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GOLD IN THE DARK CONTINENT

A Region Equal to Half a Dozen Californias

Recently Captain Burton, the celebrated traveler, has reported that almost illimitable gold can be obtained at the Gold Coast, Africa, a district which has been auriferously prolific for centuries. He says that region is equal to half a dozen Californias, a statement that might be doubted if made by a less capable authority. The testimony of the great traveler is supported by another illustrious discoverer, Commander Cameron, who visited and investigated the Golden Coast along with Captain Burton. Gold is found in the sea sand, in the dust of the roads and in the mud walls of native huts. Several mining companies are engaged in gold finding in the district, and they testify to the great possibilities it affords. A subject of such importance has, of course, been widely discussed by experts in England, and by this time large numbers of prospectors are doubtless verifying matters on the spot. There are many difficulties in Africa that did not confront the gold diggers of California and Australia. The climate has its dangers; the inhabitants are savages; the rulers suspicious and hostile to strangers. But where abundant gold is to be got with ease white men will go, and the capital of civilization will flow thither, bearing 10,000 energies to confront those of nature and barbarism. The want of gold is so great that the world must have it at any risk, and were it guarded by all the savages of Africa united into a single host it would become the possession of commerce. When geologists and specialists have pronounced a favorable opinion, and diggers have proof positive that a great gold deposit remains to be worked, the difficulties with natives will soon be solved. Medical science can mitigate the evils of the worst climate. During the thirty years of great gold discovery the art of mining and washing for the metal has made more progress than in all antecedent time. Everything favors the speedy translation of African gold into the channels of international trade, should it be found in the quantities alleged by Captain Burton. But besides enlarging the possibilities of external civilization, African gold would induce an enduring civilization into Africa itself in those equatorial regions that have hitherto remained barbaric. California and Australia have given their auriferous treasures to the world, and in return have received a far greater enrichment in agricultural, pastoral, and mechanical wealth. Metallic deserts have been changed into industrial empires that will enrich man for all coming time. So, in equatorial Africa, when gold has disappeared civilization will remain. Who can say what commercial future awaits the inhabitants of the dark continent when once they are affiliated with the rest of the human family in the bonds of trade?—*Chambers' Journal.*

The Battle of Tel-el-Kebir

LONDON, Sept. 13—9 A. M.—

The great battle is practically over. The rebels discovered our men when about a mile from their works, and opened a heavy rifle fire. Our men paused for a moment on a line of sand hills, and then with a gallant rush they were among the rebels. Acting on Gen. Wolseley's orders, they reserved their fire and went in with the bayonet. The slaughter was for a time very great; the rebels could not stand it, and broke and fled, pursued hotly. I followed the royal Irish regiments into the trenches before one of the forts. They were filled with Arab's followers, dead and dying. The final rush was made over a distance of 300 yards, the men skirmishing and sealing the cover until they reached this point. Several thousand Egyptians were taken prisoners. Our own loss, up to this time, I should compute at 200 killed.

General Wolseley telegraphs as follows: We struck camp at Kassassin late last evening, and bivouacked on a high ridge above camp until 1:30 this morning. We then advanced upon a very extensive and very strongly fortified position held by Arabi Pasha with 20,000 regulars, of whom 2500 were cavalry, with 70 guns and 6000 Bedouins and irregulars. My force was about 11,000 bayonets, 2000 sabres and 60 guns. To have attacked so strong a position by daylight, with the troops I could place in the field, would have entailed very great loss, and I resolved therefore to attack before daybreak, covering the six miles that intervened between my camp and the enemy's position in the darkness. The cavalry and two batteries of horse artillery on the right had orders to sweep round the enemy's line. At daybreak the first division, the 2d brigade, under Gen. Graham, supported by the foot guards, under Connaught, and seven batteries of artillery numbering 12 guns, with a supporting brigade, and then the 2d division, the Highland brigade leading, and a contingent of these on the south side of the canal, with the naval brigade on the railway, advanced. Great emulation was evinced by regiments to be the first on the enemy's works. All went at them, the strength of the Irish particularly distinguishing itself by its dashing manner. It closed with the enemy and all enemy's works and camps are now in our possession. I do not yet know exactly the number of guns captured, but it is considerable. Several trains with immense quantities of supplies were captured. The enemy ran away, thousands throwing away their arms when overtaken by the cavalry.

The benefits of deep tillage are exemplified in the case of a party why last year purchased a farm in Yamhill county. He states that the land has been sown to wheat for many years and had ceased to be productive; in fact it was considered worn out. He plowed the land deeper than it had ever been stirred before, and on 27 acres raised 900 bushels, nearly 3 1/2 bushels to the acre, while a neighbor on the same amount of ground raised only 600 bushels.

The season for snake stories may well be pronounced closed. A Rhode Islander has seen one over five miles long, and it had to curl up to keep from getting over the line into Massachusetts or Connecticut.

The purity and elegant perfume of Parker's Hair Balsam explain the popularity of this reliable restorative.

Government Land Sales

During the last fiscal year the government sold 3,699,899 acres of public lands, mainly agricultural, for the sum of \$8,887,261. In Alabama, 58,556; in Florida, 139,520; in Louisiana, 370,052; in Mississippi, 219,890. The largest sales were in Dakota Territory—689,094 acres—and in Michigan, 408,778 acres. The amount of land entered under the homestead law, 6,347,729 acres; under the timber-culture act, 2,609,797 acres. The following table shows the amount of land disposed of and the amount received under all the forms of entry:

States and Territories.	Acres.	Amount.
Alabama	58,556	\$122,256
Arizona	26,227	25,119
Arkansas	96,971	186,772
California	67,257	18,751
Colorado	98,702	251,601
Dakota	4,668,729	2,182,650
Florida	139,520	27,689
Idaho	17,613	74,185
Iowa	14,946	7,023
Kansas	1,550,472	621,070
Louisiana	370,052	181,161
Michigan	408,778	753,291
Minnesota	1,739,989	1,648,829
Mississippi	219,890	291,529
Missouri	295,121	186,002
Montana	103,000	102,082
Nebraska	1,245,271	621,089
Nevada	41,579	17,651
New Mexico	141,271	29,355
Oregon	373,715	1,123
Texas	143,096	25,082
Washington	318,782	208,753
Wisconsin	298,581	271,980
Wyoming	61,277	69,176
Totals	15,099,848	\$8,887,261

This includes lands taken under the school act, swamp indemnity act, railroad selection and miscellaneous scrip.

It Never Squeaked

Fred. McCabe, the ventriloquist, was a great joker. Some years ago he was on the Mississippi, on board one of the steamboats, and, making an acquaintance with the engineer, he was allowed the freedom of the engine-room. He sat down in a corner, and, drawing his hat over his eyes, seemed lost in reverie. In a few minutes a certain part of the machinery began to squeak. The engineer oiled it and went about his business. In another few minutes the squeaking was again heard, and the engineer rushed over, oil-can in hand, to give the offending spindle another lubricating. Again he rushed to his post, and again the spindle began squeaking louder than ever. "Jupiter!" he yelled, "the darned thing is bewitched." More oil was administered, but the engineer began to smell a rat. Pretty soon the spindle squeaked again, and, slipping up behind McCabe, the engineer poured half a pint of oil down the joker's back. "I guess that 'ere spindle won't squeak again." And it didn't.

The Largest Farmer in the World

Hiram Sibley, nurseryman, of Rochester, N. Y., made an argument before the tariff commission, lately, in favor of putting seeds on the free list, saying that it was not right to impose a tax upon seven million seed-users for the benefit of one hundred seed-growers. He was introduced by Ex-President Hayes as the largest farmer in the world. He is the owner of 143 farms, which he rents to tenants, and of a still larger number which he cultivates. He is the owner of the famous forty-thousand-acre Sullivan farm in Ford county, Ill., and of the Howland Island farm, Cayuga county, the largest farm in the state of New York. He cultivates more acres for raising seed than any man in this or any other country, and is also engaged in the lumber, salt and banking business.

The Walla Walla races take place from the 3d to the 7th of October, inclusive.

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Rosy cheeks and clear complexion only accompany good health. Parker's Ginger Tonic better than anything, makes pure, rich blood, and brings health, joyous spirits, strength, and beauty. Ladies try it—*Bazar.*

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