

SCIENTIFIC GOSSIP.

Lady Siemens has presented a paper to the Royal Society... About the Queen—DeLesseps—Emperor William—President Geesey—Prince Bismarck—other Great People.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Lord Lyne is going to make an attempt to introduce the whitefish of the Canadian lakes into several rivers and lochs in the west of Scotland... Prof. Clelland of Glasgow University said in a recent lecture on terminal forms of life that man was "a terminus," anatomical evidence showed he had reached the limit of development in vertebrate life.

POPULAR CRAZES.

Some of the Curious Ideas of Invalids—Drinking Calf's Blood as a Cure for Consumption—The Mud-Baths, Sand Baths, and Blue-Glass Cures... "Popular crazes," did you ask about, was the answer of a well-known physician...

THE "RUSTLER" OF THE LEVANT.

How the Mourmouriment Takes, in Smyrna, the place of the Texan Cowboy... Everyone who has lived any length of time at Smyrna knows that among the Greek population of the town there is a class of rustlers, heroes of the knife, who go by the name of "mourmourimenti."

A Miner's Eloquent Prayer.

At a recent meeting of the miners of Pocahontas, Va. the scene of the terrible mine disaster, Peter Smith, whose brother was a victim, asked permission to pray, which being accorded he arose, and donning his hat, made a touching appeal.

James in the British Museum... The latest return of the British Museum... The Texas Courier-Recorder... A habit of chewing paper...

Brutal Soldiers in Tonquin.

More disagreeable to notice than this unwholesome tipping is the conduct of the soldiers towards the townspeople. The Anamese have regained sufficient confidence to come back to their houses, or to come back and build new houses where the old ones have been swept away...

The Suicide of Scorpions.

In the volume published last year, the title of which is the "Lion and the Sun," by Dr. Willis, for fifteen years medical officer in Persia under the Overland Telegraphic company, is the following narrative: "A story was told me by the late Dr. Favergen, a Swede in Persian employ, who had been twenty-five years in Shiraz, to the effect that scorpions, when they see no chance of escape, commit suicide; and he told me that when one was surrounded by a circle of live coals, it ran round three times, and then stung itself to death."

A Chinese Notion.

China, so far as can be learned from history, are the oldest nation on the earth. They are, to us of extreme modern ideas, a strange people, and some of their ways and fancies are not to be explained.

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

The annual meeting of this company was held on the 13th of March. The statements there submitted and the report of the proceedings cannot but be very gratifying to all the friends of the company. The Sun was incorporated in 1865, but only issued its first policy in May, 1871.

Humors of the London Strand.

At any time the humors of the Strand about eleven o'clock at night are well worthy of study, though the observer must need be serenely indifferent to his money, and of course his life. He must be careless of his watch, affect a supreme disregard for the regiment of tents, and be ready to embrace a horse as if he were living with the Honyahums.