

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The balloon for the Paris exhibition of 1889 will carry up one hundred persons.

The Town Council of Bayreuth has voted eight thousand marks for a Liszt monument.

Among the treasures left by the late Prince and Duke of Wagram, are the bed on which Bonaparte died, and the swords of Zenghis Khan and Tamerlane.

The Turkish Government has given permission for the publication of the Zoraitza, the Christian newspaper of Constantinople whose suppression has attracted attention.

Artesian wells have been sunk in Algeria with such success that large tracts of waste land have been reclaimed with the water thus provided.

The late deceased Lama of the Calmuck people has been cremated. He was the last of his line, as the Russian Government has decided to suppress this priestly office.

According to a recent cablegram the Mikado and leading statesmen of Japan favor the adoption of the English language in transacting the official business of the country.

The two copies of the Bible used at Queen Victoria's coronation are still in existence. One is an heirloom in the family of the late Dr. Sumner, Bishop of Winchester, and the other is preserved in the Cathedral at Norwich.

An interesting race was recently run at Cairo, Egypt. An English pony (mare), from Malta, was matched for a mile and a half against a full-blooded Arab male pony, the former conceding fourteen pounds in weight.

The population of the island of Cyprus, now under British control, is almost entirely rural, there being no large towns; yet the number of offenses in proportion to the population is three times as great as in England, and the number of homicides ten times as large.

There has been found at Solothurn, Switzerland, the center of a large watch manufacturing district, the nest of a wasp, built wholly of long spiral steel shavings, without the least part of vegetable or animal fibre used in its construction.

A Russian journal has just published an article on the Donetz coal field. It is stated that the coal formations of the Don Cossacks district occupy a large area in the provinces of Tcherkassy, Donetz and Mionussy.

Fashions repeat themselves, and we may see our beaux of the present day dressed for a dance as we have seen them about the year 1830.

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NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Growing Popularity of Lace Dresses in All Colors and Shades.

Lace dresses are an important feature of fashionable wardrobes at present, as they are worn all the year round, taking the place of grenadines for visiting toilettes in the summer, and serving for dress occasions in all seasons.

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A FAMOUS ABBEY.

Description of a Visit to a Monastery Famed in Sacred and Profane History.

I did not see Melle, but had the pleasure of visiting the Abbey of Klosterneuburg, a few miles above Vienna, the richest and most famous in Austria, and almost as ancient. It belongs to a community of Augustines, once very numerous, but now diminished to about forty persons.

Twenty good rhubarb roots are enough to keep a family supplied with stalks during the time they are desired. Seed that will produce at least a hundred good plants can be obtained for five cents.

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and repeated mechanically and simply the words: Weiding, Leopoldsdorf, Florisdorf, Jollersdorf, Jollersberg, Stammersdorf, Bisambergangenbrunn. They were the names of the hills or towns that were in sight or in the direction indicated. I looked back after I had parted from her in the corridor. Her tusks were sawing the air as she dropped the kreutzers I had given her slowly from one wrinkled palm into the other. I took a draught of the excellent Klosterneuberger wine in the abbey cellars in an adjoining street, and taking a last look at the huge imperial crown of shining copper that surmounts the chapel tower, descended the hill and made my way as hastily as possible across the broad grassy plain to the landing of the Danube boat.

A BOY'S VENGEANCE.

Destroying the Power of the Indian Tribe Which Killed His Father.

He was a boy of fifteen, named Joseph Brown, and his story is a remarkable instance of long-studied vengeance in one so young; but space will allow me to refer to only two incidents, says a writer, speaking of the war between the early settlers of Tennessee and the Indians.

There seemed to the servants to be something profane in the idea of breaking in on the hour sacred to monastic refection with the announcement that a stranger would like to look through the building. Now and then an elegantly-dressed gentleman with a sort of suggestion of a cassock over garments of fine material and fashionable cut, with a profusion of fine gold about his person, in the form of watch chain and seals and finger-rings, lounged through one of the bay windows.

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ORIGIN OF FASHIONS.

Man's and Woman's Slavery to the Whims of Those High in Social Station.

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RAISING VEGETABLES.

Sowing the Seed in Rows Where the Plants Are Desired to Stand.

Many farmers neglect to raise asparagus and rhubarb, or pie-plant, because the plants required for setting cost so much and are so difficult to obtain. Some are not aware of the fact that but little skill is required to raise plants suitable for cultivating in a bed from seed.

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