EAST INDIAN IDOLS.

Same That Are Quarded and Saluted by British Troops. In India a British guard of honor

In these a british grant of house essents arms to a stone tiger every y. The tiger is regarded by the na-ves as a god who drives away all inger and calamity, and once some bidlors, in a spirit of minchlef, overthe image from its resting place at it rolling into the valley be-

hed and scandailsed were the that a revolt seemed imm rmere quieted the out and Lord Cot raged natives by restoring the image to its pedestal and ordering the regi-ment to salute it in full view of all. that time a British troop has watch over the tiger idol day by

er Indian idel which is watched over by the British is the nod whose name is Kink Kink, equivalent to "Lord of Lords," which is supposed to be asleep for 6,000 years and whose awakening will be the end of all

ce the natives of the city Pegu, in Burma, are terribly afraid that some one will arouse the god, so the British government, to avert fran-ble, stationed a sentry there to prevent

Once a year a strange custom is which, according to tradition, Ma-homet once sat and which is the most famous sacred relie of Islam, is corried through the streets, and the kne-dive and his troops all receive it in re-view order and salute it as they pass.

The relic is guarded most carefully at ordinary times, and the officer in charge of it each morning must sa-ints it with his sword raised, while the bugier blows three blasts before it.

SENTRIES FOR CHURCHES.

A Custom Forced by Native Feuds in the Malanesian Islands. In the Melanesian Islands the natives carry on feuds with a more releatless hatred even than the vendettistes of Corsica. In these Islands Christianity has been made, at least in outward aspect, the religion of the people. That it really does mean something to the Melanesian is estimated by the

to the Melanesian is evidenced by the reply I received from an intelligent old chief when I asked him why he did not "Tm to be," he said, "when I kill the

levil who kill my boy five years ago.

So relentlessly are these feuds can ded on that it is the custom for a na live of wealth with a grievance agains nother, but who finds it impossible on nexpedient to kill bis enemy and se cure his head himself, to hire a profes-sional murderer and pay him upon the delivery of the head.

Often in the years that are just gone inate killing went on with meh savage persistence that even dur-ing church service "pot shots" were aken at market worshipers through the doors and windows.

The situation became so acute in or The situat the government was peti-tioned, and the response was the loss to the missionary of a rife. The missionary took the hint and armed one of his natives who stood guard outside the church during serv-

And so it became the fashion on many of the islands to add a sentry to the church rolls.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

How a Coal Fire Protects Itself. A curious way in which a fire in the beart of a coal pile keeps itself from being put out is noted in a minim journal. Such fires often start in the interior of large piles of coal owing to hast developed by slow oxidation, which is prevented by the size of the pile from excaping into the air. Such SHRAPNEL SHELLS.

Whish Was about ten years old the list afora for the construction of the mapension bridge at Ningara were tak-m. The next thing necessary was the

ng of a single wire across the The engineer in charge had

his kits across the Niagara river.

er attached a wire to the string on

few it across and allowed

sound, skimming the earth like a swal-low before the sform, very softly (pla-

almos it murmum and pures and

ows in its course poisoned arrows. It on sometasly's mouth, and softly,

hue and cry, a public crescendo, a uni versal chorns of bates and proscrip tion. Who indeed could stop it?-Heau

UNDERSEA CRAFT.

The Strength and the Weakness of th Modern Submarine. The chief advantages claimed for th

submarine include comparative invis-libility when submerged, coupled with immunity from guntire while in that

Variaus Types in Use and the Mass of Bullets They Carry. Most nations are agreed that the three meh shrapnel is the most effec-tive for kulling men in modern war-fare. The three inch type, which is almost anticersally used, contains from 210 to 500 hait meh lead bullets. thought of a way to get it across, "What boy is the best kiteflier i town?" he asked. bunched together in the front part of the shell. A time fuse, which is made with the accuracy of a watch, is grad-nated in seconds and is set to explode at a given fiftge as determined by the The Walah boy was named as the best kitefiler in the town of Ningara Falls, and the engineer accordingly asked that he be brought to him. He

vas made to understand that he must The colority of the shell may be esthered from the fact that it travels t talke in four seconds and within a parter of a minute is four miles from ome down on the other side. Men were there to selze it. Then the enthe mouth of the gun. At any time during this rapid fight the shell can saide, and the men on the other side tached the kite and by means of the be made to explode with marvelous precision and deadly effectiveness, string drew the wire across. By this in turn, a cable was drawn across, and the bridge was well begun.-Harper's. driving its builets in a cone shaped

DOTTO: A remarkable fact regarding the Siander, sir! You do not know what shells is that the velocity of the bul tets when the shell explodes exceed on are disdaining. I have seen the nost respectable persons almost over-vhelmed by it. * * * At first a light the velocity of the shell at the

of the explosion by from 250 to 800 feet per second, the bullets of a burnt-ing shell covering a none about thirty yards wide and 250 yards long.

Shrapnel abells used by different covernments at the present time all operate on the same principle, but dif-fer somewhat as to size and the ar-rangements of the fuse.—Pearson's Working is an sometaaly's mouth, and suffly, softly (plane, plane) it glides slyly into your ear. The evil is done. It is born, it creeps, it walks, and with growing power (rinformando) it goes from mouth to mouth diabolically. Then, all of a sudden -1 can't tell you how-you see Shander straighten up, blas, swell and grow tall before your very systs. It springs, stretches its wings, which, on-velops, seizes, carries off: it flashes itghtning; it thunders and becomes a hue and cry. a public cressendo, a int Weekly.

NAVAL SIGNALING.

It Began in Ancient Days by Raising and Lowering Sails. The origin of the idea of using flags by day and innterns by night for sig-maling in the navy came into being as far back as the middle ages. In those ancient days some one thought out a method of raising and lowering sails, the number of times they were raised or lowered indicating the better that was to be sent. That

he letter that was to be sent. That soved very wenrisons work and was uperseded in the seventsenth century by the use of balls and cones holisted various positions on the masts and ours. At night different colored ianerns were used.

condition. It carries a weapon against which no adequate protection has been found. It presents a small and difficult target when itself assailed by torpedo attack. Other elements in its fayor are low cost, handiness, new orthiness in weather comparative imminity terns were used. In the following century twelve flags were used, either singly or in combina-tion, and these flags supplied all the signaling that was necessary in fight-ing, as "Make all sall," "Engage the enemy," "Chase the speny" or "Anrough weather, comparative immun from floating mines as well as the

When the battle of Trafalgar was fought the signals were sout by light, guns and flares and flags, and it was not till after that battle that the sys ten, invented by Sir Home Popham, was used and on which are based the present day methods of signaling. The system of signaling from ship to The system of signaling from sup to ship by semaphore was due to a Frenchman named Chappe in 1796 and adopted in the British navy a few years inter.—London Telegraph.

The Scorpion's Wonderful Ear. I have studied the habits of the sco

pion for many years and have often noticed how very sensitive scorpions are to the most delicate sound, musical or otherwise. Under the thoras the than 1,000 feet air craft can usually sep submarines operating near the surface. -World's Work. or otherwise. Under the thoras the scorpion has two combilies appendages, which are the antennae (pectinatae) it is pretty well settled by physiolo-gists and entomologists that in insects the antennae represent the organs of hearing. These deficits structures are easily affected by the vibrations of sound, and there can be no doubt what-even that they are also affected by SERPENT OF LERNAEA.

sound, and there can be no doubt what ever that they are also affected by sounds guite inaudible to the human ear. The slightest vibration of the at-mosphere from any cause whatever at once puts in motion the delicate struc-tures which compose the antennae, to tures which compose the antennae, to which organs insects owe the power of to the legend, if one was cut off an other immediately grew in 4ts place.

OLD TIME BATTLES.

They Were More Shirmlahas When Compared With Modern War. In the light of modern warfare the

Baths In Finland.

The Cocos Plantation

One of the greatest trials a visitor it

One of the greatest trials a visiter in t'inhaud has to endure is a Flintish bath. The method of procedure is unique. Divested of outer clothing and attired in a light and airy cotton gumment, you are slung in a sort of hammock composed of cord above a targe receptuele like the bolters in pub-lic handries. This is almost filled with cold water, into which at the right moment is flung a large reduct d time battles shrink to the propos-ons of ordinary street brawls. The pooling armies were usually arrayed in lines within hearing of one another.

Frequently the actual combint was pre-lided by an exchange of opprobrious profaulty in order to got up the proper sentiment of "holy wrath," which was considered an indispensable element to right moment is flung a large redhot brick or piece of iron, which, of course, causes an overwhelming rush of steam to ascend and almost choke you. The soldier's efficiency

der the Great conquered the Alexand tent with only 35,000 men. On a still smaller scale the great battles of is-rael appear to have been conducted, as told in the Bible accounts. For in-stance, in the fight against Gideon the Israelites are said to have suffered se han hefore your novel experience. losses-to wit, thirty men.

The Egyption army which invaded Palestine and subjugated the whole country counted harely 5,000 soldiers. Saul confronted his Palestine adversa-ries with an "army" of 600, which in

from the sun, which if very strong is fatal to them. To secure this protec-tion the planters shield them by ba-nana trees and plantain trees, the broad leaves of which give them the the course of time was increased to 1,000 after the "militarists" of those days had persuaded the authorities to provide a reserve force, a sort of "land-sturm," of 400 warriors brave and bold. King David's military establishment needed shade. And even when they are fully grown they need protection, which is given by trees known as "Im-mortels," or, as the planters call them, "the mother of the cocos." Thus the whole cocos plantation has a sort of did not exceed his predecessor's in According to the first book of Kings, however, King Ahab must have been pretty much of a war lord, judging by the standard of olden times. anopr. in his army were 7,000 soldiers and a The Member For Calais. There was a time when Calais was represented in the English parliament. It was in the reign of Henry VIII, that Calais was granted the right to send its representative to Westmister, and the names of some of its members natabulary force of 230 men.-Argo

EASY COFFEE GROWING.

naut,

The Plant Flourishes With Little Ne Attention In Haiti. Coffee, the great staple product of Haiti, the West Indian Island, grows

have been preserved. Its last sitting member, for instance, was one Ed-mund Peyton, siderman of Catals,-London Standard. with little attention. It supplies the bulk of the revenues of the govern-

bulk of the revenues of the govern-ment, together with the meager de-mands of the simple pensantry of the mountains and valleys whose business it is, especially the women and chi-dren, to gather it and bring it to the seaport towns on their heads and on the backs of donkeys and horses. This plant is seen on hearly all the opiands and mountain sides of the coun-try, and as the product is easily port-able it is brought to market from far have three marriageable day your hands?"

ble it is brought to market from far and near in all conceivable quantities, rom one or two pounds up to 200

from one or two pounds up to 200 pounds, accordingly as it is carried on the head of a child, the back of a borse or in sacks in or curts. Notwithstanding that the coffee plant is scarcely cultivated at all it goes on reproducing itself from fallen berries so successfully that the crop only vaies from your to year through extrancous influences like a variation in the rainfall-the lack of or too abunant rain hear or during the flowering eason.-London Telegraph.

The parrow approaches in the har or of New York have made the fortill cation of it a simpler matter than usual. On Bandy Hook is Fort Han-Adding cock, with an artillery garrison; on the Narrows, Fort Wallyworth, artiltery garrison; on the Staten Island side Fort Tompkins; across the Narrows, Fort Hamilton. The older Fort Lafayette, between Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth, is now used as a store-house. On Governors island are Fort Jey, infaniry, important barracks and the New York arseal of the ordnance department. Castle Williams is now a military prison. Fort Totten, artillery post, is on Willet's Point, and directly ross from this battery is Fort Schuy ler. On Randy Hook is the proving ground of the ordnance department. A signal corps is stationed at Port Wood, Bedloe's island.-New York

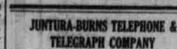
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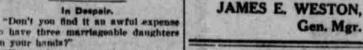
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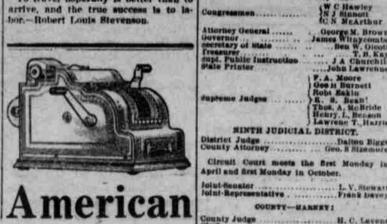
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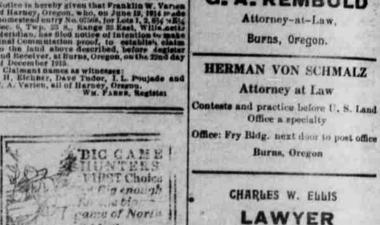
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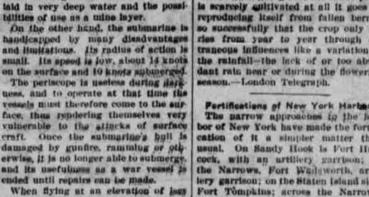
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fires are difficult to put out owing to the fact that the burning mass turns the spproach of one another.-London the coal around it into coke, which is nearly impervious to water. The plie may thus be thoroughly drenched with-out putting out the fire, which it never really reaches. The only way to deal with the situation is to drive into the pile a sharpened iron pipe long enough to reach the burning coal and then to couple a hose to the upper end and turn on the water.

A Dreadful Mistake.

Glympe (in railway carriage)—This is a spiendid book, a masterplece. 1 ad you to buy it. Gumph-I wonder how it is selling. Glympe-It is selling in thousands. Cun't pub It is solling in thousands. Can't pub-lish it fast enough. I'm the publisher, so I ought to know. Gumph-I'm so glad to hear you say that, because I am the author. Glyhape (suddenly col-lapses)-Well-er-er-that is, it may sell fast. But there are very serious risks." (Swoons away.)-London Mail.

She Valued Her Head. Henry VIII. after the death of Jane Seymour had some difficulty in getting another wife. His first offer was to the dowager Duchess of Milan, but her answer is said to have been: "I have only one head. If I had two one should certainly be at his service."

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"Your friend had guite an acrobatic "How's that?" "Went up over a lot of other peo ple's beads."-Baltimore American.

Still on High.

The moon boasted, "And yet when I left the earth all the wiseacres said I would come down like a stick," she cried.-New York

Josh Billings used to say that when a man begins going downhill all ex-ation seems greased for the occasion.

The Red Squirrel. When the red squirrel begins tap-ping maple trees for the sap the ani-mal makes an incluion in the bark and walts until the sap has trickled a short distance down the trunk of the tree. He then begins at the bottom of the atream and licks up until he has reached the source of the flow, when he again waits and repeats the perform-ance until satisfied.

Difficult Dentistry. Puiling a lion's tooth is not easy. Ordinarily the beast is tied to the floor of his cage. Then a board is removed from directly under his head. Through this the doctor reaches up with huge forceps and performs the operation New York Telegram.

Right to the Point. Magician-I can read minds. Engi-neer-Yuh ken? Ken juh read mine? Magician-Certainiy. Engineer-Why don't yuh hit me, then?-New York

A tie always has a certain amount weight with those who wish to bea it_Rice.

Spectator.

Dutch Barges in the Thamps. For more than two centuries there have always been some big, broad sterned Dutch boats lying in the sterned Dutch boats lying in the Thames river, with haggy troumered Dutchmen smoking on board, quite calmiy, it is the reminiscence of a Dutch conquest. Those boats have moored there, with their esis for Lon-don ever since William III, gave than the right of traffic. And if there wasn't a Dutch boat for a single sec-ond just below London bridge the an-cient rights would be lost. But you will always find the calm Dutchman smoking on bis "pitch."-Westminster. Gazette. each.

Dr. Van Oyane recently went much further in the case of a marine plana-rian, actually developing six heads upon the creature, each with its own yes and apparently normal in its functions.-Exchange.

Held Responsible. "That dog of yours seems to have bu-

Gazette.

Spanish Court Customs. There is no court in Europe more tenscious of its etiquette-which was man intelligence." "He ain't that lucky," answered the ugurated several hundreds of years proprietor of the dog. "If he was to lose his temper an' turn hisself loose to hurt somebody he wouldn't have a chance in the world of pleading insani-ty."-Washington Star. igo-than that of Spain. It is said that King Ferdinand VII, once made a mininter resign because he had accidentally fouched his hand. One of the quaint-est ceremonies is the closing of the

royal palace gates at Madrid every night Electric light has been in use in the palace for quite a long while, Cynical. The Maid-I found a four leaved clover this morning. There is an old saying that the finder will be married within a year. The Bachelor-Indeed! I was under the impression that the finding of a four leaved clover was an but nevertheless every evening at 11 o'clock the officiating gentleman in walting appears, accompanied by sev-eral servants, who carry apcient ian-terns, to demand a bugs key from a higher official to lock the doors of the omen of good luck.-Indianapolis Star higher official to fock the more arusing palace. This is all the more arusing as the buge key does not fit the mod-ern keyholes. The key is then return-ed to a third official, and every night

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In the event of war we would be im-In the event of war we would be im-mune from invesion except from Cana-da. Invasion of any great nation, or at least continued armed occupation of the soil of any great hation which is separated by an ocean from its adver-eary. Is practically an impossibility. There might be some places where foes costid fand, but there would be so place where they could re-embark, for those who came would stay. A for-eign dag would naver float over any in-terior city.-Los Angeles Times. ued relative."

STARTING A BRIDGE.

The Boy Who Was a Good Kiteffier - Game in Hendy. Some years ago there died in Nabras-ka a man named Walsh, who as a boy

be averred that each be placed by two. The origin of this serpent, as well as

scientific Basis For the Myth of the

Many Headed Monster.

Will some one please give a hint in regard to the whereabouts and the weifare of the family? This honored its acts and its ting) destruction by Horzules, are entirely familia, of institution began to disappear a gen eration or so ago, just about the tim course, but some recent juggling in biological inboratories seems to show that the ancients may have got their that the dissipation of inconveniences attendant upon the rearing of children made families feasible. Ever since the conceptions of its form and being from passing away of one room log cabin what they had actually seep. Frafess-or T. H. Morgan, for instance, has call abject poverty, home grown wearin appared and common sense the family has been losing weight and numbers. Its recent complete withdrawal from society has caused grave concern among those who favor the further propagation of the species. If the famoff the anterior end of an carthworm and excised a place of the central nerve cord. This left the anterior perve ends, and a bend grew from

ly will kindly come back and re-ca tablish itself among the race of mer no questions will be asked and non anawgrod.-Judgo.

No Such Person. "The trouble with you," her husband and, "is that you make mountains out of molecule." of mo

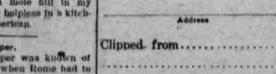
"I don't do anything of the kind, Listing Machine. she replied. "I want you to understand that my mother brought me up to be a lady, and I know nothing at all about housework. I never made a mountain out of a mole hill in my iffe. I am perfectly helpless in a kitch-en."-New York American.

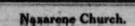
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A Follower. Caller-The minister's son is follow ing in the footseps of that spend thrift young Jinks. Miss Prim-Isn't that seendalous? Caller-Hardty as bad as that. You see, he's a tailor and is that. You see, he's a tailor and is every Sunday. just trying to collect his hill.-Ex-

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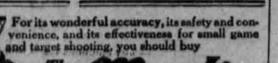
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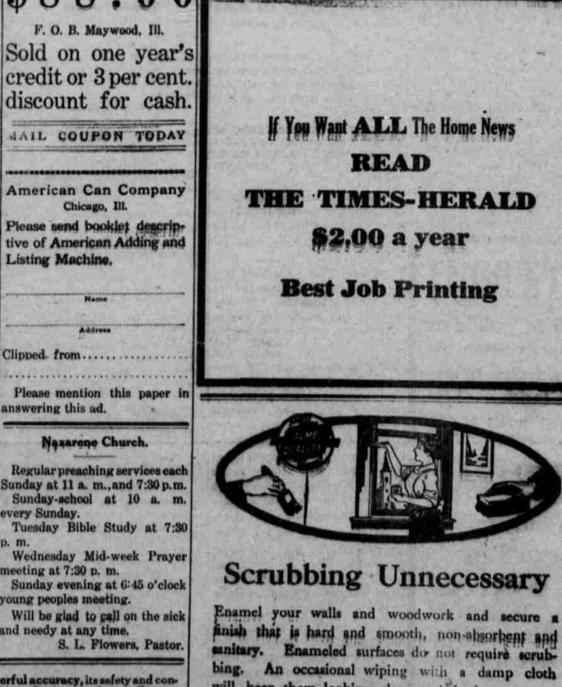


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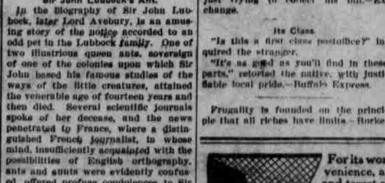
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Grim Niskname. It is sold that a former postmaster general of Guatemala was nicknamed "mata muertos." which is to say "knifer of dead persons." He is sup-posed to have stabbed the dead body of a murdered president as it isy in the street.--London Telegraph.

When a Chinaman Laughs. The Chinese laugh is not so express sive as the European; it is usually a titler rather than a genuine outburst of merriment.-London Telegraph.