

CURRENT TOPICS.

PRINCE BISMARCK suffers principally now from nerve pains in face and head, and the doctors tell him that if he will not have some decayed teeth removed his aches and anguish will continue.

In a paper read before the California Wine Growers' Association an ingenious philological theory was propounded. "The old Roman wine grower," said the writer, found in his tubs and vats the same sediment that bothers us to-day.

In New York a man has been turned out of a boarding-house because he snored. Some persons may suppose that as their noses are their own they may use them as they like, provided they do not poke them into other people's business.

The old fashion of home brewing, which showed so remarkable a tendency to revive a few years ago, appears to be again rapidly declining in England. After the passing of the Beer Duty Act a great number of persons who did not formerly brew took out licenses for private brewing.

ALTHOUGH the rabbit plague still vexes the Australian squatter, he is threatened by another plague even more deadly. This time it is a once cherished friend who has gone astray. Four hundred and fifty useless dogs, said Sir Samuel Davenport at a recent deputation of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, had been destroyed in the vicinity of Adelaide.

Co-OPERATIVE baby farming is a success at Guise, France. In a late issue of Le Devoir, the official organ of M. Godin, who is the governor of the familistère at that place, it is stated that the birth rate under his communal system is about the same as in French towns of the same population.

CORRESPONDENCE with Queen Victoria by letter is one of the Prime Minister's regular and almost daily duties. When there has been an important division or debate in Parliament, and members are hastening home tired, to bed, the Premier alone can take no rest until he has written to the Queen his official report of the proceedings.

CORNWALL, the Postmaster of Dublin, who is on trial for such a heinous crime, is the son of a landed proprietor in Meath, and after a short service as clerk in the London office was appointed in 1850 to his recent position by the Marquis of Clanricarde, when Postmaster-General, at the instance of the Marchioness, who was fascinated by his musical accomplishments and drawing-room graces.

HERE are some hints to the city authorities who may find difficulty in disposing of

ownerless curs. At the recent meeting of the British Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Dr. B. W. Richardson described a method recently adopted at his suggestion for destroying lost and starving dogs by a painless death. This consists in submitting the animals to the influence of carbonic oxide gas in a closed chamber, the carbonic oxide being charged also with chloroform by being made to pass over a porous surface saturated with that drug.

The Hebrews are often spoken of as "a race without paupers." Though not strictly accurate, this statement gains color from the proverbial thrift of the race and from their excellent system of charities in the large cities. For the past ten years the Hebrew community in New York has steadily had in operation a scheme for relieving the needs of the poor among them that is worthy of attention by all Christ philanthropists.

THE LITTLE ONES.

How the Death Rate of Children is Affected by Heat.

Henry Dwight Chapin, M.D., attending physician to the out-door department at Bellevue Hospital, in an article on summer diseases in the Medical Record for July 26th, presents the following statistics: I have prepared the following table from statistics derived from the Board of Health. It consists of a comparison of the death rates from diarrhoeal diseases in New York between two winter months and two summer months, together with the mean temperature of each month.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Jan., Feb., July, Aug. Rows show mean temp. Fahr and deaths under 5 years for 1882 and 1883.

A glance at this table will show the tremendous increase in the death rate under the age of five years in comparison with that occurring above that age, the difference in winter being about double, while in summer it is vastly higher than that proportion. It also shows that the month having the highest mean temperature, July, has much the highest death rate in children under five years; while in cases above five years of age there is no appreciable difference between July and August.

The spade at Zaar, Egypt, has just unearthed a huge sarcophagus in a royal tomb. Its extraordinary dimensions are 14 feet in length, 7 feet 9 inches in width, 8 feet in height and the material is hard granite.

LATE OLD WORLD NEWS.

Sir Lepel Griffin is called by a Paris paper "the lurid English dyspeptic."

The Empress of Germany, who is in feeble health, will pass the autumn at Baden-Baden.

The ex Khedive of Egypt, Ismail Pasha, has permanently taken up his residence in London.

Female students are to be allowed to compete for positions as surgeons in the Paris hospitals.

Norway is free from cholera, quarantine and accusations of dynamite carrying, to travellers.

Five days' quarantine is enforced on going through the St. Gothard and Mount Cenis tunnels.

M. Alexandre Damas inveighs against the extravagance of women in France, where they spend enormous sums on their dresses.

Mr. Edwin Arnold's "Light of Asia" is being translated into Bengali, and is also very likely to be reproduced in India in a Sanskrit version.

Self-satisfied linguist to French diplomat: "How much would I have to say before you knew by my pronunciation that I was not a Frenchman?" "One word," was the prompt and decisive reply.

The new English Church opened on the Rifel Alp, above Zennatt, is 7,000 feet above the sea level, and it is the loftiest place of worship in the world, with the exception of the Monastery of St. Bernard.

It is said that the Grand Duke of Hesse contemplates abdication in favor of his son, Prince Ernst Ludwig, who is only 17 years old. His recent marriage and consequences have seriously compromised his position among his subjects.

The Gar of Cracow announces that the meeting of the Emperor of Austria and the Czar will take place at Granica, in Poland. Thence their Imperial Majesties will proceed together, via Warsaw, to Alexandroff, where they will be joined by the Emperor of Germany.

The English railway companies, improving the occasion and taking advantage of the cholera scare, which will keep thousands of people in England this summer and autumn, have made extensive arrangements for trips to well-known English watering and pleasure places.

Sir William Gull says that for many people who are susceptible to seasickness a pill of cayenne pepper and opium is the correct thing to take an hour before embarking. Then keep your eyes shut and don't move about, and the chances are that you'll escape the horrid mal de mer.

De Lesseps organ, La Bulletin du Canal Interocéanique, tells at great length how the Panama Canal is to be opened in 1888, and yet, according to its own showing, only one-thirtieth of the work has been done in three years and a half. There has been spent there about \$49,000,000.

Mr. Biggar, the Irish Home Ruler and member of Parliament, gave notice to the Clerk of the House "to ask the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland if it is true that Sergeant Corbett, of Strabally, is in the habit of firing shots out of the barrack door and on the barrack premises, killing birds and crows."

Gabriel Max is exhibiting his last grand painting, "The Conversion," which is making quite a sensation in Munich. It represents a Roman girl, who for having embraced Christianity is imprisoned and sentenced to death, and whom three young Romans vainly attempt to save by persuading her to renounce the new faith.

The æsthetic boom inaugurated by that shrewd apothecary, Oscar Wilde, is completely defunct in England. To be æsthetic now is to be out of the fashion, and the greenery-yellow maidens are looked upon with contempt by their more robust sisters and brothers. Mr. Wilde himself has settled down to a quiet and prosaic citizenship, broken occasionally by lectures which are quite sensible and commonplace.

The Gordon Expedition Route. A London cablegram says: Scarcely had the Government announced its final decision as to the route by which the expedition for the relief of General Gordon was to proceed to Khartoum, than a chorus of hostile criticism arose from certain old fogies of the military service, whose days for active campaigning are about over.

The Paris Journal des Debats has good reason to believe that in the week in which the Divorce Act comes into force two or three million petitions will be presented to make separations divorces. Hundreds who have experienced the wonderful power of NERVILINE in subduing pain have testified that it is the most potent remedy in existence. Nervilleine is equally efficacious as an internal or an external remedy. Polson's Nervilleine cures flatulence, chills, spasms, cholera, cramps, headache, sea sickness, summer complaints, etc., etc. Nervilleine is sold by all druggists and country dealers. Only 25 cents a bottle. Try it.

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Latest Irish News.

David Ross, Q.C., has been appointed by the Lord Lieutenant Recorder of Belfast.

One hundred and eight goats were exported from Ireland to Great Britain in one week lately.

Mr. Thomas Doyle, Inspector of Telegraphs for Derry, has been appointed Postmaster of Wexford.

Thomas St. George Pepper, of Ballygarth Castle, Deputy-Lieutenant of County Meath, died on July 21st.

Mr. James O'Brien, one of the oldest and most respected of the inhabitants of Nenagh, died on July 24th.

Mr. Charles Moneypenny, linen manufacturer, Belfast and Portadown, was on July 26th found shot dead in a mail train between Paris and Brussels.

On July 21st the remains of the late Mr. Daniel Creedon, for many years managing director in the establishment of Arnott & Co., Dublin, were interred in Glasnevin Cemetery.

Alderman McArthur, Londonderry, left his house at Waterside on July 24th in apparently his usual health. At 10 o'clock his dead body was found in the public reservoir.

New burial grounds are being established in Mayo in lieu of old ones, which had to be closed on account of the overcrowding of graves, rendering them unfit for further interments.

Plans have been prepared for conducting a ship canal, 127 miles long, from Dublin to Galway, at a cost of 8 millions for ships of 1,500 tons; of 12 millions for ships of 2,500 tons; and of 20 millions for ships of 5,000 tons and upwards.

A steward named Perry entered a hotel in Galway on the 29th ult. and fired five shots from a revolver at Alice Byrne, step-daughter of the landlord, who died a few minutes afterwards. Perry afterwards tried to commit suicide.

In the Dublin Zoological Gardens a fine lioness has eaten her own tail. One day she removed 12 inches of this appendage, and after an interval renewed her repast and swallowed more. Efforts were made to heal the bleeding stump, but the lioness continued eating the tail, which has entirely disappeared, and she has now commenced to eat one of her fore paws.

Fashion in East Africa.

In East Africa nearly every woman wears the pelete. When she is a little girl a small hole is pierced through the middle of her upper lip, and into this is pressed a small wooden pin to prevent the puncture from closing up. After a time this is changed for a larger pin, and so on till the hole is big enough to admit a ring. In proportion as the pelete is made gradually larger, so the lip enlarges also and comes to look like a snout. An average specimen measures 1 1/2 inches in diameter and almost an inch in length. When she becomes a widow fashion compels her to take out her pelete, the lip falls, and the great round hole, called luperele, shows the teeth and jaw quite plainly, making her hideous.

New Measurement of Time.

How the hundredth part of a second is measured is told in the Washington Post. It says: "The chronograph, as its name implies, is a time-writer. Without it the division of time into the hundredth part of a second—a division so small that the mind can hardly appreciate it—would be impossible. It is a revolving cylinder, bearing a fountain-pen attached to a magnet. As the pendulum of the clock swings its seconds it sends the electric current to the magnet. The latter gives a nervous click and the pen marks a small but distinct break on the paper. These breaks distinguish the seconds, and the space between them is measured by fine divisions on a slip of steel. A second in time, measured by space, is about as long as this: —"

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The surprising success of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for the several diseases peculiar to women forcibly illustrates the importance of her beneficent discovery and the fact that she knows how to make the most of it.—Dr. Haskell.

The London Truth says that among the occupations which are doing the worst in England is that of the builders. Of the failures recently gazetted a large proportion belonged to that trade. Here, on the contrary, the builder flourishes. In New York the permits issued this year for new buildings are about 23,000, in Brooklyn 26,080.

Capua, whose luxury proved too much for Hannibal's army, is frequently ravaged by a band of brigands who have settled down to business near it.

The Sea Serpent.

The captain and crew of the steamer Silkworth, now in Montreal, assert that they saw the sea serpent off the Gaspé coast on the voyage up. The monster rose frequently thirty feet out of the water and swelled out tremendously every time. At the water line it was about four feet in diameter; its head was that of a conger eel; mouth that of a shark; body striped like a mackerel; it was simply immense, and voice a horrible yell. There is no doubt that the captain, who is fully corroborated by the crew and passengers, believes his story, which is regularly entered in the ship's log. Sceptics can object to nothing except that the monster was seen at half a mile distance by moonlight, which may have exaggerated his size; not his awful bellow.

The ex-Empress Eugenie is building a grand mausoleum at Farnborough. It is expected that it will be ready in October to receive the remains of her husband and her son, the Prince Imperial.



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