

FOREIGN MILITARY NOTES.

SENEGAL, French Soudan, French Guines and the Ivory Coast are to be united for political and military purposes under the governor general of West Africa.

CALAIS has dedicated a monument, by Rodin, to Eustache de St. Pierre and the five other burghers who defended the town against Edward III, of England, and gave themselves up to be hanged to save their townsmen when it surrendered.

Taxats with an tube on board the British torpedo boat Scourge have proved very successful, and the tubes are to be tried now on one of the destroyers. They require far less attention than the steel tubes. and are, of course, much lighter. FRANCE is going to build at once two large cruisers of great power and speed, capable of competing with the British Terrible and our Columbia, and of overtaking the fast Atlantic liners. They will have a minimum contract speed of twenty-three knots, and must steam 500 knots at twelve knots an hour without recoaling. CHANGES in the system of supplying ammunition to the French infantry have been made. Each man may carry 120 rounds, instead of 102, on his person, and just before action is supplied. with 65 rounds from the company carts, 19 more rounds being kept in reserve. The corps park wagons provide 303 rounds per man instead of 251; these are distributed to the company wagons as fast as they are emptied.

present head of the signal corps, distinguished for his travels in the far north. The reproduction of the features is well-nigh perfect, except for a slight distortion of the muscles, caused by the pulling down of the plaster. The mask is of the entire head, except the lower part, which is omitted, that the mask may be taken off entire. These masks were made by Theodore A. Mills, the sculptor, who has done considerable creditable work of this kind at the museum. He makes them very quickly, each occupying only about fifteen

culty. Most sculptors, however, spread

the plaster down over the lower part of

the face, and insert straws in the nos-

trils to allow the subject to breathe.

These masks, taken while the subject

s in excellent health, are the best

means known for preserving the fea-

tures. Death masks are usually unsatis-

factory, because the face is then

usually emaciated and the eyes sunken.

factory. Life would also be of great

assistance to sculptors in molding

People visiting the museum some-

times marvel at the life-like propor-

tions of the many lay figures which

adorn the different collections. The

scientists have nequired a great profi-

iency in this kind of work, and it is not

ar from the truth to say that a close

in spection of the delicately-formed

hands and feet, as well as arms and

lower limbs, would show intimate

friends that prominent people in Wash-

ington have been utilized to grace the

collections of Indian peoples, wild

tribes of Borneo, and other races. That

has come to be one of the penalties of

being a sculptor's friend, for he will

insist upon casts with which to frame

his manikins. The different parts of

the body of a man or a woman can be

taken separately, and then joined to-

gether with putty. A very lifelike ef-

fect is produced in this way. The only

part of the body which cannot be taken

in a cast is the abdomen, and this is be-

with the forming of the plaster.

cause the breathing would interfere

The sculptor has to exercise much

are in preparing his casts from living

subjects. Take the hand as an exam-

ple. It has first to be carefully oiled.

that all the hairs may be smoothed

down. If this were not done, they

would become fastened in the plaster.

and the process of taking off the mold

would be little short of torture. The

molds are cut open and sometimes.

broken in being taken off, but they can

then be glued together, when plaster

is poured in and an exact likeness of

the hand obtained. The oil on the in-

side of the mold prevents the new

plaster from adhering to it. There are

some of which are flexible. This flexi-

ble material was used for making casts

of snakes, of which the museum has a

large and extensive collection. For

the dark or red-skinned races the casts

The collection of dolls at the museum

is the largest in the world. Some of

the Esquimau dolls are probably the

most valuable, and they certainly are

instructive. Among these is a trick

doll with a string attachment to move

ts head from one side to the other.

one of these dolls is from Point Bar-

ow, Alaska, and it is fashioned from

driftwood which the natives of that

region picked up on the beach. The

dress of the doll is made of seal gut.

Some of the dolls are made out of

are easily tinted or painted to repre-

sent the desired color.

several preparations for making casts.

busts and statues.

The expression then is far from satis-

festation not as voluntary or conscious death-feigning, but as a form of hypnotism. The natural enemies of these lizards are foxes, jackals, martens, birds of prey and snakes.

"Can anyone believe," asks Dr. Van Dyck, "that any one of these animals, having captured a lizard, would be in the least inclined to let it go because it lay motionless and apparently dead in the captor's grasp? Or will it be argued that the trance condition is a special gift 'in merey to the victim, to mitigate or abolish the pain of death?""

It contains charters and scals that are so yellowed with age as to be in parts undecipherable. Another revered volume is Fitz Gibbons' reports of the cases argued at the king's bench in Westminster, London, during the five years of the reign of George II. This book begins with the date of 1732, and its leaves are eaten by worms. The type is of a large German character. This is probably the only copy in America. The Scotch acts, from 1424 to 1621, contain the laws of parliaments during the reigns of King James and Queen Mary in one part, and the acts during the reign of King Charles I. and IL, and the convention of estates of Scotland in 1665, 1667 and 1678, in the other. The duke of York's "Book of Laws" of 1676 to 1682 has all the autographs of the governors and presidents of the councils of Pennsylvania during those years. The list includes the flourished chirography of William Penn. There is also a fac-simile of the charter granted by King Charles 11. to Penn.

"Well, I mean it," said he, calmly.

"Choose between us-me or the bicycle which is it to be?" She made no answer, but walking to the porch, rang the bell of her wheel. It was his answer, and he realized it.

"I do not care for bicycling," she said, "but I can have no must nots in my life. Leave me. He walked out into the night, and

heart.

fiance."

window.

moan.

in the road.

Parthenia, throwing herself limply single instance was the dog known to upon her wneel, pedaled weepingly in deceive or fail in his hunt. He would the other direction, forgetting to light chase the fugitive through bushes and her lamp.

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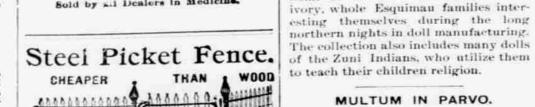
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One advantage in leaving off the WHERE BIG GAME IS PLENTY. lower part of the face is that it allows the person to breathe freely, and this part How a Hunter Found Himself Face to can be added afterward without diffi-

Face with Two Big Lions. In "Lion Hunting in Somaliland," Capt. C. J. Melliss tells how he first found himself face to face with two full-grown lions. He started from Berbera for the Hand with ten camels, a dozen Somalis, two donkeys, a pony and two months' provisions.

The game on the route were gazelle, antelopes, guinea fowl and bustards and at night jackals and hyenas. Shortly after reaching the Hand, which is a great waterless plateau, he met the two lions, "actually waiting for me, he writes. "all to myself: a vast plain on all sides, clear of jungle as a lawn, not another bush even in sight.

"I was going to get them, or they get me. That was the only uncertainty in the whole thing."

He goes on to say that what struck him most forcibly on seeing a wild lion for the first time was that there was none of that slim, weak appearance in the hind quarters which is so visible in caged lions.

Capt. Melliss used a much heavier charge than Mr. Selaus, and seems to have had little difficulty in disabling a ! lion with a well-aimed shot. When he had killed them, the lions were skinned and the hides tied behind two horsemen

He describes vividly his delight after his first day's shooting. "I shall never forget the pleasure of it," he says. What a paradise the country seemed as my eyes wandered from the two great heads at the cruppers to the wild. herds scattered over the plain."

In four days he shot no less than five lions and eight lionesses and captured four cubs.

Capt. Melliss usually rode up and dismounted to shoot, but a much more exciting way, which he occasionally experienced, was to track the lion's spoor and follow him into the jungle on foot.

#### What's in a Word?

If any of our readers, in looking over articles on electric railways in the German language, should come across the word Strassenbahnwagenunterges telle, says the Electrical World, they need not be alarmed or discouraged nor afraid to use it in good society. In stead of getting at the subject directly as is done in English, this single word relates quite a little story-a sort of riddle of which you are expected to guess the answer. The story is, briefly, as follows: In about the middle of the word we find that the object referred to has some connection with a car, and, returning to the beginning. it appears that this car is intended to run on rails (as cars usually do, by the way); that these rails are in the streets of a city. and that the car is supported on some structure; near the end it is explained that this supporting structure is below. and not above, the car, and, finally, it is added that it refers to the apparatus in general, and not to any one form in particular. With the aid of this description it will not be difficult to guess socreetly that the German writer would have said trucks instead had he been privileged to use the English language. It seems to us that this verbal machine is somewhat over-compounded.

## PEN AND PULPIT.

## THE United Zion's Children have 25

societies and 525 members. WAR has its laws as well as peace .-THE Weslevan Methodists have 565 Hume societies and a membership of 16,492. THE Free Methodist bodies have 1,fears dying .- Penn. ror by night." 102 societies and 22.113 communicants.

#### THE WRITERS.

FULLY 23,000 persons annually visit the birthplace of Shakespeare, About one-fourth of them are Americans. A misrony of the vatican archives by Don Gregorio Palmieri is nearly ready, and will be published before the end of

the year. JULES VERNE is as spry as a cricket, although eighty years old. He has five stories ready for the printer and is at work upon a sixth.

RATANBAL a tale of Hindu schoolgirl life by a Hindu woman, Shevintibai M. Nikamba, and dedicated to Queen Victoria, has just been published in Lon-

MARY E. WILKINS is in luck. She's not only the leading novelist in New England, but has won a \$2,000 prize for the best short detective story-a new field for her-with Mr. Chamberlin, of the Boston Transcript, as collaborator. FRIEDRICH SPIELHAGES, the novelist. delivered the oration at the recent meeting of the Goethe society at Weimar. He asserted that Werther and Hermann and Dorothea will survive whatever becomes of Goethe's other works.

LORD ROSEBERY'S mother, the duchess of Cleveland, is writing the life of Lady Hester Stanhope, her aunt, who began life as the private secretary and confidant of William Pitt, and for thirty years had her own exact way as an Arab sheikh in Syria.

## SCIENCE OF ALL KINDS.

MILE which has stood over ten minutes in a sickroom should never be tim's hand. drank.

A HOUSE well built of the best brick. it is said, will outlast one constructed of granite.

IT is estimated that the thinnest part of a soap-bubble is only 1-156,000th of an inch in thickness.

WHEN a snake has gorged itself with a large meal, its skin is so stretched that the scales are some distance apart. CONSEMPTION has been successfully treated by Dr. Viguerat, of Geneva, by the subcutaneous injection of the serum of asses' blood. Several extraordinary cures have been effected. STEAM engine cylinders are now bored when heated up by steam at full pressure by one English firm of makers, as it is asserted that if bored while cold they are not perfectly true when under steam.

WHERE the bottom of the ocean is bad an ocean cable will frequently last only three or four years, but on good bottom wire taken up after twenty years has been found almost as good as ever.

#### ODD BIBLES.

A BIBLE printed in London in 1551 was nicknamed the Bug Bible from the first verse of the ninety-first Psalm be ing translated: "So that thou shalt not nede to be afraid for any bugges by nighte." The authorized version is: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the ter-

THE Vinegar Bible, published in Oxord by J. Baskett in 1717, gets its name because the headline of the twentieth chapter of Luke reads: "The parable of vinegar" instead of the vineyard, It has also from its numerous faults been punningly described as "a baskett full of printers' errors." THE Breeches Bible served as the regular family Rible in the reign of Elizabeth. The translation was made by the English reformers in exile at Geneva and was published in 1566. It gained its name because in Genesis, iii., 7, Adam and Eve are spoken of as making themselves "breeches out of fig

"Heigho!" said he. "All my life shattered in a moment. If she knew but how I loved her-if she could only have guessed my motive in speaking as I did -that I wished always to be at her side, and that, if she rode, I could not since, try as I will, I cannot myself ride a wheel. It is beyond me, and yet I have not dared to confess to her that I have tried to learn and cannot. In his wife's eyes a man should be a hero. capable of all things. Supposing I had told her of the lessons I have taken in secret at the academy, of the dents my plown to encourage him and he was head has made in the hardwood floor. followed up by a horseman." of the attendants I have run over and

crippled, and the wheels I have shat-Astonishing Transformation in One Night

has told me-even as she has-never to Current by Arist. return. It would have lowered me in her esteem. I cannot, cannot tell her. and shatter her respect for her former As he spoke he reached his own front door, and was about to enter when his heart grew too full. "I cannot go in yet," he said. "I will at least walk back and gaze upon the light in her

and the frivolous young people all Prey to melancholy, the unhappy man fulfilled his destiny. Back he walked, gloomily ruminating over the future, now so black. Deep in his thoughts he did not notice where he was going; he did not notice that he i bronze. was passing Parthenia's house; he did The Cassellites concluded that super-

Coaster's hill a half mile beyond; he did not even hear a rumbling noise in the distance which should have taught him caution. Alas! thoughtless mortal; and yet how happily all transpired There came a crash, a thud, and a George Washburne lay unconscious

Parthenia Hicksworthy stood, having landed on her feet ten yards distant. statue well.

Pressing the prostrate man to the earth were the shattered remains of her wheel, its cyclometer resting on his vest pocket and its left pedal grasped firmly in the unconscious vic-It was spring. George Washburne,

who had lain for three weeks delirious. opened his eyes. Reason had returned and his arm had knit. "At last," sobbed a fair girl, who, with his sister, sat at the sick man's

"Where am I?" he gasped.

"Here, George," said Parthenia, for it was she. "Here. I'll never ride

again. "Sweetheart, was it you?" he murmured.

"It was, George," she answered, with a sob. "I had not lit my lamp-and I was coasting-and then-then it happened. But never mind, my darling, I shall never bike again."

"Oh, my love," he said, grasping her hand and lifting it to his lips, "do not say that. Bike as much as you will; the wheel that I maligned brought us together again. We owe it much. I

will tell you why I objected." And then he told her all; how he had tried to learn, and could not; and how the desire to be with her always had led him to speak as he had. And she, imprinting a kiss upon his forehead, comforted him.

"You are right, darling," she said. We will get a bicycle built for two, and I will work the pedals, while you can sit on the hind seat and whisper words of love in my ear." His answer was a smile, and happi-

ness once more dawned for George

to bay. During three years of service he was never known to bite or injury BRYON "All the blood-curdling tales we

ning immediately. So eager would be

be in his pursuit he would run over

small children, between the legs of

larger ones, his head close to the

ground, perfectly oblivious to all im-

pediments in his way when the trail

was hot. This trailing was frequently

done twelve hours after the missing

man had disappeared and never in a

have heard of hunting people on Cuban and southern plantations with bloodhounds are a farce. Trace hounds are not fierce; they were never known to injure a man and were easily repelled if they attempted it. When the trail was cold he would follow it very quietly; now and then he would run it a circle or to the right and suddenly to the left. Frequently we would lose him in the underbrush, but when the trail got hot and he howled a horn was

STATUE TURNED GREEN.

tered, until the manager of the place A singular transformation in the apsearance of a statue of the great muician. Spohr, that stands in the market place of the town of Cassel, in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, recently caused consternation among the inhabitants of that sleeply little municipality, says the New York World. The good old burghers, the staid matrons

rubbed their eyes. They could hardly believe it, but there was no doubt that the statue had, over night, turned green. Hitherto the figure had stood in the market place, a stately memorial

not observe that he was ascending natural means was not an explanation if particular value, and they investigated. It was found that an artful rentice boy had been the agent. The statue was dirty and the town officials decided that it needed a thorough cleansing. They gave the job to a painter, and he thought the matter

of so little importance that he turned it over to one of his apprentices, with the simple instruction to clean the

The boy had taken the matter seriusly to heart and, perhaps, was inpired by his subject. It seemed to ium that Spohr was deserving of more than mere water and a brush or cloth. He consulted a chemist, who was a riend of his, as to what would best lean bronze, and the chemist suggestal hydrochloric acid. Speedily fellowig its application Spohr became a seautiful green tint. The terrified

prentice confessed on a promise of imunity

### WHIRR OF THE WHEEL.

THE female bievelists in France are far more numerous than those of the other sex:

ANY person in France who is indured y an accident resulting from a structural defect in a bicycle, can recover damages from the manufacturer MISS REMIE LONDONBERRY, of Boston, the 'round-the-world' bicyclist, has declined over 150 offers of marriage. She says she has saved \$1,500. It isn't every girl who has wheels who can do

that. PRINCE CANTACUZENE started the bicycle craze among the members of the diplomatic corps in Washington. The prince, who is the Russian min ister astonished the capital when he began to take out his daughter on a wheel.

BISHOP CLEVELAND COXE has a bitter lislike to the riding of bicycles by women. Some one began to speak to him lately of "a lady on a bicycle, but he said impatiently: "Sir, you never saw a lady on a bicycle, and never will."

Washburne and Parthenia Hicks-POINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS. worthy. They were wed last week, and the groom's gift to the bride was a Sort newspaper is excellent to cleanse nickel-plated safety for two, with a windows or any glassware. russet leather tool chest and gold wire VASELINE makes the best dressing for guards to keep her skirts free from the russet shoes. wheel.-Harper's Bazar. SPIRITS of turpentine is the thing Difference in Voices. with which to cleanse and brighten One's surprise in the fact that no two patent leather. person's voices are perfectly alike ceases MODEBATELY strong salt and water when one is informed by an authority taken by the teaspoonful at intervals is that, though there are only nine pera cure for catarrhal cold. feet tones to the human voice, there A LEVEL teaspoonful of boracic acid are the astonishing number of 17,592,dissolved in a pint of freshly boiled 115,044,415 different sounds. Of these, water and applied cool is the best wash fourteen direct muscles produce 16,382, for inflamed sore eyes or granulated and thirteen indirect muscles produce lids, and an excellent gargle for in-173,741,823; flamed sore throat.

## PERSONAL ITEMS FROM ABROAD

ELISEE RECLUS, the French geographer who was exiled for the part he took in the commune, will soon go to England to lecture.

M. EDWARDS, director of Le Matin the most prominent and enterprising of the Parisian journals, has retired from journalism.

So well, informed a man as James Payn writes in the London Illustrated News about "the state of Albany" and its proposed legislation. COUNT PAUL CHANDON, of Epernay,

head of the champagne firm of Moet

queathed 750,000 francs to local char-

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE RUSSELL has gone

back to the old custom in "riding cir-

cuit" on horseback from one assize

town to another in the southeastern

district, but the bar has not yet fol-

THE sentence of Mine, Joneaux, the

Belgium poisoner, has been commuted

to imprisonment for life. Since King

Leopold's accession thirty years ago

no death sentence has been executed in

CHARLES ALEXANDER, a former mem-

ber of the dominion parliament and a

prominent resident of Montreal, has

been proved to be the lawful heir of

the late earl of Stirling, whose estate

in Scotland, including the famous Stir-

WITH BRUSH AND PENCIL.

THREE eminent German artists cele-

brated their eightieth birthday this year

-Schrader, Menzel and Achenbach (the

Two PANELS of old Brussels tapestry

with designs after David Teniers sold

in London lately for \$3,950, and one of

old Gobelin's representing Venus and

WATTEAU'S "L'Ile Enchantee" was

sold for \$8,200 recently at the Hotel

Drouot in Paris; a portrait of Louis

XV., dressed as a pilgrim, by Boucher,

for \$2,360, and four panels of Brussels

M. FRANCOIS DE MONTHOLON, the

handless landscape painter, received

the Raigecourt-Goyon prize of 1.000

frances at the Champs Elysees salon.

He paints with artificial jointed hands

of wood. The Marie Baschkirtseff prize

Sharpness of a Woman's Tongue.

near Gainesville, Ga., the other day, at-

tracted a good deal of attention by

A newly-married couple on the train

tapestry after Teniers for \$5,425.

ling castle, is now in chancery-

father of Max Alvary).

the Graces for \$2,310.

et Chandon, who died recently, be-

ities.

Belgium.

lowed his example.

their peculiar behavior. A lady got on the train at a station, and took a sent in front of them. Scarcely was she seated before they commenced making remarks in load whispers about her wearing last season's hat and dress. She was severely criticised by them for some moments. Presently the lady turned around. She noticed at a glance that the bride was older than the groom and, without the least resentment in her countenance, she said "Madam, will you please have your son close the window behind you?" The son closed his mouth instead, and the bride did not giggle again for an

hour.

was given to Mlle. Dufare.