

The old Edgemoor Lighthouse, erected by Sir Isaac Newton, and rebuilt by local subscriptions of Plymouth, was a tribute to his skill and genius of Newton.

The Bulletin of the Societe de Geographie de Paris, announces that the society has awarded this year three gold medals for geographical work—the first to Miss Edwards, for submarine investigations; the second to M. Thozet, for his journey to the Grand Cañon, and the third to M. Charney, for his views on the exploration and discovery.

Mercury is firmly believed by the Chinese to possess wonderful virtues. They hold that it not only prolongs life, but expels bad vapors, poison, and the gloom of an uneasy mind.

Not only says Brudnerell Carter, has the authors of vision of civilized man fallen below the standard common among savage nations, but at the same time the eyes of civilized man often depart from the normal or approximately spherical form.

Next January there is to be held in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, a conference of artisans, capitalists, and persons interested in the study of social problems, to discuss from every point of view the questions connected with the distribution of the results of labor between the actual workers and those supplying the capital.

Two methods are in use in Philadelphia to prevent chemical obstructions in water pipes. One is to coat the interior of the pipes with coal tar pitch, which does well enough for large mains and keeps the passage tolerably clear for more than a quarter of a century.

It is proposed to establish six Government scholarships for deserving and promising native-born students, who are given statutory civil servants who are desirous of passing a probationary period in the British Isles, the scholars to be allowed to reside in any institution connected with any university in Great Britain or Ireland which provides for supervision of conduct, enforces residence within definite local limits, and receives the approval of the Secretary of State for India.

Another fine specimen of a Roman pavement has been unearthed at Bideford Lane, Bath, England, in the course of some excavating work. The pattern is composed of octagonal 2 feet 7 inches each way, the intermediate spaces being filled in with squares.

It is stated that the Jews in Toulon and Marseilles have recently been affected by the cholera. The Jewish journals attribute this comparative immunity to an observance of the dietary and hygienic laws of Judaism. An authority on this subject says that this claim is unquestionably justified by fact and experience.

Back, the color always in demand for felt hats, presents the greatest difficulties in dyeing it properly. A technical journal gives this method: Generally a copper boiler is used, filled with pure water and brought to a boil. Add 5 pounds of stassie dichromate, 4 pounds cream of tartar, and 2 pound sulphuric acid.

The Hebborne Claimant.

Remember once during the trial, in company with G. A. Sava, passing, an evening with the "about noonman" at his hotel in Jersey street, writes Le Barboure in the "Daily Truth". We found him very pleasant, and he told us many tales of his existence in Australia.

A Glimpse of the Nile.

Dreary and forbidding is the scenery along these desolate reaches of the great Nile. Jet black rocks show up through the desert and shine in the sun like gigantic masses of coal, and the yellow sand drifts down between them to the very brink, shrinking back only on coming in contact with the waters, now retreating, but smothering the fertile deposit which they lay behind.

"Why don't you try something for your blood," asked Tom. "I will," replied Moleculat, "I will try." And he either took down his fishing rod or owned a minstrel band, we don't know which would work in best right here.

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The Daughter of the Stars.

CHAPTER I.—CONTINUED.

I need not say that few hours elapsed after my waking, ere I again sought the Hermitage. Jun showed me into the room, where, to my delight and surprise, I found Astrea sitting alone. She greeted me without embarrassment, I almost dared to think—even with pleasure.

"My father is engaged at present," she said, "and has bid me entertain you; let us go through the garden."

With a beating heart I followed as she led the way, and that sweet freedom will ever linger in my memory. We wandered beneath the grand old trees, we gathered the glowing roses, we chased like children, the butterflies from flower to flower.

"My son," he said, "remember, you were not only your own happiness, but you were for the good of the world. I have much to teach you yet—much that is good and noble. You must wait a year at least, and during that time be my pupil."

"I cannot," I cried. "A year is an age—who knows what things may happen in the time! She may find how unworthy I am of her. One of us may die, and we may be severed for ever."

"I will do this for you: to-day I will wed you in the spirit, a bond that is stronger than any earthly marriage or tie that man can make."

"I have a heart foreboding evil, I went. How strange it seemed to me, after the events of the last few months, to step into the every-day world again, how prosaic ordinary men and women seemed in comparison with my late companions! Wherever I might be, my thoughts flew back to the house that held my beautiful spirit-bride and her wonderful father.

And then, as I never prayed man before, I besought him to grant my request. He was for some time inexorable, but said at last, in reply to my entreaties: "I will do this for you: to-day I will wed you in the spirit, a bond that is stronger than any earthly marriage or tie that man can make."

"Children," said Cardenas, as he joined one hands another, "remember, your spirits are one. You may be parted on earth, but not in space. Since you are sin by the other. One cannot rise or fall without the other."

CHAPTER II.

Many and many a time, when I awoke of a morning, and, in my own home, sat only the commonplace attributes of life around me, I said, "I have dreamed these wonderful things; and then, as sleep left me, and my full powers of thought came into play, I would be and marvel that the 'mystic' was not wrong."

"I saw her now less than before, as Cardenas had told me, my company for some hours every day. He was engaged, he said, in developing the full powers of my mind, and everything this strange man taught me at this period seemed to tend to one goal, the improvement of the human race.

"I reached my home somehow, and threw myself on my bed, from which I did not rise for a month. The mental strain and grief combined brought on a severe illness that kept me in bed for days at the point of death. When I recovered, I found before I recovered—I mentioned the quest of my life—a quest which even now is unfulfilled. I first sought the owner of the Hermitage, who was required as the whereabouts of his wife, and was informed that Cardenas had simply paid the rent to the end of his term and quitted his home, leaving no address.

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THE FARM.

Work for the Month.

THE MANURE PILE.—It is really surprising what an amount of manure can be produced on a farm in a single season, and how it can be used to great advantage.

Not only at night does one seek manure. Even in the sunlight, with the busy world around, she calls for me, and I obey her summons.

"O, Astrea! Daughter of the Stars! My spirit-bride! I wait—I long for that hour. Let it be soon!"

A New Way to Obtain a Situation.—Several years ago a gentleman, who is at present manager of a large stationery business in the West, found himself in New York without much spare cash in his pocket, and no visible prospect of getting a situation.

THE OPEN NOVEMBER DAYS.—Generally there are very few bright, mild and pleasant days during the month of November, and farmers should make the most of them, for the bleak cold of December is sure to follow.

Raw Hide Wheels.—In 1860, just before the war, the writer was employed to start a manufactory, one of the excursions being the construction of a machine for drawing and flattening fine brass wire.

HOGS FOR PROFIT.—To attempt to keep pigs and to have to buy the food that is given them does not pay the feeder, though they are many who do this.

Queen Ranavalona of Madagascar, newly crowned, is reported to be a decided and earnest Christian woman. Young, intelligent, and full of energy and zeal, she hopes, with the aid of her prime minister, who is also a pronounced Christian, to make Madagascar a truly Christian kingdom.

It is asserted that the boats built in England, and the condition are utterly useless, and that the Canadian boatmen found the native boats and labor most effective. The natives have done all the heavy work at the rapids.