per the Climate of New-
l and Labrador.

nt that E. J. Bender has
g arrangements in Lon-
se of the Quebec & Mont-
s extension to the Straits
s the proposal of Gen. Str
d before the Dominion
879, for diverting the
n the Gulf of St. Lawrence
raits of Belle Isle, which
bridge connecting New-
e mainland for railway
nyth's idea of constructing
raits does not appear to
with that gentleman, as
understood, laid a similar
British government over
In his report to the Dom-
Gen. Smyth draws atten-
t the Straits of Belle Isle
northeast, thus receiving
the polar current down
icy stream, at from two
r, pours its way into the
rence, overcoming by its
warm gulf stream from
des. The cold stream, he
two branches near Cape
nning westward up the
southeastward, discharg-
again between Newfound-
ten. The general explains
hen sweeps along the east-
Scotia and shoulders off
urther out to sea, which
find its way along the
inent and into the gulf,
polar current could be ex-
ed eastward of Newfound-
ocean the climatic effects,
of warm water, would be
e gulf and adjacent shores.

is of Trade With Her.

, with a big basket of goods
he had just rapped on the
farmhouse. An old lady of
opened the door and sized
had a chance to open his
avagely: "Don't want any-

he replied, with a weary at-
as he mopped the perspira-
w with his coattail, "allow
the goods, please. I have
two cents a pound, silver
n cents per dozen and the
nty cents pound, with asten-
thrown in; this alone is

anything ter-day," she re-
e savagely.
replied, as he slowly return-
he basket, "if I were to offer
siness for ten cents would

n't. I don't want your old,
stuff, at any price; so clear

continued sadly, "if there
the world that you would
know, and I will bring it to
trip."
ou persistent puppy," she
next time you come bring
ten-dollar bills for a dollar
ill take the lot. Now, get
d load up with something
ou show that red nose of
n."

Crape and No Deaths.

e—"Why, my dear, what
so miserable? Is there any
paper?"
ove—"N-no, not exactly
h, George, don't you know
relatives who are in poor
saw such bargains in crape
ays."

hine Frankness.

s," said old Moneybags,
not agreeable to you say so
not, I beg of you, tell me
ory that you will always
a brother."
d the lovely maiden, as her
he deathless flame of a pure
evotion, "I do not love you
a brother, but I have no
ing you as a husband."

enoed When Young.

—"What a terrible wreck
s, to be sure. It is sad to see
d man."
"Yes, indeed, but you must
he was admitted to the bar
ge."

Tramp Scheme.

at's a tramp scheme."
he? What the deuce do you
scheme?"
work."

Anomalous.

ns to me the actions of tall-
tradictory."
y?"
how good your credit is
are always ready to serve
"

n Was Very Delicate.

ll you, sir, when the Chick-
ed poor old Jones for settle-
is death-warrant!"
You don't say so! why did
seriously?"
en a heavy cold, and the
nk brought on pneumonia."

e Same Thing.

t is Pensenby's business?"
a contractor now."
t did he used to be?"
orset maker."
I don's see much difference.

Tale of a Kiss.

a wee kiss—
all ne'er steal another.
sport of bliss
wee kiss;
pretty young miss
d a pretty big brother.
a wee kiss—
'l ne'er steal another

STORIES OF DOM LUIS.

His Wife's Fine Gowns and the Failure of His Health.

A writer of some reminiscences of the late King of Portugal, says, "Cascaes, where paralysis and gangrene came upon the late excellent King Dom Luis, has been described in telegraphic jargon as a royal residence and a seaside palace. It looks more like a barn than even a Mexican hacienda, and has been used merely as a sleeping place and a shelter in rainy weather. The courtyard is grass-grown. Big umbrellas are planted about it and chairs and tables are set beneath them. Furniture is scant. The King and Queen habitually dined under a sort of square cage, covered with a mosquito net. His Majesty hated luxury, liked study, retirement, and nature, and had no eye for the delicious and very costly toilets which were so often sent from Paris to his consort.

"The confidential friend of the King was his physician, who was a great naturalist, and who saw him too often to be struck with morbid signs when the disease which was to be fraught with prematurely

FATAL CONSEQUENCES

was in its early stages. That malady was remotely caused by an attack of South American ague from which Dom Luis suffered when visiting, as a naval officer, the ports of Brazil. Paralysis was an eventual consequence that might have been expected. It it had not given the coup de grace, something else—perhaps inflammation of the lungs—would have done so.

"I saw Dom Luis in Belgium when he was making a tour round Europe to see his relatives at Brussels, Dusseldorf, Coburg, Dresden, Vienna, and elsewhere, and one did not need to be a doctor to perceive that he would not live to an old age. He was wedded (when at home) to his naval uniform. One was reminded by his figure of Napoleon's definition of a constitutional King. His short, burly (but not muscular) body, and plain, strong features, showed him to be his mother's son, and he had her talent for strong, pithy word painting when he talked of persons he disliked behind their backs. There were, unfortunately, any amount of the latter high up in Portuguese politics. Of all the different members of the house of Saxe-Coburg Dom Luis was the most English in speech and tastes, although he could not have spent more than three or four months in all his life in England. The fluency with which he spoke our language was due to the fact that he served as a middy in

A FRIGATE OF WAR

belonging to his mother, but chiefly officered and manned by Britons, and was under an English naval instructor. His passion for Shakespeare kept up his study of English literature. The King thought his mission in life was to translate our greatest poet into Portuguese. He would have been, his subjects said, competent for the work if he had only known that language.

"The King's breakdown in health showed itself some years ago in an addled brain, weakened sight and loss of memory. When he thought he had got hold of an idea it slipped from him. He should have lain by somewhere in the country, taken gentle exercise, but plenty of it, and lived a good deal as a vegetarian. Instead of this regimen he was told to keep up his strength, a way to fill his blood with poison, and sedentary habits were continued with such drinks as he had learned at sea to relish. By the time the treatment was changed it was too late. The death of the great Duke of Coimbra, his only surviving brother, gave a shock that

PUSHED HIM RAPIDLY

toward the grave. Dom Luis was a kind brother. He and the Duke of Coimbra were saved, the Portuguese said, by being in London, from sharing the fate of the other sons of Maria da Gloria, who were supposed to have died from poison about twenty-eight years ago.

"Lisbon is a dull place. We should not therefore censure the Queen of Portugal for cheating tedium on habillant, se deshabillant, et se rehabillant. She was so startled by the change the Duke of Coimbra's death wrought in Dom Luis as to order none of her mourning in Paris, but to trust for it all to a Lisbon outfitter. There could be no more certain sign of deep concern than this, dress being her Majesty's ruling passion and her orders to her couturier often exceeding her allowance. She was not always, perhaps, the best dressed lady in Europe, but though not a coquette, she desired to be so. There was always a better-dressed one at Lisbon—the wife of the Italian Minister, who is stepmother to the famous Comtesse de Castiglione. Maria Pia's garments were too often overladen with meretricious garnitures, and were just the things to delight the country cousins who, when in London, patronize Mme. Tussaud's."

Rapid Advancement.

Smith—"I hadn't been in the employ of the firm more than a week when I was pushed right to the front."
Jones—"You mean to say that you were fired out on the sidewalk."
Smith—"Well—yes if, you wish to express it in that vulgar manner."

A Little Ambiguous.

She—"You are such a solitary man, Mr. Silby! I should think you would get lonesome."
He—"Oh, no; I enjoy being by myself."
She (thoughtfully)—"I don't see how you can."

Stick-to-itiveness Won.

Edith—"I promised to marry Fred last night."
Ella—"It was only last week that you told me that you really hated him."
Edith—"So I did; and I meant it, too."
Ella—"Then you have changed your mind. What caused you to do so?"
Edith—"No, I have not changed my mind; but, you see, Fred used to be a life insurance solicitor, and so he would not take 'no' for an answer."—[Detroit Free Press.

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OLD NAPLES CRUMBLING AWAY.

Many of Its Ancient Structures Undermined by the Recent Floods.

The term inundation does not correctly express the effect of the two violent storms of rain which burst over Naples on Sept. 25 and on the 19th inst. It is not possible for Naples to be inundated in the common sense of that word, for no water can lie in any part of the city. But the defective water-courses which carry off the water from the hills which surround the town, and the fact that on a large tract of land on the summit of the Vomero at the west end, an entirely new quarter has sprung up, the drainage of which is as yet incomplete, have caused a real torrent of water to burst many of the drains on that side of the city. A veritable river of water

RUSHED DOWN THE HILL,

heavy with earth and stones, after each of the two storms, and on its way destroyed gardens, threw down walls, filled cellars and ground floor dwellings, and covered the Riviera di Chiai with a sort of alluvial deposit two or three feet deep. It is in this quarter that Sig. Crispi's house is situated, and it was on both occasions seriously damaged.

After the first storm a water-course was made for the water from the Vomero, so that it might not follow the disastrous course it took in September. But it did still greater damage, as no precaution had been taken for carrying off the water, and the consequence was that it carried away about a hundred yards of the beautiful Via Tasso, a road which winds along the side of the Vomero higher up and parallel to the Corso Vittorio Emanuele. The road was destroyed from side to side, leaving the foundations of a palace on its edge exposed, so that it threatened to fall. The debris were precipitated by the rushing water, which was as yellow as the Tiber, on to the gardens below; they blocked the Corso Vittorio Emanuele; they burst a portion of the causeway and destroyed the wall of Prince Amedee's palace on their way through Sig. Crispi's house to the sea. At the same time the newly-built buttress which supports the tottering rocks at Posilipo was damaged, and there also cellars were filled with water and all traffic was stopped, while at innumerable points in the city drains fell in and homes were inundated. There were not sufficient "pompieri, municipal guards, or military sappers and miners to respond to the calls for help.

But these storms, though they served to show how badly the city is protected from the effects of heavy rain, are not the most destructive agents at work. Scarcely a day passes without some outwardly seeming solid house falling in, and the aspect of the city, with some hundreds of large "palaces" propped with beams or buttressed with stone is hardly reassuring. While a new Naples is gradually being built the old Naples is crumbling away, and in many streets the people are half panic-stricken. A Commission has been appointed by the Syndic to examine the

STATE OF THE CITY

and it has already presented a report, embodying a scheme of reconstruction and repair. Work is to be begun immediately. There is no doubt that the defective pipes of the new water works, together with the fact that the taps in the houses are carelessly allowed to run all day into drains not fit to hold the water, which consequently percolates and undermines the foundation, and the neglect of the old water cisterns, and probably also an imperceptible but constant vibration of volcanic soil, all contribute to the rapidly increasing crumbling of houses which has been observable since the year 1884, when the new water works were inaugurated. But all the damage done owing to these causes and accelerated by the late heavy rains certainly might have been prevented by forethought and honest work, but these are two things difficult to be met with in that land of "far niente."

A Hard Time of It.

The hardships suffered by the frontier itinerant preacher are not all matters of ancient history. Dr. W. A. Spencer writes to the *North-Western Christian Advocate* of a Methodist pastor in Kansas who in the last three quarters of a year has travelled 1,000 miles, preached about sixty times, and received from the people $10.75, of which $7.25 was due on last year's account. But the reported failure of the crops for three successive years, and the consequent poverty of the people, make his condition little if any worse than that of his congregations.—[N. Y. Tribune.

Three Thousand Barrels of Gunpowder Exploded.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 10.—A terrible explosion this evening caused widespread terror throughout the city. The three-masted ship Ville de Marseilles, with a cargo of 3,000 barrels of powder, shipped for Mozambique, caught fire. An attempt was made to blow up the ship with dynamite without success. The fire in a short time reached the forehold, where there were 1,000 barrels of powder. A terrific explosion followed. All the windows for a mile around were shattered. Fragments of the ill-fated ship were picked up 500 metres away from the scene of the disaster. No lives were lost. The ship belonged to Messrs. Singlar & Co., Marseilles.

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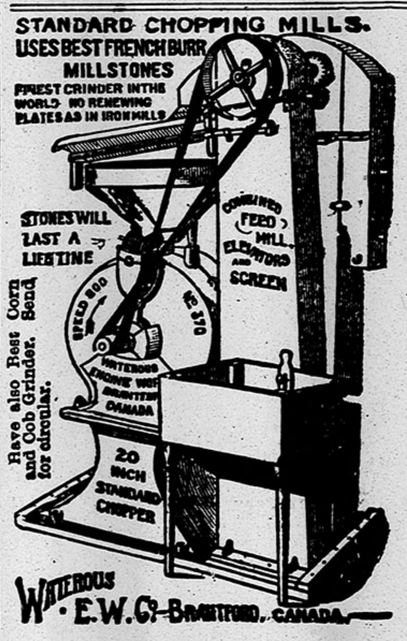

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