Terrible Suffering of Travellers in a Stage of Cape Guardafui, there are no towns worth

The Benton stage the other night brought in the three passengers who were on the belated stage that was storm-bound eighteen miles south of Benton from Thursday until Friday evening. They were J. V Montgomery, from the Judith, and Edenholm and Wm. Morgan, two discharged soldiers from Fort Assinaboine. From a member of the party your correspondent gathers the following story of their terrible experience :

They left Benton at 7 o'clock Thursday morning in a blinding snowstorm. It was not then, however, very cold, but rapidly grew colder. They lost the road several times, and made slow progress until nearly nightfall, when the horses became too much exhuasted to proceed further with the conveyance. The driver, Charles S. Fox, thought they were within five miles of Twenty-eight Mile Spring, one of the stage stations. It was here decided to send the two soldiers to the station with the horses for relief. They accordingly started, but after making about five miles one of the horses gave out entirely and the other was too badly used up to be of service. They then tied the animals to a telegraph pole and started off on foot. They had not gone far when one of them sank powerless to the ground. His companion, however, recognizing that certain death would be his fate if left behind, literally dragged him the remaining distance to the station which proved to be five miles. Upon arrival at the Spring they endeavored to organize a party to return to the abandoned stage, but the storm was raging with such fury that no one could be found who would volunteer to make the attempt until the afternoon of the next day. In the meantime the driver and Montgomery, becoming alarmed at the nonarrival of assistance, determined to set out to the Spring on fcot. They wereth oroughly benumbed, and it was only with the greatest exertion that they travelled a distance of about five miles, when they became bewildered and nearly exhausted. Realizing that they had lost their reckon-

ing, they concluded to return to the stage. When within a mile of their starting point, Fox declared he would go no further and his companion left him staggering around a telegraph pole and feebly beating it with his hands to keep up circulation. Montgomery struggled on and finally reached the stage and fell over it utterly helpless. The sun came out brightly soon afterwards and he revived sufficiently to pull the robes about him. When a rescuing party found Fox he was still at the telegraph pole and eating snow. Montgomery was found at the

stage eating oats. They had no food nor drink for thirtysix hours, and the horrors of hunger and thirst added to the terrors, of the situation. The benighted wanderers were taken to the station, where they found that beyond the serious frosting of there extremities they were apparently in a condition to proceed on their journey, except Fox, the driver, who was taken back to Benton for medical assistance on account of the critical condition of his arms and limbs, which were badly frozen. As soon as the storm had abated the others resumed their journey, all suffering severely from the terrible adventure, and at noon Montgomery's mind began experience and suffering. By night he was totally insane and had to be tied to his seat. He was taken to the hospital and medical assistance summoned. His condition is very serious, but nothing definite can yet be said of his ultimate recovery. The other two men are not sufficing greatly and are out on the streets.

Valentines.

When asked "Who was St. Valentine, and why should this day be celebrated by sending love messages and pictures?" one is puzzled to answer. There are several saints of the name on the calendar, but there is no evidence that any of them ever had anything to do with the modern customs of celebrating Feb. 14. Nor is it minutely certain how these customs grew up; but their basis was pretty certainly one of those dark and fou primeval ceremonies whose shadows still survive in so many pretty graceful customs, full of fragrance and their origin forgotten. February in the Old world was alway i eckoned the mating time of birds; and in ages of communism and nature-worship, a savage semi religious custom grew up of "pairing off males and females of the human species for the ensuing year in the middle of this month. This was done by lot, the young people o a neighborhood meeting and the names of the girls being placed in a box, from which the young men drew them: the girl whose name was drawn was the " valentine" for the year to the young man who drew itthat is he possessed her for that period. This was gradually softened into paying her attentions as to a betrothed wife, giving her presents, etc., -these mock engagements of course often leading to rea' ones, and also of course leading to a good deal of mischief. The early Christian bishops, unable to suppress this lecherous pagan festival, made a Christian holiday of it as of the "Saturnalia" and others, connected it with religious observ- is to ring a chestnut bell, and it frequently ances and expurgated its grossness as much as turns the laugh on Mrs. Hammond by makpossible; and it is largely due to their influence that even the quasi betrothals, themselves an innocent shell of the past, gave place to sending messages and love tokens. A St. Valentine may have been istrumental in this Mrs. Hammond to be set and then goes frereform; but it is most probable that the connection with his day is purely accidental. | caught. When such is the case the trap is The "Valentine" used to be a pleasant letter, ornamented with cut paper and other devices by the sender, the chief point being to keep from the one who received it the name of the giver. Of late years, they are made for sale; some of them being marvels of cut and embossed paper, and pictures, grading all the way down to vile and insulting caricatures, which no decent person would look at much less purchase. While the young people made their own valentines the custom was a pretty one, and in a country neighborhood often gave rise to much pleasant guessing, since they are made by machinery, the sending of them has lost its charm, the kind sent being governed by the length of the sender, s purse.

A man having fallen down in a fit in a tailor's shop, an envious rival said :- "That's the only fit ever seen in that establishment."

Along the northeast coast of Africa, south mentioning for some hundreds of miles. The Somali natives who live along the coast have had scarcely any dealings with white traders. A little while ago a smart fire in Aden made up their minds that by maintaining regular communications with this coast they would be able to build up a good trade. They therefore bought a little steam vessel and sent their agents along the coast to tell the natives that at certain times, if they would look out on the sea, they would see a steamer coming, laden with beautiful goods, to give them in exchange for hides, palm oil, and the other

A Curiosity of Commerce.

products of the Somali region. The little vessel has now made several trips, and the experiment has proved a great success. Knowing that they may expect the steamer at the date fixed, the natives for many miles in the interior flock to the shore at the different points where the vessel stops. A large crowd well burdened with objects of exchange waits the steamer, which anchors off the coast while tradingboats put ashore, and a lively market is soon in progress where a few hours before nothing could be seen but the wide-stretching sands that border this coast.

The goods that are most in demand among these new customers of the whites are Venetian glass-ware and American cotton shirtings. They drive very fair bargains, and it is noteworthy that the poor stuffs | chasuble are also of silk. The upper one is better goods. The same keenness has been observed among other African natives. The Congo tribes, for instance, will not touch now the poor jack-knives and flimsy cottons they were greedy for a few years ago. The grades of goods that the Congo State now takes to Africa for bartering purposes along the river coast is on an average, from 60 to 100 per cent. more than the goods that were sold to the natives six or

The Towers of Silence.

When the hour of death is at hand the dying Parsee is carried down to the cellar, or the lowest room in the house-with what notion I failed to learn. Afterward the body is borne to a great burial tower, there to be exposed to the winds of heaven, the burning sun, the beating rain, and all the host of foul carrion birds. Some rich families have a private tower of their own, a sort of family mausoleum. The public burial towers, of which there are five, stand on Malabar Hill, in a garden of flowering shrubs over-looking the sea. Here, amid fragrant bowers of roses and jessamine, stand these towers of Silence, as they are called, ghastly receptacles for the dead. They are about 30 feet high and 60 feet wide. On the top of each is an open grating on which the bodies are laid in three circles; children in the centre, then the women and men at the outer edge. Innumerable birds of prey are forever hovering with their sharp hungry cries round these towers, or sitting perched on them, solemnly waiting for the grateful feast that is never long delayed-a feast which days. daily averages three Parsees, besides women and children, for it is estimated that each day three of these prosperous, intelligent, well-to-do-looking merchants find their last world. resting place in the voracious maws of these ravenous birds. And when the birds have to waver under the strain of his terrible done their part, and winds and sun and rain have all combined to whiten the skeleton to a thing like polished ivory, gradually the bones separate and fall through the open grating into a well below the tower, whence, it is said, they are taken by a subterranean passage and cast into the sea, and so the space is left clear for the next comers.

British India.

The territories of the Indian Government comprise an area of 853,000 square miles, with a population of 184,000,000. Besides, they hold in trust for native Governments, and rule as British territory, two States-Mysore and Berar-which contain an additional area of 47,000 square miles and a population of about 7,000,000. In addition, indirect control is exercised over a large number of native states, in some instances through the immediate superintendence of the Government of India, in others by that of the local Government to which they are contiguous. The area thus superintended is about 575,000 square miles, with a population estimated at 49,000,000. Of these the Government of India has under its immediate superintendence states with an aggregate population of 29,500,000; the states superintended by the Punjab Government have a population of 5,500,000; those attached to Bombay and Madras 7,750,000 respectively. Bengal superintends native states with populations aggregating 2,500,000.

Pussy's Labor-Saving Methods.

Mrs. T. J. Hammond, of Brunswick, Mo., owns what she is pleased to term a very knowing cat and the feline certainly exhibits very rare intelligence. It is a large and beautiful Maltese, less than a year old, and has been taught to perform a number of tricks very unusual for a cat, one of which ing the bell tinkle when she is recounting some freak of its intelligence. When the cat feels that a mouse would be an addition to its bill of fare it brings the trap to quently to see if the desired mouse has been again taken to some one by Puss, who will remove the mouse for it. It makes no effort to catch mice in the ordinary way, preferring, apparently, the invention of man as an easier way to obtain a sweet morsel.

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berg, Who Died in 1154.

An interesting account is given in some THERE German papers of the discovery a little time IS ago, in the Cathedral of Worms, of the body of a mediæval Bishop who has been identified as Conrad de Sternberg, who died in 1154, being a cotemporary of our Henry II., and of the great German Emperor, Frederick Barbarossa. During the progress of some restorations which are being carried out in the Cathedral, a stone cuffin was found deep under the floor of the choir. It was closely cemented, and on its being opened in presence of a special commission, the body was found in perfect preservation, and arrayed in vestments denoting Episcopal rank. On the head is a low miter, the lower border of which is formed by a band of thick gold embroidery, of a lozenge-shaped pattern; the fillets of the miter are composed of the same sort of work, with deep, heavy gold fringes. The peaks of the miter have their edges adorned by similar embroidery. The alb and amice are made of thin linen,

very openly woven. The chasuble, of the old bell shape, is made of a very thick twilled silk, and falls in long folds around the body, forming sort of pad round the neck. In the usual way, a richly embroidered band runs perpendicularly down the front; it has no special design. The edges of the chasuble are simply hemmed. The tunics under the they bought at first they now discard for of lighter texture; it shows a pattern consisting of lozenges connected by rays. The under tunic shows a very fine interlacing pattern of geometrical design. The stole is worn crossed on the breast, the lower portions being broader than the upper. Itsornamentation is a pattern of scale-like design, birds set in a pattern of fine traced leaves. The girdle is of silk, but only long and un- lines sail during winter to and from Halifax, Portland twisted strands remain. The feet and legs | Boston and Philadelphia; and during summer between up to the knees are covered with silk stockings which seem to be of a fine network texture. Three broad parallel bands and as al fashion and fasten them.

The shoes, which come up above the ankle, and have two deep slits, are made of Allan Portland, Boston Montreal gold brocade; they are ornamented by circular embroideries sewed on. The soles of the shoes are of leather. The pastoral staff lies in the arms from the right shoulder to left foot. It is of soft wood, ending with a ferule and spike; at the top there is a spherical ball of hammered bronze, out of which issues a crook of soft wood, which ends in a bronze lily set in a square socker. At the feet stands the chalice, also of soft wood, very finely turned; the cup is a hemisphere, and on it rests the patina.

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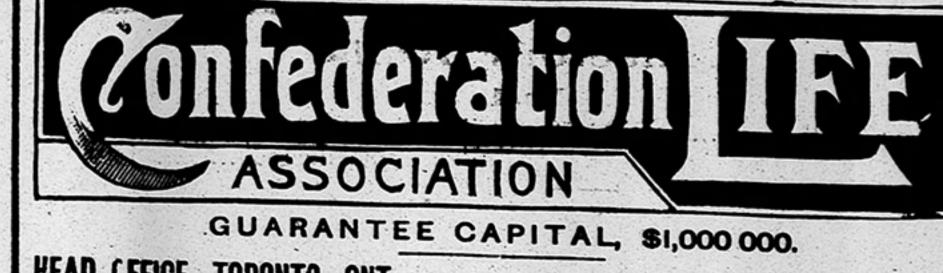
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