

CURRENT TOPICS.

M. PHILIPPE DARYL, who is writing up for the Paris market the public men of England, is completely carried away with John Bright.

GEN. SIR R. BULLER, second in command to Gen. Graham in Egypt, won the Victoria Cross by rescuing a soldier, whom he laid on his own horse under heavy fire.

DR. BRADLEY, Dean Stanley's successor advises school teachers to give their young pupils full accounts from time to time of any great or marked public events that are taking place.

DR. SAVORY says, in the British Medical Journal, that among the chief causes of injury to the health from gambling, is the prolonged mental strain which becomes necessary to the maintenance of self-control during extended periods of intense excitement.

There is a great sense of relief experienced in society at the announcement made in Paris that the black swallow-tail is to be shelved.

The report of United States Senator Vance for the Foreign Affairs Committee fitly disposes of the proposal to engage in commercial retaliation against Germany as an offset to the exclusion of American pork.

PROF. LEVI ST. CROIX advances some interesting ideas concerning the "dew theory," as formerly held, and the later views on that subject.

MR. CHARLES T. CONDON, discussing the question how far it is worth while to pry into the private lives of those whose writings have arrested attention or won admiration, concludes that of very few men of genius can it be said that a minute knowledge of their lives is necessary for satisfactory elucidation of their works.

ON January 1st, 1882 the inhabitants of Russia numbered 91,118,514, living in 63 provinces and 11 districts.

which means one and a half million of deaths per annum among young children. It has also been proved that more than half of the male population die before attaining the age for military service.

BESIDES the war-sloop Alert, recently presented to the United States by Great Britain, the steamships Thetis, Bear and Hope will take part in the Greely search expedition to Polar seas.

Two entirely white opossums with dark eyes were recently found at Hot Springs, Ark.

The biggest haul of striped bass in the Thames River in Connecticut in twenty years was made by George T. Bushnell and William Draper recently.

Upon the river in front of the city of Portland, Oregon, recently, a flock of ducks were seen catching fish. A crowd of hungry gulls, who could not dive, were on the watch, and the moment a duck came to the surface the gulls strove to steal its fish.

Arizona quail are very susceptible to domestication. Although very wild when first caught, kindness soon subdues them, and they may be handled with ease.

Earnest Whitehead captured a young seal near Anacapa Island, Cal., recently, and took it on board his sloop.

Explosive and Secondary Matches. It is time something was done to restrain the sale of dangerous kinds of matches, if not to restrict the sale altogether to this kind which may properly come under the head of safety matches.

Work on the aqueduct at Welland will not commence until about the 1st of May next.

M. Gounod, the composer, has completed the oratorio "Mors et Vita," a sequel to "The Redemption," for production at the Birmingham musical festival in 1885.

A Berlin despatch says the question whether Bismarck will quit the Prussian Ministry and confine himself to the Imperial Chancellorship is being debated.

Notwithstanding the precarious state of Mr. Gladstone's health, he intends, it is said, to be present in the House of Commons to-day and move a resolution of condolence with the Queen in her bereavement.

A Paris despatch states that General Moltke has issued a proclamation to the Tongquines saying the French come to deliver them from baseness, and to secure fair taxation, liberty of work and trade, freedom and prosperity.

THE LATEST FASHIONS.

What the Belles of Paris Will Wear this Spring and Summer.

A Paris correspondent writes: The following toilets have just been prepared expressly for a grand wedding: The bride's dress was made with a corsage princess and train in white velours epingle, under which was a petticoat of white satin covered with China crape, embroidered with raised flowers; the draperies forming paniers, the puff caught up on one side only with branches of orange blossoms; the skirt trimmed at the bottom, with a fringe of gauze plisses and piped with satin; plain body, with a simple jabot of fringe like that on the skirt, and a brooch of orange blossom. An elegant toilet, remarkable for its taste and simplicity.

A dress for visiting, composed of pistache green satin, dotted with crevette colored cheville, the front of the skirt forming three large plaits which reach to the puffs on the hips; large draperies form the overskirt and fall in plaits over a border of fringe of marabout cheville, with small crevette colored balls of silk; the body in plait velvet of the pistache shade, with a violet of plaits resembling the panier of the skirt, and made of velvet dotted with crevette color. The body is fixed in front over the dotted gilet and terminates at the back by a long puff which falls on the skirt. Casaque to match in plain pistache velvet, very short at the back and long in front, also trimmed with marabout fringe.

Another, to wear at grand ceremonies, in emerald green velvet, with double train opening over a front draped in satin cendre rose, broached with pink and trimmed with green beads to match, completed by a princess body.

Two remarkable ball dresses, intended for the Duchesse de la Torre. One in sky blue epingle velvet, with a tablier of sky blue satin, covered with silver embroidered tulle and silver lace, with an agrafe on one side only; on the bottom of the skirt tufts of roses in dahlia colored velvet mixed with moss rose buds; a low pointed body with draperies en cœur in tulle and silver lace.

The other in white scintille covered with tulle dotted with gold and gold lace, feuilles, of light character, looped up by tufts of moussé feathers, aigrettes and boutons du roi; a low body covered with draperies of tulle, with an aigrette of feathers and boutons du roi fastened on the left shoulder.

Also a ball dress, for a young girl, of pale rose colored tulle, the skirt in satin covered with ten falls on pale tulle; the back of the skirt formed of tulle dotted with chenille; a large bodice sach holding the body, opened a la vierge.

Gordon Pasha's Religious Views.

Naturally enough, there is a strong sympathy in Gen. Gordon's character with Mohammedanism. Replying to a correspondent who had spoken of Mohammedanism as being imperilled, he said: "Not so. I find the Mussulman quite as good a Christian as many a Christian, and do not believe he is in any peril. All of us are more or less pagans. I like the Mussulman; he is not ashamed of his God; his life is a fairly pure one. Certainly, he gives himself a good margin in the wide line, but at any rate, he never pushes on others. Can our Christian people say the same?"

There is a story to the effect that when he King of Abyssinia said to him, "You are an Englishman and a Christian." Gordon replied, "I am an Egyptian and a Mussulman." But whatever truth there may be in this story, he certainly views all religious questions in a very broad and catholic spirit. "The heathen are God's inheritance, and He hears their prayer. The incantations of the native magicians, when employed in good faith, are to him prayers which the Highest does not disdain to hear. When a Mougi Balam cursed him from the river bank he noted that it was odd a diabolical sound afterward followed "I believe," he writes, "that God may listen to the cries for help from the heathen who know Him not. These prayers were earnest prayers for celestial aid, and with the prayer knew he would need help from some unknown power to avert a danger. That the native knows not the true God is true, but God knows him, and moved him to prayer, and answered his prayer."

Gen. Gordon is absolutely free from all fear of death. The story of his conversation with the King of Abyssinia is well known, in which he informed the King that, so far from dreading him because his life was in his hands, he would be obliged to any one who would relieve him of the burden of life. That exultation, however, conveys a very erroneous impression of Gordon's habitual mode of thought. No one is more cheerful, and few people have less patience with what he calls the "crust stand" expression of countenance.

"Why are people like bears, and look like poodles of misery? It must be discontent with the government of God; all things are directed by Him. If by being doleful in appearance it did good, I would say, be very doleful; but it does not do any."

So strongly, indeed, does he follow this out that on one occasion he maintained that a cheerful man of the world was much more acceptable in God's sight, than a gloomy Christian.—Pall Mall Gazette.

In the theatre at Weimar, in Germany, not long ago, there were only seven persons in the house. The pit took offence at the miserable acting of a performer and hissed him energetically, whereupon the manager brought his company upon the stage and out-hissed the audience.

The new chief engineer of Bradford, Pa., is a native Japanese, Mr. T. A. Matsudaira. He has been in America fourteen years, spent seven years in college and speaks eleven different languages. Had he come from Ireland he would not require all these qualifications.

The Paris police are watching closely members of the advanced section of Irish Nationalists. A dynamite school has been established there under the direction of Irish-Americans. Many dynamiters there pretend to be travellers for New York and Chicago firms.

NORTHWEST SPECULATION.

A Property Bought for \$60,000 Two Years Ago and now Worth only \$1,000.

A case recently tried in the Chancery Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Macdonald vs. Murray, shows into what deep water speculators in Winnipeg got at the time of the "boom." The plaintiffs had bought from defendants two lots in that city, for the sum of \$60,000, paying \$4,000 down, and agreeing to pay \$27,000 in a few days and to give a mortgage for the balance. Not more than \$4,000 was paid, and the suit was brought to recover the balance. Fraud was alleged, as it almost always is in these cases; but Mr. Justice Morrison decided in favor of the plaintiff. On a re-hearing of the case, Justice Wilson and Galt confirmed the decree. An appeal is spoken of. The point which deserves most attention in connection with the suit, is that this property, purchased for \$60,000, some two years ago, was worth to be not worth more than \$4,000 at the time of the trial. Verily the fate of Winnipeg speculators is hard. And it is more or less the same all through Manitoba and the Northwest.—Monetary Times.

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George Smith, of Indiana County, Pa., put \$15,000 in bulk in a wooden chest in his cellar. He would not trust his money to the banks. When he brought the chest to light a few days ago to count over his treasure, he found that the rats had burrowed through and through the chest until only a small fraction of the original package of bills was in a negotiable condition.

Nobody Cares. Why grumble at every little thing? Nobody cares to know anything about it. If you have toothache get the dentist to remove it. Don't increase your misery and try to make others unhappy by talking about it. How stupid a subject of conversation is an aching corn or two. Can you expect sympathy? Every person knows that Pateman's Painless Corn Extractor removes them without pain in a few days. Then the proper thing is to invest in a bottle, get it at the corner, and the thing is done. Be sure you get Pateman's, for there are others offered as substitutes for the genuine.

There are 318 theatres in Great Britain. Of this number thirty-seven are in London, eleven in Liverpool, five in Edinburgh and four each in Glasgow, Blackburn, Blackpool, Ramsgate and Stockton-on-Tees. In Ireland there are only ten, including music-halls. In the last year, ending November 30th, 153 new plays were produced in London, and about 160 in the provinces. Of the 153, thirty-three were produced at the Gaiety, the favorite matinee house.

Miss Lotta recently eliminated the pathetic scenes from "The Old Curiosity Shop." She found, however, that the change was unpopular, and she has therefore restored the play to its original form.

MISS MAZURINE'S MONEY.

An Interesting Story From Russia about a Rich Girl and Her Governess.

Moscow is greatly excited over the misfortunes of Miss Mazourine, a young lady of enormous wealth, who has fallen a victim to the rapacity of her governess, a widow named Bulach, who kept her locked up, and finally bullied her into signing a deed of gift of her entire property in favor of the Bulach woman. The story reads more like a novel of Wilkie Collins than a sober statement of facts. When Miss Mazourine's parents died they left her a fortune of several millions, and as she was already 18 years of age, she entered into possession at once. Instead of taking her uncles and cousins into her confidence, she submitted herself entirely to the control of Mrs. Bulach, her governess, a person of great shrewdness and insatiable avarice. The first step taken by this designing person was to leave Moscow with her pupil, in order to separate the latter entirely from her family. They fixed their residence at Rjef, a small provincial town, where Miss Mazourine was entirely unknown. Mrs. Bulach was careful not to let her make any acquaintances, nor did she permit her to receive any visits. They only went out on Sundays for the purpose of attending mass. The young lady was foolish enough to give her governess a power of attorney to manage her property, and the latter profited by it to give large sums in charity to the poor and the schools of Rjef. A hospital was built. The money was all given in Miss Mazourine's name, and that of Mrs. Bulach was soon in everybody's mouth as one of the most estimable of women. Sure of her footing, she began to treat her pupil as a slave, abused her shamefully, kept her in a wretched garret, and otherwise maltreated her until she consented to make her property over to her. This she used the relatives, and a judge of instruction named Balabine was sent from Moscow to investigate the matter. He was speedily convinced of her guilt. He was about to have her arrested, when he was found one morning hanging by the neck to the limb of a tree. A letter was found in his pocket saying that he had committed suicide because he suffered from an incurable melancholy. The handwriting of the judge was cleverly imitated, but the letter is thought to be a forgery and the judge to have been murdered.

Signor Salvini, the tragedian, has made arrangements for a tour in Russia before he goes to America.

The owner of some house property in Paris, seeing a fellow on the roof of one of his houses lately, inquired from the street what he was doing. "Sent by the owner to inspect the roof," came the ready reply. So there was a policeman to receive him when he had finished the inspection, which was by no means the first he had made, much to his own profit.

Lady Brassey, of the yacht Sunbeam, is a woman of wide sympathies. While on her way to Egypt she was presented with "a pretty long-haired pig, almost as small as my Bow Island favorite," by the inhabitants of Navarino. "He is the quaintest little animal imaginable," she says. "He sits up like a dog and was discovered after lunch to day comfortably ensconced among the pillows on the sofa. He is about half the size of my favorite old pug Felice, and has a very sharp teeth of his own."

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