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Down near one or the Southern cities, where the flowers bloom nearly all the year 'round, and the oriole builds his nest and calls to his mate to come—for the home is prepared—is a cometry famous for its beauty, anys the Home Journal. Years ago it was the country flace of a very rich man. He was a Midower, with a beautiful daughter and three handsome sons. The daughter was a sweet girl, idolized by her father, which affection she more than reciprocated. A bitter family foud existed between the father and his nearest heighbor, who had but one child—a son. At a friend's house this pretty Juliet met and grew to know her Romeo.

Naturally enough they fell in love with each other, vowed eternal constancy, and thought that, in time, the father and more bitter, and the two sweethearts found it very difficult to see each other. One summer night the little lady had an appointment with her lover at the foot of the hill just in front of her house. The moon was so bright that she dreaded going out in her own clothes, and so, in spirit of folic, she had her maid hunt up some of her brother's clothes, and inte them she got, laughing as she thought how her sweetheart would be surprised. A long, old-rashioned cloak was thrown over her, and a broad-brimmed, soft felt hat crowned her head. As she want over the hill one of her brothers saw her, and told his father that he believed some one from the next place was on their grounds, possibly to kill some of their dags or poison their horses. Very quickly the cld man rushed to the veranda, armed with a gun. He saw the figure moving along wiftly, but he took aim, aim so aure that it struck his own heart, and fired. Both arms went up in the air, the figure fixed and fired behat was the matter.

In the mean time the others had gathered round. The hat had fallen off the protty head which it had disquised, and there, pure and white, under the light of the moon, was revealed to the brothers the face of their own sister. She was carried back to the house, dead—not able to speak her forgive

NOTES AND COMMENTS

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ness of \$23,750,000.

The world's annual production of iron-ore is placed at 53,289,000 tons, that of coal 462,000,000 tons, that of pig-iron 24,869,000 tons, and that of steel 10,513,000 tons. The world's production of pig-iron has increased 70 per cent. since 1878, and its production of steel has increased in the same period 248 per cent.

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In has been discovered that swallows are even more swift and reliable for the transmission of messages than carrier pigeons. A bird of this variety, sent from Paris to Bordeaux, made the distance—300 miles—in two hours, and returned to Paris the same evening in the same time. If swallows may be used in this way, perhaps the same line of business is open to that dissolute and ill bred bird, the English sparrow. With anything like the speed of the swallow, the sparrow would be a great improvement on the average messenger boy.

This scarcity of rubber the past year is not due to the revolution in Brazil cutting off the supply. The demand has lately greatly increased, and though new localities are opened for supplying the raw gum, yet the supply does not, nor is it likely to, increase in the same ratio. It is inevitable that this staple article must ere many years become a cultivated product, and the primitive methods of gathering rubber from trees growing wild in forests will give way to more intelligent plans. Unless this is done India rubber must become increasingly scarce, as the demand for it is steadily growing.

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Apropos of his visit this year to the United States on a lecturing tour Stanley tells a good story about his former visit here. On his last lecture tour in this country one of the dignitaries at Amherst wrote to him expressing the hope that while in Amherst Stanley would be his guest. He was pained and puzzled at receiving from Mr. Stanley's secretary a curt reply to the effect that the gentleman need have no fear, as Mr. Stanley was always a gentleman. The lecturer did not accept the invitation, and later it came out that the gentleman's invitation to 'be my guest while in Amherst' had been read 'be very quiet while in Amherst."

Out at the Folsom prison, Oregon, here is a horse that has developed a there is a horse that has developed a singular characteristic, which consists in an earnest desire to eat all the red and green peppers he can get hold of. The animal behaves just like any other horse, except in the particular matter above mentioned. He is a good worker and tame and manageable. How he acquired the love for peppers is a matter of conjecture.

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Lome unusual phenomena were observed by Capt. John Newman, commanding the bark Kelvin, during his recent cruise in the East Indies. On his voyage from Singapore to New York his track lay through Sunda Strait, which separates Java from Sumators, and through which passes a large portion of the trade of China, also most of the trade of Batavia and other ports of the Java and China seas. The great channel is limited on the north by the conspicuous island of Kraktoka, on which is the volcano that kicked up such a rumpus while in a state of eruption a few years ago, the effects of which, it is fair to presume, are continued in a measure to the present day. The changes in the locality resulting from the eruption have been so great that a new survey has been necessary, and vessels are still advised to take every precaution when navigating near the shore or coming to an anchor there.

On June 26 last, the Kelvin was quietly going along with sails barely filled by the light southerly airs that caused hardly a ripple on the surface. About 11:30 in the evening, when about eight miles east-northeast from the entrance to Sunda Strait, which is marked by Krakatoa, the water suddenly appeared on fire in patches of about two feet in diameter. These patches were about eight or ten feet apart and radiated in long lines from the vessel as far as the eye could see. They extended in every direction, the bark herself being the central point. The Captain at first thought the show was due to an unusual phosphorescence, the like of which none of the hands aboard, sailors though they were, could ever remember having seen before. The patches seemed to pulsate as the bark slowly sailed along, and their brillancy would change with each successive throb, growing quite dim and then suddenly springing into their full blaze of light. These pulsations continued for about three-quarters of an hour, the rate frequently running as high as sixty to the minute. When the light would reappear after its tion to 'be my guest while in Amherst', and been read 'be very quiet while in Amherst."

A NATIVE paper of India has this to say about Christian missionaries: "We must not fear the missionaries: "We must not fear the missionaries because they have white faces, or because they have white faces or because they have white faces, or because they have face for white hands aboard, saliors of white hands aboard, saliors of white hough the bands and unusual phosphorescence, the like of which none of the hands aboard, saliors of which none of the hands aboard, saliors of forty feet from them, and they and they are face and unusual phosphorescence, the like of which none of the hands aboard, saliors of which none of the hands aboard, saliors of the face way

Romance of a Dead Heart,

The following "romance of a dead heart" comes from Burlington, Vt.:

For resurrecting his lady love and cutting out her heart, a popular young Canadian physician, De Armand Patanaud, is wanted on the charge of grave-robbing. The doctor belongs to a prominent French Canadian family, and came to Wihooski to practice. There he fell in love with a farmer's daugnter, Catharine Collins, Dr. Patanaud became infatuated with the girl, who rebuffed his advances and declared that she loved another. The doctor, however, persisted, and one day the girl told him in jest: "You shall thave my heart when I am dead," "Do you mean it?" asked the doctor, "Why, if of course," was the laughing reply. Last week the girl fell sick with pneumonia, and despite the utmost exertion of Patanuad's skill, she died and was buried in the parish clurchyard. The very next day if the grave was found to have been disturbed and the body was found missing. Eventually the corpse was found in the woods with the heart cut out. A country-man was arrested on suspicion, and he confessed to helping Dr. Patanaud to rob the doctor's office and the heart taken out and placed in alcohol. The doctor fled to Canada, taking his precious treasure with him. He had claimed his love's dead heart, and was happy. His Canadian friends, however, declare that his infatuation has unhinged his mind, and he is now insane.—[Times-Democrat. Scroully Services and services of the services

It Has Become Quite an Industry

In the south.

It is a fact not popularly known that the fresh water pearling industry in the Entited States and especially in the South. has, during the past few years, assumed quite large proportions. Dealers in germs report a goodly trade in this article. A few observations and a few details and a little gossip about the odd characters who engage in pearl-fishing in the South may not be without interest.

Trade statistics, which are usually dry enough, are sufficiently interesting to show us that the pearling industry alone has done more to enrich certain back counties in Tennessee and Alabama than any other trade or pursuit. The country merchants are the ones to accrue most of the advantages offered by this commerce, as they generally get first hands on the article, and as the pearler is nearly always forced to take the price they set upon it. Some of these small brokers take in quite sangs usms in this way.

Where the Tennessee and the Cunderland Rivers and their tributaries, and the Pearl and the Tombigbee, and the Black Warrior and theirs, and the Great Pedee, and the Savannah, and the Broad and's the Waterce and the Great Pedee, and half a hundred others, flow through banks of sand and over shoals and bars, you may come upon a group of pearlers at work, if a spring or summer sky hangs overhead. Their methods are very simple. The bars and sand-banks are raked and robbed of every living mussel, this operation usually taking up half a day. Then the pearlers leisurely retire to the shore and the boat-load of mussels is removed to the bank, where they are slowly are carefully opened and exammed. Often not even the nucleus of a pearl is found in the whole lot; while at other times, perhaps, a couple of hundred dollars's work. The desirability of the sand bank as a searching point is made obvious when we consider the nature of a pearl. It is formed, as most readers know, by sand or any other fine foreign particle or substance working in between the glands of the curious, sensitive creature within, which is coa

South Africa is Booming.

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In Bishop Heber's classic missionary hymn we sing, "Where Afric's sunny fountains, roll down their golden sand," Though not literally true, the symbol is being verified. Certainly the southeastern part of this Dark Continent is rising from a state of despondency into one of sunshine and prosperity. It has a future which will doubtless astonish the world more than California or Australia have done.

About twenty years ago, Mauch, a German traveller, picked up, in the region of Mangwato, the chief town of the Betyuana tribe, a few specimens of quartz containing gold. Showing them to people in Natal he observed, "There will be found ere long in the Interior of Africa vast quantities of the precious metal." Some famous ruins were explored by him, probably old Portuguese fortifications, called by Rider Haggard "Solomon's Mines," but the Matabele tribe then claiming jurisdiction over the country would not allow him to prospect. Gold seekers have not now to go so far to graiffy their wishes. The Transvaal, Swaziland Zululand, and even Natal are auriferous. In 1888 the total yield of gold was \$6, 250,000, and in 1889 Johannesburg alone yielded much more than that sum. The growth of Johannesburg has been truly wonderful. Hotels, theatres, churches and stores have been built, many of which, for style, would do credit to a city in England or America.

The impetus given in Natal, in consequence of the gold discoveries, was great to the merchants, who before were in a state of depression. Durban, the seaport town, bids fair to be a second Melbourne. There is a great demand for houses, and in some cases persons were in search of them for six months before obtaining them. The railway in Natal has wrought many changes. At first the Boers did not take kindly to the idea of having their nice sheep farms cut up by this modern invention. But on seeing that one of their number sold his farm with its gold mine for \$500,000 to an European syndicate, and knowing that a few years since the farm could have been

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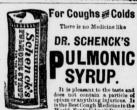
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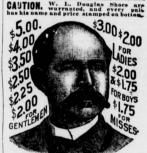
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