QUEER AFRICAN PEOPLE.

Their Ways of Execution for Crimes Regulated by Gustom.

Herr Eberhard von Schkopp, who has explored the interior of the Kameruns district in western Africa, gives an interesting account of the native tribe called the Bakoko. They are, he believes, of Semitic origin, and, having lived in the Kameruns district only about 200 years, are called strangers by other natives. They govern by means of a "council of elders," whose duty it is to judge offenders guilty or guiltless. If guiltless they are set free, if guilty they are put to death, this being the only form of punishment known there.

According to the gravity of the crime, the manner of execution varies, and may be "simple" or complicated" "Simple" execution means being thrown to the crocodiles. "Complicated" execution consists of being fastened to a tree and left to be eaten by casual visitors, such as lions and tigers, or being tortured until death comes.

Cannibalism is practiced by the Bakokos, not because they especially care for the flavor of the meat, but because they feel that by eating every particle of an enemy they are subjecting him to the greatest indignity conceivable.

Curious Customs in Scotland.

In the western highlands of Scotland an ancient custom suggestive of the pre-Christian days is still in force. When a child is born all the old women of the neighborhood meet in the house and place a straw rope around the child's neck. At the same time they chant a curious charm, which is supposed to ward off fairies and evil apirits. So great an importance do the inhabitants attach to this ceremony that they believe it would be a "tempting of providence" to neglect it. When any one dies the relatives dig the grave, taking the greatest possible care to remove every stone from the mold Stones in the grave interfere, it is said, with the rest of the Also, they are particular to cut des 1. the turf which is to cover the mound he piece, as otherwise they believe in water would get into the grave and make the body uncomfortable.

Water of the Caspian Sea. One of the most remarkable physi cal features of the globe is the doup and wide depression in the hollow of which stands the Caspian Sea, and Sea of Aral is nearly as large as pian Sea is nearly as large as France, and its surface is eighty-four feet below the level of the Black Sca. The Sea orf Aral is nearly as large as Ireland, and is very little over the sea level. Within recent geological times the vast expanse in which these lakes are found was sea. Its floor has been gradually raised, and the waters filling the depressions are all that is left of an nucleut Mediterranean.

A strange feature of both bodies of water is that, although they receive large rivers, especially the Caspian, into which the Volga, the Ural River and scores of streams from the Caucames flow, both have for many years been gotting shallower. Evaporation. for they have no outlet, exceeds the Hut for some climatic reason inflow. probably, like Lake Ural and Its peighbor, Lake Balkash, have since 1801 increased in depth.

Lake Ealkash last summer, and found wire file, such as bills of all sorts to move from one place to another,

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

DECAY OF THE LAW OF CUETOM.

Neuralgia

And Other

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first package will benefit. If it fails he will return your money. 25 doses, 25 cents, Never sold in bulk.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind

He Collects Fakes

Little Swindles With Which a Philadel-

Phia Man Amuses Himself

that a Philadelphia man collects.

Advertising fakes are the things

"There are more valuable collec-

tions than mine in this world," he

says, "but I doubt if there is one

which affords its owner more

amusement. My wife says I have

thrown away quantities of dimes

and quarters on mere foolishness;

but when I think of the laughs I

have had I consider that the money

"For instance, some one adver-

tised in a number of small farm and

country papers some years ago

offering to send tor only 25 cents

something which would prove a

quick and certain death to any

number of potato bugs, if used

according to directions. I sent a quarter and received this."

plain unvarnished pine, upon one

ing: "Place this block on the

ground; put the potato bug upon

it; then strike it quickly and firmly

with the other block. Repeat the

operation once for each potato bug

Another quarter, forwarded in

answer to an advertisement guaran-

of which was pasted a label read-

He displayed two little blocks of

has been well spent.

ai

other pains.

tranquility.

Due to the White Race Traveling All Over the Earth.

The progressive penetration of the white race into regions of the corth which are inhabited by colorest races may be said to have cultilizated All pain in any disease is in the recent expedition to Linasea, nerve pain, the result of a turwhich probabaly marks the beginning of a sapping process destined bulent condition of the nerves. ultimately to lead to the fall of the The stabbing, lacerating, last cltadel of immemorial custom darting, burning, agonizing and prejudice. Under the title of pain that comes from the promthe "Decay of the Law of Custom" inent nerve branches, or senan interesting address was recently sory nerves, is neuralgia, and delivered at the meeting of the Devis the "big brother" of all the onshire Association by the president, Basil H. Thomson, governor of the Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills Dartmoor Convict Prison. The laws of custom which have governed the rarely ever fail to relieve these colored races for countless generapains by soothing these larger tions are, it is pointed out, gradually nerves, and restoring their breaking down, though it is estimated that some \$00,000,000 of the Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills 1.500,000,000 constituting the populeave no bad after-effects, and lation of the globe are still comparatively uncivilized and stagnant unare a reliable remedy for every der the influence of these laws The kind of pain, such as headache, ever increasing facilities of interbackache, stomachache, sciatcommunication must make steadily ica, rheumatism and neuralgia. for a greater uniformity of view and They also relieve Dizziness, conduct among the the different Sleeplessness, Nervousness, races of mankind and for the white Car-Sickness, and Distress afrace the question is of the first im-Car-Sickness, and Distress ar-ter cating. "For many years I have been a con-stant sufferer from neuralgia and headache, and have never been able to obtain any relief from various headache powders and capsules, until I tried Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills. They always cupe my headache in five minutes time." FRED R. SWINGLEY, Cashier 1st Nat. Bank, Atkinson, Neh. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are sold by portance as to what part the colored races wid come to play in the affairs of the world when they shall have assimilated the teachings of Western civilization.

With this is bound up the question of the relative mental capacity of the white and colored neonles. It would be rash to assert that any race is inferior in mental endowment to. and inherently incapable of reaching the mental level of another, though plenty of white men are to be found who, after years of residence in Africa or the East, speak confidently of the general mental inferiority of the colored races. Even In instances in which it is manifest that no such inferiority exists there Is, they say, and always will be, a profound difference between colored and white races in the manner of viewing things. This is to maintain that a man's attitude of mind is as innate and as liable to alteration as is the color of the skin.

We prefer to take the view that the differences between white and colored races are in the main matters of custom and tradition and as such are subject to the influences of the agents of civilization, such as steam and electricity, which have already done so much toward obliterating lines of demarcation between nationalties and toward establishing uniformity in manners and customs-London Lancet.

MAMMOTH GERMAN DOCK.

Holds Longest Vessel Affoat and Lifts 35,000 Tons.

With the view of keeping level with the increasing length and weight of modern steamships, a Hamburg firm constructed an enormous floating dock. Hitherto the largest dock constructed by the firm was capable of lifting 17,000 tons dead weight, but the new giant lifts 35,000 tons.

It is 750 feet long, in five sections of 150 feet each, so that it is able to teeing for that price a "sure way hold the largest vessel now affoat. Nature reports that M. Berg visited to save your gas bills," brought a Provision is made to enable the dock



We experienced farme has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need differ enthandling than others He knows that a great deal depends upon right planting at the right time, and that the soil must be kept enriched. No use of complaining in summer about a mistake made in the spring. Decide before the seed is planted.

We best time to remedy wasting conditions in the human body is before the evil is too deep rooted. At the first evidence of loss of flesh

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should be taken immediately. There is nothing that will repair wasted tissue more quickly or replace lost flesh more abundantly than Scott's Emulsion. It nourishes and builds up the body when ordinary food's absolutely fail.

We will send you a sample free.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy. SCOTT BOWNE CHEMISTS 409 Pearl Street NEW YORK soc. and Sr; all druggists

1st-Anticipating A Strike.

The anthracite operators will tore 8,000,000 tons of coal in anticipation of a possible strike of the miners. Orders to this effect have been issued by the President of the seven companies composing the combination. President Baer has ordered that the Reading corporation shall have 2,500,000 tons in storage by March 31, and this will require the laying aside of 150,000 tons out of each month's product ion from now until April 1.

Though neither Mr. Baer nor any



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Will Store Coal.

8.000.000 Tons Ordered Set Aside by April

that the level was rising with comparative rapidity. Whereas the Casplan, like the Dead Sca, is very salt, owing to the rate of evaporation, Aral and Balkash are brackish only. Them remnants of what was once a great sea opening into the ocean, as the Mediterranean does now, still contain marine fish and seals. Some of the latter survive in the Aral and Baikal lakes, having gradually become fitted for their habitat, though it is no longer salt, but merely bracklsh, and. in the case of Baikal, actually fresh water .- Exchange.

"Road Hogs" Pay \$1,500,000 Fines.

British motorists paid an aggregate of nearly \$1,500,000 in fines for a tub of soft soap." exceeding the speed limit in the year 1904. In certain districts the police traps are so ingeniously laid and magistrates so surely convict motorists that the latter are now combining to give these places a wide berth. Popular feeling, especially in country districts, against the motorscorchers grows fiercer daily, the offense of "road hogs" are so gross .----New York World.

A baby carriage manufacturer never fails to push his business.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustaebian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for coustipation.

are commonly kept upon.

in your fields.

answer received to an advertisement which offered for a quarter to send a sure tip on how to get rich quick. The tip read: "Fish for suckers, as we do "

Similar to this is a card received in return for twenty-five cents sent to learn "how to make money fast." It read: "Glue it to the wall."

In fulfillment of a promise that for a dime one would be told how to make a good impression whenever desiring to do so came the instruction: "Sit down real hard in

A little cardboard tray, over the surface of which are pasted diamonds cut from a pack of cards, came in return for 50 cents, which was sent on the strength of an advertisment offering to furnish for that sum a tray of Montana diamonds.

"That is the most expensive exhibit but one in my collection." the Philadelphia man explained. The exception is a rifle which was the first of fake advertisements to take me in.

' I was a mere boy then, working out on a farm. I read the advertisement offering a splendid rifle for only \$3, and instantly sent three of my hard carned, hardly saved store,

"I received this little cardboard rifle. With it came a letter: 'Here is your rifle, Willie, Learn your lesson and don't kick. There's lots more in the same fix; besides, experience is cheap at any price.'

"I didn't kick, but I'm afraid I didn't learn my lesson. Possibilittes of hidden humor had been revealed which appealed to me. I kept the rifle, and years afterward, when I could spend occasional dimes and quarters for amusement, I started my collection."

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Chart H. Tutcher.

and though Hamburg will be its A gem of the collection is an home, the month of the Eibe will in all probability be its frequent resting place, especially when repairs to a deep draughted warship are in contemplation, as the Elbe channel cannot accommodate battleships as far as Hamburg.

Human and Animal Blood.

The Prussian mulitary surgeon, Dr. Uhlenhuth, who has been transferred to the Hygienic Institute of the University of Greffswald, is the discoverer of a new method for distinguishing human from animal blood. In 1897 Dr. Uhlenhuth was assistant at the institute for infectious diseases at Berlin, and is a member of the commission for investigating the foot and mouth disease. In the fall of 1900 Dr. Uhlenhuth published very important investigations with reference to distinguishing between the albumin of eggs of various birds upon the basis of modern science, which is mainly the result of the researches of Bordet of France and Ehrlich of Frankfort. Uhlenhuth found that these albumins can be differentiated blologically. His researches resulted in Eric companies have issued orders the very important discovery of a new forensic method to distinguish human from animal blood, so that It is now possible to tell with absolute certainty the origin of even the smallest traces of blood either in dry or also in putrofied form. This method, which he published in February, 1901, was soon confirmed on all sides and has become of fundamental Importance for forenalc medicine; By his method he can tell the presence of horse ment in sausages and other smoked meat articles, which is a great step in advance for the examination of foodstuffs.

Tide of Affairs in Germany. Gen. von Lieber of Germany has a queer theory regarding the fatherland which he explained at the recent conference of the pan-German League at Worms. The general's theory is to this effect: "Every fifty years or so there comes a tide in the affairs of Germany which taken at the flood has led on to fortune. Thus after the year 1701 came the seven years' war in 1756; after the battle of Jena in 1806 followed the successful wars of 1864 and 1866. High water mark was reached in 1870, and the ebb will be due by about

ies has received word from President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, it is their intention to have sufficient coal on hand to supply the market for not less than four months from April 1 next. It is expected that Mitchell will forward a letter to each of the anthracite presidents within the next few days asking them to meet the miners' committee.

The Reading company has already filled its shortage plant at Abrams, near Bridgeport. It contains 800,000 tons of the smaller sizes. The company has more than 1,500,000 tons already stored at various points in New England and throughout the Northwest. The Lehigh Valley company is said to have nearly as much scattered among its storage plants in New England, around New York and in the anthracite field.

The managements of the Delaware and Hudson, the Lackawanna, the New York, Outario and Western, the Pennsylvania and the to increase the amount of anthracite already stored, and have agreed that wholesale dealers will be supplied with only sufficient coal to meet their regular demands. None will be permitted to store coal for the purpose of speculation. If a strike is declared by the miners, Mr. Baer, who will represent the hard coal operators, will see that retail prices are not advanced excessively and thousands thus compelled to suffer.

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