

# AFRICA.

## WHERE OF INFLUENCE IN DARK CONTINENT.

About Everything that is Worth Having Belongs to Them—Other European Nations Are Finding Their Possessions Anything but Profitable.

Less than forty years ago it was a commonly received doctrine among British statesmen that Africa was worthless. A select committee of the House of Commons in the early '60s reported that the continent was the worst coast of Africa cost more than they were worth, and recommended the gradual abandonment of the country.

British Africa can be variously described—geographically, politically, ethnologically and religiously. But the simplest definition is this: All Africa that is comfortably habitable by white men is under the British flag or under British protection.

### Science and Invention

The male butterflies have the proud privilege of a pocket, but the pocket of a butterfly is wonderfully made. It is really an extension of the chrysalis wing folded back on the upper side, and it is exquisitely colored and marked like the upper side, so that it is very hard to detect, and no one has yet discovered how it is opened, although, undoubtedly, the butterfly can throw it open while he is flying.

The recent trials at Indian Head, on the Potomac, of the armor made for the Russian battleship Retvizan, building in this country, seemed to show that armorplate of Krupp form made in America has the advantage in the endless contest between guns and armor. Five-inch projectiles with a striking velocity of more than 2,000 feet per second failed to penetrate more than two inches in a French plate, and the projectiles were broken in pieces, while the plate was not cracked.

In a Brussels street traversed by an electric tram car line, it has been noticed that the trees on one side of the way begin to lose their foliage early in August, the leaves turning brown and dropping off. But in October the same trees begin to bud again, and sometimes even blossom.

The National Museum in Washington has in its possession a meteorite which fell on Thomas Hill in Allegan, Michigan, on July 10, 1860. The fall occurred about 8 o'clock in the morning.

### WHAT "UNDER FIRE" MEANS.

Twelve Hours of Agony that Seemed Like Ten.

The following are extracts from a letter from a sergeant in the Seaforth Highlanders, says the London Telegraph: "The Black Watch in front made an attempt to charge the position, but we had to retire and simply run for it, the enemy blazing at us all the way and cropping our fellows like skittles from their splendid positions."

"I believe some of the fellows lost their heads and walked right up to the enemy's place, singing till they dropped there. One youngster lying close to me said he would make a dart for it about 3 p. m. I tried my best to persuade him not to, but he would not. A couple of seconds later I could hear them pitting at him, and then his groans for about a minute, and then he was quiet."

### Much Area, but Few Inhabitants.

Russia's Asiatic possessions are three times the size of Great Britain's, but hold only 25,000,000 inhabitants, as compared with England's 297,000,000 subjects.

### THE MAN WITH THE HOE.

He's Quite Different from the One in Markham's Poem.

He was an intelligent-looking man, well dressed, clean shaven, and seemed the quite at home amid the handsome surroundings of the hotel in which the reporter met him. The clerk had told the reporter he was a prominent hill-

# WAR, THEN AND NOW.

"Do!" he said when he had settled for a table in my face? "The reporter did not reply, because he thought the man was going on with his remarks. "I ask you, do I?" he repeated. The reporter hastened to assure him that as far as he could see he did not. "Do I seem to be hearing on my back the burden of the world?" "You carry it very lightly if you do," smiled the reporter. "Would you think that anybody had loosened and let down on me?" "The reporter merely shook his head. "And has anybody staked back my brow, that you can notice?" the man went on. "Not in the least." "Has anybody's breath blown out the light within my brain?" "Never a blow," said the reporter. "Do I strike you as stolid and stunted, a brother to the ox?" "Anything but that," admitted the reporter. "But are you asking me all these questions?" "I'll tell you. I raised on my farm in Illinois last year 10,000 bushels of wheat, 12,000 bushels of oats, 40,000 bushels of corn and 1,000 head of cattle, bushels of corn and 1,000 head of cattle, and I'm just back from a European trip. Now, what I want to know is if Markham knew what he was talking about when he wrote 'The Man with the Hoe.'"

## LOSSES GROW LESS.

SOME LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE ANGLIO-BOER WAR.

As Effectiveness of Weapons Increases, Fatalities in Battle Apparently Decrease—Comparison of Casualties in Some of the World's Greatest Conflicts.

The South African war has demonstrated some things about up-to-date fighting machines. One important fact brought out is that, for creating effective casualties and making bloody history, the old-fashioned fighters, with their old-fashioned short-range weapons, still hold the championship. Dynamite bombs and lyddite shells, bullet-slicing machines and long-range smokeless powder guns have not feared the warfare too frightfully gory for it to be tolerated among human beings.

The effectiveness of the long range weapons used in the South African war is shown by the fact that the British killed 100,000 men in the war, while the Boers lost only 10,000. The British had the advantage in the use of long-range weapons, and the Boers had the advantage in the use of short-range weapons.

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Federal batteries. The Confederates held their fire until the daring Yankees were close up, and 215 of the Minnesotans out of 262 were struck down just a few square yards of earth, just at the point of contact.

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# SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

## "GRAND OLD WOMAN" OF FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

She Has at the ripe Old Age of Eighty Years Retired from the Presidency of the National Woman's Suffrage Association.

The career of Susan B. Anthony, who has retired from the presidency of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, and to whom, in honor of her eightieth birthday, a grand reception was tendered in Washington, has been a remarkable one. She made her first speech in public in 1849, at Canajoharie, N. Y., where she was teaching in the academy.

For several years she worked, night and day, in the temperance cause, but in 1840 she was arrested and imprisoned for being "seditious and insulting" to the men's conventions, and "disturbed with the subversive of government."

## AGED MAN'S STRENGTH

Although 66 Years Old, He Can Lift a Weight of 1,070 Pounds. When one is young and strong, it is a natural expression of Youth and strength are supposed to go together.

George Collins, remembering the days of his youth, accepted the challenge and stepped forward into the circle. Naturally there were shouts of derision at the gray hairs and the bent form, but the two men went to work with a will.

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# TELL-TALE CHAIRS.

Their Significance in Accordance with Their Relative Positioning on a Chair.

"Chairs are great pantomime performers," said one of a group in the hotel lobby to a New Orleans Times-Democrat writer. "I mean," he explained, "that they have wonderful powers of expression."

When the hunters rode up they found the pack in a trap, with one of the hounds wedged fast in the hole through which the fox had made its escape through a narrow opening in the walls. The hounds, supposing the fox was trapped, dashed into the cellar pell mell, only to find Reynard gone and themselves in a trap, as the hole had been closed.

## ACCIDENTS LESS FREQUENT.

Rail on American Railroads Is Safer than Ever Before. There are 50,000 flagmen, switchmen and line watchmen employed on the railroads of the United States and the duties which they perform are related primarily to the security of passing trains.

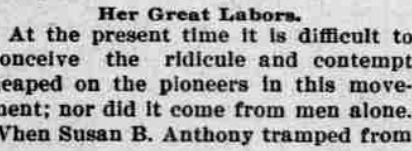
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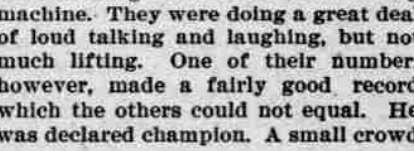
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LIFTING A 1,070-POUND WEIGHT.



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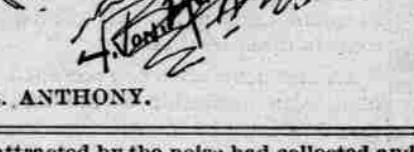
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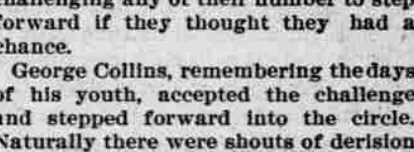
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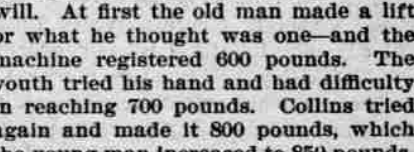
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A VERY TRIFLING INCIDENT.



SOME OF REYNARD'S TRICKS.



HE SOMETIMES OUTWITS THE HOUNDS WHEN PURSUED BY THEM.



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TRUE CHARITY BEGINS BEFORE YOUR OWN WANTS ARE SUPPLIED.