

ON THE RIVER NILE.

A Charming Letter of Travel From the Pen of Mr. Henry Phipps, Jr., of the Gas City.

THE SLAVE TRADE EXEMPLIFIED.

Two Lads of Ten and Twelve Chained to the Floor of the Tourists' Steamer by an Arab Dealer.

DEVOTION OF A SWARTHY MOTHER.

Wonderful Sights and Scenes in the Land Where Civilization Had Its Birth.

HE following letter was written by Mr. Henry Phipps, under date of Constantinople, April 21, to Mr. John A. Brashear, and is reproduced here through the latter's courtesy:

You could have been with us on the trip, which is now drawing to a close. It has been instructive, long and interesting, and most of it over ground entirely new to us. The climate of Egypt is very fine, much like what you and I enjoyed in Southern California about a year ago.

A voyage of four days of bright skies and lovely sea brought us to the fine harbor of Alexandria, where we came to anchor at 7 o'clock in the morning of a June like day. But here my little troubles began. I was beset by a crowd of men, big and noisy, of various colors and costumes, and with but little ability to speak of them.

Our boat would frequently tie up to enable the passengers to visit the ruins, which in many cases are in wonderful preservation. For countless ages these ruins were deeply buried, and we can thank the dry climate for their preservation.

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THE SLAVE BOYS IN CHAINS. The most laborious method of those we saw, was where a basket lined with leather was used, and to each of the two sides was a rope with a man; these men were chained to the basket in the water so as to fill it, and the water was distributed to a higher level, from whence the water distributed itself over the farm.

VERY SUPERIOR DONKEYS. The donkeys are much superior to what we see in the United States, they are very useful, and almost indispensable to the country, their only defect, but most of them are good crackers. They are cheaply kept and come within the reach of poor as well as the rich, and both are glad to use them.

ON TOP OF CHEOPS. Seven miles of a pleasant drive from Cairo, on a road lined with fine trees, whose widespread branches met overhead, brought us to the great Sphinx. Though it is sadly mutilated, and even so recently as last March made worse by the vandal hands of British soldiers, whose aim should have been to protect and not to destroy, yet it has remnants of its strange beauty and dignity which, with its antiquity, have called forth many an eloquent tribute.

another place in the crowd to continue the struggle. One of the tourists humanely suggested throwing water on them, which was done, and calmed the strife so that the saddles could be distributed without being torn to pieces. Many poor fellows were disappointed, but it could not be helped.

THE BASTINADO NO MORE. Thanks to English influence, bastinadoing has been abolished in Egypt for non-payment of taxes. This punishment has come down from the times of the Pharaohs, and perhaps even earlier, but I was surprised to learn from Mr. Russell, who was a member of Congress from Massachusetts, and who spent three months on the Nile in 1848, in dababeh and who got well acquainted with the people, that this humane reform he found to be unpopular, and the explanation was that if the father who had a farm of five acres did not pay his taxes he is now sold out, and he and his wife and children are reduced to poverty, and maybe, never to rise again.



Specimen of Early Egyptian Woodcarving.

A WHEEL WITH A METAL TIRE. My mechanical friend, inventor and musician composer from Cincinnati, Mr. Dean called my attention to a cart with a wheel of iron, and what we took to be a tire. Another place showed carrier pigeons being sent to the four quarters of the world. On the walls of the Luxor temple there is a large sculptured picture of a geological time.

LIFTING THE WATER. With cartouches or seals of great men on the trunk and branches, but I failed to find one of Adam at the root. He should not have been omitted, as it was so near his time, according to our writers.

TEARS OF DISAPPOINTMENT. When our steamer got aground, and it became evident we could not reach the first cataraict owing to the low water, our gray-haired pilot worn out with worry and grief, sat down and cried with a disappointment.

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