

**JOHN L. SULLIVAN, COON,
RETURNED TO SHIP**

Four of Madagascar's Deserters Still at Large With Small Chance of Being Retaken.

The British bark Madagascar is sure possessed of a hoodoo, so think the members of her crew, and it is beginning to be believed by practical landsmen that the vessel is being visited with somewhat more than her share of troubles. The mysterious desertion of six men sometime Thursday night is accounted for by the theory that a superstitious idea prevailed amongst the men that the vessel is pursued by ill fate and eventually some disaster will overwhelm her. However that may be the men did desert and four of them are still at large. The vigilance of Captain Smith and his assistants were rewarded yesterday by securing two of the men who were found in this city hilariously enjoying a Christmas aftermath. One of the deserters taken yesterday is John L. Sullivan and he is decidedly colored. It is known that the steamer O. K. was along side the Madagascar at the time of the desertion and it has been intimated that the steamer's men know more about the affair than they care to tell, but Captain Salte when seen in regard to the matter insists that no assistance whatever was lent the deserters by his boat and further that he is as much in the dark in regard to the manner of the escape as the general public. John L., in black face, however, informed his captors that his worldly effects were aboard the O. K., but the matter has not been followed up. Three men were shipped for the bark today by P. Lynch and as this makes up a full crew it is likely that Captain Smith will get to sea as soon as possible and not make further investigation as it would necessitate a vexatious delay. It has been learned on good authority that the six men who deserted are not members of the strenuous Irish contingent who pulled the captains apart, but compose a foreign element that prevails in the make-up of the crew. The brawny sons of Erin are still aboard ship and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new captain, now in course of construction, when it is expected they will proceed to smash it to pieces.

CITY BUILT IN SALT ROCK.

One of the most remarkable cities in the world is Kelberg, near Cracow, Poland, for, besides being situated underground, it is excavated entirely in rock salt. The inhabitants, to the number of over 3000, are, of course, workers in the famous salt mines, and all the streets and houses are of the purest white imaginable. One of the most famous features of the city is the cathedral, carved in salt and lighted with

electric lights, and when the late Czar Alexander visited it, 11 years ago, he was so fascinated with the magnificent effect of the light upon the crystal walls that he presented the cathedral with a jeweled altar cross. Such a thing as infectious diseases is unknown in Kelberg; in fact, the majority of the inhabitants die of old age.

By far the most interesting bird emblem of a modern state is that of the republic of Guatemala. It has been adopted as the national crest for so long that (partly through the taste for stamp-collecting) the existence of one of the rarest and most beautiful of the bird creation has been made far more widely known than it otherwise would have been. There is a race of birds called trogons, most of which have very fine feathers and remarkable coloring. They are found in India and the Malays but are most numerous in Central and Southern America. It was from their plumage that the Mexicans made their famous masques of feather work. From the tall feathers they made the lustrous green helmets of their kings and nobles. The most gorgeous of all was the long tailed or resplendent trogon, which was kept as a sacred or royal bird in the palace of Montezuma, or in one of the two houses which formed the royal menageries. Adequate description of the bird is almost impossible. It has a rounded plume on the head, cascades of feathers falling over the tail a yard long, and a most elegant can-tour. The color of the whole of the upper surface and plumes is a most resplendent golden green, that of the breast and under parts crimson or scarlet. Such is the national emblem of Guatemala.

An editor who runs a notes and query column received the following: "What ails my hens? Every morning I find two or three lying on their backs, toes curled up, never to rise again." The editor replied as follows: "Your hens are dead."

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