

THE ISLAND OF CEYLON.

A Mountainous Country with a Steadily Increasing Population.

The island of Ceylon is 270 miles in length, 166 in breadth, and very mountainous near the center, there being mountains ranging between 5,000 and 6,000 feet high, some of which are above the latter level.

The population has been steadily increasing, and now it numbers 2,850,000. There are Europeans, Eurasians, and Burghers, Sinhalese, Tamils, Moors, and a few Persians, Afghans, Malays, and others.

The "Dude" Militia.

It is a common thing, while standing on the sidewalk in any city where militia or amateur soldiers are on parade, to hear remarks made about the "dudes." Smartly dressed, prize fighters, lawbreakers, and sometimes respectable men who do not see any sense in such parades with guns, leathers and furbelows, make sarcastic remarks that would make the ears of the young soldiers burn if they heard them.

The Man Who Says "Good"

Manager James Revell, of the museum, is rather absent-minded, especially of late, and when to all appearances he is engaged in conversation with another his mind is wandering off. He constantly interrupts the word "good" when a friend in conversation closes a remark.

The Reason Why.

Filkins came down to the club last night with a great problem weighing on his mind. "If I should stand on my head," said he, coming up to the boys with the air of a man who has a poser, "if I stand on my head, the blood all rushes into my head, don't it?"

THE RHODE ISLAND CLAM.

Its History from the Ocean to the Table.

As at present served a clam dinner prepared to fill, as it often is, from five to fifteen or twenty thousand people in a stupendous affair, and from the bottom up is a work to be admired as a whole and wondered at in its details, and few of the thousands who in the course of the summer season sit down to clam dinners appreciate the work entailed in its preparation.

Capt. J. H. Northrup, who has been the captain of the Rocky point clam-bank for some eleven years, and has probably handled more clams in his lifetime than any other man in Rhode Island, gave The Journal representative some interesting facts about the business.

Getting Even With a Dead Man.

"Some folks regard the negro as childish and simple-minded," said the South Carolina undertaker, as he borrowed another match to re-light his cigar, "but it doesn't always do to look upon 'em that way. It was only last week one of 'em beat me out of \$10 as slick as grease."

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Conditions Requisite to the Preservation of Timber.

The cheapest operation to protect our woods, and quite sufficient for many purposes, is to season or thoroughly dry the timber, reducing the contained moisture from 8 to 12 per cent of the weight of the wood, and when in this condition, with a circle of air around it to prevent the collection and absorption of moisture, the wood will last indefinitely, as the fungi can not grow in such surroundings.

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A Cyclone of Books.

150 kinds of Cloth Bound Dollar Volumes are given away by the Rochester (N. Y.) American Rural Home for every \$1 subscription to that Great Paper.

The Last Chance.

Man (to friend)—We are going to have a sort of quilling party over at our house and to be strictly in modern style we want to appeal to several parties, but have met with nothing but refusal.

Jack and the Sharper.

"Shout away, my covvey, an' bust yer bellin' wind bags. There's no fear of yer gettin' away with Jack Roberts in this port."

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