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-Africans rarely become bald.

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MY LONELINESS.

RUTH WARD KAHA.

FII soon return! Life is not life without thee its brightest morning only makes me mourn for your dear memory like a charm about me Gently compets and bastens my return.

Fil soon return! Though crowds should ask my staying. Bethink you, can the wish of friends, though Compensate for the grief of long delaying, That loads my heart, that longs to see y

I'll soon return? O will you watch my cot As evening shadows well each mount and when the great world has ceased its busy hum-And stillness hangs on all things like a spell?

Oh, as I long for you my love grows stronger, And days grow dark, and dark, and darke and then come teacs, when thoughts can con no longer: [1] soon return; soon, soon, my own, I will, -From the American Israelite.

THE CREEPING PLANT.

A STORY.

Poor Hammond managed to get a it before nabbing it.' month's leave at the same as time myself. That was how we came to join hands and arrange for the trip to Formosa. 1 wish I had worked on for a year langer now, with all my heart.

We crossed from Amoy to Taiwan, a his town on the west coast of Formosa, and made our preparations for getting well into the wilds. You see, we had both been in China a matter of ten years, and could pass muster very well with our knowledge of two or three dialects of the deadfully profuse language of the Empire. And so we ex-I couldn't!' pected to get along all right-I to shoot a variety of strange quadrupeds and feathered creatures, and Hammond

o enlarge his already very copious collection of plants and grasses. I never knew a man more enthusias

tie about his hobby than was Hammond about his specimens. It cost him many a groan to leave them on the mainland. But for the infinite annoyance they would have cost us both, he tical. Anyhow, too, I mean to get it would have carried them with him to this night, alive or dead—that's a clear ance they would have cost us both, he Formosa. They filled eight boxes as big as American travelling trunks— what with their layers of wool and thick blotting paper, and the camphor-stronger, and then if you like, we'll do wood cases in which the different species nothing else but hunt this crawling reposed apart from each other. Poor beanstalk, or whatever it is." old chap! he might have pleased him-'I am as strong as ever I was, if I self in the matter. I wish he had, for may judge by my feelings, and so you his interest in the things might have may as well make up yo r mind to my kept him from the craze that killed going. Remember, Randolph, that

For a week we had a very agreeable won't put up with dictation from you time in the bungalow of a certain Scotch missionary whose name will be life. a familiar memory to every European who has stayed awhile in the island. He was-indeed is-a very remarkable man, and a credit to the Anglo-Saxon with his movement, but that for his If every man had his due, he own sake he ought not to go off in ought to be acknowledged as Governor- 'pyjamas' again, as he did before. general of Formosa; though I doubt 'Yes, that was indiscreet,' the dear would refuse the dignity. This by old fellow observed with a smile. the way. And yet I ought to mention

We humored him for the rest of the him if only for the earnest warning he even ng, and at length he fell asleep in his bamboo couch chair, and we covered morning. The various masters, ant-ious to be off, met first on this vessel, of the interior. We spent two days in journeying from his house to the woods curtains to protect him as much as then on that, to discuss the delay in the arrival of the tender and to decide a which we proposed to camp for a possible. Training as Adam and Eve But I had no intention of going to upon a united course of action in case bed. Somehow or other, I fancied he she did not appear soon. would wake and start off into the Toward noon on the 16th, a faint woods just as he had done before. At mirage was seen off the cape. Very ing creepers which matted themselves the back of my mind I confess, too, little air was stirring, and the mirage there was a thin phantom of curiosity grew more and more distinct until the tender was seen in every spar and sail, about the shape nine feet long, with

seems he had written to Pekin, begging to be removed from Amoy; and he dis-cussed the obances of a favorable reply to his letter rationally enough, thouch with a disregard for the bereavement that I in that case should suffer which that 1 in that case should suffer which time was getting worse and worse; nor puzzled me. For he was naturally the was his agony in the least abated by most unselfish of men; and he had over the fat and oil which Wan Tan rubbed and over again soid he would never upon it. leave Amoy without me, and that he The po

would never be left in it if I was ap- o'clock, after suffering fearfully Almost his last words were these, with Towards sunset he became excited. most his last words were these, with an attempt at a smile that nearly set well as in other localities. At the most like the most his returns the second eitrue fair in Sacramento.

I did not like the metallic glitter in his eye. It recalled to me in an ugly man-ner a certain visit I hat paid to a Chinese madhouse a little time prehad buried him, I made my way again to the spot where he had met his doom, viously. He was irrit ble, moreover, and would not let me touch his pulse. When I wanted him to come into the hut for the night, he objected. and pulled down the spray of passion flower which had drooped over him when he was bitten. This flower,

'No Randolph,' he said, 'not till the and under glass, is one of variou dried. moon there also goes to bed in the anarticles that serve as mementos of intipodes. I particularly mean to be cidents in my career-incidents I am awake to-night.' glad to say, not always so tragical as 'Why?' I asked this.

'Because I am as sure as I stand here that I saw one last night, and it THE MIDNIGHT SUN. was when the moon was high. I reckon it went at about the rate of a yard a minute. I mean to secure it; and I RERBERT L. ALDRICH. should very much like to photograph

'What are you talking about, old chap?' I asked again, with the dismal fear at my heart that the fever or sun-Just beyond Cape Lisburne, on the Arctic coast of Alaska, some five hundred miles above Behring Straits, are extensive coal mines. The coal is easil stroke had affected his brain. 'The creeping plant, Randolph. It was, as well as I could guess at it, nine mined, and the Arctic whaleships make these mines a rendezvous.

feet long, with flowers all the way In midsummer there is a period of along it-the calyx a bright blue. never saw anything so odd since 1 was born. Do you know, I almost lost my from San Francisco with supplies of senses in a sort of excitment over it; and I suppose it got away in the mean-time, for when I tried to find it again, fresh provisions, the mail, e.c., and carries back whatever whalebone and oil the whalers may have secured. The arrival of the tender is the most

I could only sture at him in bewilder. ment. He was certainly not joking; and yet the idea of a plant of this deimportant and most looked-forward to of any event of the season, as she is the only link that connects the whalemen scription was to my unobservant inwith the outside world, during a per od telligence perfectly ridiculous. of eight or nine months. But poor Hammond did not like my

This midsummer period is during incredulous look. 'You don't believe the time of the midnight sun, and there me, I see!' he exclaimed pettishly That's ever the way with you practical is continuous daylight for about six fellows. I am thankful I'm not pracweeks. In 1887, twenty-three whale-ships lay

at anchor off these mines. Shifts of men were working during the twenty-

four hours of continuous daylight, laying in coal for the coming cold days and nights of antumn. Every one of the eight hundred and fifty, or more, men frequently scanned the horizon, eager for the appearance of the tender; for it was the middle of July, and not a word had been heard from home since the middle of March. Day after day the sun had coursed around the I'm your senior in the service, and I horizon, but not dipped below it. One vessel atter another laid in its supply or any other man of your time of of coal, and was anxious to be off, but still no tender came. She was due the I could only shrug my shoulders, and first week in July, but the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of the month came, and yet no news from her.

suggest to him as casually as possible that of course I had no right to interfere Regular watches were kept on b ard the vessels as if the sun rose at five o'clock in the morning and set at six at

Date Palms in California.

The date is found growing in a number of localities in California. and there can be no doubt that when the methods of planting and reproduction are better understood they will multiply rapidly throughout the interior of the State. They have been successfully grown at Santa Barbara, Riverside, Pomona, Ontario, Santa Ana, Elsinore, Winters, Newcastle, as second citrus fair in Sacramento, there was a fine exhibit of both the red or ' hina date, and also the white dates, by S. C. and J. R. Wolfskill of

had been obtained from some of the common dried dates purchased in San Francisco.

The little trees only grew about one foot each year, and were twenty years old before they bore any fruit. The red date had ripened perfectly but the white had not. It was thought by the Wolfskills that the season here probably due to the fact that the staminate and pistillate flowers were not near enough to each other, so that one could fertilize the other. To facilitate inch and a quarter long, while the red few weeks when little or no wh ling can be done on account of the ice. During this period a "tender" arrives County, has the r d or China date in County, has the r. d or China date in 27 beer."

bearing. At Santa Barbara and at Riverside, as well as in a few other bearing fruit. Recent inquiries show trees are now growing in California, and have not been affected by our winter. Most of these were grown from the seed and it will be years before any number of these come into bear ing.

How the Great Lakes Were Named

T.e names of the great lakes of America are generally of Indian origin. The early discoverers of Ontario called it "St. Louis," and afterwards the early French called it "Lake Frontenac," after the governor. The English when they first claimed dominion, called it "Katarakui, or Ontario; Mitchell called it "Catarakui," and Pownall the same, but the name "Ontario" was the one always used. Huron was named from the Indian tribe on its shores when first discovered. From Homans, 1706, and De L'Isle, 1729, it received the alias of "Michigan; Hennepin, 1698, and Coxe, 1721. called it "Huron, or Karegnondi;

Washington's journal 1754, calls it "Quatoghi, or Huron." Lake Michigan, persistently called at first "Illinois," was called "Michinight. Even our rooster clung to his old habits and slept through the night of daylight, not deigning to erow until known by that name. Champlain the known by that name. Champlain

doir, smoking-room, and all pars of NOW the steamer are illuminated by 80 elec tric lights of a total power of 2500 Elt not bli For the in Dreamer, i On the she This a star Here the g candles, and the decorations of the spartments are of the most elegant and luxurious character. In proposing the coast "Success to the Thewfikieh Company," his Highness expressed his Of God's s Heir of i deep interest in the enterprise, and warmly congratulated the president Inmost he

and officers of the company. Drinking of European Nations.

Dr. Kate Mitchell deals very capably from the point of view of the total abstainer with "The Drink Question: Its Social and Medical Aspects. Winters, Yolo County. The seeds of Its Social and Medical Aspects." these trees were planted in 1857, and Treating first of the State and Society in their Re ation to the Drink Question, she proceeds to discuss the history and nature of alcohol and its dis-

posal in the organism. Then she considers the mortality and diseases due to alcohol, and closes her work with remarks on its social and educational bearings. Dr. Mitchell, of course, argues for legislative interference with ompact compass every fact and reasoning on her side.

"The annual consumption in Belgium, per capita," she observes, "is spirits, 11-9 litres of wine, and 21-10 of beer; Germany, 8-60 spirits, and 6-5 beer; Holland, 9-87 spirits, and 27 beer." Denmark, it would appear, shows the highest rate of all as regards the strongest form of alcoholic liquors. places in this State, the date is now and Norway the lowes'; but in the lat- soul, perceive thy perfect hour ter country tota abstinence societies

Now is im

nose, receding brow; by no means of

Siguor Arrigo, one of the wealthicst of long form, and has superlative gray bankers and most extensive land owners eyes in it. Not what is called of Sicily, has just effected a beautiful man; nor yet, by all release from a captivity of twenty one appearance, what is called a happy. days in the mountains by the payment of On the contrary, the face bears evia rausom of one hundred thousand dol dence of many sorrows, as they are lars to the brigands who had kidnapped termed, of much hard labor done in him. Twenty one days had elapsed be this world; and seems to anticipate fore the negotiations on the subject were nothing but more still coming. completed, and during this time the cap Quiet stocism, capable of what joy tive millionaire lived in a mountain cave Quiet stocism, capable of what he is sleeping on a bundle of any, and black to content himself with a diet of black bread, fruit, and a cheap, but very powerful Marsala wine. On the day of his pered with a cheery mockery of hurelease, he had not gone far when he hap mor-are written on that old face: pened to meet a patrol of three carabini which carries its chin well forward, in which carries its chin well forward, in spite of the slight stoop about the neck; disreputable did he appear to them, that snuffy nose, rather flung into the air, the worthy gendarmes were convinced

under its old cocked hat-like an old that he was one of the band of banditt snuffy lion on the walca; and such a for whom they were hunting, while he pair of eyes as no man, or lion, or was equally confirmed in his belief that ivux of that century bore elsewhere, according to all the testimony we have. Most excellent potent brilliant eyes,

IS IMMORTALITY.	CORRALED THE BRIDE.
indfold, Soul, and sigh moortal by and by: seek not Heaven atar ores of some strange start ris-this, thine Earth	The Strange Wedding of Big Oharlie and Meetutse Nance.
germ awakes to birth mored life in thee-	The Border Weilding-A Romancer With a Rope Lassoes the "Belle of the Sage
aven its radiance pours	Brush" at Big Horn Basin-The Twaip

Round thy windows, at thy doors, Asking but to be let in. Waiting to flood out thy sin offering thee unfailing health, Love's refreshment, boundless wealth Voices at thy life's gate say "Be immortal, Soul, to day

Thou canst shut the splendor out; Darken every room with doubt, From the entering singuls hive Under tinseled wefts of pride, While the pure in heart behold fied in every flower unfold-While the poor His kingdom sharo, Reigning with Him everywhere

Let His love its sweet way win Nothing human is too mean To receive the King unseen ot a pleasure or a care But celestial robes may wear

Ralance not in scales of time Deathless destinies sublime: What vague future can weigh down This great Now that is thine own? Love were miserly that gave Oh, the stiffed bliss and mirth Of creation-"It is good

Let thy life burst into flower Heaven is opening to bestow More than thou caust think or know. Now to thy true height arise! Enter now thy Paradise! In to day, to morrow see

ortality -Lucy Larrom in Christian P.

with thin lips, prominent jaws and A Banker's Experience With Brigands.

-It is said that apes have a lan-Weilding-A Romancer With s guage assoes the "Belle of the Sage -The King of Ashantee has 3033 at Big Horn Basin-The Twaip wived -Birmingham, Ala., is shipping iron Were Ons'd. pipe North "Plots for stories have not all been -In the Japanese language there is used, as some people assert," remarkno word for kiss. ed W. A. Jennings, of Wyoming, in -The New York Excelsior cant of the Colonnade one evening. "A friend of mine." he continued, "who lives 1783 is worth \$3. -A new race has been discovered at out in the cattle country of the Big the Philipine Islands. Horn basin was a witness in 1885 to -There are twenty-three acres of land one of the most remarkable weddings to every inhabitant of the globe. of which I have ever heard. At that -An attempt to climb the Himslayas time a few settlers had gathered in and will be made by Explorer Conway. formed the nucleus of what is now a - Constantinople is having her first prosperous farming region, but the wooden pavement put down. sway of the cowboy was undisputed. -The sheriff of Camden, N. J., has The first wedding in that section on seized a cemetery lot on as execution. Owl Creek was that of Big Charlie and -In British India two nty-eight million acres are cultivated by irrigation. Meetutse Nance, a native sage-brush -In the yard of a Lynn (Mass.) restbelle. The bride and groom came seventy-five miles on horseback to the

dent is a bed of peonies 2.50 years old. squire's, and in exactly the same -An old lady who had danced with fashion. When within a few miles of Lafayette died in New Haven recently. the squire's home they met that offic--- "E" is the most frequently used letial, surrounded by half a dozen cowter in the alphabet: then comes "T" boys. Then the bride got restive and - A New Orleans man keeps a lizard nervous, declaring that she wouldn't on his table to guard valuable papers. marry sny man on earth. But the -Only twenty per cent. of the mur-

judge, the cowboys and the groom ders committed yearly are ever found were equal to the occasion. At a short out. distance stood a corral. -One acre of land will comfortably " 'Take her over to the corral, boys, support four persons on a vegetable diet

and put her in,' said his honor. "As Meetutse Nance heard this order she made a wild break for the hills;

but her days of freedom were over. men. -In England the average weight of a She was quickly run down, and amid a tram is 44 tons, of an omnibus only two volley of feminine sage brash eloquence 'ons. the delighted boys started on a lope for A Pittsburg widow has had three husthe corral. Reaching this, Nance leaped bands, each of whom was over six feet

from her bronk and started like a scared Lall. deer for some adjacent brush; but it was -- California counties are growing poor no go. However, she fought vigorousthrough paying a bounty on coyote ly, and his honor ordered: 'Hobble her, scalp.

boys.' The boys were in ecstacies. A -The very finest brand of Havana pair of rawhide hobbles were stripped cigars fetches \$1500 a thousand in Paris. from a cavuse's neck, and their twist

The month of May, 1891, was the adjusted about the sturdy ankles of wettest May in Europe for nearly sevthe struggling bride. She was taken enty years. into the corral, and his honor, mount-

-Twenty million acres of the land of

the United States are held by Englis

-The vegetable food is regarded by ing the fence, bade the groom take his Japanese as Sho-Jinmono, or the food place by her side, and catch on to her of spiritual progress. hand. This done, his honor assumed

-The new United States sixteen-inch the look of dignified importance called gun will be forty-nine and a half feet long and weigh 125 tons. "Big Charlie and Meetutse Nance,

-The largest bay in the world is you come inter this corral single. I Hudson Bay, measuring 850 miles north and south by 600 miles wide. Big

-The manufacture of false teeth for "But this big Charlie found it diffi horses is a new industry just opened cult to do, and it was not until one of Paris with a capital of \$40),000.

the cowboys had gently cast his lariat -At Griffin, Ga., a king snake was over his newly made wife that her husseen to swallow a green snake several band was able to turn the lady loose. Inches longer than his own body. -Inere is a man in Kansas who

-It is in Boston that a man has been

was too short to ripen this fruit. It is drinking customs, and she gathers into Live immortally to day. this, in the date regions the trees are 9.20 litres of spirits, and 16.9 beer; in this, in the date regions the trees are planted near each other, and about one the British Isles it is 5-37 spirits, and Only gifts beyond the grave. Heaven makes every earth plant thrive male to twenty female trees. The 14-30 beer; Russia, about 16 litres All things are in God alive. white dates exhibited were about an spirits, and 4-5 beer; France, 7-29

that a large number of young date are working with great activity and success.

Carlyle's Picture of Frederick the Grean. "The man is not of godlike physiognomy, any more than of imposing tature and costume ; close-shut mouth,

Olympian height; head, however, is

Oh, let Christ and sunsnine in

gave us about the vermin and reptiles fortnight, as happy as Adam and Eve before the Fall.

The forest scenery was magnificent. but the brake of brambles and flowerbetween the tree trunks made progress very slow. We did not stick to the tracks: otherwise, of course, it would flowers upon it, which had fitted so have been different. And we were repaid for our labor by the strange creaing plant. tures I shot, and by many a grass and flower which Hammond was as elated the North China Herald until 1 began

over as a mother with her first child. ounced our holiday a success. Then pondering weakly about the likelihood Hammond sickened of a fever or a sun- of some good-natured senior in the servstroke, I could not determine which. He became delirious, and I feared he the good of his juniors, when I heard a would die. I must say the native rustling. My eyes opened sharply, Formosans, for all their savage look- Yes; it was as, with electrical promptithey were all but naked in this part of tude, I had surmised: Hammond was the island-were very kind. brought me various juices and simples, which they urged me to use upon the from him. invalid. But I was afraid to do that. | watched him between my half-closed I preferred to rely upon cold sponging eyelids.

d the quinine in our medicine chest. Consciousness seemed to come upon On the seventh night of his illness, him all in a moment. He bounded when he was so quiet and improved in from the chair and made for the door, tone that I thought I could leave him Then, with a look I shall never forget, in charge of Wan Tan, our little native he turned back and snatche | up the aide-de-camp, and get a good sleep my- same blue blanket I had wrapped him self, I was suddenly awoke by the boy in before. He flung it over his shoalwith the words, 'He has gone!' True ders and sped into the open air. I folenough, Hammond had evaded his lowed him. And I had to be brisk, or creeping. The sun, far above the guard and run off into the woods in else I should soon have lost sight of horizon, cast a clear, yellow light-so us 'pyjamas.' alarmed Without loss of time, however, the boy and I set out in pursuit; and after about half an hour we caught night, with ever and anon the start ed him up as he was returning with bent head and puckered brow, but looking cry from a parrot or a monkey resoundis free from delirium as man could. Why, my dear fellow,' I said, 'what ant shot over my head with a whir that

thing?" Hammond gazed at me indifferently for a moment. It was just as if he had not yet got his senses fally after a bad completely. I don't

night. Then, with a good deal of ex-citement, he bade me congratulate

"Upon what?" I asked.

'Do you not remember,' he replied, how we two have talked about the these blossoms in the cool, humid home, but with her would go all compossible existence of plants that move from one spot to another with the distinctly. asme freedom as we conceited bipeds? Well, I've solved that problem. They length came upon Hammond. He was do exist. But I can't-I really can'tmake out satisfactorily whether they about a small spot of common grass five strong cars were soon carrying us to it by the exercise of volition, or with holes in the ground and a thicket whether they are transported in spite of bramble and clematis at one side. of themselves, washing the British Association on was a wool of passion-flowers hanging bells. the subject until we have settled that-

I was half disposed to laugh at him when he said this. But the mysterious corolla. and quite unusual kind of earnestness in his expression while he was speaking not only deterred me, but even again made me feel oneasy about him. You are not serious, Hammond?' I

said. 'And besides, old fellow, it's very wrong of you to run away in this fash-Not to speak of the fright you shall have that fever business all over was beautifully marked much as Ham-Egain.

mond had described his plant; but 'Fever business! What do you time for no more. The poor fellow had bent down and made a snatch at acan? 'Why, you know you have been ill, the reptile; at the same instant the

and you're not well yet; and so come 'snake had darted at bim and bitten him right along to bed again." over the eye. And when I had rushed He said nothing to this, but allowed

to the place, the snake had gone, and Hammond was holding both hands to the boy and me to take care of bim. I must say he looked a strange object his face and looking about him with an wrapped up in the blue blanket which awfully dazed expression. The shock had brought him wholly to his right I had seized for the purpose when after him, and especially when the moon mind!

shone upon him through the teak-trees of the forest. The scarrying among he branches overhead seemed to im some one else. But the pain of the ply that the monkeys also found him a spectacle too str. ng for their nerves. was letter in the afternoon, and we could as precautionary measures, talked of the service and other matters though this was little enough. in a perfectly rational manner. It He was prepared for what followed-

clearly outlined on the smooth sea as if well with Hammond's ideal of a creepdrawn on glass. But she was keel Three hours later, the vessel's hull the North China Herald until 1 began was in full view above the horizon, to feel drowsy. The paper had She was nuder full sail with flags and Two more days passed, and we pro- dropped from my hands, and I was colors at the mastheads, bearing the ovous signal of news from home. It was nearly eleven o'clock before

she reached her anchorage. Not to waste any time, the captain had a boat lowered, and before the tender's auchor was let go, we were alongside. No words can describe the situat on They bolt upright, staring at the moonshine or feelings as we reached the deck. ontside, and pushing the curtains away from him. I did not move, but Hands were shaken, a few anxious inquiries hurriedly made, and then each man betook himself to some quiet

corner with his letters to read the messages from the loved ones at home. As 1 sat on the rail, looking astern of the vessel, dreamily picturing scenes at home, I looked out over the vast expanse of ocean. Here and there floated a cake of ice. All was so still, so solemn, yet in tune with my thoughts The short, choppy sea kept the rudder creefing. The sun, far above the I was dreadfully him; for the dark limbs of the trees clear that the distant hills on shore were thick enough to hide him for a were distinct in every contour-and the quarter of a minute at a time. It was rigging of every vessel riding at anchor a strange chase, this in the murmurous on the short, rolling sea was sharp in outline. With my camera resting on my knee,

ing in the air. A barred tailed pheas-ant shot over my head with a whir that the sun came out from behind a veil of the world led you to do so mad a would have made a man unused to such clouds and cast its long sheen over the noises wonder what was happening. sea, from the horizon almost to the very Bats, too, went to and fro in the moonstern of the vessel. light, now and then echy sing the planet

Entirely wrapped in my reverie, 1 sat watching the ceaseless sea, and the know how long I followed glow of the sunlight, thinking only of the poor fellow; I know only that I the world so many thousands of miles was much torn by the thorns on the away. Four months of hardship and rose-bushes which impeded my movedanger were yet ahead of us. This ments. How sweet was the perfume of 1 ttle craft would carry our messages of a star not seen since 1572. night-air, I can recall at this moment munication with the world until ourselves entered port. What changes

It was almost by accident that I at might these months bring forth! "Man the 'Lucretia's' boat," was the stooping and peering here and there rude intrusion upon my reverie, and

to our own vessel. As the captain and I came over the It's not a bit of use I did not notice it at first; but there rail, the man at the wheel struck eight

> "Just midnight," said the captain. over him. One the flowers was a "And here is the midnight sun," superb specimen with a "dazzling added. Suiting my action to my words, I took another picture looking off toward

the vessels that lay straining gently at Standing in the shade, I watched him. He began to poke among the their anchor-cables. brambles with a bit of stick. Then Yellow as the light was, both pictures there was a movement, and with an ex- came out well. Fine detail may be clamation of 'Did I not say so!' Ham-mond stepped tenderly aside while-a flood of recollections as they recall the

great snake crept forth with an angry dangers of that season in the Arctic, hiss and a poise of its head. I had time and our isolation from home civilizagave me, you'll catch a chill, and we to see that its body from the shoulder tion, and the world .- St. Nicholas.

Cruel Hangings in Austria.

it appears from a report on capita punishments which has just been laid gary that executions in that country are carried out in un inconceivably barbarou manuer. The convict is placed on the ground, where he stands with a long rope ound his neck, which presently jerks

On our way back, he commented on him off his legs, and he remains struggling horribly in the air for several minutes. his folly as if it had been the action of A convict is never strangled in less than venom in him had already begun to tell. Between us we had done what

first typographer of Lake Superior, called it "Grand Lac." The wonderful Jesuit map called it "Tracy, or Superior." Coxe and Sener called it by an alias after the Sioux, or, as they were then called. Nadoussians, on its shores. Lake Erie received its name from the Eries on its banks, and uniformly retained the name. The Eries were known as the Cat nation : therefore some early writers call it "Felis" and "Du Chat." Sener called it "Cadaragua." Washington's jour-

nal, Mitchell and Pownall called it "Okswego."

The Star of Bethlehem.

most interesting phenomenon will occur in the course of 1890. A sixth star will be added to the five fixed stars forming the constellation of Cassiopeia. If this star should appear in 1890 it will have been seen seven times since the beginning of he Christian era. It was discovered last satisfied." time by Tycho de Brahe in 1572, who

described it as a star of extraordinary brightness, which outshone the stars of first magnitude, and could be seen in the light of day. But after three weeks the brightness faded, and after his or her manuscript. Articles for having been visible for seventeen papers or books for publication should months it disappeared as suddenly as it had come. The star is on record in the on white or tinted paper, of which annals of 1654 A. D., and of 945 A. D., during the Emperor Otto's reign.

It has been supposed that this writer in Harper's Young People. neavenly body is the identical Star of Bethlehem, and it seems to appear once in about 315 years. Now, if it be calculated backwards from 945, that would make its appearance coincident with the date of the birth of Christ, and when the calculation is made from 945 forward, the star was due in 1260. 1575, and 1890. Dr. Palisa, of the Vienna Observatory, who has been questioned on the subject, says that there are no proofs that the Tychonian Star and the star of 945 are identical. There are many stars which return after a lapse of several years, but there is no authority for the certain return

Steam Navigation on the Nile.

The monopoly of passenger steamers for tourist traffic on the Nile has ceased. A new Egyptian association has been formed, styled the "Thewfikich" Company, who are the owners of a number of steamers, which have been specially and iuxuriously fitted for a regular service of passengers desiring to ascend the river, from Cairo to the first Cataract, visiting the antiquities on the banks. The formation of this company has been sanctioned by a decree of the Khedive, who has manifested much interest in the success of the enterprise.

The commencement of its operations has just been inaugurated by a personal visit of the Khedive, for an inspection of the vessels and a reception on board the steamer El Khedive. At the entrance to the docks of the company an imposing triumphal arch was erected, the workshops and docks were gaily ornamented by flags and trophies, and the line of approach was

covered with rich carpets; a large crowd was assembled, and the Khedive -who was accompanied by the chief of his Cabinet and two Aldes-de-Camp -was received with loud demonstrations of loyalty.

The president of the company (Rostovitz Bey), and several of the directors, received his Highness on board, and the inspection which took place was of a most minute character, the Khedive even descending into the enine-room. The saloon, ladies' Bon-

The state of the s

reached that the carabinieri became asswift-darting as the stars, steadfast as sured of his identity and consented to cut the sun; gray, we said, of the azurethe cords with which they had secured grav color: large enough, not of glarhim.-[Argonaut. ng size; the habitual expression of

them, vigilance and penetrating sense, rapidly resting on depth. Which is an excellent; combination; and gives us the notion of a lambent outer radiance

Writing for the Press.

the exterior, the mechanical part, of

be very plainly written with black ink.

only one side must be used, says a

springing from some great inner sca Attendy the area of California's deser rands is shrinking like the waters of Lake Tulare, and it will be only a few years of light and fire in the man.

The voice, if he speaks to you, is of milar physiog nomy-clear melodious, before it will no longer be seen on the maps of the State. Every day people are huding out that desert does not mean and sonorous; all tones are in it, from that of ingenuous inquiry, graceful irreclaimable, and that underneath sociality, light-flowing banter (rather the gray and drab desolation of these lands lies the richest of fertility prickly for most part), up to definite word of command, up to desolating

All the elements of productiveness are Astronomical calculations show that I word of rebuke and reprobation. . . latent there, and only need the revivi Jast about threescore and ten years fying influence of water to wake into ago his speakings came to finis in this World of Time; and he vanished from activity and usefulness.' Eastern capitalists have not been slow to see this and to all eves into other worlds, leaving act accordingly. The latest evidence comes from Chicago, where it is said, a much inquiry about him in the minds of men, which as my readers and I gigantic scheme is on foot for irrigating

may feel too well, is not by any means over 300,000 acres of desert land in Southern California. This is to be accom plished by impounding the waters from the mountains in immense storage reser To descend to particulars of an exvoirs, whence it will be conducted to the land by a system of pipes, ditches, and ternal kind, let me specify that the young writer should be careful about

flumes. This is just what has been done at Riverside, Redlands, Los Angeles Pasadena, Fresno, and a score of other places, where the results have been mosgratifying and the profits ample -[San Francisco Chronicle a taste of the other place on earth. So, when the bells are ringing in 1890,

The Irrepressible Chinese.

The Chinese seem to be irrepressi-The reasons for this rule are not arbi ble. They manage somehow or other trary, but are founded on the convento go into the country along the boundaries.

manuscript, the compositor who sets it Chinese are located in the United up, and the proofreader who revises it. States, and with unrestricted emigra-It is well, if your hand is not a clear tion it is feared the country would one, or if your spelling is a trifle origsoon be overrun by them, as they are inal, or your punctuation is weak, that glad to escape from the wretched con your atircle, poem or story should be ditions under which they have to live plainly copied in typewriting. The cost of this copying, if you in some of the provinces at home, where they have a constant struggle have not a machine of your own, is not for existence against over-crowding, excessive. Do not tie your sheets of famines and other devastating causes. Tribune, thinking that neither of them paper together with bows of ribb ns, The Chinese are detested because as girls are accustomed to fasten their

Western civilization recedes as the Number your pages with care. Never

This experience is not confined to send it flat and unfolded to the editor everything to her husband until he America. It is said to prevail in all in an envelope large enough to hold it securely. If folded, this should be countries where the Chinese are found could stand it no longer. Then, turndone once through the m ddle, in pre- in large numbers. In the Philippine ing to the gentleman, she mildly asked: "Will you allow me to see your proference to any other way, and never Islands, which they have inhabited for send a rough draught, disfigured with the past three hundred years, they gramme?" The chagrin and discom show no signs of change. They retain all the habits and vices of their own fort of the pair were apparent. Hastily erasures, corrections, and after. handing over his programme, the two thoughts.

The size of your paper is unimportant; you may use any size you please, their social characteristics, but in nearfrom commercial note to foolscap, themselves stronger so far as the acthough the smaller size is regarded

torial offices. Of one thing be assured, Even the young Chinese born on good work is always regarded with respect, and remarkable work, if from American soil have all the habits, a new writer, meets a very cordial superstitions, vices, and customs of welcome. Hundreds of people, how- their fathers. Any advantage which

rebuffs, but forging ahead in the teeth and other vices peculiar to the Mongolian. of repeated disappointments.

Cleveland was the only President to, bunals, and have a regular organizadeliver his inangration address ex-

One of the curiosities of Nashua, N. There is a decided objection among H is a twin tree made up of a maple mothers to the adoption of the extreme and an elm, which have grown together decolette styles, worn by the older woat a point about ten feet from the er second seasor

Then the justice called his boys together, and saying: 'Come on, boys. wears a sunbonnet summer and winter, we hain't got no business here, now.' and will give no reason for his freak. led them away. One of the boys looked back, and the happy couple were busy unpacking their camping outfit, and

for by the occasion, and said:

Charlie, unhobble your wife.

now pronounce you a couple.

at last arcested and fined for falling to obey the sign, "Keep off the grass," -Numerous men are making a living in Berlin by being subjects for practice for those who are learning

Bige. -The ponies of Manipur, India, are celebrated, and it is claimed that it was

in Manipur that hockey or polo was invented. -One of the peculiar customs of the East Inutan coolles, called lascars, is the putting of a ring on their great toe

when they marry. -German medical papers report the death of a young woman from heart ta lure following immersion in cold wa ter for baptism.

-Professor R. L. Perkins, of Boston is the owner of a copy of Horace that was printed in 1576. It has an inder to every word.

-The most expensive street car in the world is owned by the Troy Electric Ralway Car Company of Cleveland, Ohio. It cost \$10,000.

-Two men in Clyde, Mich., have paid taxes on the same piece of land for seven years, and one of them is now trying to get his money back.

-A new car of the Michigan Central Railroad does the work of 300 men in scraping the dirt dumped on the sides of the track to the edge of the fill.

- The Coreans are the largest eaters known. Their stomachs are generally abnormal in size, and the one possessing the largest is generally considered the richest.

-A Spanish milled dollar of 1313 was found in the dirt under a house in West Paris, Me. The coin is in excellent condition, the design and lettering be ing very clear.

-The Church of England is turning they preferred to converse by means of the sign manual. The couple that out curates three times as fast as it is forming new cures, and there has been sat behind them, says the Chicago a society formed to promote the use of additional curates. could hear, took occasion to comment

-The first Union flag was unfurled on January 1, 1776, over the camp at Cambridge, Mass. It had thirteen to each other ad lib., greatly to the discomfort of the lady, who, of course, stripes of white and red, and retained heard everything. She communicated the British cross in one corner.

-Fish are much better preserved when kept hanging in a cold dry atmosphere. Lying upon the ice they lose their flavor and spoil more rapidly.

-The low grades of molasses made on the Louis ana plantations are now sprinkled over the dry crushed care, and materially increases its usefulness as fuel for the furnaces.

-An automatic life-saving belt that can be shaped into a ball, fired from a gun or thrown by hand, has recently been tried on the Thames. It rights itself upon contact with the water.

-The extreme danger to life attendant upon break ny a jam of logs has been overcome by using dynamite cartridges on the end of long poles. These are pushed under the jam and expleded.

mer, but it frequently creates a sensa-Lightning followed a line of gilt down tion of "etheral mildness" in a man's the wall paper in a Methodist Church at Belpre, Penn., and burned off only the flashy figures.

When Washington became President all the chief towns were on the sea coast, or on the tide water of the rivers,

except Lancaster, in Penusylvania. Manipur is believed to contain a most A medi al journal states that five valuab e literature, and a large library clergymen live as long as eight workhas been found already in a temple within the palace walls, which escaped There is a colored girl in Baltimore the fire on the rebels' departure.

A Sonoma County (Cal.) vineyardist who wants to r main block, and has gone to a hospital to be trasted for a has purchased 10,000 paper bags to covpeculiar disease, by which her skin is er the young vines and protect them from grasshoppers.

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ience of several people-the editor who decides upon the value of the Already it is calculated some 200,000

they never enter the brotherhood of freely and speculate on their relations school compositions when entering citizenship as other foreigners do. them in competition for a prize.

Chinese gain a footing. roll your manuscript, but, if possible,

> land. Not only have they maintained hustied out of the theater just as the ly every instance they have proved

with perhaps the greater favor in edi- quisition of material wealth and advantage is concerned.

ever, are writing, and the exception- may be gained from their cheap labor ally successful one must have persist- must be more than lost by the evils ence, patience and a grim determina-tion to conquer a position, minding no spread of the opium habit, gambling.

In San Francisco the Chinese have

A Louisiana orange tree will yield 10,000 oranges, A Norristown (Penn.) family owns so far become masters of the situation that they are governed by secret triforty-se ven cats. The United States declared

tempore. Fillmore made no inaugural, tion for thwarting the operations of Garfield was the first President to the law by "removing witnesses," enmake any political speeches in a foreign forcing perjury, and other methods. tongue. German was used.

men of society, by girls in their first

A Shrinking Desert.

the honeymoon had evidently begun." -Philadelphia Press.

Man's Lot Deprived of Woman. If there were no women, men would

have no object in life; their mustaches would cease to interest them; they wouldn't care a Chinaman whether their collars were ironed well or not: they would have nobody to nurse them when they had the toothache, or to keep them from believing they were going to die when an old fashioned

stomach-ache had its grip upon them. There would be nobody to make ice cream for, and no small edition of flesh and blood to hug. There would be nobody to fight against being klased and then to snuggle up to a coat sleeve

and take to it as naturally as a cat does cream. Most important of all, there would be nobody to write against. to complain of and to love with all your heart and soul. Without women men would never get to heaven, and without them they would never have

if Tom has any sense whatever, he'll

put his arm around the woman he is fondest of, thank the good God for her and wonder, as she does, what in the world he'd do without her. - Philadel-

phia Times. An Unexpected Rebuke.

He was a deaf mute who had learned to talk by imitation. His wife could both hear and talk, but at the theater

curtain went up on the second act.

Explaining the Bells.

Johnny-"Pa, what do they ring

church bells for, anyhow?" Pa-"To

make the people believe there's fire in

A Sort of Warm Wave, as It Were

against Tripoli on June 10, 1801.

One swallow does not make a sum-

the other world, my son.

"innards."

ingmen,

turning white,