

MORMON PRIESTHOOD.

Its Influence Is Felt in Business, in Politics, and in Social Life.

The priesthood can always rely on the women. They have been the strength of the church, even under that system of polygamy which made them "living martyrs."

None who goes through this experience ever forgets the power of the priesthood, and each understands that if he should show too great a spirit of independence he may be called again to make the sacrifice.

HER BRIDEGROOM'S UNIFORM.

She Wanted It to Be a Combination of an Admiral's and a General's.

One of the young gentlemen who have just been appointed in the regular army was married only a few weeks ago, and his bride takes a great deal of interest in his uniform.

She told the tailor she did not like the ordinary uniform of a second lieutenant and desired to have her husband's different. She wanted to have four bands of gold braid around the sleeve, like Admiral Schley has on his, and after critically examining all the shoulder straps she instructed the tailor to put on her husband's coat a pair that had silver birds embroidered on them, because they were prettier than any of the rest.

The tailor tried to advise her that the regulations did not permit a second lieutenant to wear the insignia of an admiral of the navy or those of a colonel in the army, but she declared that if he would not make that uniform the way she wanted she would have her husband patronize somebody else.

PRAIRIE GIRL'S WEDDING.

She Seldom Takes a Trip, But Goes Direct to Her New Home.

As the prairie girl has grown up with her training along practical lines, so she asks only of her lover that he shall be manly and true, writes Charles Moreau Harger, of "A Girl's Life on the Prairie," in Ladies' Home Journal.

CAPTURING STURGEON.

Mounted Russian Cossacks Fish Through the Ice of Swift Rivers.

To fish while mounted on the back of a horse probably would be beyond the capacity of gentle Isaac Walton of delightful memory, yet that is the way sturgeon is captured in the frozen rivers of the Ural mountains.

LIVING IN A SUN BOX.

A New Australian Institution for the Treatment of Consumption.

In two Australian towns away up in the mountains there are now institutions for the treatment of consumption by the "new method," which calls for little beside fresh air and food.

"Why, I lived in a sun box for years when I first came to the country, but we used to call it a hut in those days!" some readers will be ready to exclaim.

There is this difference, however, between a hut and a sun box, that the former is a fixture, unless a bush fire or a hurricane comes along, whereas a sun box should be constructed on a pivot, or, failing that, on wheels, so that its front may be readily turned away from the wind.

Photographs show the treatment being carried out right among the gleaming mountain snows—with the convalescent patients engaged in snow-balling!

FIRST DAILY WAS WRITTEN.

London's Earliest Newspaper Was in the Manuscript of Its Correspondents.

It has been discovered that what may be called the first daily newspaper was a manuscript letter written by salaried correspondents and forwarded to them every 24 hours from London to the provinces.

During the commonwealth these London letters were printed in type and circulated in large numbers. Even so long ago as 1689 the law of libel was such as to be characterized by Judge Serogus as making any newspaper publication illegal and tending to provoke a breach of the peace.

Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," was one of the early journalists, his paper being called the Review. Then there was Tutchin, whose weekly publication, the Observer, cost, according to evidence he gave in a court of justice, half a guinea to print, though the typesetter evidently raised his price to 20 shillings.

The Times employed the first foreign correspondent in the person of Henry Crabb Robinson, and succeeded in "scooping" the government itself in the news of the battle of Waterloo.

A GREAT MAN.

He Was Known Only as "Blocker" When His Identity Was Discovered.

Talking about bishops, the other afternoon a distinguished, stately man, clad in the garb of a minister, was over at the fish commission spending a half hour in watching the gyrations of the specimens in the tank, says the Washington Post.

"Am I right," he inquired, "in supposing you to be Right Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, Episcopal bishop of Brazil?"

"You are," replied the stately man, regarding his questioner wonderingly.

"Well, then, hello, 'Blocker,'" said the scientist, jovially, holding out his hand.

"Why, hello, there, Charlie!" warmly replied Right Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, Episcopal bishop of Brazil, squeezing the young scientist's hand.

The czar as a boy. Hastings, England, has a free circus every day at noon. At that hour an old gentleman parades in the front garden of his fine residence, perfectly naked, except for a loin cloth, a turban and sandals.

The present shah has just celebrated his forty-sixth birthday. The shah is enormously wealthy, and almost the whole of his fortune consists of diamonds and precious stones.

BELIEVES IN HEREDITY.

He Has a Lusty Son Who is a Living Proof of It Every Day.

"Do I believe in heredity?" said a well-known local professional man to the Cleveland Plain Dealer man.

"You see, I like to get out in the yard—I have a pretty fair-sized one—with the rake and the spade and the lawn mower, and tidy things up a little. I don't hanker particularly after the job, but I know the exercise is just what I need and I do it.

"You see I was just like that when I was a youngster! My dear old dad would say: 'Come along, boy! but do you suppose I came? Not much. I sneaked and hid and made myself scarce every time I saw him start for the garden. And he had to go out and do the work alone.

"I only hope that my boy will have a boy of his own some day who will serve him the very same way. And I'll bet you something handsome he will. It's according to the rules of eternal equity that he should.

"Yes, sir, I'm a firm believer in heredity."

A NAME WANTED.

Australia Is Trying to Find a Suitable One for Her New Capital.

The correspondence columns of the Australian papers are teeming with novel and original suggestions for the style and title of the federal capital of the early future.

Alexandrina, Guelph, Southern Cross, Australopolis, Australburgh, Victoria Regina, Atlantis, Federal City, Queen Victoria City, Federa, Southminster and Britannia are a few of the titles culled from a considerable variety of epistolary samples.

POMP OF POWER.

Great Ceremony Attends the Nightly Locking of Gibraltar's Gates.

Perhaps the favorite sight of Gibraltar is the daily procession at sundown for the locking of the town gates. The keeper of the keys, looking very like a prisoner despite his uniform, marches through the town in the center of a military guard, preceded by a regimental band, which plays inspiring and familiar tunes.

On arriving at the gates the guard salutes, the martial strains strike up with a redoubled pean of triumph, while the great doors slowly swing to and are solemnly locked for the night.

Once the gates are shut it were easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for any unauthorized person to go into Gibraltar. Even a belated officer returning from pig-sticking beyond the lines would be confronted by so many formalities and the necessity of inconveniencing so many high personages that he would probably prefer to encounter the discomforts of a Spanish inn without.

The Naked Man's Prayer.

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HISTORY OF THE DONKEY.

In the Far East the Diminutive Animal Has the Appreciation of All Classes.

The best donkeys come from Arabia. They have clean, smooth coats, hold their heads high and are used only for riding purposes.

In the far east the donkey for centuries has received the appreciation of all classes. A fine Arab steed, used solely for the saddle, exists in Syria and a smaller kind is devoted to the use of the women when they wish to ride abroad.

As one goes farther east the donkeys diminish in stature, and in India the tiny animal called a donkey is used only by the people of the lower caste.

Although the donkey was known in England in the reign of the earlier Saxons, it was not common, for it became extinct till the reign of Elizabeth. The wild origin of the donkey is supposed to have been the koulan or onager, which exists in herds in Persia and similar lands.

GOLD MINING.

There Is Reason to Believe It May Be Carried on Profitably in the Philippines.

At this distance and with the slight exploratory work which has been carried on in the Philippine islands, says the Engineering Magazine, the minerals that can be profitably exported are best known.

USES FOR CORUNDUM.

For Abrasive Purposes in Work on Metals It May Supplant Emery.

There will probably soon be employment for the large deposits of corundum in North Carolina, as uses for that mineral in the arts are being found.

Gold Production.

A close race is that in gold production in the United States, Australia and South Africa. Last year the United States lost the first place, but may be expected to regain it.

Ammunition for Old Iron.

A cargo of shells, originally intended for the use of Spanish guns in the war with the United States, recently arrived at Glasgow, Scotland.

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