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A FAMOUS CAFE.

"That's so," "Yes, so," "That's so," "Yes, yes, yes," "So do."

Sketch of the Great Headquarters of Chess in Paris.

Just across the way from the Comedie Francaise Theatre stands one of the dearest old landmarks in Paris, the Cafe de la Regence, where for more than a hundred and fifty years—the fact over the world informs you that it was founded in 18—great men of the world of chess have with their armies fought such battles as have made the place immortal.

ALL SORTS.

How the Funny Men Earn Their Money.

A Midnight Tragedy.
I. Two lovers lean on the garden gate; The hour is late.
II. At a chamber window her father stands, And rubs his hands.
III. For a while he watches them unawares, Then goes down stairs.
IV. He loses his dog from his iron chain— The rest is plain.
V. The moonlight silvers the garden gate; —W. H. Hills, in Sonnetville Journal.

Horror of Slavery in Africa.

Mr. Daniel J. Rankin is a young and sturdy Englishman who has just returned from more than six years' residence in the interior of the Zambesi river valley in Africa, which is now attracting so much attention.

What a Good Thing can be Carried too Far.

A Boston man, who had been told that he was about to die, asked the doctor for his bill, saying that he did not wish to depart from his life-long rule, "Pay as you go."—*Dodge Sentinel*.

The Bishop's Wit Saved Him.

A story showing the shrewdness and ready wit of the Scotchman is told of a well-known Scotch bishop who was about to pass his life in single blessedness. While he held a certain ease he was, of course, an object of considerable interest to the unmarried ladies of the neighborhood. One day he received a visit from one of them, who had come to him with a proposal of matrimony. Her manner was solemn, though somewhat embarrassed. The good bishop spoke with his usual kindness, and endeavored her to be communicative. By and by he drew her to him, and she had a very strange dream, or rather a revelation, as she thought, a revelation from heaven.

Lions at Large in a Circus Arena.

New Circus business is always a difficult subject to deal with, but when the novelty announced takes the shape of lions, the task must perform be difficult.

Has a Temperance Beer Been Found?

Is it found? What? Why? The much-prized beverage which has long tottered on the brink of ruin, without its dignified or ruining the moral life.

A Billiardist's Habits.

I called upon George F. Sloson, who is the champion of the billiard world, if there be such a thing as a champion of that fascinating game, and asked him what he considered the most necessary to be observed to become a great expert. He stated in reply to my questions as follows:

A Monster Grapes-Vine.

The largest grapes-vine in the world is that growing at Oya, Portugal, which has been bearing since 1860. No man has an expert unless he can predict it to within an inch. Champion players can come within a sixteenth of an inch upon a simple carom. This seems wonderful, but it falls short of a feat that has been frequently performed by two American experts and one French expert.

RURAL SOUTHERN SCENES.

MRS. A. GIDDINGS PARK.

A few months since while in Southern Georgia, we rode out into the sparsely settled country district several miles one day, in company with a small party of friends, to enjoy the novelty of the scene. In some instances we journeyed five or six miles without passing a single house, or a single plantation. Our way lay through stretches of country interspersed with forests of tall pines and live oaks fringed with long grass.

MORPHY'S FIRST GAME.

And with reason does the Regence honor Morphy, for it was there he played such games of chess as Europe had never seen, and that are now a story of his first appearance in the cafe. He strolled in there one afternoon, and dropping into a seat near Harwitz, the then champion, watched the game with apparent indifference.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Dreadful sufferings of the Peasants in Central, Western and Southern Russia.

St. Petersburg.—At a large meeting of representatives from towns in the Government of Nizhny-Novogorod, it was determined recently to petition the Government to loan the province the sum of \$1,250,000 wherewith to turn the suffering peasants with seed and breadstuffs.

PICTURES OF MERRY.

The Ministry of Finance, in a map accompanying the official report just published, marks the rare cases in which the state of the crops is barely satisfactory. From this map it is gathered that in the Central and Western, and in the greatest portion of Southern Russia, the outlook is extremely dismal.

Wife's Horror.

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Musicians of Royal Blood.

A correspondent furnishes the following catalogue of living musicians of royal blood: In England, Queen Victoria and the Princess Louise play the piano and organ, the Prince of Wales the piano and the princess the flute.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

- There are no "dixie" stars.
- Gold is shipped abroad in kegs, weight 3,000 lbs.
- It is an interesting fact that there are no ball-headed tramps.
- Only six horses have ever trotted twenty-six miles within one hour.
- There are 270 women ordained or licensed to preach in this country.
- A dog at Dupont, N. Y., found a pocket-book recently containing \$400.
- A miner dressed in armor went into a burning mine at Republic, Mich., to fight the fire.
- There was a recently received in New London, Conn., a banana weighing two and a half pounds.
- The Egyptians had a very remarkable ordinance to prevent persons from borrowing rudely.
- The Chinese paper currency is red, with a yellow paper, with gilt lettering and a green border.
- A harness that looks luminous in the dark has been invented. It is intended to prevent collisions at night.
- The British admiralty has resolved to give \$2,000 to Admiral Collingwood for his invention of a flashing light signal.
- John W. Taylor is the largest plant in the solar system, being 800 miles in diameter, while the earth is but 8000 miles.
- The only woman, with the exception of Mrs. Grimwood, who has received the Royal Red Cross, is Florence Nightingale.
- Miss Olive Buchanan, United States Deput. Marshall at St. Louis, is the only person of her sex now holding a position of that kind.
- At Cambridge, England, butter is sold by the yard, a pound of the article being rolled into a yard long and sold in sections to suit buyers.
- Mrs. Harrison is having the green room of the White House decorated in the Queen Anne style. The leading tint is absolute blue.
- Secretary Tracy witnessed the fleet manoeuvres of the North Atlantic Division of the Squadron of Evolution off Bar Harbor, Me., September 16.
- The greatest steam power using country in the world is the United States. Great Britain comes next then Germany and then France.
- There are spiders no bigger than a grain of sand which spin thread fine that it takes 4000 of them to equal in magnitude a single hair.
- The wages of shop girls in London range from \$35 to \$40 a year in the least; it is not more than \$250 to \$400 in the most fashionable establishments.
- The search for bodies in the ruined building in Park Place, New York City, was ended, sixty-one corpses having been recovered. Of these, fifteen are unidentified.
- Miss Hattie Porter, of Hartford, Conn., is one of the richest women in Connecticut through a bequest of \$600,000. She is now Mrs. A. Porter.
- The English Royal Princesses have set the fashion for their sisters not only to dress alike when they are unmarried, but to continue to do so after having become wives.
- One who has worn them thus says that dresses were invented by the enemy of woman-kind to try her temper and to keep her forever during the tents in the net.
- The longest hair in the world is said to belong to a young woman in Gainesville, Texas. It trails on the ground over four feet, and is of a beautiful reddish-gold color.
- The Empress of Germany is loyal to the fatherland to the extent of having all her dresses made in Berlin and Vienna. She buys her hats in Berlin and only her gloves come from Paris.
- The New York girl who lost her engagement ring in a wash basin only to find it two years later in the gutter, where it had been washed from an open window, had meantime been married and widowed.
- According to a German authority it has been found that zinc will rapidly corrode silver in contact with brick-work. It prevents this rusting effect placed between the zinc and the brick-work.
- It is stated that there are 27,000,000 pop on the surface of our globe, which, if placed in a line, would extend twenty-eight miles in length, and that we lose one pound of water in the twenty-four hours by perspiration.
- The distance of the horizon is governed by the height of the eye above the earth's surface. On the sea, with the eye at a height of five feet, the distance would be three miles; at sixty feet in height, ten miles.
- Mrs. McKay has fallen a victim to the craze for a new material. She is no longer plain Mrs. McKay, known all the world over without an initial or prefix; she is now Mrs. "Hunterford-McKay," with which English people smile.
- Mrs. Ida May Davis, who has been elected a member of the city school board of Terre Haute, is the first woman in Indiana to hold such a position. Though still a young woman, she has been a teacher for ten years, and is the author of considerable literary work.
- The following is a ludicrous custom affected among the nobility of Basra. A party of noblemen, engaged in a game of cards, were drinking like demigods, and he who has drunk most of the wine, must needs drop his little white soap which he had bought to wash his face, and which he must drop into the cup containing the wine, and then he is considered to be a gentleman.
- Miss Fisher, of North Carolina, the lady who once wrote many novels under the name of "Christina Reid," is now Mrs. F. H. Fisher, and publishes no more. She is the mother of the colored poet, Fisher who gave his name to Fort Fisher.
- A Connecticut merchant advertises iron bedsteads and pillows.
- The wife of a well-known naval officer in Washington wears a very handsome gold and silver necklace around the neck of a Peruvian Princess. The lady's husband took it from the Princess, whose mound tomb it had been found in a Peruvian grave.
- When a Frenchman wears a sailor hat, which is very seldom, she has it of clear white straw, with a scarlet velvet band, but the hat the Parisian likes best is of fluted black tulle, caught in the middle with two pink carnations or two pale yellow roses.
- This must be owned, that to love one's relatives is not always an easy task, to live with one's neighbors