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A New Jersey burglar who was caught and thrashed by his intended victim yelled "Police!" He probably wouldn't have done it, comments the Chicago Times-Herald, if he had thought there was any danger of bringing an officer upon the scene.

The Nome Gold Fields

The first map folder or circular respecting the Klondike gold strike of 1898 was issued by the Northern Pacific railway. It is more than a coincidence that the first map folder or pamphlet of the Nome mining district comes from the same source. The present folder not only contains a good map of the Nome district, but is embellished with several out-of-views at Nome City and the beach where the method of mining is clearly shown. All information obtainable regarding sailing dates from Seattle and Tacoma, through rates, etc., is given in this book and the public cautioned to go to the agents of the N. P. Ry., who are supplied with diagrams of the Alaska steamers, and arrange in advance for their accommodations rather than to put off this very important business until they reach Puget Sound. There is no doubt but what there will be a very considerable passenger business from the middle and eastern states and a very heavy business from the Pacific coast states to the Nome district next spring.

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LIFE IN A BOER HOME.

DOMESTIC LIFE OF THE TRANSCVAAL PEOPLE.

A Young Englishman's Description of One Family, Which, It Is to Be Hoped, Is Not True of All—Contempt for Appearance and Cleanliness.

A young Englishman gives an interesting description of his experiences in a Boer home in South Africa. He had just recovered from a fever which had confined him for a time to a hospital, and being acquainted with a young Boer in Pretoria, he obtained letters of introduction to the family and went out to the homestead to get built up. He says:

Jacobus Grundling and his family received me at the entrance of their home. The deadly apathy which pervades a Boer household is not easily disturbed. I was stared at for a few moments, asked a few questions, and the only member of the family who spoke a little English told me in a shamefaced sort of way, as if he were saying something discreditable, that his brother had once told him that he liked me, but the rest of the family contented themselves with shaking hands.

This over I was invited inside. The homestead, like Boer farm houses, is stuck in the open veldt, and built close to a stream, bounded on one side by a garden, in which grew orange, lemon, citron, peach, apple, and pear trees. The houses are built of red bricks, baked in the sun, the spaces between the bricks being filled with mud, which to keep from drying to dust has to be continually moistened with water.

That of Mr. Grundling would not have looked so repulsive had the roof been thatched. As the Boer, however, has no eye for the picturesque, he finds galvanized corrugated iron an admirable substitute. But if the outside was not prepossessing, the inside was absolutely forbidding. Wood is scarce in the Transvaal, so the houses are never more than one story high, which does away with staircases.

Another feature of home life for which these people entertain a most lofty contempt is furniture and domestic crockery. All the furniture belonging to mine host was unmistakably of home origin; the stool on which I was invited to seat myself while partaking of Boer national beverage, coffee, having only two short legs. Cups and saucers, as well as knives and forks, being unknown among these primitive people, I was handed my coffee in a basin. I should have liked a little milk, but milk, although the Boers are a pastoral race, is practically unknown in the Transvaal, and sugar they despise.

To describe one Boer family is to describe all Boer families. There are, I believe, about 20,000 adult men in the Transvaal, and from what I have seen of them they so resemble each other as to convey the impression that they all belong to one family.

There are several young men in the household of Jacobus Grundling, all tall, and powerfully made, with long matted beards and unkempt hair, and all inconceivably dirty. They all wear dirty corduroy trousers, very short jackets, which make them look like giant boys, no collars, dirty ragged flannel shirts, billycock hats, and veldshoes, which are shoes made of untanned leather, and like the furniture, of home manufacture.

The average weight of a Boer young lady is 160 pounds, increasing to 200 and upward as they get older. Every man forms his own ideal of beauty, and the Boer signifies his in one expressive word—bulk.

A Boer lady seeking to win the affections of an American would probably endeavor to keep her face and hands clean, but, as all a Boer lover cares about is the weight avoidupois, she can afford to be as untidy as the most slovenly of her European sisters.

There was only one bedstead in the house, and this I occupied. I had no compunction in doing this, as I soon found that the Boers do not understand retiring for the night. A few skins are sufficient for their wants.

I experienced so many novel sensations during my stay, that even when I discovered a couple of coffins under my bed one night when endeavoring to eject one of the wretched Transvaal dogs which had taken shelter there, I was not surprised. It seems that wood being scarce in the Transvaal most families keep a few coffins in stock for emergencies.

THE OLDEST RELIGIONS.

The Sabbateans of Salonica and Their Peculiar Belief.

Surely one of the oldest religions in the world is that of the Sabbateans of Salonica, of whom M. Danon has lately made a special study, says Pall Mall Gazette. The sect takes its name from one Sabbatai Cevi, a Smyrniote Jew, who flourished in the middle of the seventeenth century, and so named himself by constant study of the Cabala that he gave himself out for the Messiah. Thanks to some miracles, thousands of Jews flocked to his standard and a serious revolt was on the point of breaking out when the pasha of the district captured him and offered

him the choice between accepting Islam and being incriminately shot. The story is that he chose the former alternative and that his followers, disgusted with his apostasy, abandoned their belief in his Messiahship and returned to their former faith.

M. Danon's researches, however, show that the sect is not extinct, as has been thought. He had much difficulty in getting the information, and it was only the lucky accident of one of the faithful sending his waistcoat to be mended, without remembering that a sort of prayer book was stitched in the back, that threw any real light in his way. As it was, the tailor had just time to show the document to a friend, who took a copy now in M. Danon's possession. From this, it seems that the Deumeh (or converted) as they are called by the Turks, still worship the God of Abraham under his eschallitic name of Infinite and acknowledge as their "lord and king" Sabbatai Cevi, whom they call "the true Messiah" and their redeemer. They are not to take false oaths in the name of God or his Messiah, are not to murder, "even though they hate any one," to bear false witness, nor to covet other people's goods. But they are to keep their faith a profound secret, and to live like Musulmans, keeping the Moslem fasts and observing all their ceremonies without any scruple until the day when they are to "take vengeance for Israel," after which they will become angels.

The mixture of gross and life-long hypocrisy with the practice of real virtues—it is especially said that there are no poor among them, every member of the community being willing to help at any time any of the others—is very typical of these apocalyptic sects. And in this faith more than a thousand families in Salonica believe.

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A Cat as a Fire-Alarm.

Had it not been for the mewing of a pet cat for two or more hours early the other morning the Kisthardt home would probably have been burned to the ground while members of the family were asleep, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Several pieces of hot coal fell from the kitchen stove on the floor and ignited the carpet. The flames spread slowly, but harassed the cat to the extent that it made itself heard. Members of the family were awakened, and coming downstairs they found the kitchen in smoke. Had the fire spread to the pantry, where some dynamite was stored, the house must have been blown up.

New Cable Lines.

France is dependent upon England for news of the Transvaal war, because the cables are under their control, and she is ready to spend a vast sum of money to free herself. This is like many people who have dyspepsia, spend a fortune seeking deliverance. They should try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It never fails to cure dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

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