STOLEN TREASURE OF THE KING OF BURMAH.

A Romantic Story of the Hidden Wealth at Mandalay-Description of the King's Palace.

Public interest has been directed to the almost forgotten subject of Burmah by the sensational story of alleged theft of a large portion of the royal treasure by British soldiers. The dying statement of the private of the West Surrey Regiment that he and a comrade, Private William White, had made away with a portion of the regalia is startling enough, but has not taken the authorities so much by surprise as might have been expected. All who were engaged in the campaign of 1885 knew that an immense quantity of valuables had been abstracted from the palace either immediately before or after the British occupation. At the time suspicion largely rested on the Burman ministers and the maids of honor, and every effort was made to trace the jewels without avail. Now we hear of them after the lapse of nine years through a death-bed confession. From particulars given by a correspondent who was with General Prendergast's force, and who entered the royal palace with the troops, it appears that the keenest interest is being shown by the Indian Government in the matter, and the result of Private White's journey to Burmah, where he has gone to recover the treasures, is anxiously awaited. At the time of the British eccupation the orders given by the government were that the annexation of Burmah should be carried out peacefully and without bloodshed, and every endeavor was made by the authorities to obtain the King's submission. For some time Theebaw refused to comply with the demands of the British, and eventually the troops were marched from the flotilla to the palace walls, the guards at the gates were overpowered, the palace was occupied, and shortly afterwards Theebaw abdicated, he and his two wives being subsequently sent off by steamer.

As soon as the King had given his submission, guards were hurriedly placed in the royal rooms to protect the jewels of countless worth which were known to be there. Great, therefore, was the disappointment expressed by all the officers at the comparatively small amount of valuables afterwards found in the palace, and grave suspicions were aroused. Among the missing treasures was a gold calf, weighing several hundredweight, as well as a portion of the regalia and quantities of precious stones. The crown is studded with rubies longing to the suns of Alpha Centauri? ulated with beings like ourselves, having and diamonds and is surmounted by a peacock.

The palace occupies the centre of the city. It is a beautifully carved wooden structure, magnificently gilded, and surmounted by a spire of great height. At the top of the latter is the "Hte," an emblem of royalty and religion. This emblem is Alpha Centauri system as he does in the said to be adorned with precious stones and metals worth a fabulous sum. This imposing building is literally reared above dead men's bones, as at the time of its erection over fifty persons of both sexes, and of all ages and ranks, were sacrificed, their bodies being afterwards buried under the foundations of the city and the palace. Four of the victims were even buried under the throne itself. A palisade and moat surround the palace, behind which the missing treasure is said to have been buried by the two soldiers, assisted by Burmese women. The moat is thirty feet broad and very deep; next to this comes a strip of grass, and then the palace wall, olution was never changed to the other, which is eighteen feet high. As the re. and imagine the alteration of conditions ault of statements made by natives at the time, portions of this meat were dragged | with its solar master, it first retreats more for the purpose of recovering the jewels, but without success. Careful search was also made in the royal swimming bath. Some rushes back, until the glare and gush of the natives informed the authorities that the light and heat of that other sun pouring jewels were hidden in this tank. The bath upon it are increased to a tenfold intensity. which is attached to the royal palace, is thirty feet broad and sixty feet long, and varies in depth from five to ten feet. Nothing resulted from the dragging operations. The structure in the bath is a magnificent floating throne containing a bed on which the King reclined after performing senstomary ablutions.

Luck in War.

adependently of Napoleon's failure to destroy his enemy after the battle at Dresden he made several mistakes this year (1813). But there were more mistakes of diplomacy than in the practice of war. But the more closely we study the proceedings of Napoleon in 1813, notwithstanding the mistakes he made, the greater appears his remarkable individuality, and the more inclined we are to say with the

the temper and passions of one man!" I say of this in Germany : Napoleon in 1813 | him to revisit the province. The following was not the man he was in 1796 or in 1805. His conceptions were as great, the grandeur | lodge: - "Dublin, 16th March, 1894. - Worof his undertakings was as striking, but his shipful Master and Brother,-Your letter

and over we find luck ran against him. ally in our garrison towns the dice have to at your late meeting. I shall always look be thrown in certain cases when squadrons back with the deepest pride to having been of equal strength charge one another. Men | associated with those gallant Canadians sometimes say that, as war is a science, the | who contributed in 1870 to the creation of introduction of this element of chance into your splendid province. I should indeed moment just before a charge, may always | there. The Red River expedition was my varying from 6 to 17 years of age. He has | inches across the body, and if the legs were influenced that result in real war render it remember the fine spirit that animated the are more sensitive to weight discrimination, ment would be some nine or ten inches. often quite as much a matter of chance as | Canadian soldiers that took part in it. I | that girls can tell the difference in color

of peace. that withdraw al and it is the sudden collapse, I few days

through illness at that moment, of Napoleon's mental and physical powers. The ball was at his foot; but he turned back instead of making a goal, and his subordinates could not make it for him .- [Lord Wolsely.

ALPHA CENTAURI.

A Double Star that Weighs as Much as

Let us consider the latest news from Alpha Centauri which is 25,000,000,000,000 miles away. It is a double-star, and is the nearest in the universe. It weighs twice as much as the sun. To the naked eye it appears as a single bright star, but with a telescope one can see the two stars composing it. One of them is seven or eight times as bright as the other. But the little star is evidently as heavy as the big one, for they slowly circle, keeping one have long known these facts, but lately they have extended and rectified their appears that the period in which those twin stars revolve around one another is eighty-one years-half the time required sun. Their orbit is very eccentric; they close to within a distance of 1,000,000,000 000,000 miles. It must be remembered when, as with Alpha Centauri, it is a case | wires. of sun swinging sun, things are very different. There is no standing still, nor the lecturer remarked that though he had anything resembling it, with this bright | confined himself to a description of a simple

gyrations command the admiration and ulating as to what may occur through test the skill of astronomers gazing upon planetary space. Strange, mysterious Some of the lands thus cleared were thrown any other work in twenty-five years. them from a distant quarter of the universe, | sounds are heard on all long telephone lines may once have been strangers, moving, as | when the earth is used as a return, espeit is known that our sun is doing, each cially in the calm stillness of the night. along its own track through space. Having | Earth currents are found in telegraph cirapproached too closely, they might in such | cuits, and the aurora borealis lights up our circumstances become irrevocably bound northern sky when the sun's photosphere together by their mutual attractions. But is disturbed by spots. The sun's surface it is far more probable that they were must at such times be violently disturbed formed from one original mass of primeval by electric storms, and, if oscillations are matter, as the four stars grouped in the set up and radiated through space in symmiddle of the Orion nebula have evidently pathy with those required to affect telebeen shaped by the creative forces still in | phones, it is not a wild dream to say that action around ithem.

Astronomy furnishes no direct proof that the gift of language and the knowledge to worlds, planets like ours, exist there, and adopt the great forces of nature to their it furnishes no proof that they do not exist; | wants, then, if they could oscillate immense but it does prove that the law of gravitation | stores of electrical energy to and fro in telis obeyed there, and that consequently on egraphic order, it would be possible for us a world having the same mass as the earth | to hold commune by telephone with the has a man would weigh just as much in the people of Mars." solar system. Astronomy proves also that the light of Alpha Contauri resembles the light of the sun. Has it not the same vivific force also? We know how the sunbeams clothe the earth with life.

What a picture is presented to the imagination if we choose to suppose that such worlds exist! Under the dominion of two equally powerful suns the orbit that such a world would travel in could not be a smooth elliptical track, but it might be a labyrinthine marvel. Now around one of the twin suns, and now around the other, it might go whirling. Suppose it to be situated so close to one of the suns that its centre of revaffecting its inhabitants, as, in company than three thousand million miles from their blazing neighbor, and then, turning,

But even if one cannot reconcile the situation of things in the system of Alpha Centauri with his conceptions of the requirements of habitable worlds, his mind must be impressed with the spectacle presented by so vastan expediture of physical energy as those coupled suns display-an expenditure periodic lly intensified, it may be, by their tidal reaction as they strain in the leash of gravitation. Our own sun, imperturbed by the presence of an enormous neighbor, is very differently occupied, making the grass grow and all life flourish contentedly on its little family of worlds. But | the inner box as well as around it. On the perhaps we flatter ourselves when we complacently conclude that the sun is in better | ed along the sides and ends so that they business than Alpha Centauri.

Wolseley on the Militia.

The Mazons of Prince Rupert's Lodge, Winnipeg, who were also members of the Duke of Wellington about him, "How Wolseley Red River expedition in 1870, much the fate of the world depends upon some weeks ago commemorated the latter event by special services, and afterwards As I have said of his campaign in Russia | corresponded with Lord Wolseley, inviting reply was read at the last meeting of the the brethren of your lodge will kindly accept In the war-game we now play so gener- my best thanks for having remembered me

TELEPHONING TO MARS.

Signaling Across Space Without the As sistance of Intervening Wires.

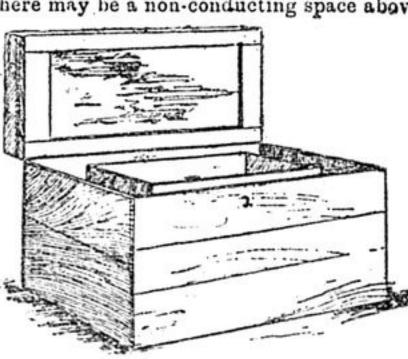
W.H. Preece, engineer to the telegraphs department of the British post office, read a paper on "Electric Signaling Without Wires" before the Society of Arts in London, his purpose being to show how we are gradually approaching the time when we shall be able to make practical use of the electric waves. For ten years Mr. Preece has been steadily investigating the subject of signaling through space, which he finds very fascinating. His experiments have proved the effects he subsequently describes to be due primarily to radiation and not to conduction.

When the royal commission to inquire into electric communication between the shore and the lighthouses was appointed in another at arm's-length, around a point June, 1892, the opportunity arose, says the half-way between them. Astronomers Blackburn (England) Times, for testing the theory of signaling without wires. The Bristol channel proved a very convenient locality to test the practicability of comknowledge about Alpha Centauri. It now | municating across a distance of three and five miles. Two islands, the Flatholm and the Steepholm, lying near Cardiff, the former having a lighthouse upon it, were used for the experiments. The object of by the planet Neptune to go around the the experiments was not only to test the practicability of signaling between the shore and the lighthouse, but to differentiate the effects due to earth conduction from those miles apart, and then swing away from one due to electro-magnetic induction, and to another until they are separated by 3,340,. determine the effects in water. There was no difficulty in communicating between the shore and the Flatholm. The distance bethat this is the extraordinary conduct not tween the two places was three miles. The earth goes round a gigantic orb like the distance was five miles, but the signals sun the thing is quite simple; the planet | were perceptible. It is something to be does the travelling, and the sun, hardly able to report, Mr. Preece observes, that feeling the tiny-pull of its prisoner, stands | we have now acquired a practical system | practically still with respect to it. But of signaling across space without using

Speaking of the possibilities of the future practical system of communicating across It is possible that those two suns, whose the terrestrial space, "one cannot help specwe may hear on this earth a thunder storm In either case, what of the world's be- in the sun. If any of the planets be pop-

Homemade Ice Chest.

The convenience of a refrigerator or ict the expensiveness of the factory-made | bodies. articles. A very satisfactory substitute can be made at home by procuring a large drythere may be a non-conducting space above



SERVICEABLE REFRIGERATOR.

bottom of this cover let inch strips be nailmay fit closely around the upper edge of the inner box when the whole chest is closed which will make the ice chamber airtight. An iron pan with a bit of pipe lead. ing down through the bottom can be made to place the ice in, or if the chest is to be placed in a shed, a hole may be bored Remarkable Addition Recently Made to through the bottom and the ice set directly on the boards. It will "spend" better if wrapped in burlap or some closer cloth.

Boys Quicker Than Girls.

stand the mental requirements of the pupils. food chiefly in the form of melon.

HOMESTEADING IN AUSTRALIA.

The Manner of Opening the Public Lands There to Settlement.

There yet remain in Australia many thousands of acres of public land owned by the Government to be thrown open for settlement as the growth of the country may warrant. Portions of this public domain are settled every year, and the whole country is being gradually and systematically occupied. The Australian method of opening land for public occupancy has some points of excellence and many of interest. There is no weary waiting and wasting of resources, no camping out on the border, no wild dash and scramble for possession and fight for retention, and the weak have equal chance with the strong.

The land is surveyed and mapped out in allotments, varying in size with the character of the land, but rarely exceeding 600 acres. It is allotted to settlers first on a system of lease, at a nominal rental, usual ly about twelve cents an acre per annum. The lessee is required to cultivate and improve the land, and if these requirements are properly complied with he may acquire a clear title to the land at the expiration of the lease. Persons desiring to settle on the land are required to file an application with the Government Land Office. Orleans State Library, has held the position These applications are considered by a for eighteen years. local Land Board presided over by a magistrate, which investigates as to the suitability of the applicant, with the especial object of finding out if he is a bona fide settler and likely to prove a suitable one-

When all the applications are passed upon, or, if there is a rush for the land, at an appointed time every allotment is ballotof a pair of celestial sparks, but of two im- attempt to speak between Lavernock and ted for separately. Each suitable applicant feared in Colorado, owing to the continued mense suns. When a little planet like the the Steepholm was not so successful; the is entitled to a chance in the ballot or lot decline in the market price. drawing for every allotment, provided, of course, he has not already been successful in a previous drawing. Not more than one allotment is granted to one person, and no person is eligible to participate in the ballot who already has an area of public land amounting to 640 acres. He may, however, make up his holdings to this limit.

In the colony of Victoria the Government found work for many of the unemploy- | length, and had thirty-nine rattles. ed during the hard times of the last, Australian winter in clearing public land. hymns have had a larger circulation than open for occupation a few weeks ago, and successful applicants were required to pay five shillings an acre on their allotments to recoup the Government for its outlay in behalf of the unemployed.

The tenure of the lease on these particular lands was set at nine years and five months, and lessees were required to "cultivate and otherwise improve their land, and also to destroy all vermin thereto the ineradicable plague of rabbits that afflicts Australia.

JEWS DEBARRED IN AUSTRIA.

Excluded From Government Employment of any Kind Because of Their Reli-

A few days ago a discussion took place in the Polish Club of the Austrian Reichsrath on the disqualification of Jews, eligible in other respects, for any public office in Cisleithania-unless they are privately converted, in which case they are at once nominat- population sranging from 200,000 to 500 000. chest is too apparent to need mention, bue ed. It is notorious that Jews who adhere all but one are using the electric railway many who would like to avail themselves of to their faith have been, for several years, system. the advantage of thus preserving and mak- practically excluded in this country from ing palatable the food that comes to their employment in any branch of the administables in the hot weather are deterred by tration, including the local governing that in case of an explosion the damage will

One instance among others given in a weekly paper reminds me of one of the goods box and fitting a smaller box inside stories from Russia. A non-commissioned it directly upon the bottom, but with a officer who had served eighteen years in space four or five inches all around it, which | the army was debarred from obtaining one is to be filled with sawdust or other similar of the small posts reserved by law for material. The inner box should project an soldiers of his rank who have served twelve inch above the outer one. A box cover years or longer. He solicited an audience should be made to fit the outer box, so that of the Emperor, and, having told his Majesty, who went carefully through his papers, that his Jewish faith was the only impediment, succeeded in obtaining the Imperial | Miller, at one time the well-known editiess signature to his petition. The document of several juvenile publications. had to go to the War Office, whence it came, back with the answer, "The War Department has no influence withother Ministries, which the Government's paper money is so on which the man's employment depends." He is still in the army, as he has no other means of livelihood, and, in short, the Emperor's signature was not enough to override the official prejudice.

The Constitution of 1867 sets forth that all subjects have equal rights. In Vienna the Jews form 10 per cent. of the population, and contribute to the taxes in at least the same ratio, but there is not a single Jewish employee in the service of the town. The petition of a medical man to be appointed assistant veterinary surgeon in the municipal service, a post with a salary of about \$250 a year, was rejected by Dr. Prix, the late Burgomaster, because the applicant refused to abjure his religion.

RARE "GOLIATH" BEETLE.

the London Zoological Gardens.

A unique addition, and one of uncommon interest, has just been made to the insect Movable slat shelves are fitted into the house in the London Zoological gardens. The other end of the inner chamber to place new arrival is a specimen of the Goliath food upon. The inside should be shellacked beetle from west Africa -a giant even execution was not as of yore. . . Over has duly reached me, and I beg that you and before using, or the pine wood may give a among its cwn kind. There is little to flavor to some articles of food particularly appreciate in the too familiar species of our butter. It must be kept clean, and occa- own household beetle, but visitors to the sionally thoroughly sun-dried to kill the Zoo will not fail to admire the splendid

Dr. J. A. Gilbert of the Yale psychological rare, and are in consequedce much prized of wheat. the game robs it of much of its instructional enjoy a visit to your city were that possible laboratory has completed some tests regard. by collectors. The newcomer at the Zoo is value. But those who know what real war at present, but whether I can or cannot ever ing the mental and physical developments the first of its kind to make its home there, is smile at this criticism. They know that do so, it will always be a real pleasure to of the pupils of the New Haven Public and is believed to be the only living specian accidental pain in the stomach, or a clod hear of its progress, its prosperity, and its school. Many of the tests are entirely new. men possessed by a public society in the grading down to \$27, according to the size in the eye of either leader at the critical loyalty, and that our ancient craft flourishes | The tests were made on 1,200 boys and girls | world. It measures between five and six of the city. decide the result. The accidents which first independent command, and I gratefully made a series of charts which show that boys extended to their full the total measure-

The home of the genus Goliathus is in in the throw of the dice in the Kriegspiel should very much like a photograph of those shades better than the boys, and that boys tropical and central Africa. Related genbrethren who helped me so effectively in think quicker than the other sex. Al- era also occur in South America and tropi-As ar as anyone now can judge of what 1870. Wishing your lodge peace, love, and together the charts show that boys are more cal Asia. One of the species in South Amerimight, what ought to have happened after harmony, and its members all happiness, I susceptible to suggestion than girls. The ca is roasted and eaten by the natives, who University, comprise 172 species of blind the battle of Dresden, it seems very evident have the honour to remain, Worshipful charts show also that both boys and girls are said to regard it as a great dainty. The to me that, had not Napoleon withdrawn. Master, your obedient servant and brother. between the ages of 12 and 14 years are not new beetle at the Zoo, which, by the way, white in color. as he did, from the personal direction of (Signed), Wolseley, General, and Worship- so bright, quick, or strong in proportion, is a male specimen of the largest form, the pursuit, nothing could have saved the ful Master of the Military Lodge of Ire- nor do they develop as fast as they do before Goliathus Druyri, has been placed appro-Allied Army from distruction or capitu'ae land." The photograph has been prepared and after those years. The object of the priately enough next to the giant spider tion. I can only find one explanation o as requested, and will be forwarded in a test is to enable teachers to better under. from South America. It is supplied with

UNCLE SAM IS AT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BUSY YANKEE.

icighborly Interest in His Boings-Matters of Moment and Mirth Gathered From His

Daily Record. The industrial revival in Alabama con-

Over 90 per cent. of Tennessee labor in

native born. Natives of the Adirondack region name all visitors "sports."

There are 3,000,000 bachelors in the United States over 30. Organization of labor has raised wages

\$500,000 a year in Boston. A man in Detroit was fined \$55 for cutting

tree on one of the boulevards. A Bangor man has invented an adjustable broom for the easy sweeping of corners.

The New York Central east bound freight track will be relaid with 80 pound steel rails this year.

The name of the man who lights the statue of liberty in Washington nightly is Mr. America.

Mrs. Culbertson, the librarian of the New

Burt Peterson, Canton, Pa., in a fit of jealousy, seriously wounded his sweetheart and committed suicide. Georgia's superior criminal court has dis-

continued the kissing of the Bible in the administration of oaths. A general shut-off of silver mines is

Chicago pickpockets took \$500 in cash

and \$25,000 in securities from a Wabash avenue car passenger the other day. In New York tenements the crowding of

from seven to twelve persons in two small rooms is a common occurrence. A rattlesnake killed by James Graham

of Columbus, Ind. measured nine feet in Next to the Bible, Moody and Sankey's

A number of independent oil companies of Pennsylvania have combined for the purpose of fighting the Standard Oil Com-

The average weight of twenty thousand men and women weighed at Boston, was men 1411 pounds, women 1241 pounds.

Twenty-three Pittsburg firms manufacture flint and lime glass. The annual on." The latter provision referred mainly production exceeds 24,000, pieces of tableware alone.

As there were just thirteen marriages in Henniker, N.H., last year, the brides are all the objects of superstitious solicitude.

The oldest newspaper in America is the Newport (R.I.) Mercury. It was established by Benjamin Franklin in the year

Cardinal Gibbons has sent his portrait of ex-President Harrison and President Cleveland to the Pope at the latter's special re-Out of forty-two cities in America, with

Dupont's power mills, in Wilmington,

Del., are furnished with hinged roofs, so be minimized. Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the standard oil magnate, teaches a class of

young men, of which her son, John D., jr., Loring says that during 38 years in one

western State the number of mortgages executed was 200,000, and their nominal value is \$180,000,000. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, has literary

gifts. She is a niece of Emily Huntingdon Only four men in the world understand how to operate the geometric lathe, with

delicately engraved in diamond point. The killing of any bison, buffalo, quail or Chinese pheasant is forbidden by law in

any moose, elk, otter or beaver for six. Electricity is to be the motive power on the system of elevated roads to be built in Chicago; it will be the most complete system in the world and will cost \$15,000,000.

Montana for ten years, and the killing of

Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is the owner of real estate in Cleveland valued at about \$85,000.

A burning mountain is visible near Concord, Ky. It is supposed to be fed with oi that cozes from a crevice in the mountain.

Charles Barney, 13 years old, of South Camden, was badly burned by some boys who tied him to a stake and set fire to his clothing while playing Indians. Andrew Carnegie will have to give Pitts-

burg \$125,170,72 to make good his promise to duplicate every dollar raised from other sources during January and February. Commissioners appointed to investigate

the Norwegian and Swedish system of liquor selling report that the plan is a good one and ought to be introduced in Massachu-

Washington has salmon fisheries worth proportions and beauty of color of the \$1,500,000 a year, and catches 10,000 fur seals. It exports \$8,000,000 worth of lum-Specimens of this genus are exceedingly ber and coal and raises 15,000,000 bushels

> A bill has been introduced at Albany. limiting telephone charges to \$78 per annum in cities of over 1,000,000 population, and

> By the will of Mrs. Kate Johnson, of San Francisco, widow of R. C. Johnson, that city, under direction of the Catholic church, gets nearly \$1,000,000 for a free hospital.

The cave animals of North America, according to Prof. A. S. Packard, of Brown creatures, nearly all of which are mostly

By a remarkable piece of engineering nearly 1,500 acres of salt meadows at Bridgeport, Conn., have been ditched, diked against the tide, and are rapidly being got into upland grass.