

ON THE GOLD COAST.

Characteristics of the Natives of West Africa.

A KING WITH 3,333 WIVES.

Cruelties of the War of the Ashantes Against the Fantis.

PORTUGUESE CONVICTS IN ANGOLA.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.) ST. PAUL DE LOANDA, ANGOLA, January 31, 1890.

NSTEAD of going direct to this city from Free Town, we stopped for coal at an English town called Elmira, located on that part of the West Coast of Africa known as the Gold Coast...

Shortly after daylight in the morning I went to the port so as to have a view of the town. A large stone structure at once attracted my attention.

The population of Elmira is almost entirely native, there being only a few European merchants and English officers at the place.

Directly back of the country along the Gold Coast is the kingdom of the Ashantes—a people renowned in history...

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The government of the Ashantes is as complete and barbarous despotism as can be found in the history of the world.



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are sent to Loanda for life or a term of years. A man who has been convicted of murder or any crime in Portugal is furnished free transportation for himself and family to Loanda.

Slavery is, of course, carried in the Ashante kingdom and on a large scale. Many of the nobles have as many as 1,000 slaves.

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The afternoon of the day of the eclipse, December 27, was cloudy at Loanda, but no observations could be made of the totality there.



A GROUP OF NATIVES.

wives than any of his subjects or his respect-holders will suffer. It was sold by the American Consul agent at Elmira, that the present King actually has the 3,333 wives, and should he even accidentally see one his punishment is death.

The natives of Loanda belong to various tribes and are for the most part industrious, and though they are avaricious and very crafty, they are not as wicked as some of the tribes in the interior.

The capital of Angola—a Portuguese province on the west coast of Africa, bounded by the Congo river on the north and the Atlantic on the south.

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of course, jerked back and forth, and its head hopped to and fro like that of a limp kitten carried about in the mouth of its mother.

At no time did I see a carpet in any house of Angola, not even in the houses of the wealthy; and I take it to be on account of the great multitude of ants and the injurious effects of mildew.

Suppose that the matter in hand is the information furnished by the natives who know something about Greek and about Greek manuscripts and about the conditions under which ancient manuscripts of such a character are transmitted.



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LIBERALITY IN RELIGION. Senator Blair's Idea of the Unpardonable Sin. Frank G. Carpenter's Washington Correspondence.

THE REACH FOR TRUTH. But the experience of the race shows just as evidently that there are very few truths indeed which God has set so close to man that he does not fail to reach for them.

THE RESOURCES OF PERSIA. A bright and happy history may yet be in store for Persia. Recent surveys have shown that the supply of coal in that State is practically unlimited.

CATTLE LOSSES AT SEA. Two thousand horses, last month and insurance rates go up.

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A NOBLE LADY HONORED. The Cross of the Legion Conferred Upon a French Sister of Mercy.

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THE PATHS TO TRUTH.

Research, Reason and Reliance Are the Only Ones We Have.

FEW CAN FOLLOW THE FIRST TWO.

Reliance Upon Specialists is the Way for the Great Majority.

APPLICATION OF THIS TO RELIGION.

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