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THURSDAY DECEMBER 28, 1905.

The Hindoo priests in India have remarkable memories, and it is said to be easy to find one who can repeat the 300,000 lines of the mahabharata without a mistake.

Bishop Mora, of Hidalgo, Mexico, recently celebrated mass 1,500 feet below the earth's surface, at the bottom of a silver mine which has been worked for centuries.

The Milan exposition of 1906 to celebrate the opening of the Simplon tunnel will be in reality a world's fair. The exhibition will be on grand scale and will last from April to November.

The tallest soldier in the German army, who was enlisted recently, is seven feet ten inches in height and his weight is 225 pounds. He adorns the ranks of the First Regiment of Foot Guards.

Several schools in Nevada have been compelled to close because the trustees have found it impossible to secure teachers. Almost as soon as they arrive and take charge the resign and marry.

Along the central part of the Congo river there are a number of salt marshes. The Africans dig shallow holes in these, whence issue streams of hot water which, on being evaporated, leaves a residue of salt.

The Boer families coming into this country from Mexico will fall into American ways much quicker than the immigrants of some other nationalities. Moreover, they will stay here and add to the national wealth and stability instead of going home when they have amassed enough to live in idleness.

New York experts, after testing the so-called wines, whiskies and brandies sold in that city, declare that 75 per cent of them are fraudulent adulterations. The alleged wines have never touched a grape and the whiskies know nothing of the corn and rye from which they are supposed to be produced. The ingredients in these vile concoctions are mostly harmful and many of them absolutely poisonous.

A cow has been made to give enough milk to make 1,000 pounds of

butter in a year, and a hen has been made to lay 250 eggs in one. These records mark the limit of productiveness. Under natural conditions the cow would give just enough milk to raise her calf, while the hen would lay but one setting of eggs. The difference marks what man has been able to do with the cow and the hen.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Arrangements have been made with the State Association to publish their communications on this subject.—Ed.

In Mark Twain's "Following the Equator" is a couple of pages devoted to woman suffrage in New Zealand in which he gives the official figures showing that women vote in that country in as great a proportion as do the men. In the official report he also found this statement: "A feature of the election was the orderliness and sobriety of the people. Women were in no way molested." In commenting upon this he says:—

"At home a standing argument against woman suffrage has always been that woman could not go to the polls without being insulted. The prophets have been prophesying ever since the woman's rights movement began in 1848 and in 47 years they never scored a hit.

"Men ought to begin to feel a sort of respect for their mothers and wives and sisters by this time. The women deserve a chance of attitude like that, for they wrought well. In forty-seven years they have swept an imposingly large number of unfair from the statute books of America. In that brief time these serfs have set themselves free—essentially. Men could not have done so much for themselves in that time without bloodshed—at least they never have. The women have accomplished a peaceful revolution and a very beneficent one; and yet that has not convinced the average man that they are intelligent and have courage and energy and perseverance and fortitude. It takes much to convince the average man anything; and perhaps nothing can ever make him realize that he is the average woman's interior—yet in several important details the evidences seem to show that that is what he is. Man has ruled the human race from the beginning—but he should remember that up to the middle of the present century it was a dull world, and ignorant and stupid. This is woman's opportunity—she has none before. I wonder where man will be in another forty-seven years?"

SOUTH SPRING

S. J. Ritchie is digging a well on his ranch. If all the farmers would do likewise they would save time and money

Nat Gray has some seeding yet to do.

C. E. Musgrave made a flying visit to Echo the other day. He says that Echo is growing very fast, good water works, no lights, no newspaper as yet, but they told him they were looking for an \$8000 plant on every train.

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