## ODD SORT OF SLAVERY.

SECURING GOVERNMENT LABORERS IN MADAGASCAR.

## A Terrible Form of Employment That gascarone-What "Fanampoana" Means to a Barbarous People.

Not only is slavery universal throughout Madagascar, but also is there a still more gigantic evil, and one which is even more surely crushing the manhood located brain about ten rods from the and stifling the life of that curious and beautiful country.

"Fanampoana," or forced labor, has a protean shape. It may best be under-stood by describing it as partaking of the we kept conveniently at hand, shoving a nature of the corvee; it is also applied to conscription, to all kinds of government hig on whatever garments came at hand, service; it is part of the fendal system, we sallied forth for Mr. Bruin's skin. and it even sometimes takes the shape of a "logging bee." It would be unjust to the astate old man who presides over the having a decided advantage in wallowdestinies of the people of that country if it were not stated that he has more than or five rods from the station the steward once considered a plan by which it might was met returning with face and ears be modified and reformed. But the system is too deeply woven into the inner life of the nation to be dealt with except by a master hand, and then only with the assistance of outside and friendly quickly followed by the report of anfinancial support. For instance, it is one other; thinking that bruin had at last of the main characteristics of Fanampoan' that it supplies the place of the he came to the dead walrus, when he payment of officials throughout the is- stopped to listen. Nothing of bruin or land. In fact, in all Madagascar no sec-retary, clerk, artisan, soldier or civilian but the howling of the winds could be serving the government in whatever ca- heard. Retracing his steps he arrived pacity (with the exception of a triffing at the station with face frostbitten and percentage received by some of the governors of districts) is paid or even fed by after the assistant and native returned the state. "The queen honors them by and the assistant tells the following employing them" (so the official euphemism runs) and they must feed and clothe themselves. But when loyalty takes the ing vast weights of wood, iron or stone goat tracks (for roads there are none) through swamps and forests, up and down hills 5,000 feet high, then the additional stimulus of shackles and leg irons accept the "honor," half starved though he must be POWER OF THE QUEEN.

If he runs away he brings punishment on his family, and becomes a fugitive and a bushranger; the numerous robber bands are mainly recruited from such ny is becoming more and more unsupportable.

In the first place all the land in Madagascar, with comparatively few exceptions, belongs nominally to the queen, but actually to the government. At the the government is and has been completely centered in and despotically ruled by the prime minister, Rainilaiarivorny, who besides his original wife has married two successive queens of Madagascar. Fortunately for himself and his family his rule has, on the whole, been wise as well as vigorous. In the Sakalava expedition, out of tens of thousands of peasants who were summoned, as-

## BEAR HUNTING IN ALASKA.

These Explorers Were Too Badly Frightand Frozen to She

One dark day in winter, during a heavy snow blizzard, with the thermometer down to 40 degs. and the wind at the rate of forty miles an hour, when Hangs Over the Head of Every Mada- the mere thought of outdoors sent a cold shudder through the system, a native came rushing into the station exclaiming, "Nan-nook! nan-nook! nan-nook!" To say that all were startled nook!" would be speaking mildly. We were excited. A few queries put to the native station, quietly eating his breakfast from a deal walrus that had drifted ashore the fall before. Grasping our few cartridges into our pockets, throw-

> A short distance from the station the assistant passed the writer, his long legs frozen. The writer however kept on doing his best to keep the two hunters, just seen through the dimness ahead, in succumbed, the writer hurried on until both ears frozen. Some half an hour story:

Approaching the place they suddenly came upon bruin quietly feeding, scarceshape, as is constantly the case, of carry- ly ten paces distant. The native being in advance without intimating his intenon raw and bleeding shoulders, along tion raised his rifle and fired, causing bruin to raise his head and give an ominous growl. The assistant, in order to use his rifle more dexterously, had taken the mitten in his right hand, in his agiis needed to persuade the poor captured tation dropped it and the wind whirled peasant that on the whole he had better it instantly out of sight. In stepping aside to bring the native out of line he stepped into a hollow, came near falling, thereby losing his sight on the bear when he fired. He thinks his bullet must have struck very near the animal, as the snow flew all over him, and he was so frightened that he marched off. runaways. Hundreds of instances could they following, but soon lost sight of be cited, especially within the past their object. Perhaps they did not care twelve months, to show that this tyran- to get too near and were perfectly willing he should go. One of the natives in the old signal station hearing of the oc-currence muffled himself up in skins, took his rifle and a supply of cartridges, went down to within fifteen paces of the dead walrus, sat down and waited for present moment and for many years past Mr. Bruin to come back and finish his breakfast.

He had not long-to wait, for bruin soon came and commenced tearing off the flesh at a great rate, as though in anger for having been driven away and now determined to make up for lost tume. At the proper moment the native raised his rifle and fired, killing the brate instantly. Help being near, he was dragged into the old station and sembled, and even partially drilled skinned, the carcass furnishing a good throughout the country, only about 2,000 supply of fresh meat for the natives and throughout the country, only about 2,000 supply of fresh meat for the natives and could be actually laid hold of, and a few his skin proving to be one of the largest and finest the writer ever saw .- Alaska Cor. New Bedford Standard.

Fighting His Flesh General Furlong is a gentleman of in-dependent means, who lives at the Fifth Avenue hotel. He is a large, heavy set man, whose tendency is to get larger and heavier set. All he has in the world to do is to look pleasant-in which he succeeds admirably-and to fight this flesh. Most people thus unhappily situated have some hobby to ride and always go cantering off on the slightest provocation. Not so General Furlong. His hobby is walking. He never rides anything-not even his hobby.

Most people in easy financial circumstances would now and then try a Broadway car if they didn't keep a brougham and pair, but he entertains a prejudice against everything on wheels. He walks. Technically speaking, there are eight furlongs to the mile; in his case one Furlong will cover eight miles without stretching. Sixteen to twenty miles a day are as nothing to him.

There is a pleasant fiction about the aristocratic Fifth avenue that when General Furlong is out he has "just stepped down to the Astor House." If anybody calls for him, "Oh, he'll be back soon-he is probably strolling around Irvington somewhere," or, "He went out for a short walk-he is by this time either at the Battery or in Harlem." Manhattau island is too small for General Furlong. This talk of rapid transit makes him tired .- New York Herald.

Attends Executions, but Dislikes Funerals. The great weakness of a well known reporter in a large city is a partiality for attending executions! For many years past he has been present at all the executions which have taken place in his own neighborhood as the representative of and important daily journal.

Mr. Titerope can tell you scores of interesting anecdotes about celebrated criminals, unknown to or forgotten by the present generation, whose departure to another sphere he assisted at, as he himself jocularly puts it. He can make your blood run cold with his stories about awful scenes on the scaffold. He is still hale and hearty, and expects to be a witness of many more scaffold scenes before his own work is ended. A murder in his own neighborhood is enough to raise him to an unwonted state of excitement, for in the murderer he sees a wretch who probably will pay the penalty of his crime upon the scaffold.

Mr. Titerope is an excellent reporter and is ready for any kind of work with one exception. That exception, strange to say, is a funeral. His chief and his colleagues are aware of his dislike for that particular kind of duty, and to a funeral he has not been for years. But what an extraordinary thing it is that a man with a fondness for executions should be so averse to attending a funeral .-London Tit-Bits.

#### Pare Coffee.

There is one consolation for the prev-alent adulteration of coffee, which is that the people who use the adulterated article are apt to be better off in health than those who partake largely of the pure article. It is known that coffee increases the pulse, makes the mind active and produces wakefulness. Consequently most people take it in the morning. In large quantities it produces palpitation of the heart, consequently people with heart trouble are forbidden to drink

Woman's Terrible Experience A farmer named Morrand found a voman lying underneath a tree near his

farm in St. Jerome parish. She was alive, but almost a skeleton, unable to speak and insane. She was Matilda Grapin, a domestic. Over a month ago she left a house to go to church, but had never been heard of again and was believed to be dead. She had laid down under a tree where she and her dead husband had often sat together. She fell asleep and slept for two days, and when she awoke she had lost her reason. She wandered about the woods for thirtyfive days, and never tasted any food. She obtained water from a brook. Since she has been found she has been rational at times and has told the above remarkable story. She is in a very weak state.

-Montreal Cor. Minneapolis Tribune. Too Late with His Objections. A marriage ceremony at Roseburg was interrupted in a sensational manner

a few evenings ago. Charles Minkler, a freight conductor at Woodburn, was the groom, and Lottie Critzen, of Roseburg, the bride. During the ceremony the officiating minister asked if any one had any reason why the ceremony should not proceed.

A young dry goods clerk of Roseburg, named Mannis, stepped forward, saying he had serious objections. He said he wanted to see and speak with the girl privately. He was put out of the house said he had always wanted to marry the girl, but had never gathered courage to tell her of his feelings.-San Francisco

out first declaining for some time at the top of his voice, and thus rousing his nervous system to its fullest activity.



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## Of the Leading City of Eastern Oregon.

During the little over a year of its existence it and a pistol was found in his pocket. He has earnestly tried to fullfil the objects for which it was founded, namely, to assist in developing our Pope never could compose well with- industries, to advertise the resources of the city and

> adjacen and to work for an open river to the sea. Its record is before the people and the phenomenal support it has received is accepted as the expression of their approval. Independent in everything, neutral in nothing, it will live only to fight for what it believes to be just and ri ht.

Commencing with the first number of the second volume the weekly has been enlarged to eight pages while the price (\$1.50 a year) remains the same. Thus both the weekly and daily editions contain more reading matter for less money than any paper published in the county.

months of fever and numerous desertions quickly reduced this number. Similarly in the alluvial gold fields, which are being worked by forced labor upon the enormous nominal royalty of 55 per cent to the government (45 per cent. is divided among the foreign shareholders, directors and superintendents), immense exertions have to be constantly made to keep up the supply of forced labor.

TALENT UNDER A BUSHEL.

Thus it comes about that this most important branch of the national wealth is not developed. Here, as elsewhere, serfdom spells poverty.

Again, in the case of craftsmen and artificers, Madagascar possesses and could produce plenty of men whose talent would compare favorably with that of almost any people in the world. But the moment they show proficiency in their art they are "Fanampoaned," that is, they are honored by being employed by the government or by some powerful official, without wage and without food. A elever craftsman, from whom you buy a work of art, in whatever metal, begs you not to say from of the north have better faces than those whom you purchased it, solely for fear of the "honor" which would be in store for him. So if you want a good tinsmith, carpenter or jeweler you must not search for him among the tradesmen of his own craft; but the clever jeweler is found among the washermen, and so on, in an amusing "bo-peep" of industry. The queen honors "Raini-be" or "Bootoo" by taking him away from his rice fields just at the season when his labor and supervision are most required for his crop. So the unfortunate "freeman," who is not allowed to send his slave as his substitate-mark the grandeur of the distinction conferred upon him-is remorseles by bled, even to his penultimate dollar, if he desires to procure exemption from the honor.-Fortnightly Review.

A Problem in Mathematics.

A vessel divided into "forty-two thiry-seconds" was discovered at the cus-tum house when the official papers of he schooner H. C. Mousley were being aged from a registered to a coasting raft: Forty-two owners were marked an the papers, each owning a thirty-sec-end part of the craft. What to do about the matter puzzled the captain very much, but he left feeling that he had not only the largest vessel under the American flag, but the biggest in the world.—Philadelphia Record.

#### A Play That Failed.

Fledgeley-I see that bow knots in

jewelry are very fashionable. Gwendolin-Beau knots have always been fashionable.

And she thought she heard the duli thud of the setting sun, as the young man showed no signs of intelligence.-

The People of the Chinese Empire. In order to understand China you must remember that the country is not made up of one people. Nearly every one of the eighteen provinces has a different language from the others, and the coolie of Peking can no more understand the language of the coolie of Canton than can the peasant of Berlin understand the

jargon of the lazzaroni of Naples. A servant of north China is no good in south China, and the people of the different provinces have different habits and customs and different ideas. They look different. The Chinamen who come to America are all from the southern part of the empire. They are lean, scrawny and short.

The Chinamen who live along the great wall are, as a rule, six footers. Many of them can carry 500 pounds on their backs, and they are either fat or muscular. In the provinces between you find differences of physical structure and of intellectual caliber. The people of the south .- Frank G. Carpenter in National Tribune.

#### Wanted, a Big Bell.

Young Lady-Good morning, Mr. Sur-You stated yesterday that you wished some of the members of the congregation would solicit subscriptions for. a bell.

Clergyman-Yes, Miss De Goode. It is my ambition to have the largest and finest bell in the city.

Young Lady-I have plenty of leisure and would like to help.

Clergyman-Very well. Here is a book. Don't waste time applying to families who live within two or three blocks of the church. They won't give anything .- New York Weekly.

#### Popularity of Blonds.

It is interesting to know that an intelligent hair dresser claims that blonds cannot be done away with; that blonds are essentially the beauties of civiliza-tion, and that they cannot be driven away. He says that the blond can dress more effectively, and that a well kept blond has ten years' advantage in the point of youthful looks. You cannot expunge her in favor of the branette even in literature, for in the novels turned out during the year there have been 383 blonds to eighty-two brunettes. -Ladies' Home Journal.

Easily Distinguished.

Ile-1 was just reading about life on a cattle wanch. So interesting, dontcher know. They brand the little calves so as to distinguish them. She (coldly)-That is nunecessary in the cast.-Life

coffee. Taken at night it produces wake fulness.

One cnp of black coffee at night will give a night of misery to any one inclined to heart trouble and keep awake for the entire night a person not accustomed to The optimist must therefore hail with delight the prevalence of adulterated coffee.

The epicare, however, will continue to get his coffee green, roast it himself, grind it with religious exclusion of any adulterants and use it at once by making a decoction by pouring beiling water over it and never boiling the coffee in the water to be drunk. Thus the epicure may extract the utmost of unhealthfulness from the fragrant and delicious berry, adding another to the long list of plea sures that are somewhat hurtful.-New York Sun.

#### Fashion in Pill Boxes.

You saw the customer ahead of you. You heard him ask what sort of pill boxes we are using this season. There is a fashion in pill boxes the same as in hats and bonnets and parasols. Some years the round pill box of the olden times is the rage. Then we have the oblong box and the box which has a drawer in it. There is a variety of shades in these boxes. Some seasons they run to one color altogether, and there are customers who insist upon their pills being put into the box which is all the go. A woman sent back a box of capsules because the box was black when the fashionable shade is pink. These things do not prevail in such stores as ours, but in the parlor drug stores in the swell centers they have to observe these niceties to the letter.-Pharmacist in Chicago Tribune.

Effective Way of Cutting Iron

It is well known that a smooth disk of steel driven at a high speed will cut in two a file held to the edge of the disk. This principle does not seem to have been practically used save in an instance recorded in a government armory. The ends of tempered steel ramrods, such as were in use twenty-five years ago, were being treated and the material was found to be too hard to cut. Some small wheels of iron, about six inches in diameter and one inch thick, were brought into requisition. They were driven at the rate of 6,000 revolutions per minute, and melted or abraded the metal away instantly, at the same time drawing the temper so that a screw thread could afterward be cut on the end of the tempered rod.--Pittsburg Dispatch.

#### Four Well Insured Men.

The Earl of Dudley holds the larges life insurance ever effected, the amount being for \$5,000,000. Second in the list comes Mr. Wanamaker, whose policies of \$5,350,000 exceed that of the czar of all the Russias by \$250,000. Fourth comes the Prince of Wales, whose life is insured for \$2,625,000. — Yankee Blade,



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## A Severe Law.



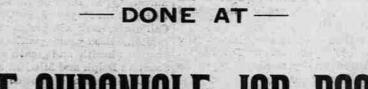
stroy adulterated products that are sented to be. Under what they are reprethis statute thousands of pounds of tea have been burned because of their wholesale adul-

teration. Tea, by the way, is one of the most notorlasly adulterated articles of commerce. Not alone are the bright, shiny green teas artifi-cially colored, but thousands of pounds of substitutes for tea leaves and used to swell the bulk of cheap teas; ash, sloe, and willow leaves being those most commonly used. Again, sweepings from tea warehouses are colored and sold as tea. Even exhausted tea leaves gathered from the ten-houses are kept. dried, and made over and find their way into the cheap teas.

The English government attempts to stamp this out by confiscation; but no tes is too poor for us, and the result is, that probably the poorest teasused by any nation are those consumed in America.

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