

WEST AFRICAN RAILROADS.

Great Britain and France Hurrying Construction of Them.

West Africa is entering on an era of railway enterprise which will have an important bearing on the political and commercial future of that part of the Dark continent.

The Chirkun Scherif, or Hall of the Holy Garment, is the most sacred place in Turkey.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

How Mrs. Bruce, a Noted Opera Singer, Escaped an Operation. Proof That Many Operations for Ovarian Troubles are Unnecessary.

"DEAR MRS. PENHAM:—Travelling for years on the road, with irregular meals and sleep and damp beds, broke down my health so completely two years ago that the physician advised a complete rest, and when I had gained



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CHILDREN COLUMN

The Defence. When Jessie was a little girl, from six to eleven, she used to wait impatiently for every holiday.

Her birthdays, too, came so slow—it was so long between—that when she was ten, she thought she might have been sixteen.

Pens and Ink. The first ink used by the ancients was probably some sort of soot or lampblack rendered fluid with gum water.

The quill appears to have been first in use about the year 500. The word "quill" meaning a quill, is not found in any work older than that period.

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"I wish they did play with me often," sighed the Dutch doll. "It wouldn't be so lonely to be played with as to be stood up here on the mantle."

And a few minutes later the wish was made true. The nurse carried them into the sick room presently, and little Barbara almost cried she was so glad to see and hear them.

And when she was tired, and nudged down to rest, with the Dutch doll lovingly cuddled in her arms, the music box played its one tune, "Home, Sweet Home," so sweetly that the gentle music lulled the sick child to sleep.

We came down in this way all night, and in the morning we landed in some mud (my mother and I) and I was soon soaked into the dirt and I was soundly till spring. Then we were bubbling up out of the ground so cheerfully

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

By an ingenious method of measurements, the movements of the top of the Eiffel tower, when swayed by the wind, have been studied, and it has been discovered that the general effect of the wind is to make the top of the tower describe an ellipse.

Bananas are, as a rule, planted out systematically in rows, the "suckers" being placed at an average of ten feet apart. The banana plant bears only one bunch at a time, but it is a quick grower, yielding its fruit in 12 to 14 months.

When the model of the great extinct dinosaur called the Triceratops which was shown at the Buffalo exposition, was in process of making, considerable difficulty was anticipated in sustaining the huge armored skull in its proper position.

Dr. A. A. Julien recently brought before the New York Academy of Sciences evidence to show that the ravages wrought upon sea bluffs during great storms are often due to the wind as much as to the ocean waves.

The Homesick Toys. Were you ever homesick or lonesome? If so, then you know how little Hans felt.

He couldn't cry aloud, although he longed and tried to, because he wasn't a talking doll, but wooden tears stood in the corner of his eyes, and would have rolled down his cheeks only that they were wooden.

The Dutch doll started and stopped crying. "I'll try to. I am trying," he made answer, "but, and here the wooden tears began to tremble again, "I do feel so lonely and miserable."

"I know," said the music box quietly, and there was a shake in its voice that hadn't been put there intentionally. "But we might as well make the best of matters I suppose. Just think! If we were at home we'd be quite commonplace and of little value, but here—why, they won't let the children play with you, only holidays, because you're a curiosity and mustn't get spoiled or snabby. And they only let them do as they like with me when they're sick or it's bad weather and they're shut up in-doors."

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Men who take hobbies would not be nearly so objectionable if they did not want all the road to themselves.—Town and Country.

LANDS WITHOUT COLONIES.

Only a Single Latin-American State Has Acquired a Colony.

One of the most interesting facts that will occur to any one who examines a map of the colonial possessions of the world, is that, of all the Latin-American countries occupying about one-half of the Western World, none has acquired any lands outside of its continental domain except the little Republic of Ecuador.

Argentina, to be sure, still asserts that the Falkland Islands belong to her by right, but Great Britain has never conceded the claim and is in full possession of the islands. The misunderstanding is still unsettled, and seems to have been pigeon-holed without any agreement.

France, in fact, is now the only Latin country that may be called a colonial power of large importance. The Canary Islands are today the most valuable remnant remaining to Spain of her former vast colonial empire.

Japan entered the colonial arena with the acquisition of Formosa, and China would have stepped out of it by the loss of the same island if it had not been for possessions in Central Asia which she still holds.

The European powers that have no colonies are the Kingdom of Sweden and Norway, which has long since ceased to be a great power, Austria-Hungary, which has a very short seacoast but large population; Switzerland and Serbia, which have no sea coasts, and all the other Balkan states except Turkey, some of the outlying parts of whose empire enable it to take rank among the colonial powers.

It is necessary to make use only of the eyes and the brim of a hat to measure the width of any ordinary stream, or even of a good-sized river, and here is the way to do it: Select a part of the river bank where the ground runs back level, and standing at the water's edge, fix your eyes on the opposite bank.

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A resident of Versailles, Mr. Guignot, sent to Nature a vivid account of a duel he saw between a hedgehog and a viper. The two enemies knew very well at first sight who was who, and eyed each other as if they knew a moment's inattention would be fatal.

A wedding without a ring seems incongruous; but in Cadiz (Spain) no ring is used. After the ceremony the bridegroom moves the flower in his bride's hair from left to right, for in various parts of Spain to wear a rose above your right ear is to proclaim yourself a wife.

Home Wome

It seems to be about settled that the two largest islands in the world are both in the Arctic ocean. Greenland is unquestionably the largest, if Australia is counted as a continent—and recent explorations of Baffin Land show that it is second only to Greenland in extent.

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