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KING LOBENGULA of Matabeleland wants Mr. Selous, the lion hunter, dead or alive, but wanting isn't always having, even with an African potentate.

THEY now have a dictator in Guatemala. He will dictate until some other dictator arises who can dictate to him. It is an uneventful year when no dictator arises in Central America.

MONKEYS who make wine and jars in which to store it have been discovered in China. Possibly the missing link for which science pines and religion incredulously calls has come to light at last.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT did not weep for other worlds to conquer. There is reason to suspect that his army met with a serious reverse in India, a fact that induced him to retrace his steps.

THE Southern Pacific railroad, it is reported, has come to the conclusion that it is useless to attempt to prevent tramps from riding on freight trains, and has decided that hereafter they may ride free.

ADMIRAL STANTON argues that a flag aloft must either be saluted or the hull under it pounced upon as a pirate. On land this would mean that you must either salute your neighbor when you meet him or "jump on him" as an outlaw. But then the navy may have a code of manners peculiarly its own.

THE Illinois naval militia is to be given the brick and tin battle ship Illinois with all her wooden guns. This will relieve many Chicago mammae of a harrowing terror lest a too indulgent paternal government might give their boys a real floating ship of some kind and guns that might go off and hurt them.

MERCHANTS of Los Angeles having a rope and a citizen that they thought they could spare proceeded to hang the latter, devoting the former to the purpose. When the man was two-thirds dead they relented and released him, a circumstance denoting a tenderness of heart that the carpenter's trade can afford to overlook.

THE czar is a shrewd diplomatist. When the choice of a commander for the fleet to visit Toulon was to be made, he rejected the admirals speaking French fluently in favor of Avelan, because, he said, "if I send an admiral who speaks French, Heaven knows what he might say and I must prevent any indiscretion."

ITALY is so poor that she finds it hard to pay the expenses of her army. Some day it may occur to the Italian president to ask why he should starve himself in order to support an idle soldier. When the pennants of Europe get to asking these questions in concert European statesmanship will be puzzled to find a satisfactory answer.

It is announced that Professor Hazen will cross the Atlantic in a balloon. There is in this announcement a manifest spirit of optimism not warranted by the facts. The mere circumstance that the professor intends to start across the ocean by balloon does not necessarily imply that he will get there, not by several marine leagues.

THE president of Princeton theological seminary has decided that football is beneath the dignity of divinity students. But students or any other men who are too dignified for football and exhilarating exercise are too formal and staid to reach the hearts of men, and this should be one of the main ends of divinity students.

MR. VAN ALLEN's letter declining the appointment of ambassador to Italy, is a manly one. Whatever may be said of his appointment, nothing but praise can be expressed as to his manner of declining it. He was furnished very conclusive evidence, as the Springfield Register puts it, that it is an honorable and high thing to say no.

APPENDICITIS IS POPULAR.

Nature of the Disease That of Late Has Become Almost Fashionable. Not many years ago, a tolerably common report of the cause of death was inflammation of the bowels. It was a pretty general term and has since been little heard of as different forms of inflammation in the abdominal cavity have become better known.

The most startling of all this is appendicitis, inflammation of the vermiform appendix, a needless and dangerous closed pouch which projects from the cecum. Almost concurrently with the enormous advance in surgery, which makes opening the abdomen reasonably safe instead of almost certainly fatal, there has been an enormous increase in the number of cases of this disease reported by physicians. The disease has acquired an interest that it could not have while it was almost impossible to treat it successfully. While only a limited range of treatment was open for any abdominal inflammation it made little difference just where or what the lesion was; now there are every reason to decide promptly and accurately and good hope of a surgical cure in this and some other affections of the lower viscera.

At the same time, it is evident that much remains to be learned as to this particular affection. Until recently it was usually supposed to proceed from mechanical irritation of some indigestible substance which became fastened in this slender blind passage. Now there is a germ theory for it, which gets some support from the fact that occasionally in a true case of appendicitis no foreign substance is found in the appendix. In the great majority of cases, however, a solid substance is found, sometimes under circumstances which make it impossible to doubt that it furnished the starting point for the attack. There seems also to be a distinct difference of opinion among physicians as to the length of time a case may continue. Some say, or at least imply, that a mild irritation may exist for weeks or months, while others consider that the acute and brief stage is the only one which deserves to be known under the title of appendicitis.—Hartford Courant.

Among a large class of craftsmen the wish has long been entertained for the discovery of a hard, compact and even grained wood, having all the characteristics of boxwood and for which it would form an efficient substitute. For many years past the gradual diminution in the supplies of boxwood and the deterioration in its quality have proved serious facts in more than one occupation, including engravers, hardwood dealers, etc., especially the former, on account of the higher price asked for the material and the difficulty of securing it of the needed size and firmness of texture so as to insure the artistic excellence of the engraving.

While by far the most important use of this wood is for the engraver's art, it is also applied to numerous other purposes, such, for instance, as wearing shuttles, mathematical instruments, turetyr uses, carving, cabinet work, etc. The fact is interesting as well as important that boxwood is the nearest approach to ivory of any wood known and will therefore probably increase gradually in value as it becomes scarcer. Small wood, under four inches, is used considerably by flax spinners for rollers and by turners for various purposes, rollers for rick skates, etc., and if free from splits is of equal value with the larger wood.—New York Sun.

The Reward of a Bridge Builder. It has frequently been observed that public benefactors often have no other reward than the consciousness of their good deeds. The inhabitants of the little town of Loschwitz, near Dresden, are determined that no reproach shall be leveled against them in a matter of this kind. Their burgomaster is a worthy man who has ruled over them with signal ability, and who, in particular, has succeeded, during his tenure of office, in constructing a bridge over the Elbe at a place where several previous attempts to do so had failed. The communal council have assembled in solemn deliberation to consider what reward to offer to their distinguished fellow citizen, and the upshot is that he has been officially informed that, in recognition of his services, he will be permitted to cross the bridge as often as he likes without paying the halfpenny toll.—London Daily News.

Learn from the earliest days to insure your principle against the peril of ridicule. You can no more exercise your reason if you live in the constant dread of laughter than you can enjoy your life if you are in the constant terror of death. If you think it right to differ from the times and to make a point of morals, do it; however rustic, however antiquated, however pedantic it may appear, do it—not for insolence, but seriously, and grandly, as a man who wears a soul of his own and who does not wait till it is breathed into him by the breath of fashion.—James Miller Monthly.

THE UNIVERSE.

Other Worlds, Gods and Man From the Standpoint of Evolution.

Are there other worlds? The answer must be yes. The deductions of science demand it unmistakably. It may be difficult or impossible to determine just what particular orbs are habitable or inhabited or to what plane their animated structures may have advanced in the creative scale, but as the universe eternally was, since this succession of world development and decadence has been in eternal operation, the conclusion is irresistible that there never has been a time there was not an infinity of spheres inhabitable. Are we then to conclude that every orb in the skies is the abode of life? Certainly not; nor can we conclude that they are all habitable, for that matter.

We must disabuse our minds of the idea that the universe is solely run to accommodate our little earth and its fighting biped known as man—that the universe is simply a stage on which he may sicken the gods with his bombastic exploits.

Man, wherever he presents himself, must be simply a response to conditions that invite him, and he is an amazingly long time in responding. Nothing is clearer in mathematics than is this fact in anthropology. Long after the earth's crust was cool, after ages of aqueous and igneous warfare, when vegetation was exuberant and huge animals disported themselves in the great marshes and lagoons, no man was present.

Volcanic Niagara of molten matter shot from the earth's interior, painting in awful grandeur the nocturnal skies with reflected conflagrations, the mountains commenced to wrinkle, and still there was no man. The cooling continued, the crust thickened, cataclysms ground the rock into drift; the terrors of the convulsive storms grew wider and wider apart, and still there was no humanity to grace the scene. Hugo and moonlight life was that, savage and coarse; hoarse cries of savagery, and night was hideous with sanguinary uproar, but no mammalia yet stood erect.

From some other world man may have gazed at the earth through his glass and speculate as we do when we gaze on Mars, and thus, while hundreds of generations may have observed, they looked on a sphere where the culmination of the creative process in human evolution had not yet taken place. But man finally came. He stood up, but he was a picture. Behold yet his congeneric brethren in Africa and parts of Asia—suspicious heels, suspicious hands! Jaw, face, eyes, brain, general contour, all these were lessons, but ignorance, if not altogether bliss, had to be eliminated, as slowly through the ages did he journey up. His crude brain developed with his ceaseless planning to circumvent his lower congeners struggling for existence. Organ after organ was developed, as new impressions forced themselves, until finally he began to have a vague idea of a most rustic propriety and a dim conception of a crude respectability.

Such, on the earth, has been man's genesis. On other worlds his career must be analogous to this. If, then, we would know aught of man elsewhere we must be able to trace his pedigree here. Knowing the slow stages involved in terrestrial development as regards the evolution of the spheres, we may know approximately at least its animal development.

But true knowledge, like true charity, must begin at home. This world is the key with which we must unlock the problems of the stellar worlds.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Practical Throat Out. In a first class carriage in Germany an Englishman was observed to be constantly patting his head out of the window. The train was going fast, and a sudden gust of wind blew off his hat. He at once took down his hat box and hurried it after his hat. Then he sat down and smiled on his fellow passengers, but, of course, did not speak. The Germans roared with laughter, and one of them exclaimed: "You do not expect your hat box to bring back your hat, do you?" "I do," said the Englishman. "No name on the hat—full name and hotel address on the box. They'll be found together, and I shall get both. Do you see now?" Then those Germans subsided and said they always had considered the English a great and practical nation.—London Tit-Bits.

Helen Virginia. A good story is told upon a Washington woman who now makes her home in Colorado. With evidently no thought as to the curious sound of the combination if spoken quickly, she has called her oldest child Helen Virginia. Not long ago upon a visit to this city she proudly brought her young daughter in to see an old friend. "What have you called your daughter?" queried the visitor. "Helen Virginia," was the complacent reply. "Ah, and what do you call her in Colorado?" was the unexpected but very natural response.—Kate Field's Washington.

Women at the Polls. "Do unmarried women possess the ballot in this country?" asked the English tourist. "Not to any great extent," replied the native. "In Wyoming women are allowed to vote, and in a few other states they vote on school questions." "Don't they vote in Pennsylvania at all?" "No." "That's odd. I certainly heard some one speak of the maiden vote the other day."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

To Suppress Peculiar Industries.

The French government has determined to suppress two new and peculiar industries. One is a process for turning old playing cards into new in order to escape the heavy tax. The authorities have seized three such factories. The treasury has already lost \$600,000 through their operations. The other trade is in renovated secondhand grave-digger ornaments, which the French use extensively. The object of the latter reform is to stop the wholesale despoiling of cemeteries.

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