

### AUSTRALIA.

Gray and Monotonous, but Vast, Pa tient and Farcinating.

Australia is in liself a monstrous continent. It is as large as the United States: Its 4,000,000 of people are scat tered in a narrow fringe along the streams and shores of the southern and eastern seaboard. The vast her rior-"the dead heart of Australia"region as large as the Mississippi val ley, is a trackless, rainless waste o sand and alkall, while the intervening hills, the bush and scrub, are scantily occupied by sheep stations and by mining camps. The vast north of Austra-Ha is in part a tropical jungle, in part a blistering Sabara. The fates denied to Australia the gift of high moun tains to catch the snow and hold the water; hence her rivers are few and precarious; hence at too frequent intervals the great drought comes, and the desert spreads its smothering arms crowding man and his dependents backward toward the sea. It is a monotonous country in its physical aspects. The forests on hill, valley, rock and swamp are all of one patternencalyptus, encalyptus, the gray trunks of the gum trees of many species-as far as the eye can see. Without mountains and streams there is little room for variety. It is monotonous in its tadustries-enttle, sheep, horses-its one fine art the breeding of the perfect Merino sheep. It is monotonous in its towns. One story, light brown with unpainted roof of corrugated iron, is the description of nine-tenths of the Australian homes. Corrugated iron means clean rain water, and Australia can afford to waste none of it. It is monotonous as to population. The Englishmen came first to Australia, and they are still holding it against all comers. The way is made rough for Immigrants who do not speak English. and for well or ill-in many ways for each-the ruling minority, the labor vote, is sternly set on "white Austra-Ita," with all which it implies. The history of Australia is monotonous. It contains the story of hard struggles. of litter sufferings, deserved and undeserved; of lawless courage and reck less bravery, but the causes served were individual. Australians never had a common enemy, and their records show no glorious war and no up rising of common feeling. The achieve ments of Australia belong to the category of individual deeds of peace.

With all this the color of Australia is gray; the land, the towns, the spirit her people. Her literature has a sober touch, and this difference in tone shows itself in its way in the life of the universities. In America, as in Browning's verse, "the flower of life is red." The American student knows that "the world is his oyster." He knows that "he can get what is coming to him;" that in proportion to his talents, his training, his sobriety and persistency of purpose will be his success in any affair he undertakes.

and monotonous she is vast, patient, fascinating. The mightiness of the land to be conquered, the huge room! ness of the continent, the vistas of future national greatness, all these grow on one, and all these find their reflex in the student life and in the rising. literature of the commonwealth," That Australia will be the hirthplace of great men in the fature no one can doubt. Their coming will not be due to the lopsided political estiministration nor to state owner hip nor to the coddling of the inborer, but to the persist-ence of her fine old English stock under man making and man inspiring conditions.-David Starr Jordan in Ap-

## Sarcastic.

"No, sir," said the self made man, "I don't believe in hiding my light under a bushel."

"I don't blame you," rejoined the home grown cynic, "It would be wasteful when a pint cup is more than ample."-Chicago News

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### HISTORY OF TAPESTRY.

Flemish artists are believed to have

The Art Was Known to the Ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

been the first to make tapestry for use as a covering for walls. The art itself is certainly very ancient, many of the hangings used in Egypt and Greece being considered true tapestry, subsequent history is obscure, but it evidently maintained a lingering existence in the east until the Saracens revived it and brought it to Europe. Tapestry was used by the Saracens only as drapery or curtains for the courts of their houses. Embroidery appears to have served for this pure in northern Europe until after the twelfth century, and much of the work of this period was really embroldery, such as the incorrectly named Bayeux tapestry. It was it the four-teenth emplory that tapestry began to be largely made in Flauders, where the weaving industry became very impor-At that time twenty-seven streets were occupied by the weavers of Ghent. in 1382 there were 50,000 weavers in Louvain and more still at Ypres. Very few samples of fourteenth century tapestry remain, but those that have come down to the present day closely resemble contemporary wall painting. During the later part of the fifteenth century the golden age of tapestry existed, especialy in Bruges and Arras. The Flemish tapestries of that time are models of textile art. The color is rich, the decorative effect strong, the drawing and composition graceful, and the whole arrangement shows consummate skill in endeavoring to meet the exigencles of the loom and at the same time the festhetic requirements of wall decoration.-Argonaut.

#### COOLNESS IN DANGER.

Experiences of an English Military Official In India.

When Lieutenant Henderson was captured by the natives of the Gold Coast hinterland they got into a wordy discussion as to how they would kill him. The victim listened awhile till he was weary of it. "Oh, well," he said, "I can't be bothered with your arguments! I'm very sleepy. Let me know when you have made up your minds." And off to sleep he went. The unexpected performance saved his fe. His calm fallfrerence persuaded Samory's men that they had to do with some one of immense importance. Unwilling to take on themselves the responsibility for his death, they sent him unharmed to Samory's court, in the Jimini country.

Once again Lieutement Henderson saved himself by a like exhibition of courage. He found Samory on a throne, surrounded by 4,000 warriors, et when motioned to de homage on in hands and knees he did nothing of the fort. He simply sat on the throne beside Samory, shaking that monarch warmly by the hand. Thanks to this, and to nothing else, he was accepted as the representative of a great sovereign instead of a captive doomed to He talked to Samory of the queen, and Samory talked to bim. Thus miscles third algar have eased, as so many African missions have ended, in a terrible silence and a suspicion of unspeakable horrors, did, in fact, end in a valuable basis of future relations between Great Britain and a Mohammedan power.-London Scraps.

#### Where He Gats His Orgers. "My friend Jinks says he can't catch up with his orders."

"Is he a manufacturer?" "Oh, no; just a married man with five grown daughters."—Louisville Courier-Journal

## The Feminine.

The Wife-Fancy, John, they are getting out a woman's dictionary! I wonder if it's any different from the others The Husband-Probably has more we Me in it .- London Opinion.





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A DMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Martha Berry, Deceased, late of accalment, Township, Pa.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to James W. Bernry, Smith M. McCreight, Administrator, Attorney, Labelle, Fayette Co., Pa.

### THE FUR SEAL.

A Sea Animal With Heart, Liver and Kidneys Like a Cheep.

The fur seal is a land animal of per verted tastes, who, living at sen, has had his paws changed into thippers very like the long black kid gloves of a woman. His heart, liver and kidneys are exactly the same as those of a sheep and just as good to eat, but his flesh, although just like fat mutton to look at, is rank and distasteful from his habit of eating fish. The whole package is put up in a parcel of thick white fat to keep the body warm while from the skin grows a heavy crop of beautiful brown fur, protected with large flat oil bearing bairs, mak ing a glossy surface which slide through the water without friction.

Perfectly fearless, overflowing with fun, a perfect little athlete, marvelous ly strong, the fur seal is the most de lightful of all wild creatures. But, al though they live at sea, the seals, bo ing heavily clothed in fat, skin and hair, find the temperate latitudes much too warm for comfort during the sum mer months. Since they cannot shed their garments the ourselves, the migrate to a subarctic climate, gather ing in immense multitudes where there are fisheries to support them. Their ration is fifty pounds of cod every day, which for a creature the size of sheep is considerable.-Exchange.

### A STORY OF THE SEA.

The Man Who Braved the Storm and the Sailor He Rescued.

Off the coast of Ireland there was a terrible storm, and a crowd gathered on the shore to see a storm tossed vessel not far away being pounded on the rocks.

Sturdy men launched a boat and pulled away at the oars to rescue the imperiled ones.

As the boat came back the watchers on the shore cried, "Did you get them?" and they answered: "All but one. We had to leave him or risk the lives of all." And when they were landed a stalwart fellow stepped from the group and said, "Who will join me in the rescue of the remaining one?"

Then an aged woman cried out: "Oh son, don't go; don't go! You are all I have left. Your father was drowned at sea, and your brother Wiltiam sailed away, and we never heard from him, and now if you are lost I will be left in sorrow alone."

But the man replied: "I must go mother. Duty calls me.". Then be and other brave hearts launched the and pulled for the wreck,

siously the mother waited in tears and prayers. At last they saw the lifeboat coming nearer and nearer, and when it was in hailing distance they called, "Have you got your man?" And the answer rang out clear above

the storm, "Yes, and tell mother it's brother William!"

Nests of the Golden Eagle.

Every pair of eagles whose habits I have had an opportunity of watching over a period of a few years would reem to have invariably at least two ... maive sites for their nests. Some three, and I know of one with r sites. In fact, I only know of pair out of many which habitually e ort to but one place and only one he reason for this is, however, apparent, for owing to its situation it has never been disturbed. The nest is in a small cavern on the face of an plute wall of limestone rock some feet high, at about 400 feet from the summit. Above the cliff is a talus loose stone at an angle of forty-fly. e rees or so, above which again if o for precipiees. To reach the neare for above this next would be a long day's work.-London Saturday Review

University of Paris. The doctor's degree in the University of Paris is so entitled as to designate the faculty under which the work was

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An Answer For Which the High Official Was Unprepared.

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#### OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.

Discrepancy In Computing the Date Not Corrected Until 1752.

The observance of Easter dates back to about the year 68, at which time there was much contention among the eastern and western churches as to what day the festival should be observed. It was finally ordained at the council of Nice in the year 325 that it must be observed throughout the Christian world on the same day. This decision settled that Easter should be kept upon the Sunday first after the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, but no general conclusion was arrived at as to the cycle by which the festival was to be regulated, and some churches adopted one rule and some another. This diversity of usage was put an end to, and the Roman rule making Easter the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon was established in England in 669. After nine centuries a discrepancy in the keeping of Easter was caused by the authorities of the English church declining to adopt the reformation of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The difference was settled in 1752 by the adoption of the rule which makes Easter day always the first Sunday after the full moon which appears on or next after the twenty-first day of March, If the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after.

A comparatively young man whose mustache remained jet black while the hair on his head turned white explained the phenomenon by saying it was because his lips enjoyed all the good things of life and his head had to suffer all the troubles.—New York Sun.

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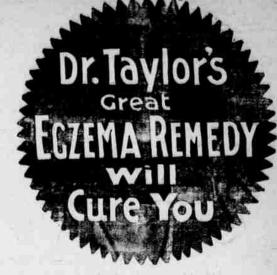
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

CHARTER.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1998, by G. W. Sykes, D. Wheeler and W. R. Reed, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations." approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called the "sykes Woolen Mill Company," the character and object of which is for the purpose of manufacture, barter and sale of goods, articles, fabrics and things of all kinds and descriptions, both spun, woolen and kalt of wool, cotton, linere and other materials, or mixtures thereof; dyeing of all kinds and the manufacture or making, barter and the sale of trousers, shirts, overalls and cither articles of clothing of fabrics and cloths of all kind adapted therefor, and for these purposes to have, possess and eajoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto.

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