

IRISHMEN IN FRANCE.

Many Names Have Figured with Highest Nobility of the Nation.

The Irish soldiers at Fontenoy bequeathed to their beloved France names which became so many synonyms for honor and worth and fidelity. The Lallys and the Dillons have ever since figured with the highest nobility of the nation. We find more than one Dillon raised to the dignity of an archbishop; another Dillon, who was married to a cousin of the future Empress Josephine, fought in America with Lafayette, and later during the Reign of Terror in 1794, when he was commander-in-chief of the French army of the north, perished on the guillotine. Again we find another Irish descendant, Clarke, selected by Napoleon as his minister of war and given the title of Duke of Feltre. We find a Guillaume Meagher occupying one of the most prominent posts in the East India troubles; later still, in the early days of the new spent century, we find an Abbe MacCarthy, famous as a courted preacher of such extraordinary merit that an eminent authority, M. leard, for many years the taciturn superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, declared him to be head and shoulders above Lacordaire; we find a Macdonald, of Highland ancestry, but of Irish Brigade school, "the type of French honor," as Bourrienne calls him, created a marshal of France by the great emperor upon the battlefield at Wagram. "The general opinion was," continued the secretary of Napoleon, "that the elevation of Macdonald added less to the marshal's military reputation than it redounded to the honor of the emperor." Just half a century after Wagram we find a MacMahon winning the battle of Magenta, receiving in recompense the honor of a dukedom, and destined later on to fill the highest magistracy in the gift of the French republic.—Donahue's magazine.

GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES.

Complete System to be Operated from For Office at London.

The advantage of a telephone system which is run by the government will be well illustrated in the telephone service which the English postoffice will operate in London, beginning in August. It will cover a territory of about 640 square miles, which is about the size of a field twenty-five miles square. To Americans perhaps the greatest interest in this government telephone is in the rates. For \$12.50 a year anyone can have a telephone installed in his house. Then he will have to pay a small fee for every message that he sends. To a man whose use of the instrument is limited, this method, it is certain, will be found to be of enormous advantage. In place of the 3 pence, equivalent to 6 cents, now charged to nonsubscribers for every call of three minutes' duration, the charge in the new system will be only a penny a message, and after a certain number of messages have been sent, the charge will be reduced to half a penny each. On the other hand, a subscriber may pay, as at present, a certain lump sum a year and have no further charge. All the telephone wires are laid under ground, and the conduits are large enough to provide for double the number of ducts that will be required immediately. Instead of the expensive gutta percha insulation under ground, the dry core cable is used. Paper is wrapped around the wire, and these are coated in pairs in cable formation and dried. Then a leaden sheath is placed over them, and they are ready to be laid in the pipes and ducts. These dry core cables not only are cheaper than gutta percha, but they are more effective. Every district postoffice will be a call office, and other centers will be established as the necessity arises.—New York Press.

UMBRELLAS IN THE SLOT.

A Motorist's Account of a Development of the Postage Habit.

"When I say that one-half the umbrellas and canes that have to go to the ash heap or the umbrella hospital meet their fate in the slots of the car tracks I am not putting the percentage a bit too high," said the motorist. "It is surprising how careless people are in this respect. Many times a day do I see them go stumping across the tracks, either trailing umbrellas along after them or jolting them down against the pavement, where the points are sure to stick if there is a crevice big enough to hold them. The electric slots being more capacious than any other rifts in the streets, they naturally bite off more umbrella tips. Many an accident that is averted by the traditional hair's breadth is due to the futile efforts of the owner to save his precious stick or umbrella. It matters not how close the car may be upon him he takes chances on his life and stops long enough to give a final wrench to his endangered property. Sometimes he seizes it, but more often it snaps asunder and is either ruined irreparably or is laid up for repairs. If I were running this town I think I should put up signs at intervals of every 100 feet bidding people 'Beware of the slot.' The public might not profit by the warning, but I'd make the experiment, anyway."

INDIVIDUALITY OF ANIMALS.

No Two Brutes of a Kind Are Alike in Their Characteristics.

My dear sir, not only does one lion differ from another, but each is totally different from all the rest. It is the same with other animals. Just as no two men are alike in character, so no two lions, no two tigers, or two Polar bears are alike. When you know an animal's character then you know how to treat him. For instance, one lion will do his best work only if you coax and pet and praise him, and at a single angry word he will lose his nerve and skulk away. But the little firmness and severity that would be useless in his case would be imperative with another lion, who would take advantage of perpetual kindness and neglect his work. Then, again, there will be a third lion, whose head is only to be reached through his stomach—who will do anything for food, but nothing for anything else. When you are training an animal, you will come to learn that there is some fault in his character, something which renders him unreliable. In such a case, if I decide that further time will not be profitably spent on the animal, Mr. Hagenbeck sells him to a menagerie. It took an entire year to teach them all to go to their proper places on entering the ring. It is very important to place them in a certain order. You will notice that the bears come in and go out apart from the lions and tigers. Bears get on well together, and so do lions and tigers, but if a lion gets near a bear he will probably attack him. Not so very long ago a tiger who raced out of the ring rather too soon overtook a Polar bear, and bit his foot so severely that the poor old fellow went lame for weeks and could not do his work.—Interview in London with Trainer Sawada.

MAGNIFICENT IMPERIAL GIFT.

Work of Art to be Presented by Kaiser Wilhelm to King Edward.

Herr Otto Ruppel, teacher at the Art and Crafts school here, has executed a magnificent centerpiece for the express desire and after the design of the emperor, who intends it as a gift to King Edward. In the center is an enormous silver gilt bottle-shaped top-piece, one meter in height, with a diameter of seventy centimeters, made after the model of the famous spurn of King Frederick the First in the royal palace. Round the centerpiece between chased laurel wreaths, runs a circlet with the inscription in English: "Emperor William II. to King Edward VII." On both sides of the circlet are heads of lions, with rings in their jaws to serve as handles. The base of the centerpiece is beautifully decorated with chased and embossed work, representing acanthus and laurel leaves and festoons, as is also the stopper of the decanter, which represents the king's crown. The centerpiece stands upon a wooden socle adorned with silver gilt rosettes. The entire piece lies between a curious arrangement of corbel shaped grotesques with embossed floral ornamentation. Each corbel is of gilded bronze differently cut and ornamented. In the center of each corbel is a cartouch, upon which are alternately engraved the monogram and arms of King Edward, over which is the royal crown. It is stated that since the eighteenth century no such exquisite and artistic workmanship has been seen in Berlin.—Berlin Correspondence London Times.

Newport's Phases of Life.

During its 200 years of existence Newport has seen three distinct phases of life. First, as a provincial seaport, it had a day of prosperity; trade, however, drifted away to rival centers, leaving the town to sink into obscurity and indigence, until some 60 years ago, when a group of unostentatious people selected it for their summer home. Those were happy days! The old city remembers with pleasure the simple ways and entertainments of the epoch. The phase of its existence began late in the '80s, when, almost in a season, Newport turned from being a tranquil and exclusive center into a focus of folly, extravagance, and newspaper notoriety and perhaps the most advertised watering place on the globe, so quickly did this last transformation take place, so great has been the treasure hung about its ill-kept streets, that the astonished seaport is still rubbing its eyes and wondering if this unexpected prosperity is not an illusion.

A Swift-Flying Man.

A child star in the Great Bear, known as "1526 Groombridge," is famous among astronomers on account of its rapid motion. Recently a new computation of its velocity has been made by Professor Campbell of the Lick Observatory. He estimates its speed across the line of sight from the earth at 150 miles per second. At the same time it is drawing nearer the earth at the rate of 58 or 60 miles per second. But its distance is so great that light, moving 186,200 miles per second, requires more than 23 years to pass from the star to the earth. The spectrum of "1526 Groombridge" bears much resemblance to that of the sun.

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