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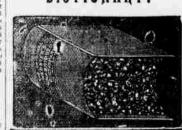
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HAWAIIANS DYING OFF.

Only a Few Cenuine Sandwich Islanders Remaining.

Merry Race Whose Dances Are Celebrated—The Chinese and Kunakas Pop-ulating the Island and Becoming Prosperous.

One of the saddest spectacles in Hawaii is the rapid decay of the native race. Disease and death have made heavy inroads among them. More even than the Samoans and Tahitians they seem to absorb all the vices of the white race. They are pleasure-loving, indolent, good-natured and honest, but virtue among them is practically un-known. It is still the custom to give a guest the companionship of the wife or the most attractive daughter; in fact, the question of morality does not bother the native Hawaiian, and he frankly admits it. The Chinese have introduced the vice of opium smoking, and they also bring in large quantities of rice brandy, which the native Hawaiian aves next to "old square fuse," as they

The Hawaiian families are steadily icereasing in size and every census sees a shrinkage in the already small number of this doomed race. The census of 1884 gave 44,232 Hawaiians and half castes, that of 1890 38,654, a loss of 5,578 in six years. The Chinese now number 15,299, the Japanese 12,244 and the Portuguese 9,100. Of this large number of Chinese only about 30 are women Hence we find John Chinaman selecting wives from the native girls, who are only too glad to marry Chinese, because they are better treated than by men of their own race. They are indulgent husbands and they love to see their women finely dressed, but when they return to China there is no record o any Chinaman taking his Hawaiian wife The women are left behind and seldon is any provision made for the support of themselves and their children.

Japanese mix little with the Hawaiians One peculiar thing which is worthy the attention of the student of ethnol ogy is that the crossing of the Chinese and Hawaiians make a better race physically and mentally, than either of the originals. Some of the brightest young men in Hawaii have Chinese fathers and Kunnka mothers. These half-eastes are remarkably shrewd in business, while they have the agreeable manners of the Hawaiians. The Portu guese are thrifty, but they are a poor They are now flocking over to race. They are now he fruit California, and are gring into the fruit ly the "Land of Contrasts"—"the land and vineyard districts, where their ly the "Land of Contrasts"—"the land of stark, staring and stimulating ininbor will certainly be better than that of the Chinese for they are eager to buy homes and settle. Civilized vices and diseases and the leprosy threaten and diseases and the leprosy threaten ocratic spirit displayed in the greeting to wipe out the native liawaiians in the of my friend and myself by the porter next thirty years. They are disappear of a hotel as 'you fellows,' and then had ing more rapidly than the Maeris, of the cup of pleasure dashed from my New Zealand, and for the same reason lips by being told by the same porter

South Sea island native dances in honor of the goddess of love. It is a lastivious dance which so greatly excites the natives that it has been prohibited and it once, explain only given now by stealth, but the peo-puble, and we ple are so fond of it that professions hula dancers are in great demand are no feast is complete without this ok dance, that recalls in many of its features the dances of an ient Egypt and Greece.

NOBLEMEN IN SWITZERLAND.

A few years ago the question wa asked: "Does nobility still exist in Switzerland?" And no open was able to inswer it. Of all the thou area of Eng lish folk who haunt the Swiss hotel not one, it would seem, had inquired equestrian statue they mere have seen nas any living descendante, not one has ever heard of the Bornese a distitynoblesse which boths it sit so hig that it thinks but allegable of the British legation. Yet from the Jara to the Lugane there is hardly a suntonthere is perhaps no canton-in which according to Temple Har, noble families Graubunden, have turned their energ into modern channels and make the fortunes, like the Hausers or the Sei ers, out of the English and the American tourist. Others, like the Von Allmen have sunk into a humbler rank. But the greater part remain in state quo enjoying in the towns or in the country a social prestige that varies with their wealth and their intelligence For, from the very nature of the case all Swiss nobility is more or less ancient and is therefore still venerable in a re public which has not yet east off al everence for historic tradition. The Valais, for instance, contains a very ancient noblesse, some of whom, as the de Sepibus and the de Cocatrix, bear Latin names, whether or not they claim a Roman descent. And a Romai descent assuredly is claimed by the Bernese family of Lentulus, who affili ate themselves to that most illustriouhouse of the Gens Cornelia. In a con glomerate nation like the Swiss the fountains of honor have been numer ous. Some of the nobility owe their distinctions to the empire or to the dukes of Austria; some to the dukes c Pribourg; some to the dukes of bur gundy; some, who were Huguenots, to the kings of France, and some to the more modern ones even to the kings or

Sometimes families who desire to bury their dead in the clothing worn in

A DAILY ANNIVERSARY.

The Device by Wis, and Ameliagton Wife Recps fler in stand flome.

The wife of a young attorney in Washington, a very charming woman, loves her husband dearly, and the same

may be said of his feelings for her Still, he cannot help being annoyed oc-casionally at her freaks. They hadn't been married a week before she began to develop anniversary tendencies. It was "five days and six hours" or "seven days and ten minutes" since they were married. That went fairly well during the wedding journey stage, says the Post, but it was kept up wonderfully, till she would say: "It is a year, one month, three days and four hours since we were married." These attacks of preciseness occurred whenever George showed symptoms of going to his club, or when any of his friends Among the rolles stored away in the called on him to go, out with them Slerk softly of the s After a baby was born there came new United States, write anniversaries to celebrate. Baby's teeth
baby's wails and baby's first lisps be
came important dates. All the old an
niversaries were kept, however, just the
was purchased eight years ago to ad same, and now the young husbane minister the outh of office to President stays home every night in the week to keep anniversaries. She has four to some days, and if she thinks he is restless and inclinating an escape, when land to purchase a libble for use at the emergencies arise and he is tempted to inauguration ceremony and to present go to the theat r with any of his old this interesting memento afterward to chums, that inventous young wife can some member of the president's family, count up so many anniversaries that Following this custom, the clerk purnobody would ever dare to suggest chased a flible to use in the inaugura-George going anywhere. Indeed, it has tion of President Cleveland, but Mr. George to go somewhere, simply to hear cangements of the senate that he wished him say: "I soa", I must go home, to take the oath on the Bible given to We've been married exactly three years, him by his mother when, as a young five months, three weeks and four days man, he started out in the world to to-day. I've not to keep the annivermark, the gives George just one night off in a year, and thinks she does wonoff in a year, and thinks she does wondera when the does that, and George he goes to class reunion, George does.

.. L. .. UNTRASTS.

me of the American Peculiarities Which Ellewell an English Writer Forcibly. There is a very amusing paper in the Arena, in which, under the title of "The Land of Contrasts," Mr. Muirhead endeavors to give his impressions of Amer ica. His most abiding impression is, he declares that there is no abiding im pression at all, as the facts on which to-day he builds a theory in Massachusetts are shattered to-morrow by the facts he encounters in Michigan. The

"I lave bailed with delight the dem

constatencies."

ane Hawaiians, even in their decadence, are a merry race and their dances are celebrated. The hula-hula boiled with salamanders who is probably the most prefer. temperature of 12 degrees, and have been night frozen to death in open-air drives in which the same individuals seemed perfectly comfortable. Ameri'mn travelers gremble (or at least are attailed; no American grumblestprocesses and back their ment with
Silver plated hoop iron knives hardly

Barkness had hardly fallen before
the bellowing of alligators was heardcalculated to tackle anything harder a sound much like the roar of an angry than butter. Men appear at the theater on orthodox evening dress, while the tall and exasperating buts of the ladies who accompary them would seem to have the fall of the monsters. who accompany them would seem to indicate a theory of street toilet. From New York to Buffaco I am whisked through the air at the rate of fifty to sixty miles an hour; in California I traveled on a train on which the engineer chot rabbits from the locomotive when we turned our prow up stream. Miscochies whether his push pole from the stern, Kowika sat in the middle of the stern, Kowika sat in the middle of the same, while I, with jack light on my head and ritle in hand, occupied the position of none in the bow.

The alligators had consel their mutand the fireman pieked them up in time to jump on the baggage car at the rear end of the train. At Santa Barbara I visited an old mission church and convent which yield in quaint picturesque.

The alligators had censed their mutterings and I had begun to think that we had killed or frightened them all. Just then I was startled by a slight motion on the bank but a few yards away. At the same instant two coals ness with anything in Europe; but, away. At the same instant two coals alast the old monit who showed us around, though wearing the regulation gown and knotted coult had a speak, when a short valid, to

RULES FOR SUBURBANITES, Begulations for Them That Do Not Apply to Ordinary Mortals.

tonese is, I believe, a Derby."

A resident of the suburbs, a man of discernment, contributes the following to the Boston Journal: It is better to let the heels of your shoes go unblackened than to miss a

train. It does not pay to invest in accident insurance policies. The accident al-the largest shoe producing center in the witnesse ways happens to some other train than United States, and fully seventy-five upon it. the one in which you are traveling.

Always try to eat at least one meal each week with your family. It keeps up the acquaintance and conduces to

Lute trains are not enmixed evils Sometimes you start to the station with a few minutes to spare, intending to travel on the nine o'clock train, and are just in time to catch the eight o'clock train, which has come along fifty-five minutes late.

Be not deceived by sestatic visions of rapid transit. It was not come in your When you give up your seat in a

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took the oath on his mother's Bible. was a small book, morocco bound and year that he had that one night. Then gilt-edged. So far as is known here, Mr. Cleveland still has the book, and in the belief that it will be used at the coming ceremony the clerk of the supreme court has not purchased a Bible to be used on that occasion. It was planned four years ago to use the Bible purchased in 1885 at the ceremony of 1889; but after considering the mat-

ter the clerk determined to purchase another Bible for Mr. Harrison.

Engineering Skill. Speaking of the remarkable feats of marine engineers, the Marine Journal recalls the achievement of Richard Peck, who at one time had charge of the single engine of the old City of Vera Oruz coming up from Havana. South of Hatteras the piston rod went to smash, breaking into three pieces. But Pock, after twenty-four hours of coninuous labor, actually mended that piston so that it was strong and true ough to do its part with the rest of the machinery, and he brought his ship into New York harbor steaming six knots. This was a deed which in the opinion of the Boston Journal, quite clipses even the recent notable ormance of Engineer Tomlinson, of the

ALLIGATOR SHOOTING.

An Exciting Sport Which Is Pursued in American travelers are dissatisfied H with two young Seminole Indians, Micthe velvet pile carpets at their hotels cochec and Kowika, who were engaged are not at least two inches thick, and in their regular occupation of hunting yet endure without a murmur the alligators for their hides. The canoe bide are noises of a steam-heating apparatus, which ceases its bubble and of Alexander the Coppersmith. Americans invent the most delicate forms of machinery for their manufacturing processes and hock their most with

The alligators had ceased their mutgown and knotted cord, had replaced his sandals by clastic-sided boots and covered his tonsure with what we call a chummy, but which in correct Ros tones is, I helbers a fraction at one of the lurid coals, I fired.

The report of the rifle was followed by such a wild rush into the water, such whirling and splashing, such showers of spray and bloody foam that it was as if a small cyclone, had been dropped from the heavens into that quiet spot. Little Kowika screamed in his excite ment, but Microclase only expressed his depleasure at my bad shot by mutter-

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handle for any length of time. The Bible in one of the uptown police ourts having received such rough usage during its long service that it threatened to fall apart, one of the officers tied it torother with a piece of twine, and in this chape it has been doing duty ever since. This bettered veteran was the cause of a brief sensation in court the other day, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. As the witness in an assault and battery case was handed the book to swear in his evidence the string broke and the interior parted company with the covers. The witness picked up the former and looked through its pares with a smile. "Is it this ye want me to swear

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