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FIRST IN DARKEST AFRICA. Mungo Park's Daring Plunge Into the

Heart of the Continent. Mungo Park started out on his African expedition-the first serious attempt that was ever made to explore the "dark continent"-on Oct. 24, 1795. The lion hearted Scotchman, with two negro servants, set out from Gambla, on the west coast, and plunged fearlessly into the task which before him no white man had ever attempted. It took a real man to plunge into the the monstrous and the terrible. Huge serpents, roaring llons, great black these things? And so Africa remained 'dark" until yesterday, as it were, while civilization was maturing in Hes and empires were rising and falling; while the modern nations were coming into being; while crusaders

were fighting and troubadours singing; while Columbus was discovering the new world and Washington was founding the United States of America. But at last the man and the hour met, and the son of the Selkirkshire farmer took his brave leap into the mystery. In the mystery he remained a year and a half, when he reappeared, returned to England and wrote "Travels In the Interior of Africa," a book which is still one of the most interesting in the libraries of the world.

In the year 1805 Mungo Park started on his second trip to the dark continent. a trip from which he was never to return. Resolved, with true Scotch er or perish in an attempt," Park pushed on through the pathless forests 10 north latitude, where in attempting to make his escape from the natives, who were about to kill him, he was should be accepted as his most fitting sophic of modern Indian languages. monument.-Rev. T. B. Gregory in New York American.

NAMES FROM THE BIBLE. Ones From the Old Testament

That Pleased the Puritans. A certain set of Christian names taken from the Bible have been in use

so long that we do not think of them heavy. as Bible names, Among them are Adam, Moses, Samuel, David, Daniel, Solomon, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Others taken from the saints, like Peter, Paul, John, Stephen and Matthew, originally given to children because they were born on the saint's day, are still so common that we think of them as English names. These names antedate the use of sur-

names, as may be inferred from the fact that nearly all of them have given rise to patronymics, like Jacobson Peterson and Stevenson. In the twelfth century missionaries sent out by the

uthorities used to baptize whole villages at once and to save time invested all the men with the name of John or e other saint and the women usually Mary or Martha. To distinguish the Johns some additional name like Short or Strong or White or Black was given him by the neighbors, and so Christian names and surnames were united.

After the reformation it became the hildren the names of characters like the Old Testament, and odd ones like Melchisedec or Barzillai were preferred. Among these were Abel, Levi,

Seville's Tower of Giralda. From its great antiquity alone if om nothing else it is plain that the

Giralda at Seville could not have been idled from the tower of the Madison Square Garden in New York, which American will recall when he sees the If the case must be reversed and must allow that the Madison Square tower was studied from the Giralda, we must still recognize that it is no servile copy, but in its frank imitation has a grace and beauty which achieve originality. Still, the Giralda is always the Giralda, and, unknown interior, filled with tales of though there had been no Saint Gaudens to tip its summit with such a flying footed nymph as poises on ou cannibals, scorching heat, deadly fe-tower, the figure of Faith which vers-who would dare to challenge crowns it is at least a good weather vane and from its office of turning gives mitted to cook her meals at the inns the mighty bell tower its name. Long while Moses was battling with his problem in the Arabian wilderness; fry it served the mosque, which the cathedral now replaces, as a minaret Egypt and Greece; while Roman repub- for the muezzin to call the faithful to prayer, but it was then only two-thirds as high.-Harper's Magazine.

Cultured Hindus.

In Bengal there are about 70,000,of people, and they boast of 000 perhaps the best culture in India at the present time. The language as a written language is only fifty years old. Though for over a thousand years it has been a dialect, there is in Indian history unfortunately no trace of Bengall having been an important literary tongue. The language orig-inates from Sanskrit, the mother tongue from which every other Indian language has borrowed its alphabet, grammar and vocabulary; but, unlike the others, Bengali never shrinks grit, to "discover the mouth of the NI- from gathering new materials. There are numerous Persian, French, Arabic and English words incorporated in until he reached a point between 9 and it, and the wonder of it is that, instead of having been degraded into some vulgar form like pidgin English. Rengali has become the most literary, drowned in the mighty stream, which stientific and perhaps the most philo

Shrewd Sexton.

Among the tourists who travel through France a considerable number visit the cathedral at Rheims, a magnificent example of gothic architecture. In the tower there is an enormous

clock, and it is the sexton's business to wind it every day, a very tiring job. as the weights are naturally extremely

The sexton, however, is a very shrewd fellow. Whenever he shows the trippers this wonderful piece of mechanism he remarks, "Ladies and gentlemen, if you do not believe me regarding the heaviness of the clock weights try for yourselves." Each of the trippers immediately give a turn or two to the wheel, and as there are some 200 visitors a day the trippers unconsciously and eagerly wind the clock for him and in addition

give him an extra tip for being allowed to do his work .- London Onlooker. Emily Bronte's Looks. A discussion as to the personal appearance of Emily Bronte reveals the

remarkable fact that no one knows anything about it since there is no authentic portrait in existence. When Charlotte Bronte first saw George Henry Lewes she said that he was wonderfully like her sister Emily, but this is unfortunate for Emily since fashion among the Puritans to give Lewes was very much like a baboon. Possibly the comparison was due to a sisterly candor that so seldom errs on the side of mercy. Thanks to photography, the historian of the future will Jesse, Amos, Asa, Isaiah, Ephraim. Gideon, Malachi, Job, Abner, Hosea, of celebrities of the present generation. Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Asher, but he is likely to have his own opin-

"Suburb."

SHE HAD A NIMBLE TONGUE. FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The Old Duchess Could and Did Swea Like a Trooper.

The old Duchess of St. Albans, who had been the widow of Mr. Coutts, the banker, when the duke, much her junstates in the Hall of Fame. for in age, married her, was one of the habitual visitors at Talmouth. My first view of her, however, was at the Crieff hotel, on her way through to Kenmore, when the duchess and her retinue arrived in eight carriages; for though by birth of no family, she had a most exalted idea of her own importance and cover, and shield itself from the when paying a series of short visits to prosecution instituted by the Attercountry houses was so convinced of the savage condition of the highlands that she traveled always with her own The action of this telephone mochef and patissier, who alone were per- nopoly is viewed in Washington as

she stopped at on the road. I shall not easily forget the sight of ownership, but it is safe to say that the disgorging of the duchess' own the sentiment that has been created charlot when it pulled up at the inn door! First emerged her grace herself, an enormously fat woman; then fol- puble officials has been advanced lowed her three nieces, daughters of by the retreat of the wire people. Sir Francis Burdett, whereof the GOVERNMENT SEIZES SHIPMENTS

youngest and best looking became inheritress of her wealth, and Baroness Burdett-Coutts. These young ladies, evidently in mor- enforce the food and drugs act, re-

tal terror of their awful relative-not in single file, dutifully carrying each from Baltimore to Galveston, Texsome article necessary to her grace's as, have been destroyed. It is omfort - reticule, cushion, wraps, charged that it is a common thing books, footstool and bag of tollet requisites, the duchess' favorite lap dog and among shippers to can filthy, deher pet parrot in a cage. After them composed, and putrid vegetable came her grace's private physician, who traveled always in the same carmatter.

riage as herself, so as to be on the spot, while the duke preferred the coach box to the company inside-and no wonder! All the time the duchess' tongue was it appears that this feature of huheard going-scolding, complaining, abusing everybody, from her husband man nature has been asserting itdownward, in unmeasured terms. The self at West Point, resulting in a unfortunate nieces came in for no small share of her harangue and earned painfully any share of her fortune she may of Oregon, asking for an investigahave left them in her will, for she swore like a trooper or a Billingsgate IS POLYGAMY SPREADING? fishwife the whole time.-Lady Login

in Cornhill Magazine. It appears that there is a suspicion in New England that polyga-CHEMICAL EXACTNESS. my exists even outside of Utah. and Senator Weeks of Massachu-Bunsen's Feat After His Goblet of

setts has introduced a resolution in Solution Had Been Upset. The remarkable skill in dealing with the Senate asking for an investigathe material of their experiments that some chemists have is well illustrated tion.

by the following story told of the great From off the Map German chemist Professor Robert Bun

Professor Bunsen evaporated fifty (Gold Hill News) hogsheads of water from the Durk-The Man Without a Country had heim spring and carefully isolated from the residue a small quantity of nothing-in the vulgar vernacularthe salts of two very rare elements, on John D. Rockerfeller. The powcaesium and rubidium. He dissolved these salts in a small beaker of water erful oil magnate is in his country and set them aside on his laboratory but not of it. The hamlet of Rockerfeller, Illinois, irking under an One day a friend came to see Professor Bunsen. Unnoticed by the chemist appelation that is considered dis-

his visitor in leaning against the laboratory table tipped over the beaker and spilled its contents on the floor and on his clothing. The solution looked like permission to change its address to plain water, so the man thought noth- one less conspicuous and abborred. ing of the accident and a few minutes Colleges and institutes may bear later took his departure.

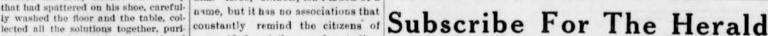
the Rockerfeller name, memorial Shortly after the gentleman had gone Bunsen noticed that the contents of windows may make gay twilight in the beaker had been spilled. Instantly his honor-for the Rockerfeller he ran out to the street, overtook his friend and brought him back to the gusher is bounteous and greases aboratory. even the portals of the church-but

With water Bunsen carefully extract- the respect and affections of his ed the salts from the sleeve of the gentleman's coat and his underclothing, countrymen are forever closed to washed his arm, cleaned off a drop him. Area, Illinois, isn't much of a that had spattered on his shoe, careful- name, but it has no associations that

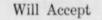




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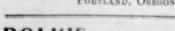






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hundreds of others .- Hartfor ion as to those worth knowing about.-Argonaut.

The English Penny.

The English penny has had a good ong inning. For over six centuries it was practically the only English coin. for while the florin did not appear until 1343, the penny was introduced by Offa, king of Mercia, who took as a model a coin struck by the father of Charlemagne. This penny of Offa's was a silver

coin, and it was followed in 1357 by one of gold, and it was not until the time of George III. that copper pence were struck, the present bronze not coming until Victoria had been over twenty years on the throne.-London Chronicle.

Old Time Rowing Costumes. English rowing men a century ago wore costumes far different from what they wear now. In 1805 it was the correct thing for them to wear a green urse. "Well, you should have sent a sub leather catskin cap with a jacket and trousers of nankeen. In the first uni-versity race at Henley in 1820 Oxford stitute. Ask the nurse if she plays."-Kansas City Journal. on wearing blue checks, while Cam

bridge was in white, with pink waistoats. Broad brimmed heavy straw hats came in a little later.

Curiosity. Maud-Why didn't you protect yourself when Jack kissed you? Betty-

Why, at first I was simply speechless, and then I thought I would fust see how many times the impudent fellow would dare to do it.-Boston Transcript.

Maybe. D. A. R.-I have the drum that my

great-great-grandfather carried all whom all hope is but memory. through the Revolution. The Flippant One-And when he saw the enemy did he beat it?-Puck.

Both Affected.

-Boston Transcript.

Work will hide from most of us muca edless worry.



salts! So perfect was his skill that he greed. that he had recovered the valuable When did the word "suburb" first had not lost a weighable amount .find its way into the language? It is

table

Youth's Companion. used in a recently discovered four teenth ordinance of the city guild of Chinese Idols. carpenters providing that the mem-The Chinese, according to a missionbers should attend the funeral of any ary, are the most exacting of worship- able bequests. one of the fraternity resident within ers. When they pray to their idols

the city "or in the subburbs." The they ask for definite material blessings natural inference is that even then it and they expect results. The life of an was part of the everyday talk of the idol in China is precarious. Gifts will citizens .- Pall Mall Gazette.

Good Substitute. "Why have you not come to my

bridge party as you promised?" telephoned the irate hostess. "You are breaking up one table." 'I am sick." was the reply. "That's an old excuse." "Really, I'm sick. I have a trained

An Inducement.

get me a nice clock for my room. Hub

-But I am really very short and can't

Hope.

An Alarming Tale.

Mr. Staylate-The other night I heard

story that gave me such a start.

Miss Muchbored-I wish I knew it .-

The Attraction.

Ella-Did the bride smile as she

Woman's Home Companion.

Wife-1 wish, Harry, dear, you'd

cient symbol.

"Well, that'll be a change, anyway," to spare."

whippings I ever got from you were bad."-Chicago News.

Nothing but Fun.

afford- Wife (interrupting) - If you will I'll set it back two hours the evening you go to the club.-Boston "How's your wife these days?" "Well, she has found a soap that that makes sewing delightful and a Several of our business houses ormakes washing a pleasure, a machine "There is no sweeter suffering than contraption that makes sweeping a dered Xmas goods from Portland dream of bliss. She ought to find life weeks ago and owing to the delay hope." So runs an old German provone continuous round of joy."-Louiserb, melancholy text for hearts that bitter disappointment has cured and to ville Courier-Journal.

Pa Knew. "Pa, what's an agnostic?" word. Now run along and let me read." -Boston Transcript.

Taot. Tact is when you cover your mouth with your hand and make the other party believe that the yawn was a smile .- Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Narrow Escape. National was a mighty close call for

"How was that?" "Why, a friend had advised me to put my money in it and"-"And you took his advice?"

"No, but I would if I'd had any money."-Philadelphia Ledger.

fied them and on evaporation found personified privilege and grinding

Lonely John Rockerfeller-with his chaplain, his caddie, and his paid sycophants, alone to do him honor and estimate their prob-

Ingenuity at Allegany

The Pacific Homestead has a be heaped before it only as long as it seems to be bringing about the wishes picture showing a view of an autoof its followers. If the shrine falls upon evil times and disappoints its moble and a silo, and under it apworshipers their homage soon fades. pears this legend: "Modern way sentful people of the countryside will of filling a silo on the farm of W. come in a body and smash the inem. A. Gage, near Allegany, Coos county, Oregon. The automobile furnishes the power for operating "Tommy," said an irate mother to the ensilage cutter; a 14-inch pulley

her incorrigible offspring, "if you was put on one of the rear wheel don't behave I'll give you a good axles. Power was plenty and some

Another Lesson

(Baudon Surf) There is no use in trying to be patriotic by patronizing Portland,

occasioned by reason of the Tillamook being barbound in some Godforsaken imitation port along the "It's one of those poems where the first letters of the lines spell out a able goods is nix. Portland mercoast, their holiday trade in seasonchants handle but very little of our products, but have in the past sold largely to us. They have insisted upon our buying in that market but they have provided no satisfactory means of delivering the goods. As there are no less than four reliable frieght boats plying be-"I tell you, the closing of the Steenth tween this port and San Francisco, and as San Francisco takes all our surplus products, why do not our merchants practice reciprocity by transferring their trade to that city and be done, once for all, with the

disapointments incident to shipping

via the jerkwater route.

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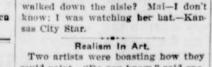
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Realism In Art. Two artists were boasting how they could paint. "Do you know," said one, "I painted a sixpence on the ground one day, and a beggar nearly broke his | me."

fingers trying to pick it up!" "That's nothing to what I did," said the other. "I painted a leg of mutton on a stone, and it was so realistic that a dog ate

half the stone before he found out his



Transcript.