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Whenever China notices Bussia's pressure ou one side and England's on the other it feels like the prospective victim of a folding-hed accident.

America again leads the world. A New York City young man can boast of more than ten thousand creditors, which proves the confiding nature of our people.

The late Colonel Waring's report on Havans declared that unless the most thorough sanitary reforms were immediately instituted in the Cuban cupital there would be an epidemic of yellow fever in this country.

The model town of Pullman has onded its career as a community fenced in by the rules of its late proprictor. The idea was anomalous and contrary to the municipal life of the country. That Mr. Pullman should work out a plan for a town at the latter were a part of his estate ot inconsistent with the ambition great capitalist and manufacturer; he forgot what municipal initiative and responsibility mean, and how American national life had its start in municipal beginnings. A decision of the Illinois Supreme Court now makes Pullman a part of Chicago, where it can learn to think and act for itself. The decision is also a reminder to corporations that village or town life should not be treated as an investment scheme appended to a manufacturing

The Government of Sweden, through its statistical department, has compiled a tabulated statement of the number and distribution of telephonen in use throughout the world-the compilation including 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898 records. The growth of telephonic communication is well illustrated in this. The number of instruments in use in all countries is given as 1,288,163-or, approximately, one for every 1000 inhabitants of the earth. The United States naturally leads, with nearly 773,000 (the 1896 record), with Germany in the second place, recording 151,000. The total distance covered by the wires is 1,509,500 miles. Of course, when the inhabitants of barbaric countries, like a large part of Africa and of Asia, are eliminated from the calculation, it is likely that we have at least one instrument for every 800 inhabitants of no parts of the earth where the



# Her Story About Her Husband, the Famous Prisoner of Devil's Island.

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The first thing of which I became convinced was that the lady with whom I was talking was extremely whom I was talking was extremely anxious to avoid all unnecessary pub-licity. Well aware of the great inter-"We were all in all to each other." licity. Well aware of the great inter-est the countries of Europe are taking in the painful case of her husband, and compelled as she is by the force of circumstances to keep herself be-fore the public, yet she shrinks palpa-bly from self advertisement, and would prefer, if possible, to live alto-gether apart-from the world. "For the children's sake" a bright, cheerful fore belies the aching heart that must face belies the aching heart that must Held guilty by the army and the ing the cheese. be the lot of her who is forcibly separ- country before he was tried, a secret The curd res ated from one who is dearer to her court-martial professed to prove him three or four days. Then they are than life itself. And for "the chil- so, and the unhappy man was sendren's sake" the mother has an added tenced to be degraded from his desire for seclusion. The bright- army rank and to suffer perpeteyed, merry, and altogether light- al imprisonment. It was said hearted little ones do not understand at the time that the country to the sad tragedy that has darkened whom the secrets were sold was their home; they think that their Germany, an additional cause for the father is traveling, and talk joyfully of howl of hatred which was directed his return, planning in their artless against the so-called traitor. But there way the many things to be done when are not wanting many in the country "father comes home." It is better to now-and I have conversed with numkeep them in ignorance as, long as bers this week-who believe that Rus-possible; and in response to my re- sia, and not Germany, way the counquest for photographs, Madame Drey-fus tells me that she is sorry to have events the French simply dare not to refuse, but that she does not wish make the papers public-or, at any either her own or her children's features to become familiar to the public. last possible moment. Strong pres There are no photographs of either of sure has now been brought to bean them in existence, and she would upon the authorities, startling revelarather that such continue to be the tions have taken place, certain dooncase. One could not press the mat-ter-it would be both indelicate and unkind, but when I sought permis-cursory examination of the writing of sion to reproduce the portrait of Cap- French officers shows a striking family tain Dreyfus, I was rather surprised likeness; mistake as to authorship is to hear that the gentleman had only probable, and imitation would not be been photographed one in his life-that was many years ago, when he was a young lieutenant-it was A terrible mistake has been made; her done by a friend and bore very husband's writing does closely resem-little resemblance to the clever and ble the famous bordereau, and this has energetic Captain of the Staff of more been the primary cause of all the misrecent days. Any portrait which chief. Having once found him guilty, has appeared of either husband or the War Office has persistently refused wife is neither authentic nor author- to entertain the remotest idea of his ized, and 18, in fact, only imaginative. | innocence, but has gone on wilfully to Madame has no photograph of her deepen his apparent guilt and shield liberation. From two to five seconds themselves -at his expense - from is all the time this intelligent animal the remotest scrap of his writing. The their initial blunder. Madame Dreyreason for the non-possession of the fus is absolutely certain that a thorlatter is obvious; the authorities we high reaction has set in, and that too anxious to establish the guilt of thousands of honest French hearts are the captain to leave much in the house sharing her faith in her husband's inwhich might be helpful to his de tegrity and honesty to his profession fenders. and country; but she perfectly agreed Much is said about the monthly letwith me that it was not safe for friends ters the unhappy prisoner at the Ile du Diable sends to his wife, but no one to give expression to such sentiments. When one's movements and visitors need laud the leniency of the Governare watched, and one's correspondence ment in this respect-these letters never reach their destination. They closely inspected, can such conclusions be wondered at? Madame Dreyfus is not one to make go to the Central prison and are there filtered. It is only what the authorities are pleased to allow which ultimately reaches Madame Dreyfus. Even then ten her hard, and all her natural bravery and self-command cannot the contents are sad beyond all exkeep her mouth from quivering and her pression, and though the captain detones from faltering when she clares his trust in God, and believes tells how the blow literally stunned his innocence will be ultimately established before the world, yet he cannot prevent the ring of despair at his lot it all. And the final interview be- power-houses in remote places. This and the occasional expression of acute tween husband an I wife! Concerning air-pipe project is still very much in

# ROQUEFORT CHEESE.

> "ripening" of the cheese by ing the germs of the green m any way from ordinary mortals; and whereas, the term 'freak' is opprobious, and without any specific mean-ing in an anatomical sense; and whereas, we feel that the term so un-

justly conferred upon us, without our consent, is an indignity; and where-

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| I am writing this in Paris, where<br>nearly every question of the datase<br>relegated to the background, and the<br>profiles case is still the one absorb-<br>ing topic of the hom. Furthermore,<br>I have just returned to the city from<br>a long and interesting chat with the<br>much-to-be-pitied, brave and true-<br>hearted lady who is one of the wittins<br>of this nineteenth century tragedy.<br>It is not easy accurately to picture<br>the situation here—the difficulty one<br>has in gaining oven the location of<br>Madame Alfred Dreyfust People are<br>simply afraid to say what they know,<br>they may be speaking to a police spy;<br>and whatever their own private<br>not state it, or, in fact, 'be drawn into<br>any conversation on the subject.<br>Said a prominent French personage to<br>me when we were discussing the mat-<br>ter together: "Donot write to Madame<br>on the subject.<br>Said a prominent French personage to<br>me when we were discussing the mat-<br>ter together: "Donot write to Madame<br>ountry whose boast is "Liberty,<br>"guality, Fraternity."<br>For some time now Madame has re-<br>sided at a quiet little village on the<br>seine, a few miles out of Paris. Here<br>she can obtain greater seclusion for<br>herdelights of a garden for her chil-<br>ted, and the house stands in a charm-<br>ing garden, bright with flower-beds<br>and lawn, flanked by pine, scacia and<br>other trees. The letter which I had<br>carefully deposited in the hands of a<br>privat of the house two days before<br>invisit, and in a few moments after<br>invised we were engaged in an ani-<br>ing the bound of the great inter-<br>ion is to avoid all unnecessary pub-<br>licity. Well aware of the great inter-<br>es the countries of Europe are taking | ADAME DREYFUS<br>shand, the Famous Pris-<br>i's Island. | her great trouble, and each and all<br>would rejoice to see her own hopes<br>realized and Captain Dreyfus tri-<br>umphantly restored to his family.<br>Do you want to know something of<br>Madame's appearance? Picture to<br>yourself, then, a lady, tall, majestic,<br>yet graceful, with a wealth of dark<br>hair beautifully arranged, a clear<br>complexion, large, expressive eyes,<br>and a sweet though sad smile. A face<br>that shows marks of suffering, but on<br>which the predominant expressions<br>are straightforwardness and kind-<br>ness. Emphatically, Lucie Dreyfus<br>is a lady of great beauty.—Cassell's<br>Magazine.<br><b>ROQUEFORT CHEESE.</b><br>Some of the Processes Connected With<br>Its Manufacture Explained.<br>Roquefort cheese, the delight of<br>modern epicures, is made of a mixture<br>of goat and sheep milk. The reputa-<br>tion of this cheese extends back into<br>dim antiquity, and Pliny mentioned it<br>in his writings.<br>It is made chiefly from the milk of<br>Larzad goats and sheep, and in the<br>records of France it is stated that, in<br>the year 1866, 250,000 sheep and<br>goats out of a flock of 400,000 gave<br>enough milk for the making of 7,150,-<br>000 pounds of cheese.<br>In the manufacture of Boquefort<br>cheese the sheep and goats are<br>milked in the evening, after their re-<br>turn from the pastures, and after they<br>have been allowed to rest for an hour<br>or so.<br>The evening's milk is heated almost<br>to the boiling point, and then it is set<br>aside. 'In the morning it is skimmed,<br>heated to ninety-eight degrees and<br>mixed with the morning's milk for<br>coagulation. The curd is well kneaded<br>with the hands and pressed in layers<br>into molds with perforated bottoms.<br>A thin layer of moldy bread is put be-<br>tween each layer of curd.<br>The object of this is to hasten tho<br>''ripening'' of the cheese by supply-<br>ing the germs of the green mold po-<br>culiar to cheese. The bread used for | <ul> <li>5. Anger and leave a tattered cloth.</li> <li>85A Rhombold.</li> <li>Across-1. A celebrated essayist;</li> <li>2. A small wax candle; 3. A naval hero; 4. At no time; 5. To set again.<br/>Down-1. Aletter; 2. A preposition;</li> <li>3. A presuming person; 4. Ajar; 5. Fresher; 6. An old name for reave; 7. An affirmative; 8. A musical note; 9. A letter.</li> <li>56Letter Eaigma.</li> <li>In tent not in camp.<br/>In moist not in damp.<br/>In past not in now.<br/>In peaceful not in row.<br/>In jealous not in slow.</li> <li>Whole a gem you surely know.</li> <li>Answers TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES.</li> <li>49 Vowel Changes - 7. Style, stole, stale, steel. 2. Bass, boss, Bess, buss. 3. Lear, lore, lyre, lure. 4. Loose, lace, lice, lease. 5. Moan, main, mien, mine. 6. Bite, beet, bate, boot,</li> </ul> | the hole proved shallow, they uncov-<br>ered him after an hour's digging.<br>The fox was muzzled, and Darl<br>Davis, of the Black Rock Hunt, seated<br>him on the pommel of his saddle and<br>started off for Valley Forge surrounded<br>by the pack. He had not proceeded<br>far, however, when the old fox made<br>a wild leap and weat bounding among<br>the hounds. He had scarcely touched<br>the ground before a dozen of the dogs<br>were on him, and before Mr. Davis<br>could alight from his horse the old<br>fox had been nearly torn to pieces.<br>The hounds were driven away and<br>when the hunters came up and saw<br>what had happened they almost cried,<br>for they would rather have lost a horse<br>or cow than lost old George. Mr. Davis<br>secured the brush.<br>Old George was a great runner and<br>had figured in many big hunts. He<br>was frequently captured and kept for<br>big drop-hunts, and, while he green<br>made narrow escapes, he always man-<br>aged to save himself by some trick or<br>good stroke of luck. All regret that he<br>was fated to meet such an unsports-<br>maulike end.<br><u>Progress.</u><br>The gentleman who had rung the<br>bell several times before the servant<br>iet him in, was looking surprised and<br>a triffe apprehensive when Mrs. | Or Po<br>Po<br>My Bu<br>My Bu<br>Jim bu<br>Ji |
| in the painful case of her husband,<br>and compelled as she is by the force<br>of circumstances to keep herself be-  | forcibly torn from each other no pen                    | ceding Christmas of about equal parts<br>of summer and winter barley, with  | any way from ordinary mortals; and<br>whereas, the term 'freak' is opprobi-   | Blykins came into the room.<br>"I called," he explained, "to in-  | Sh at   |

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Is it strange that war comes home to

"And I, had I father, brothers or friend, I would give them all at my country's call

My sorrow is, I have none to send, And my share in the glorious war is smalli"

III. But the third arose with face aglow: "Mine are a hundred thousand strong-Wherever my countryman meets the foe-And my heart's in the war the whole day

-Edith M. Thomas.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Edna-"I believe that young Mr. Jimson is half-witted." Marie-"As much as that?'

Tommy-"Maw, I don't git enough butter for my bread." Mrs. Figg-"All right. I'll give you less broad." --Indianapolis Journal.

"Mamma, what kind of a bear is that?" "That's a cinnamon bear, dear." "It doesn't smell a bit like cinnamon,"-Chicago Tribune.

"We are terribly cramped for space in our flat." "That so?" "Yes: we even have to use the family skeleton for a hatrack."-Chicago Record.

"Buckles seems to be making money out of his degenerate poetry." "Yes, he might be called wise in his degeneration,"-Indianapolis Journal,

Man gazes on the mercury And still his soul is vexed As, all alert, he waits to see Which way it's going next. —Washington Star.

Teacher-"Thomas, can you tell me which battle Nelson was killed in?" Tommy (after a moment's reflection) -"I think it was his last."-World's Comic.

Miss Gush-"Oh, captain, were you ever boarded by a pirate?" Captain Storms-"Yes; he charged me \$11 a day for a hall bedroom on the fourth floor."-Indianapolis Journal.

A pessimist is one who views The world through glasses that are blue; Who, if he flads a dollar, stews

And kicks because it wasn't two. --Chicago Daily News.

Moth-"I overheard some callers saying this room is furnished in ex-ecrable taste." Other Moth-"Why, the idea! I never ate more palatable upholstery in my life!"-Detroit Jour-

She-"Have you noticed that Mr. Shortleigh is paying a good deal of attention to Miss Cleverton?" He-'Yes, and it's the first time I ever knew him to pay anything."-Chicago News.

Askins-"How did young Pokelong take his rejection by Miss Brisk?" Teller-"Oh, he was as badly broken up as a compound word

"It's very kind of you," she

telephone system is known and used.

Compressed air has been developed as a great power, and is soon to be put into practical operation on certain railroads. Think of all the dirt and dust that would be saved the summer traveler were cars to be operated altogether by this force! Private street carriages may also ultimately be run by it. The cost is said to be slight, and the power enormous. Nature is nothing if not prodigal with her favors, and her secrets are never intended for the special few, philosophizes Harper's Bazar. So soon as the majority can understand the latost of them she yields it over, and she is not half as rejustant about revealing herself as we are slow in perceiving what the extends to us. It is interesting to remember that the hitherto invisible and immaterial forces mose which within the century have been put to the highest use, and that while men have been mourning the decadence of those crafts which made the glory of other times, they have been steadily progressing into the realm of higher revelations and to excellence on a different plane.

Massachusetts has been the first to establish a State sanitarium for consumptives, founded upon the princi. rles of the great sanitaria in Europe, and a special interest attaches to the first report of the institution, particularly as the Legislatures of some other States are to be asked to create like institutions. The visiting physicians of the hospital say that it has been a source of gratification and surprise to see how quickly and contentedly the patients have adopted the special hygienic methods used for treatment. viz., almost constant life in the open air, whether by walking or reclining on the plazzas, and the ingestion of nourishing food. The remarkable chauge in the aspect of these patients after even a short stay at the hospital at Ratland would convince the most casual observer of the efficacy of the treatment upon the general condition of the patient. They say the moral effect of this somewhat military discipline is an important factor in accomplishing at the hospital what would be almost impossible at home-They believe it will be not only a benefft to individuals, but an object lesson to the whole community, to prove the value of fresh air and good food for not only the cure, but the prevention of disease.

suffering becoming paramount. His this Madame can only recall the bitter the air.-Pall Mall Gazette. imploring appeals to her husband to face the trouble and not sink under it; every epistle, and one cannot but feel

the deepest sympathy for the unfor-tunate soldier in his gloomy exile when he writes such words as the following: to trust to her untiring endeavors to How all my love for you comes home with unsullied honor. to me at this moment! It is solely the

thought of you, my poor darling, that

The curd remains in the molds for taken to the market in Roquefort, where they are sold to the different makers of Roquefort cheese.

These manufacturers continue the ripening of the cheeses by placing them in the very damp caves which abound in the precipitous walls of the limestone hill which almost completely surround the village.

The cheeses are left in the caves sometime more than a month, during which time salt and brine are rubbed into them, and they are pricked fre quently with long needles to let the salt penetrate into them and also to accelerate the process of moldering.

# Monkeys as Coin Testers.

It is said that the great apes of Siam are in request among the Siamese merchants as cashiers- in their counting houses. Vast quantities of base coins are known to be in circulation in Siam, and, according to advices from that scorched-up little oriental kingdom, no living human can dis-erate between the good and the bad coinage with as much accuracy as these apes. These monkey cashiers possess the faculty of distinguishing the rude Siamese counterfeits in such an extraordinary degree that no trained banker can compete with them in their unique avocation. "In plying his trade the ape cashier meditatively puts each coin presented to him in his mouth and tests it with grave deis all the time this intelligent animal requires in making up his decision. If the coin is all right it is carefully deposited in the proper receptacle; if base it is thrown violently to the floor, while the coin tester makes known his displeasure at being presented with the counterfeit by giving vent to much angry chattering .- St. Louis Republic.

#### Bapid Transit For Mail.

An extraordinary scheme has been mooted in India, namely, one for the construction of a pneumatic tube line a display of her grief, but it has smit- 4400 miles in length, between London and Bombay, for the transportation of mails. The theory is that these could thus be conveyed from the city to city in twenty-four hours. The engineering difficulties include the great height her, and how for a long time she of some of the mountains to be crossed could not actually realize the truth of in Asia Minor and the maintenance of

How He Did It.

A Sussex laborer who was giving evidence in a case of manslaughter, establish his guiltlessness before the world and restore him to their midst panions, one of whom had been killed panions, one of whom had been killed

by the other hitting him with his Madame Dreyfus cannot speak too pickaze, gave the following lucid desnables me to struggle on ... To think strongly of the absointe honesty and scription of the act: "You see, he chables me to struggle on ... To think that I are accuraced of the most mon-strous crime a soldier can commit! Even to-day it seems to me that I are the sport of a horrible nightmare; ... but rest assured that if I are success-ful in treading this Calvary to the end

as, because, fortunately or otherwise, we are possessed of more or less limbs more or less hair, more or less bodies, more or less physical or mental attributes than other people, and which might be taken as additional charms of person or aids to movement, as the case may be; and whereas, because we, differing so from the ordinary or regulation human being in that we have certain marked and distinctive characteristics of mind or body, we hold that to be no reason whatever for being called 'freaks;' therefore, be it resolved, that we, a majority of the living human curiosities in the Bacnum & Bailey show, emphatically protest against the application of that word to us, and severely condemn its general assignment to those who, for their benefit or otherwise, were created differently from the human family as the latter exist to-day; and resolved, that, in the opinion of many, some of us are really the development of a higher type, and are superior persons, inasmuch as some of us are gifted with extraordinary attributes, not apparent in ordinary beings."-Lonn Times.

#### The Kingfisher and the Gold Fish.

A West of England paper states a problem which at present perplex-ing the authorities of Morrab Gardens at Penzance:

A bright-hued kingfisher comes and goes with much regularity. His iridescent plumage daily flashes in the sunshine about 1.30 p. m., when he perches in the trees near either of the two ponds. Awaiting quietude and chance he dashes into the water. secures a gold or silver fish, flies up to the elms, and makes a dinner. That digested he finds another opportunity, and bas a fish tea. Now, kingfishers are not plentiful, except in Oxfordabire. They are certainly rare about Penzance, and, under ordinary circumstances, the life of the Morral Gardens' visitant would be spared But this diet is costly, and the fish in the pond, often fed by the crumbs of admirers, are of more general interest than the bird. Which is it to beshot bird or fishless pools?

#### A Cosmopolitan School.

In the Federal Polytechnical School in Zurich there are this year 1234 students, of whom 918 are matriculated in a regular course and 316 are "listeners," so called. Of the "regu-lars" there are 546 Swiss, 87 Austrians, 66 Germans, 36 Russians, 32 Italians, 23 Rumanians, 20 Americans, 20 En-glishmen, 19 Aollanders, 19 Scandinavians, 9." enchmen, 8 Luxemburgers, 7 Dal s, 5 Greeks, 5 East In dians, 5 Servians, 4 Turks, 3 Bulgarians, 2 Belgians, 1 Portuguese and Spaniard,-Zurich letter in the Chicago Record.

## Pittless Children.

The late Lady Taylor, wife of Sir Henry, gave a child's party, at which the effigy of a man, possibly a Guy Fawkes, was burned. The children went home in great exultation: "Lady Taylor has been so kind. She burned a real map for us!"

swered. There was a crash which shook the

quire about your husband's health.

He and I belong to the same organiza-

tion, and several of the members de-

sired me to call and see how he is

getting along. We were very sorry to

hear of his illness."

chandelier. She paid no attention to it. "I think it will be only a day or two before he is able to get out and go down town," she added.

The slamming of doors echoed heavily through the house.

"Has he been dangerously sick ?" "Not until to-day. "But I understood you to say that he was convalescent.

"I think I may say he is so. He wasn't well enough to be dangerous till this morning. But before noon he had discharged the trained nurse, quarreled with the cook, smashed a rocking-chair against which he stubbed his toe' and thrown the canary bird out of the window. Those are always hopeful symptoms with him, and I feel fairly justified in saying that he is convalescent."-Washington Star.

The Kalser's First Yachting Trip.

An eminent nautical authority relates how the Kaiser and his brother, Prince Henry, first acquired the germs of that passion for the sea which has had so potent an influence over their lives. In 1871 the Crown Princess Frederick took her two elder boys for a change of air to Wyk, a primitive little bathing-place on the Schleswig coast. Just at that time Herr Weutzel, of Hamburg, had built for himself a sixty-ton yawl, the first sea-going craft that ever flew the pennon of the Nord-Deutscher Regatta Verein. While cruising in the North Sea he anchored the yacht one day off the fishing-village, and the two young princes, who had never enjoyed a near view of such a vessel, displayed a keen interest in all that concerned it. This came to the owner's knowledge, and he ventured to offer to show them over his yacht and to take them out for a sail. Their mother graciously gave her con-sent, with the result that Wilhelm and Heinrich had such a treat as had never been thrown in their way before. For they were kept very strictly to their work as lads, and their pleasures were purely of the domestic order. For months they talked of nothing but this

experience, and the highest flight of their ambition was to possess a yacht. -Vanity Fair.

## Cradles of Indian Bables.

Babies of civilized nations would open their eyes in wonder if they should see the queer contrivances which the babies of the nativa tribes of North and South America and Africa have in place of cradles and cribs. The Indians of North America strap the infant to a board, which is slung over the mother's shoulder or over the bough of a tree when she is busy. In South America and some parts of Africa reeds are woven together, forming the letter "U." The infant is placed in it in a sitting position and securely fastened with cords. While in this contrivance the child has free use of its legs, although its arms are securely fastened by the cords.

stattering man gets through with it." -Judge.

"Yes," she said, bitterly, loved me then-aud now!" paused and sighed. "It it merely a revised passion," he calmly replied. "I still love you now and then."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"How many passengers a day do you handle?" asked the piatform bore. "Only the young and good looking 'the car conductor explained, ones," idly watching an old woman with a big basket struggle from the car .--Cincinnati Enquirer.

Small Boy-"Mamma, was General Washington blind?" Mamma-"Of course not. Where did you get that idea?" Small Boy-"Nurse took me to th' Old Ladies' Home to-day, and showed me a woman that he kissed.' -New York Weekly.

"Did she ask you if she was the only girl you had ever loved?" "No; she said she wouldn't insult me by intimating that I had so neglected my opportunities. And besides\_\_\_" "Well?" "She said she didn't have to ask; she could tell."-Chicago Evening Post.

#### Modest Regulrement.

The surgeon of a military station during the Civil War was noted for his flowery language, which never failed, even under the most trying circumstances. He was not popular, and the officers treated him at times with scant courtasy.

On one occasion the Colonel appropriated the surgeon's tent for a messtable, without the formality of stating his intentions.

The surgeon sent a complaint to the general in command, in which he said, I have not so much as a fly to interpose between my head and the stardecked heavens about me."

This document went through the usual routine, and was at last returned to the surgeon with the following endorsement; "Colonel R. will cause a fly to interpose between the head of the complainant and the star-decked heavens above him as soon as possible."

#### A Colosy of Outlaws.

Writers of fiction have frequently pictured the idea of an unknown tropical paradise being turned into a general asylum for outlaws and criminals. In the Bonin Isles, not far from Japan, such a refuge has actually been discovered. Men of every nationality, who have made civilization too warm for themselves, have decamped to this ideal rendezvous, leaving the police to record the upsatisfactory result of their investigations as "gone abroad." No rates or taxes have to be paid, and government seems to be entirely disbenacd with. The discovery was made by a Japanese vessel which called at the island. In future the aliens will have less freedom and consequently less happiness, for the Japaneso do minion will have to be recognized. The dream is over. -- Western Morning News,