

A LIGHT CONTINENT.

WHAT HENRY M. STANLEY CALLS THIS MEMIPHRE.

Proud of Being an M. P.—His First Period of Real Rest—Canada Redivivd.

Henry M. Stanley, once the greatest of newspaper correspondents, then first among explorers and now a member of parliament in England, is now on a visit to America exploring the "light continent," as he calls it.

Asked if he could imagine himself going to Africa again, he said it was possible that he might go upon a commercial errand, but as an explorer never again.

He had to attend parliament into the hot autumn, and the extraordinary habit parliament has of sitting up all night wore on him, so that he was glad to get



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over here on a vacation. He has just finished a trip to the Pacific and back and is resting in New York among his old friends.

He is proud of being in parliament, and especially of having been elected in a great London district, with only 15 days in which to make the canvass among the voters.

"In your journeys on this side have you been lecturing or pleasuring?" "I am resting," said Mr. Stanley.

"I am enjoying away from my duties as the first real rest I have had since I reached manhood, the first period in which I have not had something to do for somebody else.

"No, indeed," said Mr. Stanley, who seems to have been again a discoverer in that part of Canada.

QUAY AND THE PRESIDENCY.

The Pennsylvania Senator a Full Fledged Candidate.

"Matthew Stanley Quay is a full fledged candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency," said the Hon. James Kerr, clerk of the house of representatives, in Washington, the other day.

"But, in addition, while I was in Pennsylvania the other day I was told that Senator Quay had made up his mind to try for the nomination. His friends say he feels that the Republican victory of 1894 and his own triumph over the opposition in his own party in Pennsylvania last summer give assurance that with him at the head of the ticket success will be certain.

MOUND BUILDERS' CORN.

After Burial For Centuries It Grows Like Seed Grain.

A curious experiment was made this summer by Charles Graham, a nurseryman of Ohio Falls, Ind., and the result lies upon the desk before your correspondent as he writes.

Upon the mound grew several large trees, among them an oak 4 feet in diameter, and thus the age of the mound was established as considerable.

His Imperial Highness Meant Well.

There was a curious story, which I am told is true, that the emperor of China, having obtained relief from some ailment by the use of patent pills that were sent him from Europe, ordered 400 pounds of that remedy through a Tientsin druggist and sent them to Korea to be distributed among the Chinese troops.

PENN-YAN BILL.

[By Eugene Field.]

In gallus old Kentucky, where the grass is very blue, Where the liquor is the smoothest and the girls are fair and true,

WAVES OF DARKNESS.

Curious Phenomenon Stops Business and Work in Pittsburg.

A meteorological phenomenon of unusual character attracted wide attention in Pittsburg and vicinity between 10 and 11 o'clock the other morning.

Suddenly a fall of darkness, growing in intensity, came up the Ohio valley from the northwest. It produced an effect like the shadow of an eclipse.

Carpenters stopped their work on new buildings. People rushed to the doors and windows. Shoppers and even clerks poured out of the stores, and in a few minutes the streets were filled with throngs of people, all looking upward apprehensively.

Business indoors and out was suspended. In the outskirts of the city the air was filled with myriads of leaves.

Down the Ohio river a beautiful feature of the phenomenon was exhibited when the darkness was at its height.

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The story of Tartar's mishap spread throughout the army. Thousands of soldiers visited the battery on purpose to see him. He fared like a prince.

Tartar never just relished the beginning of a battle after his Bull Run experience. He didn't try to snuff, grab a root or dodge behind a tree, but he did a good deal of prancing, especially when shells and solid shot shrieked and whistled in his immediate vicinity.

Let me tell you of another time when I experienced a choking sensation. It was that first day at Gettysburg. Just before we were ordered into the fight I was talking with Colonel Lucius Fairchild of the Second Wisconsin.

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Dunraven's charge is a charge of rascality against the gentlemen of the Defender syndicate and against the New York Yacht club. The charge that Mr. Vanderbilt, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Iselin, the syndicate, would stop to such action is as insulting as absurd. They and the gentlemen composing the New York Yacht club are safe from injury by allegations of unparliamentary action. Dunraven seems determined to compel Americans who sympathize with him in default to substitute contempt for sympathy.—Utica Herald.

If he believed that a club of which he was a member had been guilty of robbery and conspiracy, he ought to have promptly uttered his belief and given his substantiating facts without waiting until he had reached the other side of the Atlantic. According to his own statement, Dunraven is a coward. Any further racing with Dunraven is out of the question, for he has barred himself from the society of gentlemen. But the New York Yacht club ought to demand that its "honorary" member, Lord Dunraven, substantiate or withdraw his charges of cheating.—Blightman Republican.

A FORMIDABLE YACHT.

Will He So Build That It Can Be Transformed Into a War Vessel.

F. W. Morgan of Chicago was just let the contract for a steam steel yacht, resembling a modern torpedo boat of the Ericsson type, and so built that it can in a few hours be transformed into a formidable war vessel for service on the great lakes. It will be schooner rigged, with two pole masts, applied with an outfit of sails, to be used in case of accident to the machinery, which will give the yacht a speed of four or five miles an hour. The vessel will be built of steel, divided by five steel watertight bulkheads into six compartments and its dimensions will be: Length on water line, 140 feet; on deck, 130; beam, on water line, 17 feet 4 inches; on deck, 18 feet 3 inches.

The bow will project six feet beyond the deck, sloping out and down to the water line. From the water line the fore foot is cut away, so as to give it the ram shape similar to the bows of the United States cruisers Minneapolis, New York and Columbia. The engine will be of the triple expansion type, with cylinders 18, 19 1/2 and 20 inches diameter by 15 inches stroke. This will turn a bronze screw propeller, 5 feet 6 inches in diameter, 800 revolutions per minute and give the yacht a speed of 18 miles per hour.

In building the vessel special care will be taken to have it conform to the requirements of the navy department, as well as the inland Lloyd's. The object is to build a ship that in a few hours can be turned into a war vessel in case of trouble with Canada. It will be built at Racine.—New York Herald.

Talking Through a Stream of Water. "I have a most remarkable telephone in my house," remarked a resident of the western addition. "I noticed that at times I could hear very distinctly the conversation in the next house. Suddenly it would be broken off short in the middle of a sentence, and I could not hear another word. It would become audible again just as suddenly."

By a series of experiments I have found out that the sound is conducted by the water running through the pipes. When the water is turned on in my house, I can hear all the conversation in any of the rooms next door in which there is running water. When I turn off the water, all sounds stop suddenly.

"I told my neighbor of it, and we have put it to practical use. When I wish to speak to him, I tap on the window, he turns on the water in his house and listens while I talk to him over the water pipe in an ordinary tone of voice. When I have finished, he turns off the water in his house and I turn it on in mine and listen. In that way we can carry on long conversations with as much ease as if he were in the room with me. Still our houses are about 20 feet apart."—San Francisco Post.

QUICK SHIPBUILDING.

As specimens of rapid construction the seven gunboats which the Thomsons of Clydebank built for Spain to be used against the Cuban insurgents are noteworthy even among the famous fast of modern British shipbuilding. They range from 100 to 300 tons displacement, with speeds from 12 to 13 knots, and carry maximum rapid fire guns, the largest being the 5 inch. The contract was signed July 11 last, and the first vessel was launched Aug. 24 and ready for delivery Sept. 11, or in exactly two months from the signing of the contract. Indeed the work on her was not really begun, it is said, until July 22, so that she was completed in seven weeks and three days. Meanwhile the other six were going along at the same pace, for it appears that they were all completed by Oct. 1, ten days short of the contract time, although the last of them was launched as late as Sept. 20. The launching of one after another of the enormous new battleships within a year of their laying down is another instance of speed in British shipbuilding, but the finishing of these monsters will be a long task.—New York Sun.

ONE OF EUGENE'S TRICKS.

A story that has been written about Eugene Field concerns the trick he played on two loads of Kansas City merchants who went away one time on an excursion. Each car was to go by a different route, and the cars separated at an early hour in the morning when everybody was asleep except Eugene Field, who was along to write up the trip. Just before the cars parted company he carried all the shoes from one sleeper into the other and carefully exchanged them. Then he took the shoes from the sleeper who had the shoes which he had carried there and took the shoes from the sleeper who had the shoes which he had carried there and took the shoes from the sleeper who had the shoes which he had carried there.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATING LEAGUE.

During the week delegates from Brown, Wesleyan, Bates, Boston university and Boston college met in Boston and formally organized the first New England Intercollegiate Debating League. Bowdoin and Tufts have signified their intention of joining the league, and Williams will probably enter in the near future. Not only have the students of these colleges been intensely interested in the matter, as shown in the various mass meetings which have been held recently in most of them, but the respective faculties have also taken a hand, and it is to a great extent due to the practical interest shown by several members of these that the enthusiastic supporters of the proposed league see their hopes and efforts at last crowned with success.—Dartmouth.

TO PROMOTE SOCIAL CONCORD.

The latest addition to the philanthropic associations of the metropolis is the Society For Promoting Social Concord. The object is a very laudatory one, and I note that the promoters have obtained the benison of the bishop of Durham, Canon Scott-Holland and Dr. Clifford. It is proposed to establish either in Western Australia or New Zealand a pioneer settlement to be called the Model Co-operative community, which will consist of about 200 married couples, with or without children, 50 single male and 50 single female adults, to be selected according to their vocations so as to meet local requirements, and provide for each other's necessities in the matter of food, clothing and habitation. If this pioneer community should prove a success, others will be established from time to time in various parts of the globe as funds and circumstances will permit.

A BABY CRUSADE.

A novel crusade is proposed by some women in Brooklyn. It is to be directed against the practice some mothers and nurses have of leaving their babies in baby carriages in the street outside big stores while they are inside shopping. The crusaders are moved to act by several considerations. First and foremost of these is the fact that the exposure and the neglect are bad for the babies. Then the babies interfere with traffic by collecting crowds. Lastly the reformers think that such treatment of infants has a bad effect morally on the children and their mothers.—New York Sun.

A PHILADELPHIA JOKE.

The Ohio river in some sections is down to six inches, and the humane societies have appointed agents to carry water to the fish so that they will not grow thirsty.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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