

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Not less than seven German Generals will complete their fifth year of active service during 1886.

Silver-gray in silks is the tint dearest to the French heart. It is distinctively Parisian, and the women in the gay capital use it in almost every article of wear.

It has come to be a common practice in Irish hunts to warn the crowd against a horse that makes too free with his heels, by tying a danger signal, in the shape of a red ribbon, on his tail.

Two Japanese sailors died from cholera during the short journey from Kobe to Nagasaki. Their dead bodies were thrown overboard. The Japanese authorities immediately forbade fishing along the coast.

Honduras is not a particularly pleasant country to live in. A stay of three months on its coast is said to be sure death, while the interior is said to be infested with all kinds of poisonous reptiles, so that there is no good to take to the woods.

When the New Zealanders want to tame a horse they decoy him into a swamp until his legs are firmly imbedded. Then the women sit on him, the men beside him and the children crawl over him while the mothers shake their dresses in his face. When dug out the horse is tame. Rarely's process is nothing to it.

A boiler has been made in France in which the metallic surface exposed to fire does not touch the water. The boiler is said to become red hot, but is enveloped all over by the water. The vaporization is very great, and the last drop of water can be converted into steam without any danger of explosion.

The late King Ferdinand of Portugal made it the business of his life to collect from every country in Europe books, pamphlets and prints of all sorts and descriptions which had been forbidden by the Government or the police, and he has left a prodigious and perfectly marvelous collection of the forbidden literature of Europe during the last thirty years.

Among the epithets applied to Mr. Gladstone in Parliamentary life are the following: "Iago," "Old Collars," "Peddler," "Rogue," "Torpido," "Man of Cunning," "Vain Old Veteran," "Iron-Chopping Sam," "Mock Maudslayi," "Friend of Disgrace," "Wizard of Wily Tongue."

One good thing has come out of the imprisonment of Mr. Stead, of the Pall Mall Gazette. Among other lessons he learned how to sleep on bare boards. "You will discover," he says, "that the weight of your body rests almost entirely upon your shoulders and hip joints. To alleviate the circumstances wrap a coat around your shoulders, another garment around your joints, put your waistcoat in your hair for a pillow, and you will be able to sleep without waking at midnight with aching bones."

AMERICAN DWARFS.

Ruined Cities That Testify of Their Former Splendor.

Stories about diminutive people are found in many countries, not as of real beings, but shadows that come and go, and are called by various names, such as fairy, elf, pixie, etc. Nowhere are such little people more talked about than in some parts of Central America, notably in British Honduras and Yucatan, where people little more than four feet high are very numerous even at the present time. Whenever the natives are questioned about the ancient temples found in their country, they say, "The pygmies built them," and although no importance is generally attached to that answer, it is a strange fact that on the east coast of Yucatan, as well as on adjacent islands, there are whole cities in ruinous condition, of houses that could not possibly have served for people more than three feet high. I have measured many of these houses, which are strongly constructed of hewn stone and founded on the doorways, and three feet high, and eighteen inches wide, while my head nearly touched the ceilings of the largest rooms. No one can dissuade the natives from the idea that the ghosts of those diminutive people roam about at night. They say, "But we do see them; they are not bigger than a child four years old, and they wear big hats. They throw stones at us, shake our hammocks, and hammer on the bench where we grind corn."

It is affirmed that very diminutive people still dwell among the hills in Honduras and Guatemala, but no one seems able to put his fingers upon them, which would lead to the belief that if there are any still living, as so many assert, they must very few, and successful in hiding. Nevertheless, it is credibly related that one day in the 1820s, some wood-cutters, wandering along the banks of the Moho river in British Honduras, in search of mahogany trees, were startled upon reaching a place called Matoc. They saw a strange little being that suddenly emerged from the bush, stared wildly at them, then turned to flee. The men pursued, overtook, and brought the odd creature to their camp. It was a dark-skinned girl, not quite three feet tall, and with no other covering than her hair, which fell in thick black masses to her feet, completely covering her. She was very wild, but not stupid, and finding that no harm was done to her, she talked to the wood-cutters in the Maya tongue that they also spoke, that being the language of the Indians in those parts. As the weather was cool, one of the men gave her a red flannel shirt, which clothed her from head to foot. For a day or two she refused to eat, but afterward seemed contented. She said her people were all the same size as herself, and that they were then living near Meditation Fall, where they generally dwelt three or four miles away in a deep valley. After she had been in the camp about ten days, some of the men proposed to go and see her people. She manifested delight, and offered the guide them to accompany her. Reaching the place where they first met her she led them into the forest, then made a sign for them to stop and be silent. A hub-bub of voices, as of many people talking, reached their ears, and the girl whispered to them that she would go and announce their coming, and hide on hearing footsteps. Run away she went, and soon not a sound was heard. The men waited patiently, but their diminutive guide did not return. Convinced that she had very cunningly misled them, they went forward, and in two minutes found themselves in a cornfield. There were embers in two or three places, and small piles of corn, as if prepared for transportation. The ground was much trodden, but no living

HOME AND FARM.

A London medical man says: "Be careful in your dealings with horseradish. It irritates the stomach far more than spice, and an overdose will bring on an unpleasant sensation for days."

"When we feel unusually 'torpid' and heavy after meals, we may rest assured there is indigestion somewhere. A teaspoonful of lime-water, taken in half a tumbler of clear, moderately cold water, directly after meals, gives almost instant relief. A few drops of the clear juice of a lemon is also very effective."

"Frailty, thy Name is Woman." That she is frail, often in body, is true. But it is not in a physical sense, but in a moral one.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best restorative tonic for physical frailty in women, or female weakness or debility, and according to directions. Ho began to improve at once. He kept up the treatment for some months, and is to-day a well man. He says the "Discovery" saved his life.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, but if it is the right stuff it will make a fall.

Another Lie Saved. About two years ago, a prominent citizen of Chicago was told by his physician that he must die. He made up his mind to try a "new departure." He got some of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" and took according to directions. He began to improve at once. He kept up the treatment for some months, and is to-day a well man. He says the "Discovery" saved his life.

In close application to business nothing in this footstep exceeds a mustard plaster.

Is another column of this issue will be found an entirely new and novel specimen of a very rare and valuable mineral. The nearest we have ever seen, and we think any one will be well repaid for examining the specimen, and for purchasing the advertisement of Prickly Ash Bitters.

When do one's teeth usurp the function of the tongue?—When they are chattering.

Business Men. The business man, practical in all things, does not care to lose sleep at night, that would hurt him for business the following day, so keeps Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein, which will prevent a cold and cure cough and consumption. Ask your druggist for it.

SOMETHING highly prized, yet always given away—a bride—on Spring's Eve.

We can not renew youth, but we can prevent gray hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Ayer's Pills are a never-failing remedy for headaches, caused by a disordered stomach.

The telephone girl thinks that this is a hollow world.—Chicago Tribune.

If afflicted with Sore Eyes use Dr. Isaac Thompson's Eye Water. Druggists sell it. 25c.

"WHERE there is a will there is a way" to break it.—Chicago Ledger.

PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DIOPHS cures in 1 minute. 25c. Glean's Sufferer Soap heals and beautifies. 25c. GERMAN CORN REMOVER kills Corns & Bunions.

The best thing to take before singing—Breath.—Philadelphia Call.

VICTIMS of youthful indiscretions, suffering from nervous debility, lack of self-confidence, impaired memory, and kindred troubles, will find relief in the following fresh three or four weeks in cold weather. Give your little girl two drops in milk four or five times a day, if her stomach is not too weak to bear it. Should it be, give twice and watch results.—Food's Digest.

"BUTTERFLIES are bred in Kansas," it is said. They are most elsewhere.—Boston Post.

Piso's Remedy for Catarrh is agreeable to use. It is not a liquid or a snuff.

THE MARKETS.

New York, March 8, 1886. CATTLE—Native Steers..... \$4 40 to 6 30. COTTON—Middling..... 38 00 to 39 50. FLOUR—No. 2..... 94 00 to 95 75. WHEAT—No. 2..... 82 00 to 83 50. OATS—Western Mixed..... 27 00 to 28 75. PORK—New Mess..... 11 50 to 12 75.

COTTON—Middling..... 38 00 to 39 50. BEEVES—Good to Choice..... 4 75 to 4 80. HOGS—Common to Select..... 4 30 to 4 40. SHEEP—Fair to Medium..... 3 25 to 3 35. BUTTER—Choice Double..... 22 00 to 23 00. WHEAT—No. 2..... 82 00 to 83 50. CORN—No. 2..... 35 00 to 36 00. OATS—No. 2..... 27 00 to 28 75. TOBACCO—Leaf..... 3 25 to 3 50. HAY—Choice Timothy..... 12 50 to 13 00. BUTTER—Choice Double..... 22 00 to 23 00. WHEAT—No. 2..... 82 00 to 83 50. CORN—No. 2..... 35 00 to 36 00. OATS—No. 2..... 27 00 to 28 75. LARD—Prime Steam..... 8 00 to 8 50.

CATTLE—Shipping..... 3 90 to 3 90. HOGS—Good to Choice..... 4 25 to 4 30. SHEEP—Fair to Medium..... 3 25 to 3 35. PATENTS..... 4 00 to 5 00. WHEAT—No. 2..... 82 00 to 83 50. CORN—No. 2..... 35 00 to 36 00. OATS—No. 2..... 27 00 to 28 75. CATTLE—Shipping Steers..... 4 00 to 4 30. HOGS—Sales..... 4 25 to 4 30. WHEAT—No. 2..... 82 00 to 83 50. CORN—No. 2..... 35 00 to 36 00. OATS—No. 2..... 27 00 to 28 75. FLOUR—High Grades..... 4 30 to 5 10. FLOUR—Choice Western..... 3 25 to 3 35. HAY—Choice..... 12 50 to 13 00. BACON—Clear Rib..... 11 00 to 11 25. COTTON—Middling..... 38 00 to 39 50.

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