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Germany has sold her needle-guns to China, not because she has no more need of them, but she has found another kind which can kill twice as many Frenchmen.

Brigham Young, Jr., said lately at a Mormon prayer meeting: "I pray for our enemies, brethren, but I always pray that they may go to hell."

Professor Tyndall is exhibiting a fireman's mask which enables the wearer to remain in an atmosphere of heat and smoke without danger. If a fellow could only take the things of this world along when he dies!

An old maid in Lockport, N. Y., purchased one of the Egyptian mummies at the Niagara Falls Museum, the other day, for a parlor ornament. She said it would seem better to have a man around, even if he was advanced in life and withered.

They tell of a hen which floated down the raging tide at Mill River for some distance in the barrel where she was laboriously "covering" nineteen eggs. She attended strictly to business during the flood, finally brought up in a friendly harbor, and has since left her barrel with nineteen chickens at her heels.

A Frenchman being about to move his shop, his landlord inquired the reason, stating at the same time that it was considered a very good stand for business. The Frenchman replied, "Oh, yes, he's a very good stand for ze business. Me stand, stand all day; for nobody come to make me move."

A dissipated young man, who ran away from home and spent his substance in riotous living, resolved at last to return to the paternal roof. His father was kind enough to forgive the young rascal for his wickedness, and, rushing into the house, overcome with joy that the boy had returned, cried out to his wife: "Let us kill the prodigal; the calf has returned!"

The following is a copy of a notice displayed in a field in England: "Ladies and gentlemen are requested not to steal turnips. Other persons, if detected, will be prosecuted."

"I can speak seven different languages," said a convict, as he entered a penitentiary. "No matter," said the keeper, "we have only one language here, and a very little of that."

Some Boston ladies have established a "dry nursery," where women, now prevented from going out to work by their babies, can leave them and have them taken care of for fifteen cents a day.

"How much did he leave?" inquired a gentleman of a wag, on learning the death of a wealthy citizen. "Everything," was the response, "he didn't take a dollar with him."

Mexican editors don't care about an extended circulation. The fewer subscribers they have the fewer times they are shot at. — *Detroit Free Press*

Art Among the Ashantees.

The thousand ounces of gold gathered in such haste by King Koffee, as the first installment of the indemnity demanded by his English conquerors, furnish many curious and striking illustrations of the artistic development of the native goldsmiths. Their skill in working gold—which appears to be the most common metal of the country—seems, indeed, to be fully equal to that of the best European artists, while their fertility in invention is simply wonderful.

Among the larger articles brought away by the English is a human head of massive gold, nearly five pounds in weight: a ghastly object, apparently representing the head of a victim gagged for sacrifice. Of a more pleasing character, and more to be preferred as works of art, are two heavy golden griffins, said to have been broken from the king's chair of state. There are besides, many badges of office of different styles, some of them massive fibulae of wrought gold, like those worn by the heralds sent by King Koffee to treat with the English commander, others of various patterns according to the office of the wearer. That of the king's chamberlain, for example, is distinguished by padlock and keys; the butler's by cups and bowls, all of solid metal, and for the most part, castings of exquisite design.

In addition to these great badges, each of which contains many ounces of pure gold, there are fetish caps ornamented with gold in repousse work, the golden tops of umbrellas and sticks of office, grotesque lions for the heads of sceptres, golden jaw bones, thigh bones, and skulls, a large sacrificial knife with a golden handle, and many indescribable objects which doubtless served their purpose in the fantastic ceremonies of Fetish worship.

Smaller in size, but not inferior in workmanship, are an infinite number and variety of objects of native design, besides numerous imitations of the gold work of other nations and ages: bracelets, some so heavy as to be a burden, others of exceeding lightness and delicacy; necklaces, chains, pendants, brooches, and rings of curious yet beautiful shape.

The imitated articles give a striking indication of the skill with which the native workmen copy everything that comes to them from the outer world. Thus there are golden padlocks, buckles, bells, and even watch keys, whose use must have been unknown. Not the least curious are several copies of reliquaries, left, perhaps, by Roman Catholic missionaries in that enlightened land, and reproduced in gold by the native workmen, with a faithfulness and delicacy which a Chinese might envy. Among the brooches, pendants, badges, rings, and so on, there are forms which are almost as similar to early Indian ornaments; others approach Egyptian styles; still others, Scandinavian and Anglo-Saxon types. The whole work, in fact, has been laid under tribute and the relics hoarded in this out-of-the-way region.

Some of the articles are quite new, and still have clinging to them the fine red loam in which they were cast. Others are old and worn, and bear traces of frequent patchings and solderings. One of the most remarkable of the ancient

pieces is a finely chased seal ring, the signet being made of an ancient Coptic coin. Two or three rings were evidently copied from early English betrothal rings. Some of the necklaces and chains are formed of beautiful shells reproduced in gold, while others represent seeds and fruit. In every case, the design is individual and the beauty of the workmanship refreshing to see, in contrast with the machine-made jewelry worn by modern civilized belles.

The most noteworthy object in silver brought from Ashantee is an enormous belt or baldric, to be hung over the neck by a massive chain, crossing the breast diagonally. From the belt depend seven or eight silver sheaths for knives, the use of which it is not difficult to imagine.

The *Transcript* says: The Indian Agencies in Washington Territory have been materially changed. The last Congress arranged for five full agents, besides two specials, at a salary of \$1,500 each. Heretofore there have been but three full agents, one special and two sub-agents. The sub-agents have been in charge of the Tulalip and Chinook Agencies, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum each. These two are made special agents. The agent at Colville hereafter speaks, is now classed with the full agencies, which stand as follows: Neah Bay, Yakima, Skokomish, Colville, with Puyallup and Chehalis combined in one. The object of this increase of salaries does not appear, except it is to support somebody at Government expense. Certainly there is no good reason for it.

GO IN, DAVIS! — Lieut. Gov. Davis (colored), of Mississippi, is taking advantage of the absence of Gov. Ames (Butler's son-in-law) to revoke some of the latter's judicial appointments and substitute his own. Among others, he has reinstated Chancellor Christian, who had been removed by Ames. The *Vicksburg Herald*, referring to these acts, says: "When Ames was in Louisiana, some weeks ago, Davis attempted a similar flauk movement, but the Private Secretary of Ames and the Secretary of State thwarted him by contumacy and insubordination. When, however, Ames left for the North, Davis dismissed his Private Secretary and appointed one for himself."

Mr. Sidney Smith, of Chehalis, has a sample of wheat, the seed of which came from Germany. The heads are four inches long, two inches wide, by one-half inch in thickness, and are well filled. If this variety could be raised with success, it would be an improvement on the wheat now raised as it will yield much more. He got his start from one grain, and therefore has not had a fair opportunity of testing it, but will have a better chance next year as he will have a peck or so this harvest.

A CORRESPONDENT wants to know if it is true that the human body has seven million pores. The last time we counted them there were seven million and nine; but we have always had an idea that those nine were nothing but extras, spontaneously generated for the purpose of misleading us. — *Brooklyn Argus*

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