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 to have the old tusks drawn. He suffers slightly from sciatica, but not much. He has entirely given up smoking, and leads German waters, has no special regimen.

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. He had no chemistry in those times, but he did have a healthy profanity. So he called his substance a 'hell of a stuff,' and probably so regarded it. Hell in Latin is Tartarus, and from this ancient cuss word come in direct descent tartar, cream of tartar and tartario acid."

In New York a man has been turned boarding-house because he Some persons may suppose that snored. as their noses are their own they may use them as they like, provided they do not poke them into other people's business, and that if they pay their board they cannot be put into the street for nasal trumpeting at night. But the police justice before whom the snoring boarder was taken was of a different opinion and decided that, nose or no nose, a man cannot insist on living where he is not wanted.

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 cations for relief. Distribution of clothing the Beer Daty Act a great number of and money is carried out by the executive persons who did not formerly brew took committee, and there is also a well organized out licenses for private brewing, under the impression that they could thus obtain in each district. One of the best elements beer at a less cost than they could purchase it from the brewers. The operation of brewing, however, is troublesome in an ordinary domestic establishment. The English Commissioners of Inland Revenue express the opinion that it cannot be conducted economically on a small scale, and that no doubt many of those persons have found it more convenient to revert to their former practice of obtaning beer direct from the brewer.

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. All shese culprits had killed sheep, some them being concerned in a wholesale alaughter of 150 wethers. Such is the degradation of the Australian canine race, that not only terriers, spaniels and Newfoundlands do the mischief, but sheep, cattle and watch dogs join the ranks of the destroyers, and bits and worry and destroy in their noctural attacks.

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 familisters 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, while the infant mortality is 50 per cent. Deaths under 5 ys. less. The baby farm comprises a baby house and a baby garden. The house contains 100 beds and one immense play-room, especially fitted up for its inmates. It opens flush with the garden, and is surrounded with spacious verandas. The administration is by a governess, with two assistants and the mothers that volunteer to serve. The children are generally brought there in the morning and taken to their homes at night, but a few make it a permanent home.

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. These letters are couched in the third person: "Mr. Gladstone presents his duty to Your Majesty, etc.," and Her Majesty's replies, usually dictated to a secretary, also run in the third person. Though never discursive, they are not mere formal acknowledgments, but often enter succinctly into the question at issue. The Queen devotes several hours every morning to the study of State business, and her time is no longer wasted now as it was during the first 25 years of her reign by having to sign all commissions for the army and navy. In 1862 an Act relieved her of this tedious task. She was in that year still engaged in signing the commissions of the year 1858.

Cornwall, the Postmaster of Dublin, who is on trial for such a hideous 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. He stands six feet, is of handsome presence, but pompous and pretentious, and with a great deal of vulgar swagger both in his air and conversation. There is nothing, however, repellant or repugnant in his appearance, or which would give the least index of crime. He is 61. Mr. Kirwan, who figures beside him, and who will probably be found less of a oriminal than a foolish friend, is of a Galway family of remarkable gentleness and purity of character, and is a nephew of Lawrence, author of "Gay Livingstone." He has that thin fair hair and creamcolored complexion which speak the slender mind. The first mention of his name in the matter killed his mother. None of the accused are genuine Irish. They all belong to the Protestant colony.

ownerless ours. At the recent meeting of the British Royal Society for the Prevention of Crasty to Animals, Dr. B. W Richardson described a method recently alopted at his suggestion for destroying anguish will continue. But he is unwilling 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 London. altogether a healthy life, but, except taking | charged also with chloroform by being made to pass over a porous surface saturated with that drug. The result is that the animals to be killed fall at once into a deep, painless sleep, out of which they never recover. Dr. Richardson has for a long time past been engaged in experimenting with a view to determining the best mode of killing animals without the infliction of pain, and the apparatus he describes is the fruit of his researches. He is sanguine that byand-by the humane system of slaughtering will be applied even to the destruction of animals intended for food; and he has himself applied the method with complete success in the case of sheep, which are first driven into sleep, and, while thus unconscious, killed. The good wishes of every humanitarian will be with Dr. Richardson

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 an philanthropists. The city is divided into twenty-four districts, and in each district a visiting committee investigates all applimedical corps, with a competent physician of the work is a pension system by which rent is paid for poor widows and helpless families. There are nearly 500 of these pensioned families now in the city, families which, but for this aid, would inevitably be in the poor houses or other public institutions. The true beneficence of the whole system of the United Hebrew Charities is shown by the fact that all of the work is done by volunteers. All the officers serve without pay, and the cost of distribution is never more than 10 cents for each dollar of | ple who are susceptible to seasickness a benefit. In many charitable societies the cost of distribution is nearly half of the amount distributed.

THE LITTLE ONES.

How the Death Bate of Children is Affected by Heat.

physician to the out-door department at Bellevue Hospital, in an article on summer diseases in the Medical Record for July spant there about \$49,000 000. 26th, presents the following statistics

I have prepared the following table from statistics derived from the Board of Health. Clerk of the House " to ask the Chief Sec-It consists of a comparison of the death rates from diarrhœal diseases in New York between two winter months and two summer months, together with the mean the barrack door and on the barrack pretemperature of each month. Under mises, killing birds and crows." diarrhoal diseases are included simple diarrhos, dysentery, entero-colitis, cholera infantum, cholera morbus, Asiatic cholera, diarrhoeal gastro-enteritis and diarrhoeal enteritis:

Feb. July. Mean temp. Fahr 28.77 35.210 75 79 0 Deaths over 5 ys....

Mean temp. Fahr 25.180 30.240 74.460 Deaths under 5 ys. 34 32Deaths over 5 ys.... 14

tremendous increase in the death rate brothers. Mr. Wilde himself has settled under the age of five years in comparison down to a quiet and prosaic citizenship, with that occurring above that age, the broken occasionally by lectures which are difference in winter being about double, quite sensible and commonplace. Mean. How can you hope to escape those evils address while in summer it is vastly higher than while the man who made the mathetics that proportion. It also shows that the ridiculous made Oscar Wilde famous, and month having the highest mean tempera- gave Gilbert his theme for "Patience"ture, July, has much the highest death the man, in fact, who was responsible for rate in children under five years; while in the whole stated craze, and who started cases above five years of age there is no it on his own boom—is comparatively appreciable difference between July and unknown. M. De Maurier, of Punch August. In 1882 and 1883 there was an deserves all the honors and gets few of increase of the mean temperature of July them. over August of from 2 37 to 4.06 Fahr. The difference in heat represented by these few degrees doubled the death rate in children under five years. As tenemen | had the Government announced its final | Corn Extractor. Take no other. houses and streets are no cleaner in August | decision as to the route by which the expethan in July, and as there is quite suffi. dition for the relief of General Gordon was cause free fermentation in any filth, it is hostile criticism arose from certain old evident that the increased infantile fogies of the military service, whose days mortality during July is due to a for active campaigning are about over. make separations divorces. slight increase in the heat, as the The responsibility of advising the Governother elements causing it are about ment has rested with General Wolseley. stand a high temperature well that in 1882 assistance rendered to the military by the an increase of 2° in temperature was naval service, he thinks that Jack Tar may sufficient to raise the death rate by just just as well be made of use on the 716 young children in one month. It is Nile as on the Mahmoud capal. The also seen by referring to the table that the expedition will be half naval and half higher than in July, 1883, and there were difficulties to be met with on the route, 178 more deaths in children under five caused by the cataracts and other natural years in the former month. I think that impediments, the bulk of the work during bottle. Try it. sufficient stress has not been devoted to the advance will fall on the naval service. the injurious effects of heat itself upon | The counter proposal of the United Service young children by writers on this sub. Club loungers is to reach Knartoum from ject, and that relatively too preponderat | the Red Sea, via Suakim and Berber, ing an influence has been given to impure | which would be a purely military underair. The disastrous effects are due to such | taking and would give whatever beavy and an intimate combination of these two hard knocks that were going to the Horse agents that it is somewhat difficult to esti- Guards. Our unfriendly critic says that the stock has been lost from all causes. mate their separate influences. But while | before Mr. Gladstone has done with him he it is easy to understand the injurious will make Jack Tar a land crab; but public effects of breathing a foul atmosphere, and opinion takes but little stock in the various iss depreciating consequences are con- arguments adduced, as long as an expedistantly seen, yet the system, in a sense, tions starts by any of the routes recomgets accustomed to impurity, and throws it | mended. The troops are likely to meet but off more or less readily. Young children little opposition on the road until they live for months shut up in filthy apart. have passed Dongola, and any danger from ments without dying, and even seeming to the enemy is but trifling as compared with enjoy tolerable health.

The spade at Zoar, Egypt, has just unearthed a huge sarcophagus in a royal tomb. Its extraordinary dimensions are 141 feet in length, 7 feet 91 inches in width, 8 feet in height and the material is hard granite. Mr. Petrie recently excavated the broken colossus of Rameses II., the oppressor of the Israelites, of proportions unknown in Egyptological annals of colossal HERE are some hints to the city authori- statues. The sarcophagus has not yet ties who may find difficulty in disposing of been assigned a king or dynasty.

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 Kaedive of Egypt, Ismail Pasha, has permanently taken up his residence in

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

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

Cenis tunnels.

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

-" How much would I have to say before reservoir. you knew by my pronunciation that I was prompt and decisive reply.

Riffel Alp, above Zennatt, is 7,000 feet above the sea level, and it is the loftiest exception of the Monastery of St. Bernard.

It is said that the Grand Duke of Hesse contemplates abdicating in favor of his son, Prince Ernst Ludwig, who is only 17 years old. His recent marriage and consequences have seriously compromised his position in Galway on the 29th ult. and fired five among his sujects.

The Czar 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 of people in England this summer and to eat one of her fore paws. autumn, have made extensive arrangements for trips to well-known English watering and pleasure places.

Sir William Gull says that for many peopill 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 Panama Canal is to be opened in 1888, and Henry Dwight Chapin, M.D., attending yet, according to its own showing, only

member of Parliament, gave notice to the quite plainly, making her hideous. retary of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland if it is true that Sergeant Corbett, of Stradbally, is in the habit of firing shots out of

painting, "The Conversion," which Romans vainly attempt to save by per-

suading her to renounce the new faith. yellowery maidens are looked upon with A glance at this table will show the contempt by their more robust sisters and is about as long as this: -

The Gordon Expedition Boute. the same. It is an impressive com. Guided by the rapid success of his movementary on the inability of infants to ments against Arabi and the effective that involved in an attempt to march heavily armed British troops across the desert. The general opinion of the experts is favorable to Lord Wolseley's scheme.

> Following the example of the artist Browning in painting his father, Millais is now making for Christ Church, Oxford, a portrait of the Premier in scarlet robes, the progress of metheticism requiring that even Mr. Glads one shall be painted red.

> At Winnipeg potatoes are down to 75c per bushel.

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 Tele graphs for Derry, has been appointed Post master 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 Self-satisfied linguist to French diplomat his dead body was found in the public

New burial grounds are being established not a Frenchman?" "One word," was the in Mayo in lieu of old ones, which had to be closed on account of the overcrowding of The new English Church opened on the graves, rendering them unfit for further interments.

Plans have been prepared for conducting place of worship in the world, with the 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 shots from a revolver at Alice Byrne, stepdaughter 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 the cholera scare, which will keep thousands | disappeared, and she has now commenced

Fashion in East Africa.

In East Africa nearly every woman weers the peleie. 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 pelele is made gradually larger, so Interoceanique, tells at great length how the the lip enlarges also and comes to look like a snout. An average specimen measures 11 inches in diameter and almost an inch one-thirtieth of the work has been done in in length. When she becomes a widow three years and a half. There has been fashion compels her to take out her pelele, the lip falls, and the great round hole, Mr. Biggar, the Irish Home Ruler and called luperele, shows the teeth and jaw

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 Gabriel Max is exhibiting his last grand | division of time into the hundredth part of a second—a division so small that the mind making quite a sensation in Munich. It can hardly appreciate it-would be imposrepresents a Roman girl, who for having sible. It is a revolving cylinder, bearing a embraced Christianity is imprisoned and fountain pen attached to a magnet. As the sentenced to death, and whom three young pendulum of the clock swings its seconds it sends the electric current to the magnet. The latter gives a nervous click and the The mathetic boom inaugurated by that pen marks a small but distinct break on shrewd apostle, Oscar Wilde, is completely | the paper. These breaks distinguish the defunct in England. To be æsthetic now is seconds, and the space between them is to be out of the fashion, and the greenery- measured by fine divisions on a slip of steel. A second in time, measured by space,

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which experience has demonstrated may be avoided, if her voice be listened to? How foolish it is to resort to dangerous drugs when a simple domestic remedy will answer the purpose. In the case of corns some resort to the razor and peril their lives, as lookjaw is not impossible. While others use dangerous and flesheating substitutes for the great sure pop-corn cure -Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. It never fails, nor ever can, for it is just the A London cablegram says: Scarcely thing for the purpose. Putnam's Painless

The Paris Journal des Debats has good cient heat and moisture during August to to proceed to Khartoum, than a chorus of reason to believe that in the week in which the Divorce Act comes into force two or three million petitions will be presented to

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> What is termed the "bad lands" west of the Missouri River are turning out to be an El Dorado for stock raising. There are Hospital, Moorefield's and Central London Throat and Ear Hospital. 317 Church Street an El Dorado for stock raising. There are now 40,000 head of stock in that country, valued at \$1,000,000. The country furnishes ample shelter, and not above 2 per cent. of WESLEYAN

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> The London Truth says that among the occupations which are doing the worst in England is that of the builders. Of the BELT and other ELECTRIC APPLIANCES on trial failures recently gazetted a large propor- for thirty days, to men (young or old) afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality and man tion belonged to that trade. Here, on the hood, and all kindred troubles. Also for rheu York the permits issued this year for new buildings are about 23,000, in Brooklyn as thirty days trial is allowed. Write them at 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 Silksworth, now in Montreal, assert that they saw the sea serpent off the Gaspe 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; bedy striped like a mackerel; fins 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. f 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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