## The Family Circle. GLEANINGS FROM THE FOREIGN MIS-

SIONARY FIELDS.

42-Violence and Wrong are in Their Hands.

Exod. 20: 15-" Thou Shalt not Steal." than once their plantations were destroyed by the frenzied heathens. Often they were compelled to witness a wild horde press into their dwellings, devouring everything easable and breaking to pieces or carrying off horizon, for in India he follows close upon every article of furniture they contained. The sun had already appeared above the horizon, for in India he follows close upon the heels of day break. "Now make short Every hour of the night thieves would break works with him!" exclaimed the bloodinto their houses and strip them of every hours.
thing. Not seldom they came in front of the hand was blind in the right eye. As he
the dwellings of these messangers of peace suddenly turned to the right he saw the well
hurled a perfect storm of stones against known "silken handkerchief with the noose" them; stole away cattle and poultry, tore descending upon his neck. He had just time down the hedges and then departed with enough by throwing up his arm to save his wild outcries. Of a similar character was neck from the cord. But the noose fell upon the experience of the missionaries Hamilton his arm and cut like a sword deep into his and Moffat in settling among the Bechuanas. flesh. Spurred on by fear of imminent They worked with their own hands day and night to procure the means of living; but the Bechuanas not seldom rould appropriate to themselves what they blanted and built. Strokes and hastened across the neighboring Often they had to watch by might if they wanted a drop of water or a morsel of food for the next day. How often the little hut the Thugs who pursued him fell the first course full of these filthy heathers that one was so full of these filthy heathens that one His first course was to the chief officer of could scarcely move. There they stayed for the neighboring village, to make a charge hours at a time, laid down to sleep when against these miscreants. But whether it they pleased or openly stole what they saw. was that he feared them himself, or that he Scarcely ever was the missionary in the kitchen but the heathen to be the opportunity
to rob the house. If he refurned home hungry he often found that everything had been
and his associate Thugs? impossible." It devoured by the thieves. "Besides this" was only when Mohan threatened to appeal writes Moffat at that time, "we pray, talk, to the Nabob of Lucknow, at whose court he preach, without a glimpse of good. O when had an influential relative, that the alarmed will the day-star arise in their hearts."

### 43—The Thugs of India.

Jen. 20: 13-Sing to the Lord! praise ye the name of the Lord, for He hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of the evil doers.

In Hindostan there exists a band of semireligious robbers and murderers, who are organized as a society, who seek the company of some harmless traveler, and at a suitable moment throw a cord around his neck and very skillfully strangle him. These murderous thieves are called Thugs. The following is an account of an escape from their blood-thirsty hands which might almost be

regarded as miraculous. Mohan, born in a small place near Meerut, was at an earlier date a pilgrim. As such he had visited, all the temples on the west ern coast of India, and now started off again to visit Oude, the city of the divine Rama. In a little town not far from Lucknow, he lowing extract: met with a man who at first sight had the nightfall; an impenetrable thicket surrounded them. As Mohan looked around him for it all meant, and when next about fifty fellows came by, and in a covert manner asked his companion, "How have you succeeded, brother?" all doubt was at an end. He had bands who are the terror of the lonely travetion was not to be found in a great distance. They compelled him reluctantly to make his bed in their very midst, and then proceeded with their evening worship which was per-formed before Kali, that bloody goddess when he heard the robbers, in a lantion rolled off of him in streams.

a neighboring thicket; it was as if some one of white men had been seen to the north, who was digging—a grave for him! This con- had killed numbers of the natives with a tinued half an hour, then a form appeared from the thicket. "Have you made the most anxious to push on, as he supposed the

tening with strained attention. At length occasions three or four lofty mountain peaks, he saw a man creeping towards him, he was more than 10,000 feet high. The King of only distant a foot when Mohan swinging his axe thundered out, "away, be off! or I will stretch you upon the earth!" "I dom. Everywhere they went the people left know" he continued with a voice that trem- their huts, leaving their provisions behind

clothes, but leave me my life."

place and bade them take possession of his spur of a hill. Thousands of courtiers and But they stood as if disconcerted and urged conceivable occupation, from playing on mueach other to the attack. No one made the sical instruments to feeding the royal chickattempt. "Ho, there, cried the chief, "all ens. On sending word to the King that he together! right upon him!" But not one wished for an interview, that monarch sent stirred. A merciful God had smitten them back a sharp message that he was to sit on

long-with beating heart, streaming with he was a Prince, and not accustomed either perspiration, his axe uplifted. Oh! what to sit on the ground or to wait. A courtier a struggle was meanwhile going on within. Many as were the temples he had already visited, he had found no peace for his conever, terrified the whole court, King and all, science—that trembling aspen leaf! Now into submission by merely opening his um-too he intended a pilgrimage to the remain- brella, which they took to be a deadly wea- be only an inch thick.

ing places of salvation in the north, in the | pon, killing by magic. A chair was conse- | SOCIETY FOR THE ACCLIMATIZATION hope of finding there that peace for his troubled and burdened soul. But here he was. with his plan unaccomplished upon the borders of the grave and eternity. Then arose, struggling from his bosom, earnest prayers, and still more earnest sighs to THE UN-

At last, at last the dark night drew to a The first missionaries to New Zealand had close. Twilight appeared—and in Mohan's serious difficulties on account of the thievish soul too there glimmered a twilight of hope and murderous disposition of the inhabitants. for life, as he caught the sound of a compa-They built houses, but with difficulty could ny of traders passing by. But how should keep them from being burned down by the he make them aware of his desparate condisavages. They planted gardens, but more tion? If he should raise a cry for help, the

official sent soldiers into the wood. They brought back to him his little property, and Mohan was allowed to go his way in peace. A pilgrim's life was now robbed of all its charms to the good Mohan. He dedicated himself to the true God, who had heard his cries and saved him from the noose of the

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KINGDOM OF UGANDA.

[CAPTAINS Speke and Grant having reurned in safety from their African explorations are receiving the honors they have earned at the hand of their countrymen. As special meeting of the R.G.S. was held June 23d at which Captain Speke delivered a lecture on his discoveries. We make the fol-

appearance of a pious penitent. Our pil- Lake Nyanza is the kingdom of Uganda, On the most fertile part of the shores of grim, who had a high respect for holy persons, made him rich presents to secure to himself some of his store of merit. Thereupon the penitent gratefully offered to conduct him to his lord and master, a mighty most irregular. The princes having large saint who, surrounded by his followers, had harems of women, their progeny is, of course, pitched his camp in a lonely wood, far from most numerous. When a king dies all his the noise of the world, not vouchsafing to sons are burnt except his successor and two every one the edifying view of his countenance or his instructive conversation. Mo- til the coronation, after which one is penhan was enchanted with this exceedingly sioned off and the other banished to Unyoro. kind invitation, and walked many miles with Untidiness in dress is a capital crime, exhim to the woods. They reached them at cept the offender possesses sufficient riches to pay an enormous fine. Ingratitude, or even neglecting to thank a person for a bena moment his eyes rested upon a couple of new-made graves. He soon suspected what customs are also curious. No one is allowed to stand before the King, and to touch him or look at one of his women is death. They believe implicity in magic and the evil eye, and the kings are always attended by a cerfallen into the hands of those murderous tain number of women crowned with dead bands who are the terror of the lonely trave-ler in India. To run away however, was in their hands. The King of Karagwe is impossible; night had concealed everything the most civilized of all these native chiefs; in the deepest shadow, and a human habita- before entering Uganda, Captain Speke spent many days with him. In manners, civility, and enlightenment he might be compared with many Europeans. He owes much of this to the influence of an Indian merchant, named Moussa Mzouri, who helped whom the Thugs have chosenfor their him by his advice to conquer his brother, patron and protectress. How did he feel with whom he was at war. Captain Speke was much entertained with many of his quesguage which he happened to understand, reguage which he happened to understand, return thanks to the goddess for so graciously conducting another victim to them. Mohan had caught a severe cold, and these men of blood feigned the tenderest sympathy with him. They even prepared him a medicinal drink and bid him try it. But the sick man he was desirous of going north he sent meshage better than to accept the noisonous podrink and bid him try it. But the sick man knew better than to accept the poisonous potion. At 10 o'clock they retired to rest.—But Mohan with his hand upon a long hatchet which he always carried with him in his travels, remained in a sitting position, in a state of indescribable excitement. He had scarcely any clothing on, and the December nights in northern India, so near the snow-covered heights of the Himalayas are not the way for him. The King was most anxious to afford him every possible information about the country. While at the palace the King took him yachting on Murchison Creek for several days, and he frequently went shooting with the princes of the Court, who, when he had shot anything, would rush up to and shake him heartily by the hand—a custom little known in that the warmest. Yet for all this the perspira- the hand—a custom little known in that on rolled off of him in streams.

After a time he heard a slight rustling in heard from the King Kamrasi that a body bed?" said a voice from the midst of his party of white men to be that of Mr. Pethesleeping comrades: "Yes," was the answer rick, who had appointed to meet him. He

that pierced Mohan's soul like a two-edged then started for Uganda, with a numerous sword.

then started for Uganda, with a numerous retinue. Before leaving King Rumanika's He sprang up and looked around him, lis- palace at Karagwe he had noticed on several bled with mortal fear, "who you are and them. The fertility of this part is very great, what you intend. Take my money and my and the scenery on the shores of the lake most beautiful. On arriving at the King of So speaking he threw everything he had Uganda's capital Captain Speke found it newith him to the ground. But the other answered with dreadful coolness, "you need not get excited, we will have it all in good or naked could be looked at by his Ma-With lifted axe the doomed man kept his hundreds of conical tents, spread over the goods as he had thrown them on the ground. attendants were to be seen engaged in every the ground and wait until he was at liberty. As Mohan stood, so he remained all night | Captain Speke, however, sent back word that

quently allowed to Captain Speke, who was received by the King surrounded by his Court, and having by his side the women crowned with dead lizards to ward off the similar to that in Paris, has been formed in

rous very valuable presents.

in the open air, under sunshine, wind, and suitable to the park, the moorland, the plain, rain, untouched by the scissors of art, and the woodland, the fam, and the poultry unbiassed by scientific culture. Nearly all | yard, as well as those which increase the rethe sovereigns and parliaments of Great Bri- | sources of our sea-shoes, rivers, ponds, and tain, from the Conquest to the present time, gardens. have tried to regulate and adjust this multiform product of ages; but it ever escaped their grasp, rewarding all attempts to create uniformity by shooting up in more luxurious disorder. It was enacted in Magna Charta, ture of fishermen by the rebel cruiser Tathat, "there shall be through our realm one cony, is an outrage upon civilization and the weight and one measure," and the injunction recognized customs If warfare. The peowas repeated by royal and legislative edicts ple of our fishing towns depend almost innumerable, with the only ultimate effect entirely for subsistence upon the proceeds that there are now at least a hundred different dangerous and but moderately rent weights and measures. Every county, productive toil, and a non-combatants, they nay, every town and village in England, is have always in war times been free from inhappy in its particular standards of weight, terruptions and seizure. Not only has this capacity, and length. Slight difference in been so in our wars with England, but durthe latitude and longitude af a place will de-cide whether the measure called a bushel fishermen were generally allowed to pursue shall consist of one hundred and sixty-eight their avocations unharmed. In the war of pounds, or seventy-three pounds, or eighty 1812, the commanders of British ships of St. Anthony's Fire, Rose, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Sore Eyes. pounds, or seventy pounds, or sixty-three pounds, or only sixty pounds. The most The first ship that displayed the Stars and universal article of consumption, wheat, is sold by the bushel of eight gallons at Saltash, in Cornwall, and of twenty stones at Dundalk, in Leinster; it is sold, in towns near to each other, by the load of five quarters, by the load of five bushels, and by the load of three bushels; by the the load of four hundred and eighty eight quarts at Stowmarket.

Stripes in the Thames was laden with oil, and the whale fishers of Nantucket, during the hostilities of the previous seven years, were allowed to go and return from the fishing grounds at pleasure. It remains for men who a few short months ago themselves sailed under the Stars and Stripes and some of whom three bushels; by the the load of four hundred and eighty eight quarts at Stowmarket, in Suffolk, and of one hundred and forty four and sufference of the stars and Stripes, and some of whom the should tear open the festering and corrupt would which covered his whole face. Having the sufference of the stars and Stripes, and some of whom the should tear open the festering and corrupt would which covered his whole face. Having the sufference of the stars and Stripes, and some of whom the should tear open the festering and corrupt would which covered his whole face. Having the sufference of the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of a naty bound and proud to prove the stripes of t quite doubtful whether a so-called hundred every sea, to initiate a warfare so contempweight shall contain one hundred and twenty pounds or one hundred and twelve pounds. tible in point of profit to themselves, and enhanced and twelve pounds. tirely without benefit to their own cause."

\*\*we had unused to the distribution of profit to themselves, and enhanced and twelve pounds. The whole neighborhood predicted that the child must die." By custom, a hundredweight of pork at Belfast is one hundred and twenty pounds; while at Cork it is one hundred and twelve pounds. 24,880 miles around The most popular of all measurements, the bushel, is fluctuating from five quarters in some places to four hundred and eightyeight pounds in others, the quarter itself being an insettled quantity, varying no less than from GREAT DISCOVERY! sixty pounds to four hundred and eighty. Nor is it even settled what is meant by a mile. The English mile is 1,760 yards; the Scotch mile is one English mile and two hundred and seventeen yards; and the Irish mile is one English mile and four hundred and eighty yards. As to the smaller standards of weight and length used in trade and commerce, they are almost endlessly diversified.

A grocer subdivides his pounds by sixteen; a goldsmith by twelve, twenty, and twenty-four; and an apothecary by twelve, eight, three, and twenty. Again, a firkin of butter is fifty-six pounds, and a firkin of soap sixty four pounds; while a barrel of soap is two hundred and fifty six pounds, but a barrel of gunpowder only one hundred and twelve pounds. A sack of flour is twenty stone, and a sack of coal fourteen stone, or two hundred and twenty-four pounds. But the little matter as to what the term "stone" means is not at all settled, for a stone of butcher's meat or fish is eight pounds, a stone of cheese sixteen pounds, a stone of

## THE PATRIOTIC BOYS OF HAGERSTOWN.

villages and articles of commerce.

THE special correspondent of the Press writing from Hagerstown, Md., gives the following incident showing that the spirit which animated the youth of '76, still lives in the boys of Maryland. "On Sunday, June 28th, about noon, the rebel mail arrived from Richmond, in the charge of a plethoric old gentleman, with red cheeks and black beaver. A news-boy was lustily crying, 'Late Richmond papers-Express. Enquirer, Dispatch—only twenty-five cents a piece, in front of the Washington House. Nine of our cavalry had stealthily approached the town, and were now charging madly down the street. The venerable Waddilove urged his horse into a gallop, and begged the boys to show him a safe retreat. 'Go up that lane, and you'll come out into a safe place,' bawled an excited urchin. The mail agent went in, but found his way disputed adjoining yard; but a fierce-looking trooper livered the mail.'

"Let me mention the boys of Hagerstown. In the Revolution, we know that school-boys fort frightened away over 1,000 British. In our own Wissahickon a boat load of Hessians were sunk by boys hurling large rocks on them from the heights. At Hagerstown, the boys were the means of discomfitting some sixty rebel soldiers. One youth of sixteen was very prominent in his activity to have the rebels captured. He seized a gun, and pointing it at the breast of a cavalryman, said, Come down from that horse, you rebel, and he came down. And many of the officers who permitted them to ride their horses to the water found their holsters empty when examined. I was shown up- Of this full and valuable Record of the Proceedings

## OF ANIMALS.

effects of the evil eye. The King stared at London. Its objects are: -1st. The introhim for about an hour, at the end of which duction, acclimatization, and domestication time his Majesty said, "Have you seen me?" of all innoxious animals, birds, fishes, inand retired to another tent, where the same
process of staring was followed by a similar

auction, accumulatization, and undestication of all innoxious animals, birds, fishes, insects, and vegetables, whether useful or ornamental. 2d. The perfection, propagation, inquiry. The King went into a third tent, and hybridization of races newly introduced or already domesticated 3d. The spread of the Skin. however, the monarch deigned to examine Captain Speke's Whitworth rifle. Captain Speke told him that it was the custom of the inhabitants of the country of which he was a prince to make presents of everything that they possessed to any King into whose country they entered. He accordingly left him several rifles and watches, and a quantity of gunpowder. He endeavored to engage his Majesty in conversation about Petherick's however, the monarch deigned to examine indigenous animals, etc., from parts of the Majesty in conversation about Petherick's ty. 6th. The holding of periodical meet-party, and the possibility of opening trade ings, and the publication of reports and transactions, for the purpose of spreading knowledge of acclimatization, and inquiry into the causes of success or failure. The society have begun with small and carefully-conducted experiments. It is proposed that those members who happen to have facilities on their estates for experiments, and who are willing to aid the objects of the society, periodically report progress to the country.

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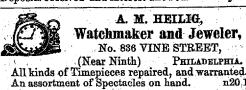
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