

WELLS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Large Areas in That Country Are Without Surface Water—Government Boring Plant Kept Busy.

Over large areas in South Africa the surface is streamless, and hence without a visible water supply. By boring to no great depth, though, the desired article can almost invariably be found, says the New York Tribune. An engineer in the public works department of the Cape government says that in the last five years the authorities have made 2,000 boreholes at an average cost of £50 each, and at least three-fourths of these have produced water in satisfactory quantities, the daily output from such wells now being about 28,000,000 gallons. The Transvaal government has also appointed an expert to study local possibilities.

These facts are naturally of interest to manufacturers of well-boring plants, who are already doing a considerable business with South Africa, and who may expect to see that business multiplied many times over during the next few years. During 1898, 1899 and 1900 applications for the use of Cape government drills averaged about 500 annually, and at present, so largely have these applications increased, no fewer than half a hundred drills are in constant operation, and the government is said to have booked sufficient work to keep the existing plant fully occupied for at least three years, and further applications will therefore have to be met by large increases of plant, and by extensive private enterprise in the same direction.

COINS WHICH HAD THEIR DAY.

Gold Pieces Which Are Rare and Curious—Some Which Collectors Are Anxious to Obtain.

Recent mention of the disappearance of the \$2.50 gold piece from circulation and the premium this coin commands as a curio has set many to rummaging in old pocketbooks and the bottoms of cash boxes and drawers in search of odd or out-of-date coins, says the Portland Oregonian. Some have found a \$2.50 piece, but not many. The \$3 piece, once quite common, but always a sort of curiosity, is oftener found, and many have specimens of the little gold coins representing 25 cents and 50 cents, which were not minted by the government and probably have not so much gold in them as they represent. They used to pass as coin, but were never in general circulation, being so easily lost that they soon became scarce. One of the handsomest coin relics seen is a \$10 gold piece bearing the mint stamp of 1799. It is larger than the present \$10 piece. The owner has it hung in a band and wears it as a charm on his watch chain. The owner says he refused an offer of \$150 for this relic. The old octagonal \$50 pieces were quite common in California in early days, when gold dust was largely used as a circulating medium. They were made of pure gold, and while they had not the elegant finish of the gold coins minted by the government in these days, many still remember them as the handsomest coin they ever saw. Many people now would consider them handsome on account of the \$50 in them.

peach and pear are plutocratic, but the apple belongs to the populace. It is symbolic of the country store and the corner grocery. It breathes the free spirit of the American township and village. It has a flavor of old New England and yet a pungency as of the south and middle west. It is mild, palatable, nourishing and promotive of good fellowship and long life.

Thoreau once made the bold assertion that if he were suddenly awakened from a trance in his native place he could by an examination of the plants tell within two days what time of year it was. There are city individuals possessed of this same fine instinct, and who, says the Chicago Tribune, if awakened on State street, could tell by a glance at the shop windows what month it was. It is the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" in the country; it is the day of "modistes" and social fruitfulness in the city. In October not only does the weather offer a new lease of life to summer games and summer garments, but coming winter delights cast alluring anticipatory shadows. There is always a spiciness about the first of a series of pleasures that later ones fail to reveal. The first cup of "afternoon tea" has a flavor unknown to later cups, and the first society bud is marked by a dewy freshness not found in her more belated sisters. Even the heroine of the first fall novel, blase and overworked as she may be, is welcome by virtue of the fact that she is the first one on the scene, and her melodramatic sister of the stage is no less eagerly applauded. All of these initial sips at coming joys are offered during October.

A Harvard '43 man who went from his Kentucky home to Cambridge to enter college has recently given reminiscences of the long and arduous trip. Gen. Winfield Scott was a fellow passenger. When they reached the Allegheny mountains they found that because of recent robberies the stage company had given orders that the stages should close up and ascend the mountain road together. The passengers were required to organize, elect a commander, and, armed by the company, march at night immediately behind the coaches. Gen. Scott was chosen to lead the force. The general is said to have entered into the fun of the occasion, and during a two hours' climb he gave many commands and attempted various military movements. When the time came to resume the seats in the coaches the general thanked his command for their obedience to orders. Young men going to college this year did not have such diverting adventures.

"A man with a grievance is always to be avoided," said Gov. Odell to the farmers at Niagara Falls. It is epigrammatic, and epigrams have a fatal facility for seeming to be true because they sound so well. But is the man with a grievance "always" a bad citizen? asks the New York World. "whether in public or private life," as the governor insists? The signers of the declaration of independence are not generally held to have been in the wrong, though the declaration is largely devoted to a rehearsal of their grievances. And history abounds with so many other famous instances that it may be safely said that the larger part of all the human progress made toward free and just government is to be credited to "men with a grievance."

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