

of the late Mahratta war, the annual revenue which arose from the collection of the saline crust on the margin of the lake, amounted to three lacs of rupees; since then, however, owing to neglect, the water from the mountains has so nearly filled the lake, as to leave but a small portion of the margin dry, even in the summer time, and the inhabitants have never resorted to any artificial means of extracting the salt from the water."

The quantity of salt used in this country is very great; it having been estimated at 22 pounds annually to each individual. On this supposition, the entire consumption will amount to 363,000,000 pounds, or 161,000 tons. Besides this home consumption, there is annually exported about 250,000 tons, the greater part of which is procured from the salt mines of Cheshire. It is fortunate that this important necessary of life is so cheap. Its cost at a medium may be estimated at not more than sixteen shillings a ton.

LESSON XC.

THE PIN MANUFACTORY.—A CONVERSATION.

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| for-ci-bly | so-li-ta-ry | sil-ver-y |
| an-neal-ing | u-ni-ting | po-lish-ing |
| ques-ti-on | ma-chin-e-ry | twirl-ed |
| man-u-fac-tu-rer | whit-en ed | straight-en-ed |

Mr. B.—Now, George, we will draw round the fire; make the circle large enough to let us all in, while you and Harry give us an account of your visit to the pin manufactory.