

Names of Countries.

The following countries, it is said, were originally named by the Phoenicians, the greatest commercial people in the world. The names, in the Phoenician language, signified something characteristic of the places which they designate.

Europe signifies a country of white complexion; so named because of the inhabitants were of a lighter complexion than those of Asia and Africa.

Asia signifies between, or in the middle, from the fact that the geographers placed it between Europe and Africa.

Africa signifies the land of corn, or ears. It was celebrated for its abundance of corn, and all sorts of grain.

Siberia signifies thirsty or dry—very characteristic.

Spain, a country of rabbits or conies. It was once so infested with these animals, that it sued Augustus for an army to destroy them.

Italy, a country of pitch, from its yielding great quantities of black pitch.

Calabria, also for the same reason.

Gaul, modern France, signifies yellow haired, as yellow hair characterized its inhabitants.

The English of Caledonia is a high hill. This was a rugged, mountainous province in Scotland.

Hibernia is utmost, or last habitation; for beyond this, westward, the Phoenicians never extended their voyages.

Britain, the country of tin, great quantities being found on it and adjacent islands. The Greeks called it Albion, which signifies in the Phoenician tongue either white or high mountains, from the whiteness of its shores, or the high rocks on the western coast.

Corsica signifies a woody place.

Sardinia resembles the footsteps of men, which it resembles.

Syracuse, bad savor, so-called from the unwholesome marsh on which it stood.

Rhodes, serpents or dragons, which it produced in abundance.

Sicily, the country of grapes.

Scylla, the whirlpool of destruction.

Aetna signifies a furnace, or dark or smoky.—Ez.

AN INDIAN BOY'S LOVE LETTER.

A love-letter picked up on the floor of a school with Hamplon's views on co-education need not inevitably shock even pedagogic sensibilities. Written in an unknown tongue, however, with only the names to betray it, a translation by the private interpreter seemed only a proper precaution. If I confide it to the gentle reader, the Indian lovers will be neither the worse nor the wiser, while some others may find in it valuable suggestions for similar correspondence.

NORMAL SCHOOL, February, 3, 1879.

"Miss ———: I said I like you and I want to give you a letter. Whenever I give you a letter, I want you answer to me soon. That's all I want, and I will answer to you soon after. When you give me a letter, it raises me up. It makes me heart glad, sister-in-law. When I talk, I am not saying anything foolish. Always my heart very glad. I want you let me know your thought. I always like you and love you. I am honest about what I say, I always keep in mind. I want always we smile at each other when we meet. We live happy always. I think that's best way, and you think it is and let me know. And I want to say one thing—don't say anything to Henry. I don't think that's right. And I say again, when I give a letter keep nicely and not show to any one. If they know it, it is not good way. They take us away, and that is the reason don't show it. Hear me, this is all I am going to say. I like you, and I love you. I won't say any more. My whole heart is shaking hands with you. I kiss you. Your lover,

—HELEN W. LUDLOW, in Harper's Magazine for April.

Freaks of Fortune.

I once heard, writes Olive Logan to the Graphic, a thoughtful Boston lady say in Paris years ago, "If by raising my finger I could be the Empress Eugenie, I should be very careful not to raise my finger." These words seem weightless now, but at that time they were strange hearing, at least to my young ears. We had just come in from the street and had seen the bewitching Eugenie pass in her open carriage, between two lines of national guards, who stretched unbrokenly from the Arc de Triomphe to the gates of the Tuilleries. Every man had a bouquet stuck on the end of his bayonet, and presenting arms to the lovely sovereign was really offer her several miles of nosegays. No human being could have looked happier, more beautiful than Eugenie on that day, reposing gracefully in her luxurious barouche, clad in silk of the new mauve tint, with garnitures of laces fabulous in value. Yet this strange, quiet, prim Boston lady, in a black alpaca, said she would not lift her ill-gloved hand to be the Empress! And "you are very wise," said Charles Sumner in response, for the great statesman was present, as we sat and talked.

"There is great need, and has been for two years, of a Preparatory School at Yokohama, where the young men of our native churches can be prepared for the theological school at Tokio, and where a Christian education, not to be had in the government schools, can be enjoyed by those who desire it. The characteristic Japanese desire is education. Modern scepticism is striving earnestly to secure a hold upon the minds of the young men of the country. Shall we do our part in giving something better? We are at present losing our young men, who seek a preparation for the work of teachers, evangelists, and pastors. They go to the schools of other missions, and form new attachments, with which it is not wise to interfere. A teacher who has had experience in Japan, and who has a good name and many friends there, is awaiting the decision of the Board. Shall the Board send him?"

Christians of all churches will be glad if the means be provided for these most needful and promising aspects of the work.—Ez.

THE COMPENSATIONS OF LIFE.—President Garfield is quoted by the Cleveland Leader as saying that for twenty years after her husband died his mother scarcely ever had the comforts, much less the luxuries of life. "And now," added the President, "it has been my study to promote her happiness and comfort in every way possible in order to make up for the privation she suffered during my boyhood. She has the best room in my house, and there is nothing she wants but what she always has. Whenever I go to Mentor she always accompanies me; when I return to Washington she always comes back with me. Whenever she wishes to go to New Hampshire to visit her relatives she goes, and I always go with her. In that manner I am trying to make up to her what she was deprived of during the days of her sore poverty.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for May contains a striking article by the Hon. D. Dudley Field, on "Centralization in the Federal Government." That our polity is rapidly advancing in the direction of centralization is demonstrated by the author. Mr. Field's paper will command his respectful attention, and it will be read with interest and profit. The second article is upon the new revision of the Bible, by the Rev. Dr. Schaff, of the American Committee of Revision. Mr. Justice Strong writes of "The Needs of the Supreme Court," and advocates the establishment of a court of appeals, intermediate between the U. S. Supreme Court and the circuit courts. The Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon, the first advisor of the President of the Mormon Church and delegate to Congress, makes a vigorous defence of "Utah and its People." The question "Shall Americans build Ships?" is considered by John Roach, the ship-builder, who brings forward a large number of facts to prove that the people of the United States must build ships if they would hold a place among maritime nations. The other articles are "The Life-Saving Service," by S. S. Cox; "The Ruins of Central America," by M. Charney; and finally, an attack on evolution philosophy, written in a vein of the finest irony, and entitled, "What Morality have we Left?"

1 THE REVISED NEW TESTAMENT, OFFICIAL EDITION.—The University Presses of England, the official printers of the Revised New Testament, have consented to issue for the American market very low priced editions. Each copy will bear the certificate of the revisers as a guarantee of its correctness. The cheapest edition will be in Nonpareil type, 32mo, and will be sold at 15 cents paper bound, and 20 cents cloth bound. The next cheapest edition will be in Brevier type, and will be sold at 50 cents, cloth bound. The books will be beautifully printed as are all the Bibles of the University Presses. May 17th has been fixed as the day of issue in both countries. These cheap editions will be sold by I. K. Funk & Co., New York.

2. THE COMPANION TO THE REVISED NEW TESTAMENT—explaining the reasons for the changes made on the Authorized Version, by Alex. Roberts, D. D., member of the English Revision Committee—will be issued in cheap form through an arrangement with the English publishers, by I. K. Funk & Co., New York. The American edition will have, bound in the same volume, a second book now preparing by a member of the American Committee of Revision, who has been connected with the work from the beginning, and who is acquainted with all the facts. This second book will be an explanation of the Appendix to the Revised New Testament. It may not be generally known that, by an arrangement between the two Committees of Revision, the changes suggested by the American Committee, but which were not finally adopted by the English Committee, are to be published as an appendix to the Revised New Testament. The Companion volume will be then an explanation of all the changes thought advisable by either committee. This book will be indispensable to a right understanding of the revision. To correct any misapprehension, it is well to add that by far the greater part of the changes suggested by the American Committee were adopted by the English Committee. This cheap edition of the combined books, although authorized and copyrighted, will be sold for 25 cents. Those desiring it on the day of issue are requested to forward their orders at once to the publishers.

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