

NEWS IN BRIEF.

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- (1). Picture.:- All the house-boats in Leigh Marshes, near--
--Southend have got notice to quit. They have been stuck
in the mud for years, and now--
--they have got to be unstuck. The land has been--
--purchased for a promenade. The only shop - - which sells
anything from paraffin--
--and soap-powder to pop-corns and trouser-puttens, has--
--to shut, and Mrs. Palmer,--
--like Romeo, or was it Hamlet, has lost her
--occupation, indeed, and in fact. It's a cold,hard, world.
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- (2). --especially in Stettin Bay, North Germany. The ice-breakers
and--
--thaw have been at work, and ships bringing food, drink,
and--
--like necessaries of life are--
--able to push their way through--
--the ice stuff, and get to where they have got to go,
which is so very nice for them, isn't it ?
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