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room, which formerly had no value. Large heaps were suffered to accumulate until it fermented, and it was then spread over the land. After that, cartridge-paper makers bought it at $10 to $20 per ton; then it rose in price, and men were found to bleach and tear it up, in order that it might be re-ground and woven, and now there is a trade of 500,000 tons, giving employ- ment to 500 dealers. The refuse is sold for engine cleaning, and finally to the paper-makers. June 14

next, in which an immense trade has been created. It is a product of Bengal, and formerly was used only for gunny bags, to pack rags or merchandise in, but now it yields to processes which fit it for weaving with silk or cotton, or in the making of thread, rope, sail-cloth, and with wool in flannels and carpets, and with cotton and silk for matting, etc. During 25 years the con- sumption has risen from 10,000 tons to 42,500 tons, and the value from $600,000 to $5,000,000, and the refuse which goes into paper-making now equals the original import of the raw material.