

THE BOER COUNTRY.

Remarkable Growth of the South African Republic.

Settlement of the Transvaal and Its Marvellous Industrial Progress—Composition of the Government.

The territory comprising the Transvaal or South African republic covers an area larger than that of France. It is peopled by the Boers, who fled from the tyrannical form of government which the English sought to impose upon them further south.

The constitution of the South African republic, says Goldthwaite's Magazine, is based on Roman Dutch. The legislative power is vested in the volksraad, the members of which are elected by their constituents for four years.

PERFUME MEASURED BY CENTS

She Wanted Visitors to Smell the Dollar—and a Half Dozen. "All flesh is not the same flesh," and there are people who cannot understand the esthetic delight in what to a grosser sense is at best a mere matter of sensuous pleasure.

What flowers are, for instance, to some feminine natures is incomprehensible to less poetic beings, who, however pleased they may be with the costly beauty of exotics are quite incapable of feeling the true spell of their loveliness.

Quite entranced, the "lover of flowers" wandered from one fragrant specimen to another, and finally was hanging with delight over a large bunch of "Mme. Cousines," whose exquisite pink looked most enchantingly fresh in a large bowl of clear cut crystal.

"Admiring the roses, are you?" said the latter, after the first greetings had been said. "Yes, they are pretty nice this morning; I gave carte blanche to blank to fill my vases every other day, so I have no trouble about them at all.

When suddenly frightened lizards will often drop their tails and scurry away. The discarded member, bouncing up and down, attracts the attention of the enemy and enables an escape to be effected.

SHAKE STALKING.

Perilous Springtime Sport Indulged In by Men of Maryland.

"They have a novel and exciting spring sport down in Anne Arundel county, Maryland," said a man from Baltimore to a writer for the New York Sun. "It is snake shooting. Long ago the native sportsmen down there discovered that in the spring of the year blacksnakes, garter snakes and moosehairs—and Anne Arundel county seems to have a good many hundred of these to the acre—are engaged in their little love-making affairs.

"The proper and sportsmanlike way of hunting snakes in Anne Arundel county is to shoot them with a small rifle, and the sportsman who doesn't bag his game by shooting it in the head isn't looked up to much.

NAMES OF CHILDREN.

Custom of Baptismal Christening and Odd Results of Mistakes.

Down to the early part of the present century it was usual to name a child after the saint on whose day he happened to be born.

WILL WITH A TIME LOCK.

Odd Testamentary Freak of an Eccentric Polish Land Owner.

The contents of a most eccentric will, left by M. Zalesky, a rich Polish landed proprietor, who died in the province of Taurida in March, 1889, were recently published, says the London Telegraph.

The property left by the deceased was valued at seventy-five thousand dollars, and his will was inclosed in an envelope bearing the words: "To be opened after my death."

This continued for five years, and when, at length, in 1894, the actual will was read, it was found to be as eccentric in its dispositions as in the directions attaching to its opening.

SACRED MONKEYS.

Disturbance of the Adjuncts to the Brahmin Worship.

In certain parts of India monkeys are regarded as objects of worship. In "Reminiscences of Seventy Years' Life, Travel and Adventure," the author was about to enter the court of a large monkey temple at Nuddoa.

In passing up the country, when near to Nuddoa, I happened to stroll into a bamboo grove, or jungle, when the boat had put to for the night.

What to do I knew not. However, I hallooed as loudly as I could to make my people hear, and to my great comfort the monkeys retreated a few paces every time I did so.

She shook two or three of them by the paws as she passed; but no sooner had she come within hearing than she opened upon me a torrent of abuse for disturbing the sacred animals in their retirement.

AN EXPENSIVE DINNER.

It Cost at the Rate of Seven Hundred Dollars a Plate.

"History of the cuisine fairly teems with descriptions of costly meals," remarked a resident of Brooklyn recently to a writer for the Washington Star.

"I read how that prodigal Hellogabalus, the Roman emperor, had a single dish on his table one that cost two hundred thousand dollars, and how another Roman, Aelin Verus, gave a supper to a dozen cronies that cost a quarter of a million dollars.

The Tallest of the Race. According to an investigation conducted under the auspices of the International Society of Anthropologists of London, which has just concluded an inquiry respecting the average height of the various races and nationalities,

The tallest of the race, the English professional classes, who head the list as the tallest of adult males, attain the average of 5 feet 9.14 inches. Next on the list come the males of all classes in the United States, and a minute fraction behind them come the English of all classes.

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