An Athens correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette writes as follows under date of May 13: Although not one of the 330 and odd days set apart for religious observance by the Orthodox church, to-day is, nevertheless, a high festival in Athens. It is the 1st of May, old style—the Feast of Flovers, and all the world goes maying and picnicing, to eat roast lamb and dandelion salad, and drink the wines of Parnes under the grav olives of the Attic plain, or the black firs of Patissia, or the blos soming almonds and quinces on the garden banks of the Kephissus. The feas', indeed, began over night, for all vesterday afternoon the footpaths of Æolus street, and of the ends of those called Stadion and University, which converge in Concord place, were crowded with flower sellers offering their nosegays and their flower starred wands and clusters of woven green, and their wreaths of daffodil and anemone and apple blossom, with which the Athenian burgess sportively crowns himself while he eats his cold lamb and dandelion under a tree. In the carriage way, too, the same sweet wares were hawked up and down, in carts made May-like and champetre for the occasion by the addition of a bowery till. Many of the smaller bourgeoise made a whole night of it in the gardens, singing their little repertoire of songs over and over again till dawn; then home for a brief rest, and back again to eat their midday meal among the flowers. And thus there are fewer feet in Athens to-day to stir the thick dust which the lazy south wind happily has not always strength to lift alone. Otherwise Athens would be almost uninhabitable; for in volume and in fineress, and in its aptitude for working its way into the pores of the skin, the dust of Athens surpasses even that of Cairo in a March khamseen. There ought to be no dust in Athens, and yet, excepting perhaps its wonder ful dullness, its dustiness is one of its most striking peculiarities. The municipality has no good water carts, very few bad ones, and not enough water to keep even these at work; so that the to the infected house should be warned own cognomens, because bestowed in weight had been laid upon it. A few of dat 'oman's mouf," said the Judge, powdered marble of the streets is never of the presence of a dangerous disease holy baptism, never being pronounced seconds more and it creaked again, this "but dar' a more serious charge to make at rest, and when there is a lively breeze it is complete master of the situation. There is plenty of water to be trapped on Pentelicus, and in point of fact it was so trapped in the days of Hadrian, and was brought down to Athens in subterranean conduits. And the modern Athenians made an attempt to imitate their ancestors by an acqueduct above ground to the same source of supply; but the Greek engineers had not had much practice in laying down acqueducts, and they got the Athens' end higher than the Pentelicus end, so that the water had to be propelled by a pump, and finally grew sick of the whole business and stayed at Pentelicus. But now they are going on a safer plan; the old conduits of Hadrian are being reopened and restored, and it is believed that in course of time the ancient communica-

tions may be re-established. as well as its commercial suburb Piræus, thoroughly removed and disinfectants has made extraordinary progress in the freely used. Cleanliness tends both to last half dozen years. The population prevent and mitigate the disease. has increased to 75,000, and the increase Drains should be put in perfect order, is apparent as well in the spreading of and ventilated by a four inch straight the city in every direction as in the greater movement in the streets, the im- of the roof of the house in every inprovement in the shops and the increase | stance, terminating at a distance from in the number and size of the hotels. any chimney or other ventilator. There are now nine first-class hotels in Athens, either new within the last six | tend school or mingle with other chil years or enlarged and rechristened; and dren until the patient has wholly recovthe oldest of the group, in fact the only | ered and all infected articles have been one which bore its present name fifteen | disinfected. years ago, the Hotel des Estrangers, in | On the recovery or death of the pa Palace place, has annexed another house | tient the most thorough disinfection as large itself on the other side of the should follow. The room and all artistreet. These hotels can accommodate ticles it should be at once subjected to about 1,000 people, and every one of the fumes of burning sulphur as follows: them is full. A great proportion of the Close the room tightly and burn 21 lbs occupants are foreigners, others are of sulphur to each thousand cubic feet Greeks from the provinces or Greeks of space. After four or six hours open from abroad living in a hotel to watch the room and expose it to the air and the completion of the splendid mansions | sunlight for a week. Anything that can | reply. they are building for themselves. For be boiled without injury may be so of late years the Greeks, who have made | treated. The walls and ceilings should their fortunes abroad, especially those be dry rubbed or white washed, and the who have won their wealth in Turkey floors washed with soap and water, to and Egypt, are flocking to Athens, which may be added a little carbolic me as I am pakin' to ye?" building costly houses, furnishing them acid. sumptuously and establishing themselves as grande seigneurie in what they recognize to be their own country. This fact shows that Greek patriotism is kindling | finally closed. No public funeral should into something warmer than a mere pol- ever take place at the house where the it cal theory, and it serves two purposes, patient died, nor elsewhere, unless the in . ringing money and trained intelli- coffin remains hermetically sealed. gence into the country.

Something yet must be said of the dullness of Athens, mentioned above, which it is as needful for her prosperity ical interest and historic prestige-entitle it to be, till it is somewhat triste. And I believe that this joylessness re sults from the condition of mind of the sense of the glory of that past which heah?"

they wish to revive, and the obligations they are under to be worthy of it. But this will wear off as the contrast between the past and present grows less glaring, as one by one national inspira ber till March.

How to Check Diphtheria.

The following circular is issued by the Boston Board of Health for the purpose of more widely extending the krowledge that a greater care should be exercised to prevent the spread of this much-

Diphtheria is contagious and infecson to person. It may be conveyed dispitting, sneezing, or indirectly by ufected articles that are used, such as towels, napkins, handkerchiefs, etc. The poison clings with great tenacity to rooms, houses, articles of furniture and clothing, and may occasion the disease even after the lapse of months. Diphference it attacks children and those

When a case of diphtheria occurs in any family, the sick person should be placed in a room apart from the other inmates of the house, and should be nursed, as far as possible, by one person only. The sick chamber should be such as will permit of cleansing without injury, and all extra articles, such as window and table drapery, woolen car-

All clothing removed from the patient or the bed should be at once placed in boiling water or in a tub of disinfecting fluid (8 oz. sulphate zinc, 1 oz. carbolic acid, and 3 gallons water) by the nurse before being carried through the house or handled by any person. They may be soaked in this fluid for an hour, and cleansing the nostrlls and mouth of the patient, but rather soft rags, which should be immediately burned therecharges of the patient should constantly contain some of the disinfecting fluid.

Water closets and privies in the house should be disinfected daily with a solu- Californian for July. tion of copperas-two pounds to a gal lon of water. Every kind and source of Except in its water supply, Athens. flith in and around the house should be pipe extended above the highest point

Children in the family should not at

When death occurs the body should be immediately placed in the coffin with disinfectants, and the coffin tightly and

Monster of the Deep.

The new steamship Rome, being rapthat she should shake off as that she idly built for the Inman Company, will should provide herself with water be a marvel in the art of ship architecenough to lay her dust. Only a very ture, and in size will be the largest emsmall percentage of the tourists who ployed on the ocean, the Great Eastern leave their 25 francs or 30 francs a day alone accepted. The Rome is 2,000 tons behind them in Athens are archeol- larger than the steamship Arizona or the ogists; the average traveler does his City of Berlin, and 800 tons larger than guide book through more or less con- the fine Cunarder now on the stocks. scientiously, and then is glad to turn to The cost is over \$1,000,000, and every lighter themes. But for some unac- art that can be brought into play will dence." countable reason Athens offers no light | be introduced to make the vessel as near distractions to the sojourner; it is all perfection as is possible. The followmarble, owl and Minerva. This is a ing dimensions will give some idea of pity, because Athens, in point of climate | the extent of the vessel: Length of and position has every right to a "sea- keel, 543 feet; length over all, 590 feet; son" from mid-March, when Cairo width of beam, 52 feet; depth of hold grows too hot, up to the end of May, 38 feet 9 inches; depth from top of deck or even later, for those who like to take houses to keel, 52 feet. Her measuretheir sea bathing early in the Summer, ment is 8,300 tons. The hull is of iron, for which the Bay of Phalerum offers a with eleven horizontal bulkheads and great extent of sandy beach, a placed | two longitudinal ones through the engine sea and all the artificial requisites for and boiler rooms. The latter are of 7, enjoying the same. The Piræus rail- 500 horse power, the heaviest ever manway now makes a curve out of its ufactured excepting the Great Eastern's, former straight course to suit the sea with six cylinders, three of which are of bathers, and it is only ten minutes run high pressure and three low pressure. from the station at the bottom of The eight boilers will be heated with no Hermes street to the Phalerum, where less than forty-eight furnaces, and it is the passenger steps out upon the broad expected that the speed of this gigantic esplanade. But Athens will never be craft will be equal to eighteen and ninethe popular resort which its vast ad- teen knots an hour. The Rome will vantages -- its climate, scenery, archælog- | carry four masts, and any amount of canvas as an auxiliary to the engines.

A New Jersey colored man, whose wife had left him said: "She would Greeks themselves, from their self-con- come back if I frowed her some sugar; Pat, who thinks this a dodge to try his infesting the woods or hiding in caves sciousness under an almost oppressive but I ain't froing no sugar, do you sincerity: "Och, no, yer honor, it's not on the mountains. People now know

Witchcraft.

It was believed that myriads of demons-who not only multiplied among a ghost. The haunted house belongs to colored flock for years. He had heard

A Literal Mexican.

Wickedly anxious to obey orders to the letter was a Mexican taking the stand in a New York police court as a, witness in an assault case. Having informed the judge that he spoke English, he was told to state what he knew of the affair in question. Thereupon the prosecuting attorney, an Irishman by birth, quite unnecessarily intervened

"Ye onderstand, sor, that ye are to go on and state to the coort what ye know about the case, in your own lan-

"You want me to tell the story in my own language?" asked the witness. "Yes, sor, I do," replied the lawyer.

The Mexican began: "Este mujur qenia a mi casa-" "What is that ye're saying?" ex-

elaimed the attorney. "I am speaking in my own language, as you requested me to do," was the

own language when I said for ye to spake yet own language," exclaimed the legal gentleman. "Can't ye spake to Origin of some Famous Legends.

"I can try, sir," said the Mexican, and he went on with his story thus :

want to spake wid ye,' sez he-" ing in that way ?"

to oblige ye."

English.

A Subteranean Fishery.

W. M. Anderson has sent the Reno Gazette three of the fish found in the springs at his place, east of Honey lake. They are a sort of chub, but of a different species from those found in the river. They are of all sizes, from two to thirteen inches in length, and come apparently out of the clefts in the rock, through which the water bubbles up. They are small when they first appear, and grow so large that they cannot get away. There is no stream above ground where they can be found, and no one has ever seen any in Honey lake or anywhere in the country. The spring at Mr. Anderson's is six feet deep, twenty teet wide and eighty long. The water is warm and is the best of washing the fish come from?

"Now, then, Patrick, call me a cab." erous on the prairies, or that they are mesilf that'll be callin' ye names at all." where to be on the lookout for whales.

A Ghost Story.

Bulington county, N. J., thinks it has

themselves, but were daily increased by Joseph Tatum. The alleged ghost is the joyous shout of his people around tions are realized, and Greece wins back the sou's of wicked men, still-born chil- that of a drover. An old resident of the cotton pen, when he threw down her old place in the world. I place the dren, and all who died a violent death- the neighborhood tells the story. "They his basket and preached, and he had Athens "season" from March to May, in filled the whole earth, exciting whirl; say that house was built before the war lived to hear the same glad shouts view of the mildness of the climate in winds and tempests when they met in of 1812. Long time afore I know. around a cushioned pulpit, erected where those months; but for those who enjoy great numbers, destroying the beauties Then the wing was put to it bout 1820, the cotton pen used to stand. He had clear bright weather and crisp bracing of nature and the work of men's hands. I reckon. It used to be a great stop- heard the freedom Gabriel blow the air, Athens is perfection from Novem- They were often drawn in at the mouth ping place for drovers. There was a trumpet, and he had dropped tears and and nostrils, and tormented those they field there for cattle to rest and water. evergreens into his master's grave. He thus entered with pains and diseases. There was a drover used to stop there had taken the pleasant nap on the hill-All these demons were for a stated often; I forget his name. One day he side of irresponsibility. But he is done period at the command of any mortal came there sick on his way west. He preaching. His hair is as white as the who would sign away his soul to the said he had the yellow fever. Anyway, cotton he used to pick, and the babies Prince of Darkness; and all that the they put him in the woodshed and he he used to fondle now fondle babies of witch or wizard desired them to do was, offed, like as if he came to-day and was their own. The old man's downfall was a few well-attested facts concerning with the exception of any good action, dead to morrow. They buried him in simple but decisive. The examples of diphtheria, and reminding all persons swiftly performed. General meetings or the lane that runs down back of the strict propriety that he himself had set, "Sabbaths," as they were called, took cow-house, and arte'ards somebody came leaned from their pedestals to condemn place at the will of Satan, and were al- and wanted to know where his money him. His crime was not great, and ways named for a Friday night, or rather was. They never found it anywhere, with any other preacher it might be Saturday morning, immediately after and that's how folks came to believe looked over, but it destroyed the faith tious, and may be easily communicated, midnight, the place generally chosen for how that there was foul play, and the of the brothers who had received their either directly or indirectly, from per- assembling, being one where four roads ghost of the old drover is there yet. I training from Simon. A church courtmet, or in the neighborhood of a lake. believe he is, and I ain't going to talk martial was held. Old Simon sat on a rectly in the act of kissing, coughing, Upon the spot selected nothing, it was said, about haunts any more." There is one chair, his white head bowed down. In could ever grow again, the earth being door the ghost will not let stay closed front of him sat his black judge, whose burned and rendered sterile by the hot at night. If it is locked he will turn physical complaints, if they could have feet of the demons. All witches and the key; if it be bolted on both sides been materialized, would have weighed wizards who failed to attend these meet. he will draw the bars; if furniture be several hundred pounds. He was 'down ings were lashed, by order of Satan, with | blocked against this particular door it | in the back," had a catch in his hip, and a whip made of serpents and scorpions. will be removed, and when tenpenny suffered from the effects of "dew pizen," Broomsticks were supposed to be the nails have been used to fasten the door, inculcated when a boy. The rest of the theria attacks all classes, at all ages, steeds of French and British witches, the ghost has been known to draw conclave sat around, with faces expresand at all seasons of the year. By pre- but in Italy and Spain the devil him- them. Joseph Tatum, who lives in the self, in the shape of a goat, was thought house, is regarded as a man of truthfulwho are debilitated from exposure to to carry them on his back from ness and probity. Such men as Colonel filth, dampness or foul air from what- one place to another. No witch, when Davis, who keeps the hotel; Edward going to a Sabbath, could leave her Cliff, the express agent; Mr. Finn, the home by a door or window; her only editor of the local paper; John Reeves, practicable exit was thought to be by the segar-maker; John J. Maxwell, key-hole or chimney, and during her ab- President of the City Council; Lawyer sence an inferior demon was said to take | Cannon; Cassander Foulke, the butcher her form and lie in her bed, feigning ill- -all respected people of Bordentownness. The votaries of the Black Art say they believe in Joseph Tatum imonce assembled, the ceremony first per- plicitly, and would take his word in formed was to kiss the devil, who took preference to most men's oath. The the form of a goat for the occasion. Herald reporter and a detective recently | izp, when a young 'oman makes a mouf pets, upholstered furniture and all hang- This was followed by an examination of spent part of a night in the room the at me I takes a holt ob her immegiately. ings should be removed from the room those present, to see if they were stamped ghost likes best. Everything was quiet Which one ob you gentlemen wouldn't during the sickness. The physician and with the devil's mark, and those who were till ten minutes past twelve. "Then," kiss sich a 'oman? I aint no fool ef I the nurse, as a rule, should be the only not received it from the master of the writes the Herald man, "there came a iz a preacher." persons admitted to the room. Visitors ceremonies, as also a nick-name, their sound. The house creaked as if a great "I reckon any ob us would take hold there, and children especially should not by his satanic majesty. Then they time louder and with an ache more unlagin yer. Yer kissed dat ole oman ober would sing and dance furiously, till earthly than before. Another lapse of dar, a 'oman what is older than yer is some one anxious to join them arrived, time equal to the interval between the verself. Now what 'sessed ver to do when they would be silent till the new first and second noises and it is heard sich a trick?" comer denied his salvation, kissed the again. Now it is nearer, and the sound devil, spat upon the Bible, and swore is like the effect of the steps of a large the preacher, "I hain't got a word ter obedience to Satan in all things. These man whose movement makes no other forms of initiation were followed by noise. The men who have waited for more dancing and singing. Those who the ghost begin to think that perhaps had not been mischevious enough were they have waited too long, for the sound then placed in boiling water for boiling. Hogged with thorns and scorpions by continues; while it does not come nearer, It is better not to use handkerchiefs for their master. A multitude of toads it does not withdraw. For twenty mindanced for their amusement, and for re- utes it is kept up, and then the shrill followin' artickles ob action : Fust, dat ward were promised a feast of unbap crow of a cock is heard and his voice is de ack of de brudder in kissin' de young tized babes, and the meeting ended with taken up by his fellows in chorus gal couldn't be hepped, and fur dis we after. All vessels for receiving the dis- a banquet of viands too disgusting to When the rowls are silent the sound is agrees wid his taste; but dat de ack ob enumerate. When the cock crew they moving away." Sometimes the ghost is kissin' de ole 'oman is calculated ter all disappeared, and their Sabbath was heard dropping something, and once it bring 'proach on de church, an' fur dis at an end, - Constance M. Neville in was seen out by the barn, in a white lack ob taste, we 'spells brudder Simon sheets), and holding a drover's whip in his hand. The Herald reporter confesses that he didn't solve the mystery. abruptly: "Do you know what made the world, stripped of his jewels. that noise?' The reporter replied, reflectively, "I don't;" and the detective rejoined, "Neither do I." Joe Tatum says: "We have followed the footsteps all over the house, from cellar to garret. Every week we hear this, sometimes two or three times a week. One night I heard the steps in my room. I lay quiet, fearing to wake my wife, when she said: 'Joe, there's a man in the room.' I jumped up, expecting to have a tussle with a burglar. I couldn't find anybody. We lit the light, and then we heard footsteps. Preacher Cheney, of Georgetown, near us, heard the noise soon afterward, and there has been no end of people to hear it. The door between the houses wen't stay shut at night. We've locked it and put things against it, but it always gets open. We've had two years of this. I am "I didn't mane for ye to spake yer going to stay it out. Lately it has been worse than ever; sometimes it sis

Not among the different members of the great Aryan family only, are the "Well, thin, yer Honor, this man germs of many of our best known stories | swell a little, and then we couldn't get and this woman kem to my house, and discoverable. They seem to belong to it in our range oven." sez the man to the woman, sez he, I humanity. Prof. Fiske; of Harvard University, noticing how the "William Here the indignant examiner broke Tell" legend (for it is a legend), and in with-"What do you mane by spak- that which among Welch celebrates the death of Gelert's faithful hound, and a "Shure, sor," responded the witness, good many others besides, are found "ye axed me to spake in the language everywhere, says: "We must admit ye use yourself, an' shure I am thryin' then, that these fireside tales have been handed down from parent to child for Then the judge thought it time to in- more than a hundred generations; that terfere, and bade the Mexican to talk the primitive Aryan cottager, as he took These they grind between two stones, his evening meal of yava and sipped his and think themselves fortunate if they "With pleasure, your Honor," said fermented meal, listened with his chilhe, "I should have done so at first, but dren to the stories of Boots and Cinderthe learned gentleman seemed rather ella and the Master Thief, in the days particular in regard to the language in when the squat Laplander was still which he wished me to give my evi- master of Europe, and the dark shinned Sundra was as yet unmolested in the Punjab." True; but may we not go farther, and say that, finding these tales or counterparts among Zulus and Mongols, and Red Indians, we must either pronounce them to be "innate ideas." or else hole that men had invented them in the old old time when the difference between Aryan and non-Aryan had not grown up? Sir H. Rawlinson seems to prove from the earliest Assyrian remains that, "in the beginning," Hamite and Shemite and Japhetian were all one -that even what afterwards became the tongues were then "agglutinative," like the Red Indian of to-day. Some one, too, has just proved that the old Peruvian was a kindred speech to the Sanskrit! No wonder, then, that the same stories are current all the world over.

"Whales are becoming numerous in water. It probably contains soda in the ocean," says an exchange. We like some form. The question is, where do a statement that gives the full facts as this one does. It relieves one of the Eccentric old lawyer to new footman : suspicion that whales are becoming num-

Parson Simon.

Parson Simon had watched over the sive of deepest solemnity. "Brudder Simon," said the Judge, leaning forward and then back, having

received a dispatch from the catch, "yer's fotch afore dese representatives of de Sabier on a charge ob kissin' dis young gal agin her will," pointing to a young colored woman. What has yer got ter say in vinycation ob de offense. "I reckon I kissed de ga!," replied the

"What made yer do dat?"

"Jes let me tell ver suthin'; old ez l

"In regard ter de ole 'oman," replied

"Brudder clerk," said the Judge,

read de resolutions ob dis meetin'." The clerk arose and read, "We, de church members 'sembled in de trial ob brudder Simon, does hereby sign de sheet (all orthodox ghosts wear white frum fudder service in dis organized

ban' ob de Lord's Militia." The resolutions were signed, and old Simon who once so proudly wore the As they drove away, the detective said enaulets of generalship, walked out into

Minnesota Wheat.

"Let's see, they raise some wheat in Minnesota, don't they?" asked a Scho harie granger of a Minnesotian.

"Raise wheat! Who raises wheat? No, sir; decidedly no sir. It raises itself. Why if we undertook to cultivate wheat in that State it would run us out. There wouldn't be any place to put our house.'

"But I've been told that gresshoppers take a good deal of it." "Of course they do. If they didn't

I don't know what we would do. The cussed stuff would run all over the State and drive us out-choke us up. Those grasshoppers ar a God-send, only there ain't half enough of 'em." "Is that wheat nice and plump?" "Plump! Why, I don't know what

you call plump wheat, but there are 17 in our family, including ten servants, and when we want bread we just go out and fetch in a kernel of wheat and bake it.' "Do vou ever soak it in water first?

"Oh, no; that wouldn't do. It would

Starvation in Texas.

A private letter to an official of Denver from Franklin, Texas, says: "The Rio Grande river is dry again, and the greatest distress prevails among the poor wretches by whom we are surrounded. They are absolutely starving; many are living on what we call grass nuts. can get a handful of bran to mix with them. Many have died from want, and it is believed that within three months, unless relief comes from abroad, many more will die. A number come in from other towns daily, demanding food. All they ask is a little corn. As far as we can see now, it seems there will be no corn, vegetables and fruits. The few vegetables we now have are getting dry | 2 and tough for want of water. Don't think I am exaggerating my account That were impossible. Imagine while hundreds of thousands of dollars are being sent to Ireland there are people in our own glorious republic dying for 2 want of food.

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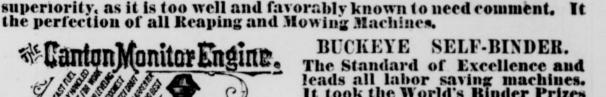
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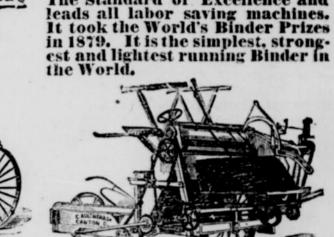


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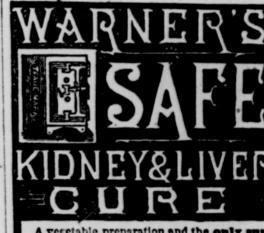
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