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A Pleasant Country to Live In

deeming feature about it. Why, it was enough to sicken one to see what people eat there. In the market at Tamatave I have seen great heaps of small locusts dried and exposed for sale. They were about half roasted. "Yes, sir; he air." and made me sick to look at them. There are no roads—barely bridle paths—through the woods, and travel is accomplished on foot or in palan—"No, sir; you cain't see a hide nor hair of 'im!"
"Why cant't I, madam? I would quins—long bamboo poles borne on the shoulders of natives. The interior of the country is filled with dense

"Do many wild animals abound The woods are full of them; vic-"The woods are full of them; vic-ious, venomous serpents of extraor-dinary size. Not snakes, but huge an not get mixed inter this row!" serpents-bodies as big as a man's, and thirty or forty feet long; powerthe natives going along, and make a breakfast off one with as much unconcern as a fly taps a sugar cork. Near Andavaka Menarana is a deep cave called the 'Serpents' Hole,' and it is so full of them that they fre-quently drive the villagers all indoors. hen they have a sort of monkey they call the ave ave. It has teeth like a chisel and a claw with a prong or hook to it. It lives on bugs that the way of the train he was run over it digs out of the trees; and then the gest I ever saw. These the natives worship as water gods, and are superstitious about killing them. They the news to the widdy?" After a rivers swarm with crocodiles, the bigtry to propriate the creatures by short conference it was decided that prayers and throwing in charms or Jerry Donovan should go to Mike's odys, but their virtues are owing to late residence and inform Mrs. Marthe noise and shouting and beating tin of poor Mike's death as gently as the water with which the ody is possible. He left his comrades, and the water with which the ody is always accompanied. Why, these animen and children who venAt Itasy, which is a fine
miles west of the capital,
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mais eat up all the sheep and hogs, and even larger cattle, that come anywhere near the banks; and they don't refuse women and children who venture near. At Itasy, which is a fine lake, sixty miles west of the capital, the people believe that if a crocodile be killed a human life will within a very short time be exacted by the eral, and they had to leave the counnation by the food or dish served.

The oysters were from France, the murdered them. The earth has white murdered them. The earth has white soup Russia, fish from Norway, beef cats, the air wild bees, sand flies and from England, game from Scotland, squitoes as big as beetles, and se sting hurts like a dog's bite. chapter. The ants are the greatest pests I ever saw. They eat every article of provision or apparel; scarcely any precaution can elude their vigilance and the turf, in the household, St. Jacobs cunning. They raise a hotlow cylin- Oil has no equal for bodily pains and der of earth perpendicularly toward sches. ladder, they ascend by thousands They are terrible persecutors of the sick; they will reach the bed in a night's time, though hung at a distance from the ground, when their bite, like scalding water poured upon the skin, was more intolerable than the disease itself. The sand flies and mosquitoes were terrible plagues, but nothing to compare with the wild bees, who would swarm in the bedrooms and sting every intrud-Locusts come two or three times a summer and eat up everything green. But nature is so proline here that in eight days the verdure will be all out again. There were baboons as big as good-sized boys. There are two kinds of spiders whose bite is deadly. One, a small black fellow, is called menarody. Those who are bitten fall into a swoon, and their

bodies become as cold as ice. The other one is called the foka, or crab-

hours. The women are dirty, burly headed creatures, blacker than coal

and wear simply a cloth about their waist, only the higher classes wear-

ing shoes. Some of their punish-

nts are barbarous in the extreme

The bite is followed by

Death is a common punishment. Christians are thrown down the side of a scraggy, rocky mountain, and their bones broken on the granite rocks beneath, while the dogs eat up their flesh. In the reign of Ranava-lons the missionaries had a tough time of it, not equaled by the perse-cutions of the Spanish inquisition, or the terrors of the French bastile, or the horrors of the black hole of Cal-cuts. Why, I have seen them throw a prisoner on the ground and spear him to death, just as a boy at school

them alive, and stone them to death.

The King Rodoma was strangled by

fine silk cord, as they are superstitions about shedding the blood of Does the country have any com-mercial relations with the rest of the

sticks flies. Sometimes they flog them to death, crucify them, burn

"They ship horned cattle from the interior to the island of Mauritius if the crocodiles don't eat them up in fording the rivers before they reach the coast. They raise coffee and rice. Ebony is found and gum copal. Some trade is carried on in india-rub-Some trade is carried on in india-rub-ber, and a few years since an English company tried raising cotton, but I can not say how successful they are. The great trouble with the country is that it is so extremely unhealthy for Europeans. It would take years to clean out the underbrush and drain the marshes. The missionaries

claim to have made great headway here, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, but a new king or queen ascends to the throne every now and then, who doesn't take much stock in "How did you like the country?" them, and they are stoned to death by the dozen, flaved alive, tied up to stakes, and in other cruel ways murdeeming feature about it. Why.

She Knew She Was Right.

"Is the gentleman of the house in?"

"Car. I see him a moment?"

"Why cant't I, madam? I would

forests, and during the rainy seasons great quantities of decaying vegetable matter are brought down. There is a great deal of lake and marsh on the soss, an' I tol' him it wasn't soss, but coast and plains bordering on the sea, and these give rise to the Malagasy fever. The only remedies the natives use are hot baths and herbs, which take a notion that a little apple sass'd feel soothin' to his stomic to say so, induce respectively. Onlying it also induce perspiretion. Quinine is also used in large quantities. Why, you can judge of the unhealthiness of the country, for the French, who for years have tried to establish colonies there, called it the 'churchyard,' and the Dutch, who were equally unsuccessful, nicknamed it 'the dead is-land.'"

The many wild animals about the soothin' to his stomic to say so, and he said he'd have that soss er die. Then I tol' him I'd defend that sass with life, an' made a break fer the shotgun, and he made a break up through the scuttle inter the loft. When his senses come to him an' he gives in that sass is sass he kin cum down, but if he makes a break before that, off goes the top of his head. that, off goes the top of his head.

That sets the sass, stranger, an' that's

Jim up in the loft, an' that's the is not a "cure all," it is a blood-purifier and

As the gentleman moved away he heard her voice saying: ful enough to kill a horse or swallow an ox. 'They hang down from the limbs in the forests and snatch up out!"

"Jim, when you git tired o'yer durn foolin' an' want this sass, jes' squeal out!"

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ster's brother relatives as an ement for the death. When I dinner party of sixteen courses, each there some Frenchmen shot sev-Baron Rothschild recently gave a and so on to the end of the epicurean

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