in for life and his sentence could not be lengthened.

"Don't be too hard on the old man, sah.—Ie had a heap 'o' trouble."

"Yes, sah." "An' I ain't as bad as dey try to make out, sah," as he wiped beard and leather on a piece of paper on my shoulder.

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persons are aware of the enormous absorptive capacity of timber for the liquids. Cypress wood, when dry, will absorb 39 pounds or 5 gallons of oil per cubic foot.

A young man named Cross, of Richmond, Ky., goes hunting without a gun; his sole and only weapon are smooth round stumps, which he carries in his pocket.

An Irishman applied to an overzealous Tyneshipyard to be put on to a job. He was informed that his request could not be complied with; but as Pat continued to gaze earnestly at an anchor which was lying in the vicinity, the foreman repeated his reply that there was no work for him and advised him to go away.

"If there any opening here for an intellectual worker?" asked a seedy, red-nosed individual of an editor.

"A considerable carpenter, forwarding your visit, left an opening for you. Turn the knob to the right."

Why he selected a marsh twenty miles from the Gulf as the site of St. Petersburg can only be conjectured.

Then Catherine the great took up the task. She built fortifications facing the banks of the Neva for miles with granite.

St. Petersburg really is a very fine city. The Russian nobility came in numbers, and of course built palaces, and gradually the city assumed its present palatial appearance.

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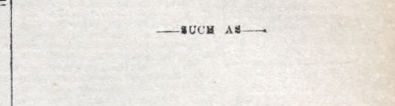
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