### INTERESTING ITEMS.

Odd Evangelists-A Parisian Scene-Irish Butter in India-English Dog Stealers. Etc., etc.

dollars belonging to an industrious Nebraska widow, and then a third scoundrel, turning the neighbor's sympathy and his own elsrical address to account, collected enough to reimburse the loser and then disappeared.

Having lost the whole of both legs in the war, and subsequently living in poverty for twenty years on his pension, a Nathville man hit upon the idea of making a sideshow curiosity of himself by attaching deceptive wax feet to his stumps and figuring as a freak of nature. He is now prosper

Sullivan, a London cigarette munufacturer, says that more ladies smoke in London than the world wots of. The cigarette is becoming popular with those who are not in the least afraid to ack for what they want. There is no special brand for them, but they prefer the one with the most delicate flavor.

his incapacity being imaginary.

and a girl, all negroes. They speak the dialect of the Southern plantation too richly to have been long at the North, and their garments are about as flabby and grotesque as any ever worn on the stage by imitation Africans. The men carry and play on fiddles, while the girl taps and shakes a tambourine, and all sing campmeeting airs. They range themselves at the edge of the sidewalk, and with voices and instruments quickly ca'l together a crowd. Then their exhorter delivers a brief but very animated harrangue, and a second hymn is sung, with interpolated hallelnjahs and amens. The services last no more than ten minutes, and are followed by a collection, the girl passing her tambourine for

Within a few months past markings have been seen on the surface of the planet Venus which even so cautious an astronomer as Prof. Young has declared give promise that we may be able to learn something concerning the poles, the mountains, the continents, and the seas of that distant world. Mr. Trouvelent has discovered what he regards as probably the snow-clad Only one boy is bought and sold at a time. summits of mountains thrust up through | The head man who gets into the "trade" the cltudy atmosphere in the neighborhood of its poles. The mountains, if they exist, must be of nn amazing height, and it is doubted whether Trouvelot has correctly interpreted what he saw. Yet that he did see some peculiar feature of the planet—that he did ge: a glimpse, though an obscure one into this far-away world—the astronomers do not question.

A girl presented her nose to a surgeon for improvement. It was very conspicuous, and undeniably destructive of the beauty which ler face would otherwise have possessed. She said that she had read about his straightening out and reforming a nose that was flattened and askew, and she wanted him to take a section out of her Roman feature, thus transforming it into a Grecian one. She had a pretty clear 10. tion, too, as to how the operation could be performed; fand he had to admit that her plan was entirely feasible-that her masculine beak could be altered into a feminine bill, with only a scar across it to mark the point where some of the superfluous material had been removed. But he did not feel justified in carving human faces for such a purpose, and had to decline the job. She vowed, however, that she would find a surgeon to do it if it cost five thousand dol-

Excitement was caused lately in the Quartier Louis le Grand, Paris, by a raid made by the Commissioner of Police after bookmakers. The officer was about to seize the wallet and papers on the table of one of them, when the proprietor of the cafe shouted, "Thieves, assasssins!" A crowd quickly gathered, and there were cries of "Put the police out." A waiter cried out, "The police are the robbers," and was promptly arrested. The proprietor again interfered and protested, so he was carried off too, and is in the more trouble for having been stopped in the act of throwing a tumbler at the Commissioner's head. The cafe is closed.

When the English dog-stealer decides on a rural trip he takes a horse and cart, the latter covered in behind the seat so as to form a locker, and invites a friend of his own kidney to accompany him. Having marked down his quarry, he drives slowly past the house: turns back again, and repasses. His hope is that the dog will run out into the road and bark. If nobody happens to be watching the cart is driven slowly off, and the dog follows it till some secluded spot is reached, when the confederate gets out and secures him; or e'se, if he is | ed, thus bringing the luxury within the known to be savage, a noose is dropped | reach of persons of very modest incomes, over his head from behind, and he is hauled | Many of the natives have learned to esteem into the cart. The secret of a dog following the strange cart, it is added, is that the | comfort. In an advertisement of one of the tires of the wheels are plentifully anointed with aniseed oil, or a bag saturated with that extract is let down by a cord to trail on the ground,

Irish butter seems to be the best. At the International Exhibition held this year at Calcutta, it was awarded a medal and diploma. The samples exhibited had voyaged from Ireland to India, and had withstood several months' exposure to tropical heat. The next in merit was a sample of American oleomargarine, but it was thrown out by the judges on learning its

In Mount Morris, Mich., a family, believing its members to be bewitched by an old woman in the neighborhood, nicked the ears of all its pigs and cows to drive out the devils.

M. Poincaire (Comptes Rendus) contends that the attraction of the moon modifies the intensity of gravitation. Hence at the equator the clock is retarded by half a second yearly by the combined attraction of the sun and moon, and advanced a second at the poles.

THE SLAVE TRADE IN THE PACIFIC.

The Inhuman Traffic Carried on in the South Sea Islands by Englishmen.

For some years past attention has been from time to time directed to the fact that | there is carried on in the Western Pacific by Two robbers took the hoarded hundred British ships, under the protection of British men of-war, what is in effect a slave trade accompanied by many of the horrors which have made the African infamous. Assertions to that effect have, indeed, been decried as sensational or denied as false. The report of Mr. Romilly, commissioner in faith. the Western Pacific, and the accounts which have been received of several trials for murder and kidnapping held at Brisbane, have brought this question most prominently be fore the public. The following notes of his last three years, made a number of voyages | hands. between Queensland and the Solomon Islands, the New Hebrides, and other groups in that quarter as master or mate of vessels engaged in the labor trade :

For the benefit of those who are wholly unacquainted with the traffic, let me explain the manner of it from the beginning. About two thousand pounds are required-A Wisconsin man of habitual profanity and very often people club to raise it, and has been speechless since, as he writes out | buy an old sailing vessel, generally a the account, he uttered some particularly schooner, that is no longer fit to carry a blasphemous words while angered by heavy cargo. When a craft of that kind a refractory horse. He thinks that he has been found she is fitted up for the was smitten down as a punishment, and will | trade. She then is surveyed by the Governnever be able again to speak. Others believe | ment surveyor, and on his favorable report that he fell in a drunken sleep, and dreamed | the vessel is granted a license to carry so so vividly that his brain was turned by it, | many "boys" as the native men are called, The oddest of evangelists are two men called, she then ships a white crew, which books I found that she is by law compelled to do, and then having taken on board a Government agent, makes her way into the seas lying west of New Guinea, stopping at one of the nearest islands where it is known that boats' crews can be obtained. Having got these helpers on board the vessel then goes on to cruise among the islards. In many islands it is customary to light a fire as the ship approaches as a signal that the islanders want to trade. Two boats then go to the shore, rowed by the natives I have described, and carrying a white man, who is known as a "recruiter," one of these boats has on board the "trade," as we call the goods by which purchases are effected, and this boat goes ashore; while the second boat, which is called the "cover" boat, keeps a short distance outside the surf, in order to cover the retreat of the trading boat if it becomes necessary. When the first boat approaches the shore the bargain is conducted in the fo'lowing manner. There is generally a head man on the beach, with several assistants belonging to him. They keep the "boys" and the Marys in the background while the head man makes the bargain. boats, tells the recruiter how much he wants for the boy, and they in the usual way try to make the best bargain they can, and on their agreeing upon the price, the "tra le" is taken from the trade chest and placed into the head-man's hands exactly at the same moment that the boy is passed into the boat. In order to make the thing legal, the man or woman is taken on board before the Government agent and paptain, and the question asked, through an interpreter, whether they would like to go to Quee 18land and work for three years. The interpreter knows exactly what the buyers would like him to say and he says it, and it is duly entered on the ship's log or the Government agent's official book. The islanders are thus bought, often without knowing what has happened and are carried

The trade is a paying one to all concerned, and there are some rough crews engaged in it. As a rule, the natives deal fairly, but the European traders who go among them try to cheat them, and they try to retaliate. | to restrain her at the asylum, and I hold The word "gammon" is in great use among | the asylum managers responsible for her them. For example, if you say anything to them thas they do not care to believe they will say, "You gammon," and when they wish to ask you if you mean what you say, they will say, "You no gammon." They seem at some of the islands to have a great terror of vessels from the Figi Islands for the reason that there has been a great deal of kidnapping going on by vessels from those islands, and it is hard to make them believe at times that you are of a Queens-

land vessel and not a Figi man. When the vessel has a full cargo, which it often takes her some months to collect, she starts off on her way home, going round first to drop her natives boat's crew at the island from which they were taken, which often means a long round and great delay. As to the treatment of the cargo during the voyage it differs of course according to the character of the crews, but I have often seen things which it would be impossible to relate with regard to decency. Ccuelty is less common, as it is in the interest of the crew to land the "boys" (who are generally fed on yams, a most nutritious fruit) in good condition, but I have seen some cases of horrible barbarity. - Pall Mall Ga-

# Ice and Caste in India,

India is no longer dependent upon America for her ice supply, as in many of the large cities ice factories have been establishthe use of ice a grateful addition to their great companies having factsries at Allahabad, Lucknow and Agra we find this addressed to high-caste natives: "We invite inspection of any of our factories by native friends, so that they may see for themselves that the ice is manufactured with all due regard to caste, and that nothing is done to offend the most prejudiced." Recently a fire in Bombay destroyed a large ice factory, and had the bread supply been suddenly cut off there would not have been a greater outcry than was raised at the prospect of an ice famine.

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A FATHER'S PREMONITION.

Verified by a Telegram and a Post Mor-

A remarkable case of premonition of trouble and death is now agitating the people of Jersey C.ty. Some time ago Miss Laura L. Bunnell, aged 23 years, daughter of Mr. William J. Bunnell, a well-known wealthy resident of Jersey City, spent a few weeks on a visit to an aunt of her's in New York, She attended a series of Methodist revival meetings and soon became a convert to that

On her return home her mind seemed to dwell almost wholly on religious subjects and, from her conduct, it soon became apparent that her mind had become unsettled. She believed herself possessed of superpersonal experience have been furnished by anatural power and that she possessed the an old master mariner who has during the gift of restoring the sick by laying on of

> Finally she became imbued with the idea that her family friends were endeavoring to kill her with poison, and she would neither eat nor drink till her father had first partaken of the dish. She was sent to the hospital in the hope that relief could be afforded by physical treatment, but after a few days it was decided to remove her to the State Insane Asylum at Morris Plains, where she was accordingly taken. She was then very quiet and harmless, her parents getting frequent telephonic communication with the institution.

On last Friday week Mr. Bunnell went as usual to his place of business, but a sense of great oppression weighed upon his spirits. "I could not work," said Mr Bunnell to a and so many Marys, as the women are reporter; "if I attempted to look over my

> I COULD NOT CONCENTRATE MY THOUGHTS My ideas all seemed centered upon my daughter, and I felt that she was in trouble. I finally requested my son to telephone to the asylum and make inquiries concerning her. He did so, and the steward replied that he would call the physician and ascertain. Presently he came to the telephone again, and said that the doctor said that the girl was doing well. That while she could not be considered as being really any better, still she was no worse.

> "But this assurance did not relieve me and I could not rid myself of the impression that something terrible was about to happen. I was so affected that I went home and lay down, but the idea continued to grow upon me and I cried like a child. My family became alarmed and sought to learn the cause of my singular conduct. But I could only say that Laura was in trouble.

> "I suffered terribly; nor was it of any use to attempt to reason against my convictions, although I had positive assurance that my daughter was all right. At last a telegram was received stating that Laura had grown suddenly worse and had died during the night."

> Subsequent developments have revealed the fact that during the time Mr. Bonnell was laboring under the conviction his daughter was in trouble, she was in a straight. jacket, strapped to a bedstead. He made inquiries into the case and finally received a letter from Dr. H. A. Buttolph, the manager of the asylum, in which he stated that the morbid excitement under which Miss Bunnell was laboring suddenly took on a form so acute as to render it "necessary to restrain her in a recumbent position,

> Mr. Bunnell was not satisfied with the explanation, for the doctor added in a postscript to this letter: "It occurs to me to add that, with the strong suicidal tendency existing in your daughter's mind during the day and night before her death, she would probably have effected her purpose had she remained unrestrained, thus making it a duty to use this means of safety."

> "My daughter never manifested any tendencies of this nature alluded to in the doctor's letter. It was wholly uncalled for to employ the means used, as they alleged

> A post-mortem examination of the remains of Miss Bunnell revealed the evidence of very savage usage.

# Life in Uruguay.

Uruguay has a delightful climate, temperate and pleasant. The mercury does not rise above eighty-five degrees. The climate is salubrious and the people are subject to no disease in particular. There are thirtyfour Americans in Uruguay. The natives are remarkable for their refinement and intelligence. They have a number of good schoolz and colleges. The revenue of the country is \$4 000,000. Their exports amount to \$1,200,000, and their imports \$900, 000. Twenty steamers a day enter and depart from the port at Montevideo. The people are engaged largely in manufacturing and cattle herding. Half a million dollars' worth of cattle are killed each year for the hides. It is a strange thing, but the people there will not use mares in any way. The street railway company put them before the cars and the people resused to ride in the cars. Fine animals of this kind, which would sell here for \$150, are sold there for \$5 and killed for their hides. The natives are enterprising and progressive. Ten years ago they imported all their wheat; to-day they export 400,000 bushels of their own production. Uruguay is a beautiful, blooming country, and its scenery is a source of perpetual delights to a traveler within its bounds. I attended a wedding a few weeks ago; 240 guests were present and a finer appearing, better dressed assembly I have never seen in any country.

# The Chinese a Subject Race.

The Chinese are a composite nation. The Chinese proper form the basis of population in the eighteen provinces. The Tartars are the ruling race. They have held the imperial power for more than two hundrod years. Tartar Garrisons distributed throughout the empire keep the great cities in order and dominate the provincial armies, which are chiefly composed of Chinese. Besides these leading elements there are the Mohammedans, who are found principally in the southern and western provinces. They are descendants of the first Arab invaders who found their way to China about the tenth century. They have not preserved the faith of Mohammed in a high degree of perfection and in externals of dress and manners they resemble the Chinese about them. The Mohammedans are always oppressed and discontented. The Chinese, though they have so long obeyed a Tartar emperor, are dissatisfied, and, as shown by their recent revolts, would willingly trans. fer their allegiance to rulers of their own or even of another race if they could do so with safety,

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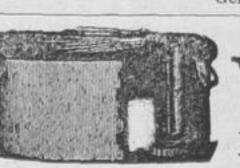
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