

OF THE DARK CONTINENT.

DANGERS ENCOUNTERED BY WARD, STANLEY'S LIEUTENANT.

An Adventurous Englishman finds the West coast of Africa a land of many perils. Several of them, in the Congo basin, a land apparently covered with every horror, physical and moral.

Adventurous circles in New York city are now enjoying the society of Herbert Ward late a lieutenant of Stanley and one of the very few survivors of the awful journey up and down the Congo, which comprised all the horrors of African travel. Mr. Ward has made many journeys and had many adventures in wild regions, especially India and Australia, but all his horrors and dangers combined, he thinks, would be a primary school to the miseries of the African continent.

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His next experience was in India, and then with a daring naturalist in the interior of Borneo. With the explorer Hutton he penetrated to the interior of that island, where Hutton died, and Ward fought his way along through the wild Dyaks to the coast. He was a worn out that he returned to England, but health and vigor were soon restored, and he cast in his lot with Stanley. The latter induced King Leopold to appoint Mr. Ward to command the most recent station up the Congo; and this was



HERBERT WARD—THE CONGO STATE.

The beginning of a five years' experience which made Australia and Borneo seem like Sunday school minutes.

At the station itself a white man could retain life and a fair degree of health, but frequent expeditions were necessary, and finally he volunteered in the Emin Bey relief expedition under Stanley, and was in the forlorn band which struggled towards the coast, only a few of them reaching it.

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For thirty years gentlemen sternly set their face against racing. Two attempts were made in New York to revive this sport, but the recollections of the past were too vivid, and two failures were the only results. It was while this dark gloom hovered over the turf that Leonard W. Jerome, that man of immense wealth, and with the help of his popularity through the chicanery which he had mastered, lifted it again to the plane of its former respectability.

His determination was to make it a resort for ladies as well as gentlemen, to give the club house surrounded with all the social rigidity of the most exclusive organization, and to make even the suspicion of fraud in the racing of horses not only so odious but so severely punishable as to remove all possibility of the slightest attempt at chicanery. It is needless now to narrate the successful result of that experiment. Doubting friends flocked around the master mind, calculating only, "We did not know you were going to do this way." Fashion smiled upon the project. Money rolled into the new association's coffers. Racing was again made the foremost sport of America.

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NEW IDEAS FOR THE FAIR.

NO MATTER WHERE HELD, THERE WILL BE NOVEL FEATURES.

The Great Deciduous seems to be to get up something that will heat Mr. Jerome's tower, that has been such a boom for the Paris Show.

The novelty feature for the World's fair looks up independently of the question of site. At first it was suggested that a tower be built similar to the Eiffel, only higher. Then new devices began to appear, which, as time goes on, its end, for it is swung on a pivot to the ground. It enters a car which also swings on a pivot, something as lights are hung on vessels, and thus preserves an upright position. This car is capable of holding 1,000 people.

When all are aboard the tower is elevated by machinery. If anything should happen by which it should swing too fast and stop suddenly, the tower would be especially appropriate, for those on the top would shoot onward as stars shoot out of the rocket. This would not be pleasant for the riders, but would make a fine spectacle for the crowd below and thoroughly fulfill Mr. Powers' design of something purely original.

There are other suggestions besides those given, some seriously, some in the spirit of ridicule. One plan is an electric light to be placed so high in the heavens that it is seen by hundreds of miles. Another suggestion is for a building in the shape of a "plug" hat. The need for something novel has thus far called out plenty of novelty, but the suggestions have barely begun.

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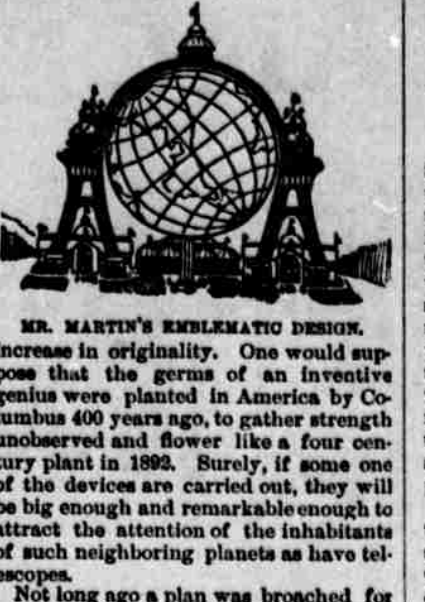
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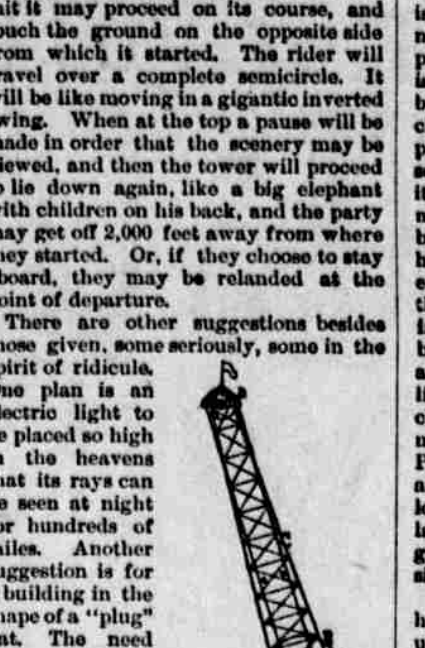
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SUCCESSOR TO POPE LEO.

PROBABILITIES THAT THE CARDINALS WILL SOON HAVE TO CHOOSE HIM.

He will be an Italian, and probably Cardinal Parocchi—how far political reasons are allowed to influence the method of electing a Pope.

Pope Leo XIII is in failing health; it is conceded that, under the most favorable circumstances, his life cannot be greatly prolonged, and so another pope must soon be chosen, and this fact brings into special prominence two ecclesiastics. One of these is Satolli, a papal delegate to the Council recently held at Baltimore.



PAROCCHI

Cardinal Parocchi, vicar general, on the other hand, is a prominent candidate, perhaps the most prominent, and is justly especially noted for his pro-Turkish views on the relations of the papacy and the kingdom of Italy.

Others spoken of are Cardinal Sanfelice, of Naples; Cardinal Alamanda, of Turin; Cardinal Battaglini, of Bologna, and Cardinal Monaco. The situation is so peculiar that it is thought out of the question to choose a Frenchman or German, as, in spite of its spiritual character, the papacy is necessarily interested in European complications.

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The Italian cardinals outnumber all others, and in view of the peculiar relations of the papacy and the kingdom of Italy, it is conceded that the next pope will be an Italian.

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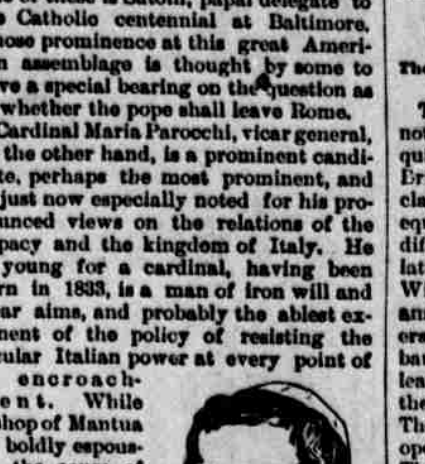
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EMBROIDERED SCREENS.

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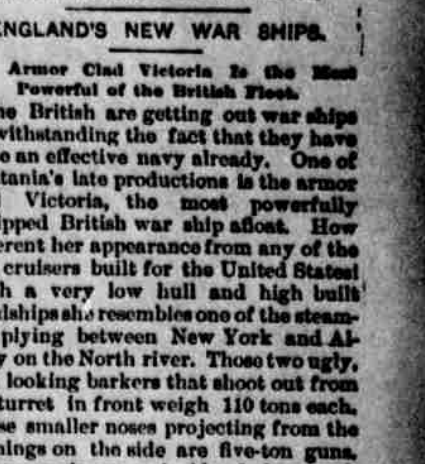
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THE ARMOR CLAD VICTORIA.

Powerful of the British Fleet.

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