

CURRENT NOTES.

In many parts of Germany the roads are lined along the entire distance with rows of poplars, or of apple trees, the branches of which latter bend beneath the weight of fruit.

Horse races were introduced into the Grecian games 648 years B. C., and 152 years later, or B. C. 496, a race called the "Calpe," for mares only, was also introduced into their sports.

A post-mortem examination of Edward Parr, the Philadelphia murderer of his daughter, who took his own life in the court-room to save the labor of the hangman, furnishes confirmation of the theory that violent crimes may result from pressure upon the brain, occasioned by physical defects in the skull.

Physicians and dentists who use small mirrors to explore the throat and teeth, astronomers employing large mirrors out of doors—all who have occasion to use spyglasses in foggy weather, and especially those near-sighted persons who cannot shave themselves without bringing their noses almost in contact with the looking-glass, are doubtless aware that the luster of mirrors soon becomes dimmed by the breath, by dew and generally by water in a vaporous state.

American Minister White was received by Emperor William, at Berlin, on the occasion of his golden wedding festivities, for the first time, and was the only foreign representative to whom their majesties paid special grace.

A tragedy was recently enacted in the onion fields of the Stoltenburg farm, six miles north of Davenport, Iowa. Joachim Brockmann, who labored in those fields, fell in love with the farmer's daughter and she would not encourage him.

The value of California's products is given in these figures from the San Francisco Journal of Commerce: "We have a wheat crop which will reach at least twenty millions of cents."

Peculiar and infrequent crimes are brought to light occasionally in the New York police courts. A woman was recently sentenced to twenty days' imprisonment for unmercifully flogging her twelve-year-old niece, and the child was given over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The reported exploits of Mlle. Sophie von Herzfeld and several other ladies during the recent Nihilist emule at Kieff, add one more instance to the long list of female revolutionists in Russia.

In the New York postoffice a force of six men is employed solely in correcting blunders of the people who write letters, and the skill which these men display in deciphering "blind" addresses is surprising.

Cincinnati, ten Clevealands, twenty-five Dayton, fifteen Louisvilles, fifteen Lowells, three Milwaukeees, fourteen Nashvilles, seven Philadelphias, fifteen Quincyces, twenty-two Richmonds, twelve St. Pauls, seven Toledos, thirty Washingtons, twenty-five Springfields, thirteen Wilmingtons, five Omahas.

California has a persistent foe in the squirrel (often called a gopher out there), which, when the pioneers of that region first settled on the rich farming lands along the rivers, creeks and sloughs, was not at all mischievous.

The recent attempted assassination of Edwin Booth recalls an incident that occurred while that tragedian was playing his last engagement in this city, and which is the real origin of the rumor that he intends never to visit the Pacific coast again.

It seems that one morning while Mr. Booth was making his toilet in his room at the Palace, the door quietly opened, and a wide-awake-looking individual slid in and cheerfully bid the astonished actor good morning.

"How's 'Hamlet' to-day?" said the stranger, blandly. "Fraid you wouldn't see me if I sent my card up, so just dropped in informally, as it were."

"Don't want any ustlers. Can't look trace in a coat with fifteen ridiculous pockets. Awaunt! thou—"

"But, sounds, sirrah, I am an actor—not an auctioneer!"

"That's exactly it. You know we actors are always up to some new advertising dodge or other. I attended your performance last night, Mr. Booth, and it occurred to me if you would only introduce some mention of our establishment into your lines, we could afford to pay very liberally for it."

"You'd like that, would you?" grimly inquired Mr. Booth, slowly unsheathing the sword behind his back, and getting in front of the door.

"Yes, sir; we shouldn't mind \$100 a night to have that done in first-class style. Just think how it would make trade boom down at our place to have you thunder as 'Othello'—Desdemona, where is the elegant kerchief I bought for thee at Bazembee's, at six bits a dozen?"

SURROUNDED BY ZULUS.

A Ride for Life Down a Rocky Pass Swarming With the Merciless Savages—An English Victory.

A letter to the Edinburgh Scotsman says: I have obtained from a trustworthy source the following graphic description of the terrible encounter on the Ziobana mountain, South Africa, by one who participated in it:

On March 27 we started from our camp at Kumbula Hill, in Zululand, to attack a Zulu stronghold some twenty miles away called the Ziobana mountain.

We numbered about eight hundred mounted men, and were nearly all of us volunteers, under Colonel Wood nominally, but the real command was exercised by Colonel Buller.

During the night there was a terrible thunderstorm and we got thoroughly drenched. At four A. M. we were all astir, feeling miserable enough; our saddles were nearly as soft and wet as our clothes.

By six o'clock we were at the top of the plateau and our native allies were setting fire to some Zulu huts and collecting the cattle, about 2,000 in number.

They commenced a heavy fire upon us and we were engaged fully half an hour with them before we succeeded in silencing them. About eleven we were aware of the serious fact that while we had been engaging a few Zulus at one side a very large number of them had come the way we ascended, and others to our right and left, and that we were being surrounded.

There was but one outlet for us, and toward it we had orders to gallop. I was in the rear, and when I reached the place the sight was sickening.

It was getting considerably into the forenoon of the 28th before I had sufficiently recovered myself to feel exactly how and where I was.

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animal ferocity rather than manly bravery, no soldiers in the world could have been more daring than were the Zulus that day.

The following facts in relation to the case with which the suffocation of a person can be effected under certain conditions, which were related to a reporter of the Evening Post by one of the most eminent surgeons in New York city or county, will be read with interest.

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HIS HEART ON HIS RIGHT SIDE.

The Singular Displacement in a Man's Body.

The physicians of New York are very deeply interested in the treatment of a man whose heart has in some way been shifted from its natural place to his right side, and has been doing duty in an inadequate fashion in this novel location for two years past.

In West Troy he put himself under the care of a physician, who was at a loss to account for the absence of some of the most characteristic symptoms of consumption, and made a thorough sounding of the chest of his patient.

Dropsey of the thorax sometimes produces displacement of that organ, but no recorded case told of any such radical change of location.

Through a rubber tube, in five minutes, nearly a gallon of purulent serous matter was drawn off.

The patient is so much better that he has returned to New York, and is about to engage in active business again.

Camels in Arizona.

Some two years since a herd of camels was driven to Yuma county, Arizona, with the intent to render them servicable in the Territory as beasts of burden.

Nobody who visits the Zoological Garden goes away without seeing the bears, and from looking at them the desire to see them eat is as natural as second thought.

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