THE LEGEND OF STAR ISLAND. The Only Monument to John Smith, the

Friend of Pecahoutas. During the troublesome times before and subsequent to the revolution the Isles of Shoals, off the coast of New Hampshire, were the resort and hiding places of the freebooters who haunted the northern coast, and these silent rocks, if they could speak, would tell many a tale of bloody cruelty and gloomy wrong. The pirates used to come here to divide and hide their booty, and melt up the silverplate they captured from the colonists along the coast. For a long time it was supposed that bushels of doubloons were buried in the gaping crevices of the rocks, or the little caves that have been eaten out of the ledges by the restless tide; but the place was thoroughly searched by several generations of fishermen, and nothing more valuable than a rusty cutlass or a bursted blunderbuss was ever found. The granddames tell how Capt. Kydd came here often, " as he sailed, as he sailed,"and there are legends of other pirates quite as fierce and free as he. The Star Island used to be haunted by a beautiful spectre with long white robes and golden tresses reaching to her heels, who used to come out of some undiscovered cavern at dawn, and shading her eyes with a hand that was as white and beautiful as a lily's bosom, gaze off upon the sea in hopeless expectancy of sun rises each morning, to meet the corsair bination is as seductive as Roman punch." lead, iron, coal, gold and diamonds abound; who never returned. There are eight of "Any new ways of preparing the melon the islands, the smallest being as large, or for table rather as small, as a city building lot, and "Well, I've been eating melons for forty are now an impassable jungle. the largest containing only a couple of years, and I still prefer em plain. Some hundred acres-nothing but bare, lifeless of my customers, however, like 'em mixed. rocks, carved by the messant waves into One of my best boarding-house customers rubber, hides and gums abound, and as to strange grotesqueness, and covered has watermelon salad every Sunday in the ing vines and the New England does lettuce—cute the red part of the melon blueberry. Four of the islands are inhabited, the largest, the Appledore, bears a hotel and a few cottages. Star island has another hotel and a small settlement Another family that I know of pour of fishermen; a third has a few fishermen's huts, and the fourth has a bold, white lighthouse springing out of its crest. They were discovered by Capt. John Smith, the friend of Pocahontas, who in 1614 explored the New England coast in an open boat, and spent some time here making repairs and resting. On Star island stands the only strips and eat 'em with cold baked beans. monument erected in America to Capt. John Smith. It is a rude affair-a prismatic shaped shaft of marble, upon a pedestal of sandstone, inscribed at length with the record of his valorous deeds, and some cyclopedias say he is buried here, but that is a mistake.

WIVES WANTED ON TRIAL.

Eccentric Gentlemen with Matrimonial Intentions.

Daniel F. Shugone, the farmer who has spent considerable time and money in his efforts to free Ella Larabee, the pretty young female burglar of Brooklyn, for the purpose of making her his wife, has apparently given up all hopes of success. He entered the Labor Bureau in Castle Garden yesterday morning, and approaching Manager Connolly he said abruptly : " want a wife. May I speak to some of the immigrant girls here and see if any of them would like to get married? I am not a poor man. I have got a snug little farm on the outskirts of Boston, and can support a wife comfortably."

Mr. Connolly gave him permission to plead his cause with the girls present. They all laughed at him. No one appreciated the offer of his hand and heart. He then took a seat on a bench and waited patiently until another ship came in and a tresh lot of young girls entered the Labor Bureau. He met with no success, how-

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a Journal reporter entered the bureau and

meeting Shugone asked :

" Have you broken with Nellie?" "Well, ves; I guess I have. I think she is a little too naughty for me." While the reporter was still speaking with Shugone a thin, nervous-looking man entered the bureau, and, sliding up to Matron Boyle, asked : " Have you got a wife for me yet?"

" No, Mr. Martin, I have not," she replied.

The new-comer said his name was Michael Martin. He is 52 years of age, and was married once, and had a family of seven children-six sons and a daughter. His wife died about five years ago, and since then he has been travelling about searching for another wife.

" How have you succeeded so far?" asked the reporter. "Well, I have had two or three ladies

at my house on trial, but none of them suited." "Did you marry them?" "Oh, no. Just hired them first, to see

if they could work. If they suited me would have married any one of them." - Where do you live ?" "I've got a fine farm out in Trenton, N J. When I leave here I am going to a

matrimonial bureau at the corner of Eleventh street and Sixth avenue." "Can any one go there and get a wife?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, no. You must be vouched for by some one who is known there. They run it as an employment agency." "Are there many such places in the

city?" " I only know of one more, and that's in Nassau street. Well, good-day," and the loquacious old wife-hunter started up town for the matrimonial bureau. Mr. Snugone left shortly afterward, saying he would call again to day .- New York Journal.

Down to First Principles.

Fashionable sufferer - " Doctor, what can I do to whiten my hands? I have been to every manicure in Detroit." "What have you tried?"

"Oh, everything. Glycerine, lotions, washes and everything; but they still persist in remaining brown and spotted." "Have you tried water?"

"Good gracious! What an idea!" "Try water with soap in t. In fact, y Low tied-A married couple of short way that separates me from the rustic, ivy wash them. My fee will be \$3."

Flavored With Vanilla, Made Into Salad and Eaten With Benns.

"There's no fear of a watermelon famine this season," said a dealer at Arch street wharf to a Philadelphia Press reporter, as he gazed upon a pile of the luscious, greencoated fruit. "They are coming in by the boat load. They come mostly from Jersey and Maryland just now. Early in the season they come as far south as Georgia and Florida. They range in price from \$2 to \$15 a hundred."

"Where do they go mostly?"

"To hotels and boarding-houses; summer-resort hotels in particular. few are bought for private families. But they can't be relied on to make an everyday trade. The poor people buy them a of 3,000 miles is in the torrid; and good deal on Saturdays for Sunday dinners. Young people buy them for what they call water-melon parties. After they eat out the red part they enjoy themselves by hanging the rinds on one another's heads. A good many times they supplement the rinds with their fists. The boarding-house and hotel trade is a pretty steady one. grown throughout the year, and already You see, twenty cents' worth of melon will make a big show and go a grea way as dessert."

"Any new varieties this year?" "Well, we have the vanilla and the lemon-flavored watermelon. They are got by injecting the vanilla flavor or inserting the return of a clipper that sailed a bit of lemon into the stem while the away and never came back again. The melon is growing. The flavor is taken up story goes that a bloody-hearted old by the pulp and makes a delicious compirate, being pursued by a cruiser, brought bination. Only epicures know of this his beautiful mistress here and left her wrinkle and we therefore have few of the while he went out to battle, telling her that doctored species on sale. You can get a Already wheat, sugar cane, cotton, silk, by dawn he would be back again, but he toothsome dish by plugging a melon, incame not, not even till now. She died of jecting a little fine claret, restoring the starvation, but her faithful spirit still plug and allowing the wine to be taken of fruit or vegetable which could not be comes to the summit of the island as the up by the fruit. But, beware, the com-

no vegetation except low, cling season. She prepares it, she says, as she up into bits, adds pepper, salt, vinegar and oil. It ought to make 'em sick, but she nent; but the half has not been told does say her boarders just fight for it. molasses on their melons. A good many people, I believe, always add a squeeze of lemon to the fruit. A Boston family that veil that is yet litted. When we think what deal with me are always particular to have their melons firm and just ripe and don's haggle about price when they get 'em to suit. They have the melons out into little put, as I said before, for my part I like 'em blain."

Work Preserves the Health, Idleness Weakens it.

Erricsson, the veteran inventor, was 81 years old recently. He is in excellent health, and works, it is said, sixteen hours a day, thus proving an exception to the general rule, like many others that are received without a question, that hard work kills is a fallacy. Perhaps might be fairly asserted busy men live longer tuan idle men; that work is, after all, the true elixir of life. Many noteworthy instances where longevity coincides with remarkable mental activity will easily occur to the reader.

Was not Sophocles more than ninety when, to prove that he was not in his dotage—as his heirs claimed, in order to get his money—he wrote one of his greatest tragedies? Did not Humboldt do more work at four score than many bright men do at forty? Goethe, as every one knows died with Len in hand at the age of eighty two. Von Ranke, the foremost of hving historians, has just published another volume of his Universal History; he will be eighty-nine years old next December. Carlyle and Emerson lost none of their vigor until they reached three and ten.

And, to-day, who imagines that Oliver Wendell Holmes, already on the verge of seventy-five, is old? Longfellow did some of of his best work shortly before his death, at seventy-five, and Whittier is now two years older than that. The vast energies, whose sum in many directions are known as Victor Hugo, show no signs of decrepitude, although is is more than eighty-two years since Victor Hugo was born. Historians, it may be remarked, have usually been long lived.

Voltaire died at 84. Thieray and Michlet at 76; Mignet and Guizot at 87. George Bancroft is now 84, and George Tichnor lived to be 80. In public life we have had several recent examples of great men whose power for statemanship did not diminish through age. Gladstone is nearly 75, and Palmerston was Prime Minister at the time of his death, two days before he had completed his 81st year. Benjamin Franklin, in the last century, lived to be 84.

These instances suffice to show that there are constitutions which not only can bear, but which actually need the stimulus of hard work up to a very advanced period-Of course, on the other hand, might be cited the remarkable men who died young but even from their experience the fact might be brought out, not that they were killed by overwork, but by irrational work, Usually, as in the case of Keats, early death is the result of chronic disease. Shelley, who is always mentioned among those whose lives stretched but a span, was drowned accidentally, and there is good reason to believe that but for this he would have lived to old age, because he was phy

sically strong. Raphael, Mozart, Boron, Burns and Schubert succumbed just at an age when most men reach their prime, but it must not be forgotten that the last three undermined their health by excesses. Shakespeare, Napoleon, Cesar and Beethoven recognized as the unrivalted giants in their respective departments, died at between fifty and sixty. But on the other hand Michel Angelo, than whom no man ever expended more energy upon his vast achievements, lived to be ninety, and Titian was ninety-nine. It is evident, therefore, that while no strict law can be established, there is a relationship between longevity and labor. Work preserves the health, while idleness tends to weaken it .-Philadelphia Bulletin.

stature.

THE DARK CONTINENT.

Great Possibilities of the Vast Land that Civilization is Striving to Control The great Dark Continent continues to attract the attention of the nations and Churches in an increasing degree. Our readers will be interested in the following brief account of its territory and people. Africa is almost an island, being united to Asia by the narrow isthmus of Suez; in fact, the Sucz Canal makes it now an island. Its length is about 5,000 miles. and its greatest breadth 4,600. It contains

an area of nearly 12,000 square miles and its sea coast is so extensive that to sail around it would be equal to two-thirds the circumnavigation of the globe. lies in three zones; its grand central belt this is flanked north and south by about 1,000 miles on each side lying in the temperate zones. It thus presents within its vant area the most delightful variety of climate. The central belt of this great land could feed half the world. The seasons are so favorable that crops may be you find here the finest rice, Indian corn, sweet potatoes, beans, paanuts, melons, squashes, tomatoes, ginger, pepper, arrow root, cotton, sugar cane, yams, cocoa, cassada etc., while Liberian coffee carries off the palm. "Africa will yet be the greatest cotton, coffee and sugar country" on which the sun shines; the world's market. Africa is one of the richest countries on the globe, in vegetable and mineral resources. There are indications that it is yet to prove the world's granary and treasury. wool, olives, dates and other tropical fruits may be found there, and there is no variety grown somewhere in its vast area. Copper, and as to its timber land, its forests are so thick with all kinds of trees that they thousand elephanes are supposed to be slain annually for their ivory tusks; India ostrich plumes, the profit of one grown ostrich is \$55 a year. More than one hundred and fifty books have been written in description of this grand contiand in fact not yet known, for God's providence has for some wise reason kept this continent veiled for thousands of years. and even new it is only the corner of the historic events were waiting to find in America the theatre of their transaction, and what wonders of development followed the discovery of this hidden continent four centuries ago, who can tell what may yet be the glory of the civilization that shall robe the Dark Continent in the lustrous garments of enterprise, education, and, above all, Christianity? Here are mixed peoples, Arabs and Turks, Moors and Jews; various religions-Mohammedan, Papal, Jewish. The population estimated at 200,000,000. Africa's sable the real centre of government, or the sons have a peculiar aptitude, that makes this land a very life of the nation, says Macmillan's Magahopeful, fruitful soil in which to sow the seed | sine. No other city in Europe has kept of the gospel. And then we must remem- that prerogative unbroken for eight centuber that the typical African is not to be ries until our own day. At the very utfound in the class that has been reduced most, Paris has possessed it for not more to slavery and brought to other climes. than four centuries, and in an incomplete The cradie of the grandest civilization of manner for at least half of these four.

aptitude to repose on a superior mind and laterest. rest on a higher power, their childlike simplicity of affection and facility of forgiveness. In all these they will exhibit the He loveth, He hath chosen poor Africa in the furnace of affliction to make her the highest and noblest in that kingdom which He will set up, when every other kingdom

Ivy Lawns.

shall be last, and the last first."-Record.

has been tried and failed; for "the first

implies, of ivy only, and they offer some eat the grass seeds to-day and to-morrow of itself for any number of years; but if in need of repair or trimming, the knife, the shears or the spade may be used with unskilful hands, and with the least imaginable cost of time, for it is not an easy thing to kill, or even to seriously injure, a lawn consisting of ivy solely. Such lawns are unfit for games, and indeed should not be trodden on. They will not, therefore, supersede grass in a country garden, which, perhaps, is a matter for congratulation; but they will give us the thousands of places where grass is more out. plague than profit, and, at the very best, tends rather to disgrace than adorn the position.

covered church.

Old World Gossip.

Admiral McClintock, the Arctic explorer, denies all the allegations of Dr. Rae regard-Franklin expedition. Admiral McClintock and Dr. Rae are not friends.

him. He is gradually falling into a coma-

Two Foreign Office clerks parring along Whitehall: "Very sad, isn't it? I see by arranged the sand and this morning's papers the Duke of Welling-

on steamers running between Liverpool nose like a gourd squash about a foot long, deaths were less than one per 1,000. Five stands on a pedestal in the mess-room at of these were suicides and the remainder Shoeburyness, and is marked Napoleon IV. mostly occurred among children.

The Paris papers, though dull, understand a joke. They say "The American authorities must indeed be frightened heart ache for him, and more for the about the cholera. They threaten, according to the newspapers, which always tell the truth, that if Bartholdi's Liberty arrives this summer she shall be quarantined and kept in the lower bay on the ground that she comes from an infected cholera district."

Ten days ago criers ran through the streets of Bethune, France, selling a newspaper extra which gave a detailed account of an Orleanist coup d'etat and a revolution at Paris. General de Galliffet, according to the despatches, had surrounded the Elysee, the Faubourg Saint Honoré was a cene of the greatest excitement and violence and the Come de Paris was about to put himself at the head of his troops.

le was at Ashieres, close to the margin of the virginal, the immaculate Seine. "Augustus," she exclaimed, "darling Augustus, do not venture into that boat. You know you might drown, my dear, and then-and then-" "Oh! pshaw, Clemen tine, I'm used to it. I shan't drown." "Well, anyhow, leave me your watch and chain, that's a dear.'

A sad tragedy happened at Bettlach in Alsace. A farmer had returned from the fields with a load of dried clover. His little son fell asleep among the hay, which covered him from sight. The father did not know of his presence and proceeded to unload. He plunged his pitchfork with great force into the hay and was horrified by the tarrible cry which followed the act The unfortunate child was pierced through and through, and died almost immediately. The father's despairing agony can only be magined.

London in a Historical Sense. London has been, since the conquest, religious thought, the growth, the culture and the the ages past was in the valley of the Nile; The capitals of Prussia, Austria, Russia and the heart of the Dark Continent to-day and Spain are merely the artificial work of holds some of the manliest specimens of recent ages, and the capitals of Italy and the human race. And then the African is Greece are mere antiquarian revivals. naturally aesthetic. "The negro," says England was centralized earlier than Mrs. Stowe, "is an exotic of the most by any other European nation; and thus gorgeous and superb countries of the the congeries of towns that we now call world, and he has deep in his heart a London has formed from the early days of passion for all that is splendid, rich and our monarchy, the essential seat of Governfanciful; a passion which, rudely indulged ment, the military headquarters, the perby an untrained taste, draws on them the manent home of the law, the connecting ridicule of the colder and more correct link between England and the continent, white race." If ever Africa shall show an and one of the great centres of the comelevated and cultivated race—and come it merce of Europe. Hence it has come about must, some time, her turn to figure in the that the life of England has been concengreat drama of human improvement-life trated on the banks of the Thames more will awake there with a gorgeousness and completely and for a longer period than splendor of which our cold western tribes the life of any great nation has been confaintly conceived. In that far-off mystic centrated in any single modern city. When land of gold, and gems, and spicer, and we add to that fact the happy circumstance waving palms, and wondrous flowers, and that at least down to the memory of living miraor lous fertility, will awake new forms men, London retuned a more complete art, new styles of splendor; series of public monuments, a more varied the negro race, no longer set of local associations, more noble builddespised and trodden down, will inge bound up with the memory of more perhaps show forth some of the latest and great events and more great men than any most magnificent revelations of human single city in Europe (except perhaps Rome life. Certainly they will, in their gentle- itself), we come to the conclusion that ness, their lowly docility of heart, their London is a city unsurpassed in historic

A CONVICT ESCAPES.

Hugo (line, the Hamilton Horse Thief Walks Out of the Central Prison.

A prisoner named Hugo Cline, under sentence of 23 months in the Central Prison for horse stealing in Hamilton, escaped from the Central Prison between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday. He had been in the prison hospital for some time past under treatment for disease of the heart. He had been in the prison about a year, Ivy lawns are known to but few among and some time ago made an adroit attempt the many who are interested in gardening to escape by sawing a hole in the floor of a economy. The consist, as the name carpenter shop. A guard happened to kick away some of the shavings with which he peculiar advantages in cases where grass had covered the place of his concealment, lawns are apt to occasion more trouble and seeing the marks of the saw, lifted the than they are worth. An ivy lawn may be piece and discovered Uline lying face up in well made in one season, and if the the lining of the floor. Since that time he primary operation of planting be properly has evidently been watching his chance to performed the lawn will make itself; it escape. Yesterday a guard happened to will want no cutting, no sweeping, no leave the grated doors of the hospital watering, no protection from the birds that unlocked and Cline coolly walked out, and by the assistance of a board scaled the scratch up the tender plants, as though it | fence and cleared off towards the west. He was their mission to make grass lawns is a German, about 23 years of age, fresh impossible. And when made, being, as it complexioned, with brown hair, weight were, self-made, an ivy lawn will take care about 150 pounds, and height 5 feet 9 inches. He has been a thief from his infancy, and has been in many of the prisons of the United States.

An Unpleasant Task

"What are you going to do with the dog?" asked a gentleman on the street of a friend who was carrying a small poodle under his arm ; " take him down to the river and drown him?"

"I wish I might," was the sad response; "but he belongs to my wife. I am taking most delightful breadth of verdure in him over to the barber's to have his hair

> High tea: "Which part of the cake will you take, Johnny?" "Oh, I'll take the soprano, I guess." "The soprano— Whatido you mean?" "The upper part, of twenty cents per word for five insertions, or in THE DAILY MAIL at two and a half cents per word each insertion.

Empress Eugenie and Her Son-I have seen the ex-Empress Eugenie at table perhaps a dozen times, and I never ing the cannibalism of the members of the saw any one eat so little that seemed to be in as good health as she did. Her son (poor boy !), however, made up for her, for Marshal Von Moltke, says a French he had a very healthy appetite. While at paper, is said to be seriously ill. He has Shoeburyness Military School he had sevecerebral paralysis and is hardly able to ral photographs taken by one of the solwalk. When he eats his servant is obliged diers, who had some talent that way, and to perform the most ordinary offices for he gave me a copy with his antograph on it. Another embryo artist at Shoeburyness wished to make a plaster bust of the young Prince, and accordingly they mud to take the mould, and ton is dead." "You don't say so; why, he down on his knees and bravely muet have been very old indeed—it's nearly pushed his greased face into the mud, but a century since the battle of Waterioo was not far enough to suit the artist, who put his hands on the young Napoleon's neck A correspondent of the London Lancet and pushed it still further in. When the says that he has practised for eight years plaster caste was taken out there was a and American ports. During this time he as the plaster had somehow forced a chanhas had charge of 50,000 people, and the nel for itself. This remarkable bust now To think of the brave, bright young man as I knew him, full of life and boyish earnestness, as having died as he died, makes my

> Genius is only entitled to respect when it promotes the peace and improves the hat piness of mankind.

mother who loved him so. After my visit

to Chislehurst, I never saw either of them

again .- Olive Harper's Reminiscences.

Worth their Weight in Gold



AND CINTMENT.

THIS INCOMPARABLE MEDICINE has secured for itself an imperishable fame throughout the world for the alleviation and cure of most diseases to which humanity is heir.

purify, regulate and improve the quality of the Blood. They assist the digestive organs, cleanse

STOMACH and BOWELS,

Increase the secretory powers of the Liver, [brace the nervous system' and throw into the circula. tion the purest Elements for sustaining and repairing the frame.

Thousands of persons have testified that by their use alone they have been restored to health and strength, after every other means had proved

THE OINTMENT

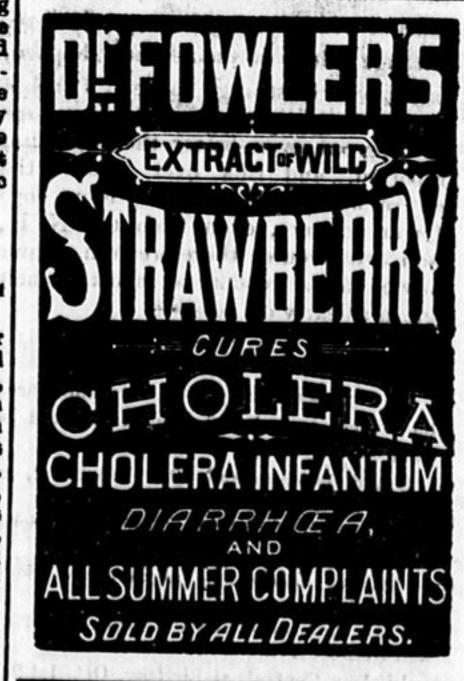
will be found invaluable in every household in the cure of Open Sores, Hard Tumours,

BAD LEGS, OLD WOUNDS, COUCHS

Colds, Sore Throats Bronchitis, and all disorders of the Throat and Cnest, as also Gout, Rheumas ism, Scrofula, and every kind of Skin Diseasc. Manufactured only at Professor Hollowar's Establishment,

/8 New Oxford St. (late 533 Oxford St.) London. and sold at 1s, 11d. 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., 19s., 22., and 33s. each Box and Pot, and in Canada the cents, 90 cents, and \$1.50 cents, and the larger sizes in

CAUTION.-I have no Agent in the United States, nor are my Medicines sold there. Purchasers should therefore look to the Label on the Pots and Boxes. If the address is not 533 Oxford Street. London, they are spurious.





LISTS OF "FARMS FOR SALE" AND "FARMS WANTED"

DAILY AND WEEKLY MAIL

THE MAIL has become The Recognized Medium for Farm Advertisements

And contains more of them than all other Canadian papers com-bined. It has 350,000 readers of the right class.

Address- THE MAIL Toronto, Canada.