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The Samoan King enjoys the princely income of \$20 a month.

The number of millionaire Senators is estimated now at from thirty to thirty-two, or nearly one-half the entire Senate.

The necessity for the artificial application of water is said to be far greater in California than in the older countries of Europe.

A statistician asserts that twenty Princes and Princesses of the reigning families of Europe have been treated for mental disorders.

New York is agitating the proposition to establish free kindergarten schools to take the place of her present primary system of instruction.

Pago-Pago, the Samoan port granted to the United States for a coaling station, is the most easily defensible harbor in the Southern Pacific.

German literature has been added to the curriculum of the college of literature at the Imperial University of Japan.

The Wilmington (N. C.) Messenger gives an itemized statement showing that the theft of a chicken valued at fifteen cents cost the taxpayers of that State \$201.70 cents before the State was rid of the offender.

John S. Scott, a South Carolina cotton planter, has been appointed by the Russian Government superintendent and instructor of a large cotton plantation owned by the Government in one of the Southern provinces.

Mackerel and halibut, it appears from the fishery reports, are deserting the waters of the New England coasts. For the year 1888 there was a falling off of about six million pounds in the catch of these two kinds of fish.

In a suit for damages for loss of a son the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decided in favor of the Philadelphia Steamboat Company. The court held that a rowboat is not a vessel within the meaning of the navigation laws, and that a steamer is therefore, not bound to get out of the rowboat's way.

Garden and Forest urges the Government to withdraw its forest lands from sale and place them in the care of the army. The Philadelphia Times indorses the suggestion, and asks the States to take immediate steps for the preservation of the forests before all our great rivers shrink into shallow little streams.

It is against the law in Mexico for any one to read a newspaper aloud; but no one cares for that, observe the New York Tribune, as few people want to read them anyhow. You can get more news in Mexico by sitting down half an hour at a popular cafe than you could get by reading a Mexican paper for a month.

In Michigan University "a larger proportion of women than of men are taking by choice the full classical course." President Angell reports. Men are becoming scientific rather than classical, on account of the new openings in scientific professions, while women study Greek and Latin, to meet the requirements of teachers.

In England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria and Switzerland there are 221 cities having street railroads. Among these 118 are in England, 43 in Germany and 23 in France, there being no city of less than 20,000 inhabitants having such roads, while in the United States they are found in cities of not more than 1000 inhabitants.

According to the Catholic World there are ninety colored Catholic schools in the Southern diocese and two colored "sterhoods—the Oblates, of Baltimore, and the Holy Family, of New Orleans, which provide teachers for the schools. The number of Catholic colored churches, the World says, is not more than twenty, and there is but one colored Catholic priest in the country.

Deaths from mining explosions in England for 1888 were only forty-three. This is the lowest record since 1851, when the number was first officially given. The lowest previous to 1888 was thirty-five deaths in 1854. The highest record in the past thirty-eight years was in 1866, when 630 lives were lost by explosions—360 of these being covered by the one casualty at the Oaks Colliery.

The great river of Egypt has not sent down its accustomed floods this year, and the people who depend on that for their food indulge only the most gloomy anticipations for the future. There will be no corn in Egypt this year, and the ancient granary of the world must itself buy of more prosperous nations. Some believe that the great feeders of the Nile have been cut off by growths of vegetation choking off the passage of water. Another theory is that the large flood of a few years since which now obstructs the river, was the case some years ago, which were not cut through by the Nile.

A FRIEND.

As sang the voices in the courts above, Moved by the Lady's shining mien and grace, "Lo, here comes one who shall increase our love!"

HELD BY A ROPE.

BY LEIGH YOUNG.

Egypt has been called the Gift of the Nile, and everything in the land is connected with the movements of the great artery that is the life of the country.

Ten days later the river slowly begins to rise, and the Nile river goes through the streets every morning with the latest bulletin as to the height of the water.

When we reached Egypt, in the middle of October, the inundation was at the highest point, higher than it had been for years. To attempt the journey to the pyramids was, we were told, madness, the whole face of the country between Ghizeh and the city being under water.

On that the city out into the open roads, congratulating ourselves that we had not heeded the advice given us. Our route lay along a high embankment beside one of the numerous canals which encircle the city, and a more beautiful scene cannot be imagined.

Then suddenly and abruptly the dyke was cut off, and before us was a sheer descent into the yellow water. The force of the waves had undermined the foundation, and it had sunk. What to do next was the question.

Yussef got down, and went forward to explore. Finally he came back with the intelligence that there was a boat a little way back, which would take us if we were willing to go in that way. Turning, we rode to where a curve in the embankment formed a tiny cove, and there was a boat, a long, dirty, weather-beaten craft, with the unusually high mast and the odd-shaped sail that they use only on the Nile.

Leaving our donkeys to the boy who was to take them back to the city, we embarked and pushed off. The little boat rocked and reeled with the force of the current, but the boatmen seemed to know their business, and piloted us through the rapids with an easy task.

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