Young English Sculptor Entrusted with Its Composition.

Beseription of George Frampton's Model of the Bronze Portrait of the Aged Sovereign to Be Erected in Calcutta.

It is a cause of complaint among English artists that they have received attle patronage from the queen during the 60 years of her reign. In the last years, at all events, the queen has given a sitting to no English artist, preferring, it would seem, the more academical painters of Germany. But portraits and statues of the queen by Eng-Rah artists do exist, the commissions proceeding not from royalty itself, but from patriotic bodies and institutions that desired to perpetuate their loyalty by a portrait or a statue of the queen. Lacking the advantage of actual sittings, it cannot be said that from an artistic point of view any of these portraits have been of marked excellence, and the statues, including that attributed to Princess Louise, have most of them been pitiable failures, representing in most cases an idealized Victoria of comely, middle age. This courtly flattery has indeed become almost a tradition, so much so that it is generally understood that this rather than actual portraiture is in accordance with Queen Victoria's own wishes and desires. At last, however, this unwritten law has been set aside and a statue of the queen has been produced which is worthy of notice quite apart from its subject. In order to commemerate the Diamond jubilee a fund was raised in India. With part of this fund it was decided to purchase a statue of the queen, to be eventually erected in Calcutta. The commission was intrusted to George Frampton, A. R. A., one of the younger of English sculptors.

Mr. Frampton has taken a foremost position not only as a sculptor, but also an exponent of decorative art. He was, for instance, the pioneer in that school of colored bas-relief which forms



STATUE OF VICTORIA. Erected in the City of Calcutta, India.)

a distinctive feature in modern English art work. His originality of method has been shown, too, by the skillful way in which he has introduced into his work a variety of materials, bringing together in one statue marble and decorative stones as well as a variety of metals. Judged from a point of view beyond that of mere technique, his work has been distinguished beyond that of almost all his compeers by its imaginative qualities. Now he has surpassed himself in the recently finished model for his statue of the queen.

There are those who declare that this is one of the greatest statues which the English school of sculpture has produced during the present generation. The task was no easy one, hampered on every side, as he was, by precedent and convention. He burst through the fetters, however, and produced what is almost a realistic portrait of Queen Victoria as she lives and moves to-day, not as she may have appeared a score or more of years ago, and yet has made her more truly regal than any of his flatter-

Seated on a throne which is in itself a striking example of the new school of decorative design, she sits in a natural attitude, to which dignity is imparted by the disposition of the flowing state robes which she wears. The head is slightly inclined forward, as though oppressed by the weight of age and care. And yet this very forward droop, which might so easily have suggested weakness, somehow subtly conveys the idea of regnant power and strength. So with the face, which in its realistic portraiture makes no attempt to blink the fact that the queen is an old woman, yet speaks the dignity of the ruler in every fine. It is a queen who has ruled for an ordinary lifetime, and is conscious of her power and proud of the way in which she has used that power, that Mr. Frampton has portrayed. The setting of the statue, as well as its accessories will add greatly to its effect when it is inally erected in Calcutta. As it will be wen from all sides, pains have been sken to render even the direct rear iew of it satisfactory. The back of the arone, for instance, has been symbolcally treated, the main feature being a roup consisting of a lion and a tiger valking amicably side by side and typiying England and the Indian empire. thove the statue will be erected an seh, while the bronze figure itself will e placed upon a simple pedestal of narble. It will stand facing the huge dain called the Maidan, which forms ne of the social open-air meeting taces of Calcutta. The orb held in the eft hand will be of a blue stone reembling lapis lazuli, but not so subject that precious material to disintegraion by the weather, while this, in its gure of a knight, presumably St. at wi cleorge, holding a shield and banner. year.

#### RAZOR-BACK MUSICIAN.

A Pennsylvania Pig That Plays All Sorts of Popular Songs on a Set of Bells.

There used to be a genius in Pennsylvania by the name of Baker, who held that a pig had more sense than a man. But he was generous enough to admit that it took considerably more time to proveit. Mr. Baker even set out to prove it himself, and among other pigs he secured one which he called the "Missing Link." This particular razor back helped the Baker theory along considerably and finally went to London with his master, where he astonished the Britons by playing the popular



(The Musical Razorback Playing a Popular Ballad.)

songs on bells, which he rung with his snout. Since that time the "Missing Link" has caught on. His trainer tells in his own words just how intelligent the porker from Pennsylvania is. He says, in the New York Journal:

"I arrange his instrument in front of him, with an attachment connected with the bells, or keys, as the case may be, so that, by pulling the attachment, it causes a vibration and produces the note desired. I then attach a number to each note from one to eight, and, when I want him to play any desired air, I call the numbers that produce it. For instance, numbers 1, 2, 3, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1 play the first bars of "The Last Rose of Summer," and thus any ordinary air can be performed in the same way. What has surprised me most is his wonderful memory and distinguishing power. If I change a bell in the scale, he recognizes it as quickly as I do. If he is running up the scale with a misplaced note in it he will stop when he comes to it and try it over again."

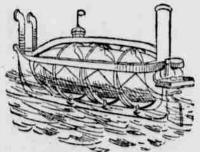
Other instances could be given of his remarkable powers. The proprietor of this wonderful pig has studied and taught animals for 40 years.

Pigs as a rule can be taught to do tricks as easily as a dog. They are not quite so companionable it is true. But they are much more productive as money makers. They seldom, if ever, and go through their acts in a sort of mechanical way. In Mexico they are used as guardians for children, and it is a dangerous pastime to annoy them was taking a bath upstairs, and the under these circumstances.

# SHAW'S ROLLER BOAT.

Eventually Revolutionize Ma-

H. R. Shaw, of Rasseau, Canada, has recently been awarded a patent for the roller boat, designed by him, his device having passed the various examinations and been pronounced entirely new and novel in every respect. His claim for this craft is that it will have great speed with greater personal comfort and while this boat will work its way through the water at a speed hitherto unknown in sea-going craft, passengers will not be as much subjected to the discomforts of seasickness as those traveling on the slower boats. His design



SHAW'S ROLLER BOAT. (Its Inventor Thinks It Will Revolutionize Shipbuilding.)

consists of two cylindrical shells, one within the other. The cylinders are tapering toward each end, where they are fastened to the stem and stern, which form part of the keel of the boat. The inner shell is held stationary to these parts, while the outer one is revolved by the ship's engines, the progression through the water being accomplished by means of two convolute flanges extending from the bow to the stern. A bridge or promenade extends the whole length of the boat over the cylinder hull, which is reached from the interior by means of passageways built in the upright stem and stern.

The inventor hopes to make this style of craft popular for all the purposes of ordinary marine travel, but his patent is worded also to cover life-saving boats of this class, for which the shape seems to be favorably adapted, for a boat of this kind would in all probability be easily launched in the heaviest sea and easily controlled when it had reached deeper water.

Greatest Alcohol Drinkers. A learned professor at Geneva, Switzerland, states that France drinks more alcohol annually than any other nation in Europe. His calculation is based on the percentage of alcoholic liquors consumed. According to this standard, each person in France drinks urn, is surmounted by a gold and silver | 13 quarts of alcohol in many more quarts af wines, beers, etc., in the course of a

#### THE HEAVIEST TRAIN.

Great Accomplishment of an Engine on the Baltimore & Ohio Rond.

When the receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad began the now famous series of improvements of the physical condition of the entire system, their object was to increase both the trainload and the number of revenue tons per mile, and at the same time reduce the cost of transportation. Much has been done, and by the lowering of grades, elimination of curves, laying of new steel rails and the purchase of heavy motive power they have very materially added to the number of cars per train. But it was not until the 17th of March

last that a demonstration was made of what might be expected of the new Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Enough new 50-ton capacity steel cars had been delivered to give the operating department a chance to experiment. Fifty steel cars, each weighing 34,000 pounds. were loaded with an average of 98,000 pounds of coal. To them was coupled a new 22x28-inch consolidation locomotive weighing 168,700 pounds and having \$4-inch driving wheels. The start was made from Cumber-

land, Md., and the destination was Brunswick, Md., on the Second division. In his report General Superintendent Fitzgerald says the train was pulled with comparative ease and that the class of engines used will be able to handle 50 cars of 50 tons' capacity each on that division without trouble.

Hitherto the trainload on that division has been 325 units of 61/2 tons each, or about 2,200 tons, a 40 per cent. increase over that of five years ago. The 50-car train was computed as containing 497 units, or 6,458,100 pounds gross. The net weight of coal in the train was 4,758,100 pounds.

It was by far the heaviest train ever hauled over the line and demonstrated that heavy power, modern equipment with safety appliances, and a good track, mean more revenue tons per mile and a decreased cost of transportation.

#### PIDGIN ENGLISH.

The Grotesque Gibberish Used in China Between Foreigners and Natives.

The nondescript tongue known as 'pidgin-English" is almost the only melium of communication between foreigners and the Chinese, and ninetenths of the enormous business done in China between the English, Germans and Americans and the Chinese is done through this grotesque gibberish. Mr. Chester Holcombe, in his "Real Chinaman," gives two amusing anecdotes to show how absurd it is.

A young foreigner who called upon two young ladies, also foreigners, was informed by their Chinese servant: "Thal two piecey girlo no can see. show any affection for their masters Number one piecey top side makee washee, washee. Number two piecey go outside, makee walkee, walkee." He meant to say that the elder of the two younger had gone out.

When King Kalakaua, of the Hawaiian islands, visited Shanghai, he occupied a suite of rooms up one flight of Its Inventor Hopes That It Will stairs at the Astor house. Two American gentlemen called to pay their respects one morning an proprietor, inquired if the king was in. 'I will see," replied the landlord, and shouting to a Chinese servant at the head of the stairs, asked: "Boy! That piecey king top side, had got?" "Hab got," laconically answered the servant. "Gentlemen, his majesty is in. Pray walk up," said the landlord.

# WEDDED TO FILTH.

Bath Tubs Are Unknown and Horses Stabled in the Houses of Some Cubans.

Dr. John Morgan Williams, of Louisville, Ky., a member of the hospital staff of the Third Kentucky, recently established three hospitals at Matanzas, and was one of a board of physicians to look after the sanitary matters of that city.

"Everywhere among the natives," said Dr. Williams, "I encountered the greatest obstinacy and objection to the advanced methods of the American, from the penniless peasant to the wealthy nobleman. They regard scientific plumbing as a foolish fad of the Americans. They seem positively wedded to filth. I'm afraid that it will take a long time to get them to take the precautionary measures to prevent contagious diseases.

"The richer families of Matanzas, which is a town of 80,000 inhabitants, keep their horses and carriages under the same roof in the houses in which they sleep. In many cases the horse is stabled in the front room and can be plainly seen from the street. A modern bath tub is something not to be found in

Diagnose by Description. Medical practitioners in China probably do not hanker after royal patients. A Chinese physician who was recently called to prescribe for the emperor was not permitted to look at his august patient, much less to ask him questions. The dowager empress told him how the emperor felt, as accurately as she could describe his condition, and the physician had to base his diagnosis on her guess.

Mourning for a Dead Dog. A London lady, who mourns the loss of a pet poodle, has deemed it necessary to have special "In Memoriam" cards

printed in memory of the dog's virtues. Maine Canoes Sent to Asia. Bangor manufacturers are sending canoes of birch and canvas to Palestine, Japan and China.

Exempt from Turnpike Tolls. Turnpike tolls cannot be legally collected from funeral parties in Mary-

#### INCENTIVE TO BOYS.

It Is Offered by the Life Story of Dr. Schurman, President of the Philippine Commission.

The life story of Jacob Gould Schurman, whom the president has chosen as head of the Philippine commission, might have been written as an incentive to boys, so fully have the sacrifices and endeavors of his youth been rewarded. The son of a poor farmer in that cheerless country, Prince Edward island, he literally made his own way in the world, and was only 28 years old when, in 1892, be succeeded Prof. Charles Kendall Adams as president of Cornell uni-

Schurman, says the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, was first awakened



JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN. (President of the United States Philippine

to the possibilities that lay before him by reading the life of Lincoln. His first library was the Bible. Fox's Book of Martyrs and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress; the first money he earned, ten cents, paid him by one of the neighbors for helping with the threshing; his first regular occupation, clerk in a village shop for the magnificent salary of \$30 a year; but he was a boy with an imagination, and while weighing out flour and measuring off ribbon his eyes were fixed upon the stars, and they have never been lowered.

Dr. Schurman has attained great success and has enjoyed many triumphs, but the greatest day in his life was that on which he learned he had won the scholarship in the University of London or Edinburgh, open to all the colleges of the Dominion, and entitling its holder to \$500 a year for four years at either of these great institutions.

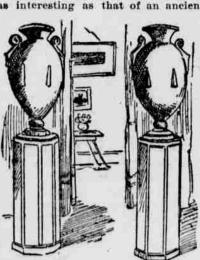
After taking the examination in June, young Schurman went to Prince Edward island for the summer, and, hearing nothing from his papers, imagined he had failed. He returned to Acadia college, therefore, to finish his course; but on the way met a number of people who overpowered him with congratulations. He had won the scholarship.

### GIFT FROM FRANCE.

Two Beautiful Sevres Vases and Pedestals Placed in the Blue Room of the White House.

An interesting ceremony took place in the blue room of the white house a few days since when the French ambassador, M. Cambon, presented to the government and to the American people, as two magnificent Sevres vases, a gift of the late Felix Faure, president of the French republic, in commemoration of the opening, last August, of the new Franco-American cable, on which occasion the heads of the two nations exchanged the first messages over the new line. The vases and pedestals stand about eight feet high and are of that exquisite deep blue so characteristic of the very finest Sevres ware.

The history of this exquisite ware is as interesting as that of an ancient



SEVRES VASES FROM FRANCE. (Gift of the Late President Faure to the American People.)

noble house. In 1756 the entire works of Sevres were purchased by Louis XV. It is related that when Oscar of Sweden was in Paris a few years ago he went into the official exposition of Sevres porcelain. Here the product of each year is arranged with care. The king noticed that of blue celeste there were but three pieces, and with considerable surprise consulted the attendant, who told him that those three plates were worth a small fortune. "I have more plates of blue celeste

than that," his majesty replied. "You!" exclaimed the attendant. "Who are you?" "The king of Sweden," the caller an-

swered. "May I ask your majesty, how many

of these plates you possess?"

King Oscar turned to Count Resen, his companion, and asked: "How many have we?"

The reply was: "Two hundred and fourteen pieces, your malesty." The attendant was dumfounded, but managed to inquire how the china had been so carefully preserved. Whereat

the royal visitor remarked, sagely: "Oh, that is easily accounted for. You see, in Sweden we don't have any evolutions."

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