Their Ceremonial Dances-School Geography Turned Into a Song-The Great State "Meke"-A Flying Fox and a Clab Dance.

A correspondent writes as follows from Fiji, in the South Pacific ocean ; watch the country people streaming into the town in large and small parties some with their faces already painted, and their hair done up in tappa in the oddest way possible. All the time the "lall" (native wooden drums) were making a great row in the square, and when all the people were assembled we went and sat down under a canopy of mats which had been put up to screen us from the sun. First came the schoolchildren. They passed us in single file, and passing inside the advancing file coiled themselves up in the center of the square. Each child as it passed halted and read a verse from the Bible. Then they unwound themselves, and came up in the same fashion with their writing on slates. Then came a dance on the "meke." They retired a little, divided into bands, and then came forward in a sort of dance, turning first to the one side and then the other, moving in the most perfect time, and chanting as they came, All their movements were graceful, and the way in which the tune, if one can so call it, was first of all sung by those in front, and then taken up, a third lower, by those behind, was very effective. If I have time I will translate the "meke" for you. It was "composed for the occasion," When they had come close enough, on a signal they all sat down and began a geography lesson. The native teacher called out the name of a country, as "Peritania," (Britain), and one of the children, in a low minor key, began to chant "Peritania as matanitu" (Britain is a kingdom). Then a third higher some other words, where Britain is, etc., and then, with a swaying motion of their bodies and a rythmical clapping of hands, sometimes beating the ground, someon the other, and sometimes joining hands overhead, they all joined in a chant descriptive of the extent, government, etc., of the British empire; in would not accept this, and presenting a fact, school geography turned into a cocked revolver to each temple compelled rather pretty song. In this way they went through nearly all the countries in Europe. Then came the event of the day, the

great State "meke," The first was the "Flying Fox Dance." From the halfhidden roads leading out of the corners of the square came two bands of men dressed in "likus" (a sort of kilt) of green and colored leaves. These were beautifully made, the leaves lying very thick one above another, and reaching below their knees. The men were very tine specimens of humanity; some had their faces blackened or painted black and red, and their heads done up in the ooo, wholly in greenbacks and bank most elaborate way with white tappa. Garlands of flowers and leaves hung round their necks, and they had garters and armlets of bright-colored leaves on their arms and legs. To describe the dance is far beyond m / power. There must have been over 200 men and about evolutions every man threw away the huge palm-leaf fan which he carried in his hand. This was the end of the first act. In the next part the flying foxes square with their arms stretched out, circled round, and finally clustered under the tre', crying with delight at the sight of the fruit. The fox in the room for four years, Mr. East sent it up tree hung by his legs and flapped his to his agent in London to be sold "for arms, when another climbed after him, what it would fetch." and they bit and scratched and squalled just as big bats do, and the first-comer was turned out. The whole dance lasted about half an hour, and between each figure there was a slight pause. The

was surrounded-except on one side, where stood the great church—as I ought before to have mentioned, by plantations of bananas and bread-fruit; so that one saw nothing of the preparations and used, competed with him. formation, but heard the chant of the dancers before they came in from different paths. From either side advanced a party, each about eighty strong, marching three abreast, armed with short spears made of bamboo, cut into fantastic shapes at the end, or with the 000. The salary list is an interesting shafts painted or covered with a matting of reeds. As the two parties approached each other-very, very slowly-they chanted, and swung their bodies from side to side, thrusting and parrying with their spears, which were held overhead; every hand and every foot moving exactly together. When about twelve yards from each other, each body wheeled away from us, and we saw advancing between them from some distance another body of men, of about the same strength as both the others, but twelve abreast, and armed with clubs. This "meke," in which over 300 men were dancing, was wild and picturesque, and the men fine, well-made fellows as they were all chiefs, or men of high birth. The dresses in this dance were even more brilliant than in the last. Each man had a liku of strips of pandanus leaf, dyed black, yellow, and red in strips. Their bodies and faces were elaborately painted black and red, and their heads were done up in folds of very fine tappa, white or brown, or in some cases (what I have never seen before) of a bright blue. They had sashes of white tappa, in thick folds, terminating sometimes in streamers, and sometimes in a long train, not allowed to touch the ground, but looped up again into the sash, something like the things ladies used to wear a little while ago. Each man of the front rank of the larger body had a splendid large breast-plate of ivory and pearl-shell. Many had a large boar's tooth hung round their necks-rather an effective ornament-and armlets, garters, and bracelets of shells, ivory, or black waterweed, according to his fancy.

The next dance was the most graceful of all. It is called "The Waves of the Sea," and represented the sea coming up on the reef. The dresses of the men were much the same as in the last, but there were also a number of children in bright likus, and with garlands of leaves and flowers. First of all, they formed a

long line, then breaking the line, danced forward, ten or twelve at a time, for a few steps, bend down their bodies and spreading out their hands, as the little shoots of a wave run up on the beach. Then wave after wave rolled in, and then at the end of the long line ran round, first a few at a time, some falling back It was amusing in the morning to again; then more and more, as the tide runs up on the shore-side of the reef, and nothing but a small island of coral is —in cances or along the paths on the banks of the river. They had their smart dancing dresses tied up in bundles, the wayes began to meet and battle over the little island, the dancers threw their arms over their heads as they met, and their white tappa-covered heads shook as they bounded into the air, like the sprays of the breaking surf. The people sitting round screamed with delight. The idea of the dance could not have been more artistically carried out,

A Daring Robbery.

A despatch from Wapakoneta, Ohio says: A daring robbery, unprecedented in the history of Auglaize county for boldness, was committed in this place. Lewis Myers, the county treasurer, was going homeward at about ten o'clock, P. M., and just as he got opposite the first alley east of his residence three men threw a heavy blanket over his head and pressed him to the ground. Mr. Myers guessed their object instantaneously, and attempted to throw away his office keys; but his quick-eyed captors detected the attempt and prevented it. They carried him back into the alley, and guarded him until about eleven o'clock. Then they carried him bodily to the court house, unceremoniously throwing him over the fence in the alley east of

R. D. Marshall's. The back door was then broken open, and the treasurer was carried into the hall and requested to open the office door, but he refused, even under the threat of torture by burning. To show they were in earnest, a fire was started in the narrow passageway between the vaults, and Mr. Myers was held over it until the heat burned the legs of his pantaloons and scorched his feet. After being nearly suffocated with the smoke, he unlocked the door and admitted them. times pointing on one side, sometimes | He still refused, however, to open the safe, protesting that the combination to unlock the inner doors was unknown to him, being known only to his son. They him to open the safe.

While two of the robbers were rifling the safe, a third stood guard at the back hall door, and from certain sounds Mr. Myers inferred that one was at the front door. At a little after midnight the robbers departed with their booty, except one who stood over the county treasurer, revolver in hand, until the three o'clock train came in. Then he vanished.

At six o'clock Mr. Myers was discovered by the janitor, gagged and tightly bound to a chair, where he had suffered during the long hours of the night.

notes. The robbers overlooked in their haste a package of \$20,000 in government bonds belonging to Samuel Bitler, of the Farmer's Bank. It was in an envelope, and wrapped up in an old piece of newspaper.

Mr. Myers' hat was found where it sixty enildren taking part in it. The had been dropped in the street. His two parties approached each other in the usual "meke" form, an odd mixture of march and dance, and after various from him, but had the discretion not to keep it.

A Novel Accidental Discovery.

More novelties are the result of accident proceeded to rob a banana tree. A pole was set up in the middle of the square, and on the top of it a banana plant, with a bunch of artificial fruit made of husked cocoanuts full of oil. The two bands cocoanuts full of oil. The two bands and savent and compared to average and some full of the first men to work, and went away and savent and some full of the first men to work, and went away the savent and some full of the first men to work, and went away the savent and some full of the first men to work and went away to be savent for the first men to work and went away to be savent for the first men to work and went away to be savent for the results are the results account to the first men to work and went away to be savent for the first men to be savent for the firs advanced, and seemed to consult, and on business. While the men were at then messengers were sent from either dinner, Mrs. East accidentally let a blueparty, to see, I suppose, that all was bag fall into one of the vats of pulp. They went flying around the Alarmed at the occurrence, she determined to say nothing about it. Great making a noise like a flying fox. With was the astonishment of the workmen a great deal of dancing the main body when they saw the peculiar color of the approached the tree, and one of them paper, and the great anger of Mr. East climbed up, while the little flying foxes when he returned and found that the whole when he returned and found that the whole vat of pulp had been spoiled. After

"For what it will fetch!" said the agent, misunderstanding the meaning. "Well, it certainly is a novelty, but he

must not expect too much."
So he sold the whole at a considerable time was wonderful-every swish of their advance upon the market price, and likus was in unison, and they were most | wrote to the mills for as much more as clever in adapting themselves to any he could get. The surprise of Mr. East inequality in the ground. There was a may be imagined. He hastened to tell cal accompaniment of native drums his wife, who found courage to confess and hollow bamboos, played by about twenty gaily-dressed old gentleman.

Next came a club dance: The square the shape of a new cloak. Mr. East kept his secret, and for a short time supplied the market with the novel tint, until the demand far exceeded the supply, and

Savings Bank Salaries.

A New York correspondent says: The whole amount of savings bank deposits in Gotham is over \$200,000,000, and the total cost of taking care of them is \$725,study. It gives one an idea that the men who run the savings banks don't do out of philanthropy altogether. There's money in it for most of them, and quite a good deal for some. One bank pays its president a salary of \$10 .-Another pays a treasurer \$12,000. A third pays a secretary \$10,000. Another pays \$22,000 to a president and secretary. It is curious how things are mixed as to the compensation of the officers. One bank pays a treasurer \$12,000, and gives only \$3,000 to its president. Another is keeps an appraiser of real estate at \$3,-000, another keeps one at \$600. A bank with deposits of nearly \$30,000,000 has an expense account of \$93,000, and one deposits of \$2,000,000 expends \$36,000.

A Knowing Dog. A gentleman in Westchester county is the fortunate owner of two dogs, one an Newfourlander, and the other a lit-tle black-and-tan terrier. One cold night last winter a friend who happened to be at the gentleman's house heard the little dog barking at a furious rate, and inquired the cause. "I'll tell you," said the gentleman; "both dogs occupy one house, and the big dog, on the principal that might makes right takes the inside. But here's a piece of canine strategy. The little fellow runs into the yard and barks and barks, till the big fellow comes out to see what's the matter, when the black-and-tan takes the opportunity to slip into the kennel, and so secure

LIVES THAT ARE HOPELESS.

omen who are Serving Life Sentences for Murder--- God has Forgiven Me, but Man Will Not "-- The Cargin-- Smith

Tragedy.
[From the Detroit Free Press.] orrection clambers a woodbine, and birds have been there and built their nests. Under the iron cornice the spar-rows are rearing their young and chatterrows are rearing their young and chattering to each other all day long. It is pleasant to see those cold walls thus more?" "My baby! Oh, my baby! Why don't they let me see him just once more?" covered, and yet one sighs at the rememward, the first person he saw was Orilla Smith, a woman some thirty years of of a life sentence. She and her husband were sent to Jackson for life for attempting to poison his father, or rather poisoning him with intent to kill. The dose was not successfully administered, and the victim was the witness who sent him to prison. Three or four to die, but the air of liberty revived him, and he mastered the disease that had brought him near death's door. A year or two ago he was married again, and all these facts are known to the wife, who paces up and down the corridor, and veepingly asks:

'Have I not suffered enough? Have I not been here a lifetime?"
She was transferred from Jackson two or three years ago, and at present is an assistant in her ward. Men have considered the life sentence too severe, and as she has been immured eleven long years, and her husband is free, her friends have hopes that she will be pardoned within another year. The tor-tures of conscience and the pangs of sorrow have made her look like one of sixty years. If set free to-morrow, she would shrink from the public like a frightened child, and the merry shouts of happy children would fall upon her sore heart like clods on a coffin. It was not so hard to bear until she began to hope. For years her face was pale and resolute, and the flash of her eyes proved that she had determined to live on, and make no sign while waiting for death. Now that there is hope, she trembles like a leaf when a strange step sounds on the stairs. Hope and despair fill her heart by turns, and she is fast wearing away. Yet her cell is one of the cosiest on the corridor. Sitting at a mending table at the head

the laundry room was Rosa Schweistahl, a woman now sixty-five years old. She was convicted of husband-poisoning, and the sentence was for Ten long years have rolled away life. since the prison door first shut behind her, and she will not have to stay another Gray-haired and trembling, she knows that death will soon come to set her free. There are tears in her eyes as she looks up, but no ray of hope flashes across her face at the sound of the new footstep. She is not hoping for a pardon, If one were granted to her she might not be able to find kith or kin to give her a corner until her hours were num? bered. It would give her liberty and sunshine and new scenes, but what are those privileges worth to a trembling and penniless old woman, who might die by the roadside before her pardon was a week old? There is more sympathy for her because she is so old. She plea guilty when arraigned for trial, and she neither defended nor protested. Ten dreary, dismal, slow-passing years have been tolled off on Time's far-sounding bell, and her sentence is not endedonly nearer the last day. Her heart has been pierced again and again by the stings of conscience, and many a night, when deep silence reigned throughout the corridor, the sentinel has caught her Teach

whispered words · "God has forgiven me, but man will The end may not come this year nor next, but is not far away. Some morning when her cell door is thrown open she will seem to sleep on. Some one will call her name, and bend over her, and then the word will pass through the prison that "grandma" is dead,

Less than a year ago Julia Cargin was a contented wife and a happy mother, haviug all the comforts of a home and as clear a conscience as any other woman in the land. Yesterday, when our reporter saw her in the sewing room at the of correction, her face was haggard, her eyes sunken, her hair turning gray, and her forty years of life seemed to have doubled in a few brief months. She came to Michigan with her husband to visit a friend named Smith. The home of the Smiths was not pleasant. While she had considerable property in her own name, he had none, and was not

anxious to accumulate any.

Mrs. Smith had been thinking of securing a divorce, and had brooded over her situation until it seemed far worse than it really was. Soon after the Cargins arrived, Smith and his wife had some hard words, and as he left the house the wife cried out :

"I would to God that he was out

the world !" Before she had time to retract or repent, the Cargins offered to put her husband out of the way. If, before the awful crime was actually committed, the wife repented in the least, she gave her victim no warning. In the dead of night she crept away from his side and retreated to a distant room, and the Cragins crept in and murdered him as he slept. Only a wife with the heart of a Neil Gilmour, superintendent of the flend or the mind of a lunatic could have State department of public instruction, drawn away in the darkness, and listened to the murderous blows, and Scotland. On the first Sunday at home, waited to be told that her husband was his mother, who is nearly eighty years dead. They carried the body to the barn, along with the bedding, scraped the stains from the floor and walls, and then set fire to the barn to burn up all declined, informing him that she always run by an actuary and an assistant, who then set fire to the barn to burn up all together get \$11,500. In another there evidence. The plan, however, was not is neither president, secretary nor actuary, but comptroller, treasurer and accountant gather in \$17,000 between stroyed the fatal proofs, and arrest, tria', church. After walking what seemed a accountant gather in \$17,000 between them. One bank employs nine bookkeepers, and another thirteen. One were sent for life, the husband going to the uneasy official asked how far the to plan, was given a sentence of fifteen astonished to learn that it was only four years. Both women were sentenced at miles away. the same time and arrived at the prison together. Their cells are side by side, and a hundred times a day they look into each other's face, shudder at the past, and refrain from speaking a word that may call up it in a stronger light. Both have children. The murderess left two behind her, and the plotter three, the youngest hardly three years old. They do not accuse each other, as one would expect them to do. They never speak of their children to each other. When their eyes meet they remember the awful deed committed that night, and they turn from pale, haggard faces to walls

The Cargin woman could not answer questions yesterday. A look and word broke her down so that she could not speak. The wife of the murdered man sat down and tried to tell her story, and it was painful to see what a wreck she had become. She could not remember how her husband was killed, or what the witnesses against her testified, or what defense the Cargins had.

"I got up and went away from him, and then somebody killed him," she

gaspingly explained. She seemed hard and cold at first, and one would have said that she had an evil face, but the mention of her children melted her in an instant and set her to Over the grim stone walls of the sobbing. When asked about her two women's ward at the Detroit house of eldest children, she gave their whereabouts; but when the name of the youngest was mentioned she threw up her

brance that the ward holds some of the saddest hearts in the world. The other day, as our reporter entered the women's heart knowing nothing of her awful They took the little boy from her arms crime, and every day since her long sentence began he has looked into the age, who has already served eleven years faces of strangers, and tearfully and pitifully asked:

"Where's mamma? When will mamma come home?" The two older ones went quietly away

from her, dimly realizing that a happy nome was forever broken up, and that the whispers of men and women around years ago the husband was pardoned out them of a horrible murder implicated the mother who had sung them to sleep and taught them to pray. The baby clung to her just the same, and its name has only to be mentioned to wring her very soul with grief.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Decrease of Nearly Four Million in August. The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement :

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lish proverbs relating to this important feature of the human face divine. They are as follows: 1. Follow your nose.
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3. An inch is a good deal on a man's nose.
4. He would bite his own nose off to spite his face. 5. He has a nose of noses. 6. As plain as the nose on your face. 7. To hold one's nose to the grindstone. 8. To lead one by the nose. 9. To put one's nose out of joint. 10. To pay through the nose. 11. To have a good nose for a poor man's sow. 12. To thrust one's nose into other people's busi-13. A nose that can smell a rat, 14. Every man's nose will not make a shoeing horn.

A Little Walk to Church. good story is told by the Troy (N. Y.) Press at the expense of Hon. walked to church. The dutiful son could good mother, and so they started for the Jackson. Mrs. Smith, who only helped church might be, and was somewhat

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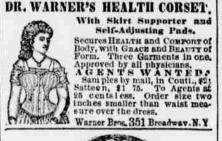


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