

PROGRESS OF GUAM.

One of Our Island Possessions Already Half Civilized.

Wonderful Work Accomplished by Capt. Leary and His Associates—Concubinage and Slavery Entirely Abolished.

The new year dawns auspiciously upon our far-away possession, the island of Guam. Capt. Leary is not only an ideal governor but an ideal reformer. Everything he attempts succeeds and every act of his thus far has been on the lines of good government, morality, progress and civilization.

As to the last administrative act Capt. Leary found a difficulty in executing



CAPT. RICHARD P. LEARY. (Naval Governor of the Island of Guam in the Ladrones.)

It was simple enough to ascertain who was the head of the family, but it was not so easy to identify the family, for marital relations had been assumed and abandoned at will. The most expert genealogist would have had difficulty in fixing up the family tree of any Guamite, so extraordinary were its ramifications.

To crown his reforms Capt. Leary on New Year's day issued his decree that slavery was abolished in Guam. The islanders offered no opposition. They are now launched on the full tide of civilization and they are making such satisfactory progress on their new lines that it may be confidently anticipated by the time the last year of the century closes Guam will be the most advanced of all our new possessions.

Crosses to Mark Century. During the current year the close of the century will be marked by the erection on the tops of the tallest mountain peaks in Italy of 19 enormous stone crosses, one of each of the Christian centuries. The crosses are to be erected by the international committee of the Work of Solemn Homage to Jesus the Redeemer.

Long Journeys of Engines. A good railway engine will travel about 1,000,000 miles before it wears out.

HUMOROUS.

Notes and Notes.—"Does your wife play by note?" "Um—er—yes. The piano dealer holds mine for \$500."—Colorado Springs Gazette.

Lena—"Fred must be in love with you." Edith—"Why do you think so?" Lena—"He asked me if I didn't think you were pretty."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Miss Oldgirl—"That reminds me of a story I heard when I was a little girl." Miss Youngthing—"Oh, do tell it to me. I just dote on ancient history."—N. Y. Journal.

Longhump—"Did she give any reason for refusing you?" Hardt—"Reason? No, that's the woman of it. Simply said she didn't love me."—Philadelphia North American.

Customer—"I don't think that is a genuine old edition. Too many of the words are spelled in modern style." Dealer—"Well—er—that may be a typographical error."—Puck.

Bluejacket (in charge of party of sightseers)—"Here Nelson fell." Old Lady—"An I don't wonder at it, poor dear. Nasty, slippery place! I nearly fell there myself!"—Punch.

Nell—"Mame is awfully proud of her good looks. She boasts that her face is her fortune." Belle—"Yes, but she doesn't seem to desire any credit for making it herself."—Philadelphia Record.

Customer—"How'd do? Have you any time to spare this morning?" Tradesman—"Certainly; plenty of it." Customer—"Glad to hear it. I'd like to have 30 days more on that little bill I owe you."—Richmond Dispatch.

Briggs—"I thought your doctor forbade you to smoke?" Griggs—"Yes; but I suspected he had ulterior motives. I have an idea that he wanted me to save money so that I should be able to pay his bill."—Boston Transcript.

NOVEL SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

One That Was Made by Koreans from Vines Three Hundred Years Ago.

The first suspension bridge that can be dignified by that name was thrown across the Im-jin river in Korea in 1522. Here again dire necessity dictated the terms. The Japanese in P'yeng-yang, learning of the defeat of the army of reinforcement, determined to withdraw. China had begun to bestir herself in favor of Korea and the Japanese, driven from P'yeng-yang by the combined Chinese and Korean armies, hastened southward toward Seoul.

Put to the Test. "Count," she said, "you must give me some proof that you do not want me for my money alone."

He looked at her silently for a moment, and a subtle sort of sadness seemed to spread across his features. Then he spoke slowly, softly, as if he had been hurt: "I will do these things you ask," he said; "I will prove that I want to marry you for yourself only—I will do these things on one condition."

The African Prodigal Son. The cannibal chief stood with his hand shading his eyes. A solitary figure was timidly creeping toward him from the jungle. Suddenly the old chief started. He took a quick step forward. "It is," he cried, "it is my son! He is coming home again!" Then, with his eyes still fixed on the slouching figure, he shrilly called to his head hunter: "Kibonga, the prodigal is returning! Kill the fatted kaffir!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Trichinosis Epidemic. The most serious epidemic of trichinosis on record happened in 1865. In the little town of Hadersleben, in Saxony, a butcher killed three hogs and made them into sausages. They were eaten by a large number of the inhabitants of the little town. Several hundred persons fell desperately ill and over 100 died.—N. Y. World.

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THE SHEPHERD DOG.

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My way is, first, to have a pure bred pup, not mongrel. As soon as it is old enough put it to work. If you have no work for him to do you have no business with you among all kinds of stock, and he will soon get accustomed to the different duties that belong to him, and he will become eager and anxious to do it. If he is headstrong, or wants to go too far, or go to the head instead of heels, make a close-fitting halter of wool or binder twine and have enough string to let the dog go just as far as you want him to go and no farther. Make him stop at your command. Be prompt and resolute, but never whip or abuse; chastise, if necessary, by pulling the ears or cuffing a little, but be careful. Teach him to have confidence in you and in himself.

As soon as you make him understand what you want him to do help him to do it as near right as possible, and caress him, to let him know he has done right. Always tell the dog what you want him to do and make him understand, if possible, before you start him out, and if you are careful you can work him by the motion of the hand if he is too far away to hear your voice. The main thing is to be patient, and, above all, keep your temper. Have but one boss for the dog.

I have two as fine bred sluts as there are in the state, well trained, and one dog, but he is too old now for much good. I can take either of them and drive more stock with less labor and with less friction than if I had six boys or that many impatient men about. If you will come and stay with me one week and see what a good shepherd dog can do, and is willing and glad to do, you will be surprised. I can work them a half mile away if they can see my motions. They mind me at the first bidding. If a horse, cow, hog or sheep gets out of place he must get back, whether I am around or not. They know what is right or wrong almost as well as a human being does. A good deal depends on the breeding of the dog and the patience of the owner. The shepherd dog is given up to be the best farm or all-around dog that lives.—Ohio Farmer.

CONVENIENT PIG-PEN.

Built of Inch Oak Lumber, with Floor of Same, Slightly Sloping or Inclined.

This pen can be made any size to suit. The one pictured was divided into three compartments, each provided with a sliding door in the rear which opened



CONVENIENT PIGPEN.

upon a small yard, as shown. The yard was provided with a feed trough, stationary; thus slops, wet, etc., were kept out of the pen largely. The corn can be fed in the compartments during wet weather. The window in front furnishes a good ventilator and is raised or lowered at pleasure. This pen was built of inch oak lumber, with floor of some, slightly sloping or inclined. The roof was furnished with a wooden rain spout to conduct water from the yard.—Ohio Farmer.

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THE MODERN SCHOOLBOY.



"Paul, I'm not at all pleased with the report you bring home from school!" "I knew you wouldn't be, pop, and I told the teacher so, but it didn't seem to make any difference!"—Der Floh.

HEART-BREAKING, MDMED.



Stern Parent (anxious to impress the lesson)—Now, my son, tell me why I have caned you?

Tommy (bitterly)—Boo—oo—; there, you've give me a good hidin'—boo—oo!—an' you don't even know what you've done it for!—Fun.

His State of Mind.

"Your bookkeeper is subject to fits of ill-humor, isn't he?" "No; he has widely isolated attacks of amiability."—Chicago Record.

But It Always Does.

Uncle Bob—Lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

Johnny—I wish ma's slipper didn't.—N. Y. Journal.

Their Horseless Carriage.

"I wish we had a horseless carriage," said the farmer's son.

"We have," replied the farmer, "and now that you speak of it you might as well get it and bring a load of potatoes up to the house."—Chicago Post.

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