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A ROMANCE OF SCIENCE.

How the French Metrical System was Esta-blished-Experiences of MM. Arago and Blot. Few persons are conversant with the circumstances under which the metrical system of France was established in the early part of the present century. The whole story, in-cluding narratives of perilous adventure, is told in the official records of the French Institute, from which source an English magazine writer has drawn the materials for what he calls a romance of science.

The project of founding a system of lineal measurement upon the metre originated among the savans of the Institute of France, and it was submitted to the British Government for adoption. England being then at war with France, the offer was declined. The French then determined to send members of the institute to prosecute their scientific operations at different stations in Spain, France, England, and Scotland, and these adventurous men were compelled to encounter privations and dangers by sea and land; some of them fell into captivity, and others died from fatigue and exposure. In undertaking their task, the main object in view was to determine a standard linear measure by the admeasurement of a great arc of the earth's circumference as nearly as possible at a fixed parallel of latitude, from which a fractional section would be taken as an unalterable basis. As a medium between the two extremes of circumference at the equator and the poles, it was determined that the parallel of latitude forty-five degrees north should be the basis, especially as it intersected a part of Europe where a great arc of the meridian could be measured by a trigonometrical survey.

The Spanish Government in 1806 appointed Signors Chaix and Rodriguez, eminent astronomers, to assist in the work, and the French Institute chose M. Arago-then a young man -and M. Biot, at that time in the prime of life, with a European reputation as one of the most learned physicists of the age. The chief command of the expedition was given to M. Biot. It was arranged that M. Arago should establish himself and instruments in a rude cabin on the summit of a mountain in the Desierto de las Palmas, which Mechaia had chosen for one of the stations of his great triangle, formed on the islands of Majorca and Iviza with the coast of Valencia. A favorable site in the Mediterranean was obtained on the small isle of Formentera, which, with Iviza and several other rocky islets, forms the group of Pithyusa Isles, and their most southern point. The only accommodation was in the hut of a peasant, who was astonished to see strangers looking for such a habitation. Here they carried their reflectors and other instruments up to the summit of the rocky isle, and constructed a temporary observatory of planks. The party consisted of M. Biot and M. Rodriguez, with four sailors, the latter being stationed there to see the lamps supplied with oil and the reflectors polished and adjusted every night. By the time these arrangements were completed winter had set in, the weather became tempestuous, and the land covered with snow. The inclemency of the weather, together with the difficulty of obtaining warmth and food, soon took effect on M. Rodriguez, so that he left the island for Spain, and M. Biot had to take his arduous watch by night.

At the various points of observation, the members of the expedition kept watch day and night from the middle of October to the middle of December. M. Biot, in his report, describes feelingly the trying position of his party, and the dreary aspect of nature from the Isle of Formentera. At length, after two months' sojourn on the mountain, his perseverance was rewarded by a favorable state of the weather, when the signal lights from the different stations were visible. Then followed a set of observations by M. Arago on the island of Iviza, whence he saw the island of Majorca on the East, and the coast of Spain on the west, and thus determined an arc of parallels of latitude, measuring three degrees of longitude. This arc, situated at the southern extremity of the meridian, determined also most completely the curvature of that part of the terrestrial spheroid of revolution, at the level of the sea, from which the measurement of the metre was to be taken. These results were again compared with the first observations of M. Delambre on land at Dunkirk, from which the value of the metre was fixed according to the French laws. The difference was infinitesimal-amounting to the ten-thousandth part of a line, or about fourtenths of a metre upon the total length of the arc between the parallels of Dunkirk and Formantera-approximating to one and a half feet in 865 English statute miles. So small an error was deemed of no account, and this part of the operations was satisfactorily concluded. RUBAL CURIOSITY. Meanwhile, the members of the expedition prepared to leave the isles of Formentara and Iviza, and remove their astronomical instruments to the mainland of Spain. Before doing so, the curate of the district where M. Biot was situated requested permission for himself and some of the inhabitants to see their instruments. Though one of the inferior clergy of Spain, yet he took considerable interest in scientific operations, and appreciated the instruments in the observatory. On the other hand, the islanders permitted to enter the buildings gazed on them with the astonishment of savages. It was a Sunday and a fete day when a troop of them came in the evening, with the alcalde at their head, dancing and singing in a most extraordinary manner, both men and women. The men clattered with their feet in a kind of half-African, half-European dance; while the women, having their hair plaited into long pendant queues, turned and pirouetted on their naked feet, without raising them off the ground, Like puppets on springs. The music that accompanied these strange postures was quite as barbarous in character : one played on a spesies of flute, another struck a tambourine, and some had wooden elappers, while the alcalde kept measured time by striking a large metal plate with a piece of iron. As each one, however, entered the observatory, he made his observations in silence; presenting a contrast between civilization and barbarism, a contrast of the most sublime science and the most profound ignorance. It must be admitted, however, that though ignorant of the instruments and objects of the expedition to their solitary isles, the people in no way interfered with the mission, but assisted its members in their simple way when they could be of use.

islanders were excited by the accounts from the mainland. Napoleon was at that time preparing for his Peninsular campaign, and as the leader of the scientific expedition was a Frenchman, they concluded that he No. 1012 and his companions were emissaries of Bonaparte come to spy the land. Galatzo was in-Wishing to reduc stantly up in arms, and cries of treason and death to the traitors were raised by the ex-White French Ct cited peasantry. Fortunately, M. Arago obtained intelligence of these rumors in time to send the report of his observations by a faithful messenger to Palma, a town in the island of Majorca, with instructions to send the expeditionary vessel there to convey the Stone China Din instruments from the observatory in safety Stone China Tea to the mainland. This was effected, and M. pieces Arago himself managed to escape, and get on Stone China Tea board the vessel. pieces

ABAGO IN CAPTIVITY.

Arrived at Algiers, M. Arago called upon the French Consul, who received him with great kindness, and soon found a passage for him in an Algerian trader bound for Marseilles. After a fair and quick passage, the vessel came within sight of that port, when she was attacked by a Spanish privateer, seized, and taken as a prize into the port of Rosas. Here M. Arago thought he could easily escape across the Pyrenean frontier into France, but he was again unfortunate. He was entered on the list of passengers as a German merchant, but, by an unlucky change, one of the privateersman recognized him as a Frenchman; and thereupon M. Arago, together with the crew and passengers, were plunged into a frightful captivity.

At this time Spain and Algiers were on friendly terms; consequently this seizure of an Algerian vessel by a Spanish cruiser was contrary to international law. As soon as the Dey of Algiers was informed of this insult to his flag, he demanded instant reparationthe restoration of the ship, cargo, crew, and passengers; threatening, in case of refusal, to declare war. This had the desired effect. M. Arago and his fellow prisoners were released and allowed to re-embark in their ship, to complete its voyage to Marseilles.

After many "hair-breadth 'scapes by flood and field," Arago returned to Paris, where he received the reward of his genius and indomitable perseverance in being appointed Astronomer Royal, which post he filled to a venerable age and obtained a European reputation. Though he encountered more of the vicissitudes and dangers of travel than any of his colleagues in the expedition, yet he suffered less in health. One member, M. Chaix, succumbed under the fatigue and died at the town of San Felipe, in Spain, where he had retired to re-cuit his strength. M. Biot suffered also from the exigencies of the expedition. His exposure on the island of Formentera brought on on attack of fever, which laid him prostrate for twelve days. After recovery, he embarked in a small Algerine vessel at Iviza, to return to Spain. On the passage it was seized by a privateer of Ragusa, on the Dalmatian coast, sailing under the English flag with "letters of marque." The captors declared this a lawful prize, and would have taken the vessel into the port of Oran, in Algeria; but on M. Biot exhibiting his safe-conduct pass from the British Governmant, and his scientific instruments, he and his companions were allowed to proceed on their voyage. He finally made his way back to Paris.

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