

Australian Prospects...
and Australians who have
the Old World has caused a
British capital for the
insurance office...
out on land. I have said to it
customers, has been experienced
VERITABLE MINING BOOM.
silver, diamonds and all have
discovered—also an immense
capital, which the past year
flowed into the colony like water
quence is that where last year
verge of insolvency, also in
ated. This has stimulated
us, and we are, therefore, direct
in her prosperity. In our
enormous rise in tin and copper
ced a complete transformation
copper with us has been a sad
ne. Where your mines on Lake
for instance, could make copper
the prevailing price of the last
people could not. Mines were
in all directions and abandoned
over, with copper cabled at 23
the £40 of a few months back,
have been re-opened, and are
viend. Shares have gone up and
suffering public are reaping the
well as owners. In tin, now cable
some wonderfully rich deposits
uck in this colony the last few
and with cheap money there is
apital, especially in view of the
price of the mineral, to assist
up and developing the tin
Hill silver mine—that mine
e shares marched steadily up, from
from £25 in April, 1886, to
middle of 1887, holding between
£195 now for some months. A
important factors in our pros
condition, and now that consid
ed, that improvement should be
announced this year.
er markedly good sign is
THE REVIVAL IN REAL ESTATE.
ly, for the last two years, the
business has been practically des
ues, especially of suburban
properties, deteriorating 25 and
The years 1882, '83 and '84
such an unnaturally excited
that it was clear the reaction
oner or later. And it did come
eance, rather sooner than some
ealators were counting on. B
the last three months, in this
commercial ventures, has seen a
rowing better tone, with more
and with more buyers and few
for the last week or two to
e an extraordinarily heavy trans
th here and in Melbourne. A
been lately formed, consisting
ists in these two cities, whose
ion lies in buying up city prop
the other day a property in this
frontage of 200 feet to the princip
changed hands for the large sum
0, or \$1,075,000, a pretty bulky
piece sold for £43,000 and another
0,000, each on side streets. B
so far as the bigness of the trans
concerned, the first named invol
ger amount of money, some sal
£2,000, or
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FOOT,
erty actually realizing £3,000. P
of property in Sydney, on a sec
street, where 12 months back the
d, but could not get £400 per foot
cents £800, with £750 freely offered.

CABLE NEWS.
San Remo Reports—The Bul
garian Question.
LONDON, March 8.—Evidently we are on
the eve of a crisis in the Crown Prince's
It is said to-day that his real condi
is so grave that the officials here in the
of Chamberlain's department expect to
at the last moment indefinitely
the Queen's levee which is set
for next week. Certainly all the pre
parations for this event at Buckingham Pa
are being made with such a contingency
in view. Private stories about the Crown
Prince say he is now so reduced in weight
he would scarcely be recognized by
those who six months ago were familiar
with his stalwart and handsome form. His
is now snow-white, his face lean,
and sad. The change is further
marked by the loss of all his front teeth,
which had to be extracted in order to facili
tate observations in the treatment of his
teeth. These alterations are not visible
to the public who at rare intervals catch
a glimpse of him walking on the
balcony or sitting in an armchair there,
because he is veiled in a huge gray over
coat and wears a large soft felt hat pulled
down over his brows. But those on the inside
know the most melancholy stories of his
trials and sufferings. Those who know
him seem to fear the most that death by
drowning may come any day. The illustri
ous patient has himself no illusions, I am
told, and has during the past week written
in his own hand not only his will, but a
long and touching political testament to his
son Prince William. The latter, who arriv
ed at San Remo yesterday, is said by im
partial observers to be strongly in favor of an
immediate removal of the Crown Prince to
Germany, but I have reason to doubt this.
The revolving Bulgarian question
is now round again to a point where every
one waits to see what Turkey will do. It
is believed at this point several times before
the last four years. Each time after
a delay it was officially discovered that
Turkey would do nothing, which everybody
officially knew from the beginning, and
as it was a new departure, the
weary circuit has been begun all over
again. A correspondent is expected to
write daily bulletins about this wearisome
maneuvering, when in reality its
course of gestation are about eleven months
long. The only difference this time is that
the Russian is now ready to attend the ac
companied with an escort of something
like 50,000 mobilized troops. Whether
he will inspire the Moslem midwife to
believe that there really is something in
the frightened and decline to begin a war
trying to coerce the Bulgarians, but this
is quite a clear case as might be wished and
English diplomats in Constantinople are
doing like beavers to offset Neidoff's
arts and Razowitz's intrigues. Inasmuch
as the chief aim of the Turk's existence is to
keep stirring until next month what ought to have
been done yesterday, there is the interesting
probability that we shall be kept kicking
heels in idleness for a long time now
pending his decision.

Japanese Politeness.
The men of Japan are always excessively
polite to one another. They bend their
heads and bow their heads and put their
hands back to back between their knees
to have a great time. But the most
interesting thing is to see two old ladies in
a meeting one another on the street.
The street is empty, we'll say, and they
each of one another three or four
feet apart. They immediately begin to
show obeisance at one another and they
bend and bowing at short intervals
until they come together, when they make
peculiar hissing by drawing in the breath
and keep on saying "Ohayo" for about two
minutes. The "Ohayo" is the "A", "Moos"
is very charming and graceful in
greeting of one another, but the old
ladies are ornate and elaborate in their ad
dress. And the language has been framed
in view of the necessities of politeness
of difference in rank. "Are," with
accent on the e, is the verb to be. If you
are talking to a coolie, somebody very much
below you, "are" is good enough for "is."
If you are talking to one a little below you,
you wish to be polite to an underling, you
say "arimasu." If you are on formal terms
with an equal, you say "gozaimasu," and
if you address a man high above you in
rank you make it "gozaimasuru." It's an
elegant language and pulls out to almost any
length.

The Floods in China.
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 6.—The steamer
Pablo has arrived from Hong Kong and
Alabama, bringing a few additional details
of the second disaster on the Yellow River,
which occurred Dec. 4 and resulted in the
deaths of three mandarins and 4,000 Chin
ese laborers. The men were at work at the
repairing the damage caused by the pre
vious floods. Two thousand b.m.b. rafts
had been laden with stones in order to form
a dam, but the rafts with all the peo
ple on them were engulfed as soon as they
reached the middle of the river. Great suffer
ing is reported from the flooded districts.
The weather came on and the country was
deluged, making it impossible for boats to run.
It is estimated that 20,000 sacks of millet
will be needed to stop the great gap,
which requires fifty large carts to bring
to the spot. So far the utmost exertions
have not succeeded in collecting more than
one sack a day. Eight million ta. have
already been expended on repairs.

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Charles Boz Dickens.
Charles Dickens recently wrote his
New York hotel friend: "Dear
Boz," and said to a friend: "That was
a joke of my grandfather, and when
I at my christening, and when my
in response to the clergyman, he
said to me, 'Charles, my grandfather
said to me, 'Boz,' and the minister put it
near the circumstances myself."
The old that Charles is my grandfather.

My love goes to my brother,
and I never dare trust
prayers.—(Sir Thomas)

No Frills For Him.
A tall, old man, with a rather vacant look
and a hesitating air, ventured slowly into
the dining hall of a large hotel the other
evening in Toronto. It was the usual din
ner hour, and the long room was filled with
guests. The old man paused, scrutinized
his cuffs and his waistcoat, and, after mak
ing what seemed to be a helpless effort to
gaze at the back of his neck, he beckoned to
the head waiter. That functionary hasten
ed up, and the old man said anxiously:
"Waiter, do I look all right; tidy, you
know?"
The waiter inspected the venerable guest
critically for a moment, and then assured
him that all was in order.
"Necktie all right?"
"Yes, sir."
"Collar button show?"
"Not at all, sir."
"No spots on my coat?"
"Not a spot."
"The general effect is pretty slick, is it?"
"Very, sir."
"Well, you see, waiter," said the old
man, confidentially, "I came down to break
fast one day last week without any collar,
and my son James was very angry; so
yesterday when I came into lunch with my
necktie under my left ear he said if anything
like that happened again he would have my
meals served up stairs. Do you know my
son James, waiter?"
"Yes, sir."
"Is he here at dinner now?"
"No, sir; finished about ten minutes
ago."
"Are you sure?"
"Perfectly, sir."
"Well, then, waiter," said the old man,
in relieved tones, "if you're certain of it,
you tell the man at our table to hustle in
some corned beef and cabbage, and not to
play any of his French business on me, or
I'll break his neck."

PEARLS OF TRUTH.
In friendship not only is it "more blessed
to give than to receive," but giving is the
inevitable condition of receiving.
If the principles of contentment are not
within us, the height of station and worldly
grandeur will as soon add a cubit to a man's
stature as to his daily happiness.
Singularity almost always makes enemies
it is usually credited with affection. Car
lyle says, "Affectation is often singularity,
but singularity is not always affectation."
Greatness of mind shows itself daily in be
havior—"its ways are ways of pleasantness."
He who would see his sons and daughters
thoroughly and truly gentle must forbid
selfishness of action, rudeness of speech,
carelessness of forms, impoliteness of con
duct from the first, and demand that in
childhood and the nursery shall be laid the
foundation of that good breeding which is
as a jewel of price to the mature man and
woman.

An Easy Place.
Success is obtained only by earnest effort;
and this implies hard work of some kind;
and when a man is doing hard work, he
certainly cannot be considered as having
found an easy place. It is those who do
not make a success who are always on the
look-out for an easy place; and, after they
find themselves in positions where a little
earnest effort would considerably improve
their condition, rather than make the effort
they allow themselves to make an easy
place for their individual comfort, and let
the chance slip. Many a young man, in an
effort to find an easy place, has allowed op
portunities to pass by which, if he would
have taken them up and added a few years
of hard well-directed labour, would have
placed him in a condition where, if he de
sired, he might take upon himself an easy
place.

Things She Never Will Acknowledge.
There are a round dozen things that you
can never get a lady to plead guilty of, be
she old or young:
That she laces tight.
That her shoes are too small.
That she is tired at a ball.
That she uses anything but powder.
That it takes her long to dress.
That she has kept you waiting.
That she blushed when you mentioned a
particular gentleman's name.
That she says what she doesn't mean.
That she is fond of scandal.
That she ever flirted.
That she cannot keep a secret.
That she is—in love.

Pure Air.
Do not be afraid to go out of doors because
it is a little colder than usual. The cold air
will not hurt you if you are properly protect
ed and take exercise enough to keep the
circulation active. On the contrary, it will do
you good. It will purify your blood, it will
strengthen your lungs, it will improve your
digestion, it will afford a healthy, natural stim
ulus to your torpid circulation, and en
erger your whole system. The injury which often
results from going into a cold atmosphere
is occasioned by a lack of protection to some
part of the body, exposure to strong
draughts, or from breathing through the
mouth.

The Queen of the Belgians excels in the
art of producing barrels of fish from hand
kerchiefs and causing coins, watches and
other articles so vanish into thin air. In
other words she is an adept at the art of
conjuring.

One Sabbath afternoon a worthy minister,
observing by the time he had reached the
third "head" of his discourse the drowsy
disposition of several of his hearers, quietly
remarked: "In the first place, those of you
who are awake will notice," etc.

Perhaps children are "the silver cords
that bind us to heaven," yet a man doesn't
think about that who, after listening until
3 a.m. to the music of his infant, just glances
wearily at his watch and remarks to his
wife: "My dear, I think I'll just go out
into the barn and try to get a little sleep."

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