



NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The London Lancet in a recent issue expresses regret that the list of peerages announced on the Queen's birthday did not contain the name of at least one eminent surgeon or physician.

Mr. W. E. H. Lecky takes occasion in his "Democracy and Liberty," to condemn this discrimination against the princes of science and against those who apply special knowledge to the alleviation of suffering and the preservation of life.

Turning to other and perhaps more important elements of national well-being, the great healing professions, Mr. Lecky points out that here also the present century ranks among the most illustrious in the history of the world.

The London Lancet is obviously right when it says that at the present day, when laws relating to the public health engage so much of the attention of legislators, the exclusion of the medical profession from one House of Parliament is especially regrettable.

THE NATION'S KARMA.

THE CAUSES WHICH AFFECT THE DESTINY OF NATIONS.

The Star of Wormwood is, after all, no more than a figure of speech, a metaphorical expression by which we mean an aggregation.

Washington, June 21.—It was appropriate that this sermon on the destiny of nations should be preached in what has long been called the presidents' church, because Presidents Jackson and Pierce and Polk and Cleveland have attended Dr. Talmage's sermons.

Many commentators, like Patrick and Lowth, Thomas Scott, Matthew Henley and Albert Barnes, agree in saying that the star Wormwood, mentioned in Revelation, was Attila, king of the Huns.

A more extraordinary character history does not furnish than this man thus referred to—Attila, the king of the Huns. One day a wounded heifer came limping along through the fields, and a herdsmen followed it.

Other mighty men have been delighted at being called liberators, or the merciful, or the good, but Attila called himself and demanded that others call him the Scourge of God.

It was a common saying that the grass never grew again where the hoof of Attila's horse had trod. His armies reddened the waters of the Seine and the Moselle and the Rhine with carnage and fought on the Catalonian plains the fiercest battle since the world stood.

Slain on the evening of his marriage by his bride, Attila who was hired for the assassination, his followers beheaded him not with tears, but with the cutting of his throat with knives.

wormwood is extracted, Artemisia alabastrium, is a perennial plant, and all the year round it is ready to exude its oil. And in many human lives, it is a perennial distinction of acrid experiences.

Some of you are evening stars, and you are clearing the way of old people, and though a cloud sometimes comes over you through querulousness or unreasonableness, you are a beam of light, and you are a star.

But are any of you the star Wormwood? Do you scold and growl from the throne, patting your own head, and are you always crying, "Hush! Hush!"

What is your influence upon the neighborhood? Do you have a silver table and a vase of solid gold. A city captured by him, the inhabitants were brought out and put into three classes—the first class, those who could bear arms, who must immediately enlist under Attila or be butchered.

These are the men of the future, the men of the future, the men of the future, the men of the future, the men of the future, the men of the future.

But when you are making of your will? Is it beset with profanity and uncleanliness? Do you play it in amusement, the gravest defects for which the victims are not responsible? Are your powers of memory used to put religion in order? Is it a bunch of nettlesome investigations? Is it a bolt of unjust scorn?

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has not glorious specimens of consociated national and state capitals will fall more desirably than when Samson pulled down Dagon, and future historians will record upon the page, bedewed with generous tears the story that the free nation of the west arose in splendor which made the world stare.

There is an erroneous idea abroad that there are only a few good men and women who have special adaptation and quickness for some one thing. The circle may be like the circumference of the earth or no larger.

There is a remarkable picture and was witnessed for more than half an hour by hundreds of people, and then gradually faded away. Records of such phenomena are not kept, and data regarding them on Lake Ontario are not to be had.

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Another Gold Vein Discovered. A despatch from Port Arthur, Ont., says: Mr. Proudfoot, civil engineer, returned on Thursday from the Seine River district. On mining location A. L. 189 he has discovered a large vein about 10 feet wide, from which he has broken off some marvellously rich specimens of fine gold.

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THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country. Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

Representative stockmen of Ontario met recently in Guelph, and selected that city in which to hold their winter show, on December, 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Rev. Father Gill of Granby has won his appeal in the case of Bouchard against Gill, the Court of Appeal holding his right to refuse to answer questions concerning communications that took place in the confessional.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the bill authorizing marriage to a deceased wife's sister.

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A CITY IN THE SKY.

Oswego People Get a View of Kingston Upside Down—A Beautiful Mirage Over Lake Ontario.

A despatch from Oswego says:—Just before the sun sank to rest in the blue waters of Lake Ontario, on Thursday night persons along the lake from Kingston to the lower bridge witnessed one of the most beautiful and rarest phenomena witnessed in this climate.

The mirage is most frequently seen in hot climates, more especially on the sandy plains of Egypt. It is a phenomenon of the air when they are expanded by contact with the heated surface of the water.

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The struggle between British and French Russia is a determined one. The Queen of Portugal's medical library is the best of its kind in Portugal, and she is said to know as much about medicine and surgery as many of the physicians of the country.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A London costermonger was strangled by his shirt collar while asleep on the other day.

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GREAT ASPHALT LAKE.

More Than 300,000 Tons Taken From It. The area of the Trinidad Asphalt Lake is only 110 acres, and its depth is unknown, for, though borings have been made by experts, they have as yet failed to find the bottom.

The pitch is taken out with the pickaxe in hard lumps about the size of a man's head, and thrown into large buckets which stand on rollers.

The Trinidad Asphalt Company has a concession from the Government for a period of 40 years. The company pays the Government £10,000 a year, and a royalty of 8s. on every ton of asphalt in excess of 500 tons per annum.

During the last eight years the average annual output has been 45,000 tons, that more than 350,000 tons have already been taken by private proprietors from a small tract of land.

The walls and bottom of the strip are covered with pitch, and the pitch is loaded, which prevents its clinging to the ship.

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Among the many curious ceremonies of the coronation is the salutation by the Czar of the tombs of his ancestors in the Archangel Cathedral. The learned in these matters consider the custom to be a relic of a ceremony which took place in the coronation of the Byzantine Empire, which formed the basis upon which the order of the Russian coronation ceremonies is founded.

POLICEMEN IN BULUWAYO.

The municipal policeman in Buluwayo, South Africa, is more fortunate than his fellows in many other parts of the world. Promotion in Buluwayo is rapid, and a capable man can soon become a sergeant and draw from 18 to 15 shillings a day, or about \$10 a month. Tips are also regarded as a "hobby," and he can accept a gift with no fear of being called before a board.