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HERE AND THERE.

Sir Theodore Martin has undertaken to write a memoir of Lord Lyndhurst, and for this purpose has been furnished by Lady Lyndhurst with letters and other documents.

There is a Chinaman in San Francisco with red hair. His countrymen treat him with superstitious respect. At the table he has the best of everything, and at all ceremonies he takes precedence.

It is announced that, in consequence of the large number of suicides that have recently taken place from the platform of the Vendome column, in Paris, the public is no longer to have access to the interior of the monument.

Annie Louise Cary is still without a voice for anything but whispering. On the occasion of her last public appearance in her home city of Portland, Me., prior to her forthcoming marriage, she could not sing a note. Physicians tell her that she is done with vocalism for a year, if not forever.

A Philadelphia society has undertaken to close the beer-gardens of that city on Sundays, and, instead of dealing first with the disreputable ones, has proceeded against a rather fashionable resort. The excuse for this is that, by shutting up such a place at the outset, the rest of the job will be made easy.

King Menelek, of Choa, recently sent to M. Grevy a rare species of zebra, which the French President, in turn, presented to the Jardin des Plantes. Unfortunately the creature soon died of apoplexy; but it has been stuffed, and will shortly appear in the museum under the name of "Le Zebre de Grevy."

In a recent tour the French Minister of Agriculture is said to have found that the only vines which had completely resisted phylloxera were those imported from this country by the Duchess of Fitzjames. He has therefore resolved on recommending State aid to assist their importation, which small viticulturists cannot afford.

The Rev. Philip Herbst preached heterodox sermons in the Lutheran Church at Columbus, Ohio, and the trustees obtained a temporary injunction forbidding him to officiate as pastor until the question involved—that of the right of a church to receive from its minister the kind of doctrines which its creed authorizes—shall be settled in court.

It is the Atlanta Constitution, published in the once dual-encouraging State of Georgia, which says: "The impetuous Carolinians who seek to establish that doubtful article called 'honor' in blood would do their country more service by engaging in the corn field at fifty cents a day. It is time to understand that a bullet-hole neither makes right wrong or wrong right."

Five adventurous young men have gone from San Francisco on an expedition into the unexplored eastern part of Alaska. They expect to find mineral wealth, and are prepared to spend five years in the church. They will go up the Yukon river 1,500 miles in a chartered vessel, and then, in a steam launch of their own, try to penetrate 1,200 miles further into the mountainous region.

Two members of the ancient Gypsy tribes of the Coopers and Taylors were married with the Protestant rites at St. Mary's Church, East Mousley, in England, the other day. Prior to the marriage ceremony a baby belonging to the Cooper family was baptized. The church was crowded with gypsies, who were in the neighborhood in great numbers to attend the Hampton races. Almost all the gypsies present were profusely decorated with wild flowers.

A double election was to have taken place at the French Academy on June 8, to fill the vacancies left by the deaths of Charles Blanc and Auguste Barbier. For the chair of M. Blanc the candidates were MM. Pailleron and Ch. de Mazade, one of the hacks of the Revue des Deux Mondes. Three times the academicians voted, and three times the result was the same—sixteen votes for each candidate and one blank bulletin. The election was adjourned for six months.

Accounts from Syria represent the condition of the country as worse than ever. In the interior there is no security whatever either for life or property. The neighborhood of Aidin is infested by three different bands of brigands, who, without let or hindrance from the authorities, plunder houses, rob travelers, and take well-to-do people captive and hold them to ransom. One village has been completely ravaged and its inhabitants despoiled of all they possessed. In consequence of these disorders, commerce languishes and agriculture suffers.

A BASHFUL MAN.

The Great Sensation He Produced in a Bridal Chamber.

Senator Sebastian, of Arkansas, was a native of Hickman county, Tennessee. On one occasion a member of Congress was lamenting his bashfulness and awkwardness. "Why," said the Senator from Arkansas, "you don't know what bashfulness is. Let me tell you a story, and when I get through I will stand the bob if you don't agree with me that you never knew anything about bashfulness and its baneful effects. I was the most bashful boy west of the Alleghanies. I wouldn't look at a girl, much less speak to a maiden; but for all that I fell desperately in love with a sweet, beautiful neighbor girl. It was a desirable match on both sides, and the old folk saw the drift and fixed it up. I thought I should die just thinking of it. I was a gawky, awkward, country lout about 19 years old. She was an intelligent, refined and fairly well educated girl, in the country and at a time when the girls had superior advantages, and were therefore superior in culture to the boys. I fixed the day as far as I could put it off. I lay awake in a cold perspiration as the time drew near, and shivered in agony as I thought of the terrible ordeal.

"The dreadful day came. I went through with the programme in a dazed, confused, mechanical sort of way, like an automaton booby through a supper where I could not eat anything, and through such games as 'possum pie,' 'Sister Phoebe,' and all that sort of thing. The guests one by one departed, and my hair began to stand on end. Beyond the awful curtain, or Isis, lay the terrible unknown. My blood grew cold and boiled by turns. I was in a fever and then in an ague, pale and flushed by turns. I felt like fleeing into the woods, spending the night in the barn, leaving for the West never to return. I was deeply devoted to Sallie. I loved her harder than a mule could kick; but that dreadful ordeal—I could not, I dared not stand it. Finally the last guest was gone, the bride retired, the family had gone to bed, and I was left alone—horrors of horrors, alone with the old man. 'John,' said he, 'you can take that candle; you will find your room over this. Good night, John, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul,' and with a mischievous twinkle of his fine gray eye the old man left the room. I mentally said 'amen' to his 'Heaven help you,' and when I heard him close a distant door, staggered to my feet and seized the farthing dip with a nervous grasp. I stood for some moments contemplating my horrible fate, and the inevitable and speedy fate that awaited me. I knew that it could not be avoided, and yet I hesitated to meet my fate like a man. I stood so long that three love letters had grown on the wick of the tallow dip and a winding sheet was decorating the side of the brass candlestick.

"A happy thought struck me. I hastily climbed the stair, marked the position of the landing and the door of the bridal chamber. I would have died before I would have disrobed in that holy chamber, where awaited me a beautiful and trembling girl, a blushing maiden clothed in her own beauty and modesty, and her snowy robe de nuit. I would make the usual preparations without, blow out the light, open the door, and friendly night would shield my shrinking modesty and bashfulness, and grateful darkness at least mitigate the horror of the situation. It was soon done. Preparations for retiring were few and simple in their character in Hickman, altogether consisting of disrobing, and owing to the scarcity of cloth in those days, man was somewhere near the Adamite state when he was prepared to woo sweet sleep. The dreadful hour had come and I was ready. I blew out the light, grasped the door-knob with a deadly grin and nervous clutch; one moment and all would be over. One moment and all wasn't over by a hanged sight. I leaped within, and there around a glowing hickory fire, with candles brightly burning on the mantle and bureau, was the blushing bride surrounded by six lovely bridesmaids."

Prince Bismarck has a brother who has just completed and duly celebrated the fortieth year of his service to the German Government. He holds the post of Privy Councillor and District Attorney for Naugard county, and lives at Cuz in a manor-house. Numerous congratulatory addresses and presents were sent him. A large silver tankard was forwarded by his renowned brother, and from the Emperor he received the order of the second class of the Red Eagle, with star.

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