

ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

Anything may be bought in London. The Exchange and Mart has this cheerful advertisement: "Bargain—Lady leaving England permanently must sell family grave, hold five, marble slab."

Kaiser Wilhelm's Jubilee Cup, to be raced for by British yachts next summer on the occasion of his grandmother's reign of sixty years, is three feet high. The course will be from Dover to Heligoland.

Miss Helen Gladstone, daughter of the Grand Old Man, has given up the principality of Newnham College, Oxford, which she has held for fifteen years, in order to remain with her father and order to remain with her father and mother.

Le Havre has just rejected an offer of 100,000 francs for a convalescent home made by a merchant of the town, on condition that the Town Council should provide the 8,000 francs needed for plans and preliminary expenses.

Paris is afflicted with a plague of rats, which have been driven from the river side and the sewers by the recent freshets. They have settled in the Halles Centrales and the Palais Royal, but in some outlying districts they scour the streets in bodies.

The death of a young woman by malpractice and the suicide of her lover, an officer, to escape his disgrace, have led Jules Lemaitre, Academician, playwright and critic, opposed to Zola and his school, to make a defence of such operations.

The Comte de Medrano set a spring gun so that it would discharge on opening the door of his pheasantry, near Mons. He forgot all about it in showing his place to some friends recently, and on turning the handle of the door received the full charge in his breast, dying on the spot.

Sporting instincts and the education question are queerly blended in the offer made in a public meeting by an English member of Parliament to bet that an undenominational school which he proposed to establish in his district, in case his Bishop set up a Church of England school, would be more successful than the sectarian foundation.

A public laboratory for scientific investigation, named the Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory, has been opened at the Royal Institution in London. It is established by a gift of half a million dollars made by Mr. Mond, the aluminum manufacturer. Of this money \$190,000 has been spent on a building and equipment, leaving \$310,000 as an endowment fund. Instruction will be free.

Surgeon Gray tells how his horse saved his life during the recent fighting in Yashonaland, in the Natal Advertiser. The doctor was severely wounded and fell from his saddle in a charge, his horse going on with the rest of the squadron. In a short time he returned, however, and stood over his unconscious master, till the latter came to his senses, managed to pull himself up to the animal's back, and then ride to a place of safety.

Monte Rosa is to have a meteorological station on its top, the money for its maintenance being furnished by Italians. Among the contributors are the Queen, who has given 4,000 francs; the Duke of the Abruzzi, who gives 5,000 francs; the Italian Alpine Club, and the University of Turin. The shelter hut on the Gnifetti peak, 14,000 feet above the sea, will be used. The observatory will be the fourth in altitude in the world. The Harvard station near Arequipa and those on Mont Blanc and on Pike's Peak alone being higher.

From the middle ages to the present day the highest price paid for silk goods that M. Georges d'Avenel, in the Revue des Deux Mondes, has been able to find, was \$83 a metre given by Louis XIV. for the cloth of gold material for a dressing gown. Last year, however, the Empress of Germany ordered at Lyons some white silk, with flowers, birds and foliage in relief, at \$120 a yard, five-sixths of the price being the actual value of the raw silk. She intended to make a dress of it, but it was so beautiful that she used it for a curtain.

Earle de Grey has kept a record of the "game" he has killed in twenty-eight years; it amounts to 316,699 head, his average for the last twenty years being about 10,000, while in 1893 his record was 19,135. He has put to death 200,000 pheasants and partridges, 47,000 grouse, 6,000 other game birds, 566 deer and 9,000 miscellaneous animals, including pigs, capercaille, sambar, a dozen buffaloes and tigers, and two rhinoceroses. On one day last month 3,000 birds were shot on one of the Marquis of Ripon's preserves, the largest bag being Earl de Grey's.

A tidal wave during the recent severe storms completely covered the little island of Sein, near Penmach Point in Brittany, carrying off the stock and flooding the houses of the 300 inhabitants. The salt and sand left by the sea will render the arable land on the island barren for three years to come. There was no loss of life, however. Similar catastrophes have occurred before, in 1756, at the beginning of Louis Philippe's reign, and in 1865. In the same storm the sea broke through the dunes near Penmach, covering large tracts of land behind them, which are below the sea level.

Bogdoggen, the Buddhist high priest, rules Urga, on the River Selva in Mongolia, a community recently visited on his journey to Karakorum by

versity, rather than a town. Of its 15,000 inhabitants, 12,000 are monks, or Lamas, the rest being Mongols, Russians, and Chinese. The university has four faculties, the theological, which is the most important; the medical, which are 440 maladies to which man is subject are taught, with their cures; the astrological, and the expounders of the sacred writings. Bogdoggen is 26 years of age, and is looked upon as a perfect god-man.

A HYBERNATING MAN.

Had a Yearly Trance—The Case Puzzled Able Physicians—Had No Memory.

John Telfer, died at Moschelle, Annapolis, N.S., last week, aged 70 years. The case of this man has been one that excited the interest and baffled the skill of physicians for years. In the fall he would enter into a sort of trance from which he would not properly awaken until May or June. He was the son of a pensioner who committed suicide, but before his father committed the deed he showed symptoms of melancholia. He would sit by the hour over his father's bench (cobblers'), laughing and talking to himself, and working himself into a frenzy, fighting imaginary foes, and going into immoderate fits of laughter.

About the end of August Jack would go to bed after eating his evening meal as usual, without exhibiting anything out of the common in his manner or otherwise, or giving any reason for supposition that he was out of sorts in anyway. On the following morning he would not get up, nor would he show any more vitality than any sleeping man. His sleep was very quiet, without any stir; indeed, it was as calm as that of a child. Twice in every twenty-four hours he would be taken up, a person supporting him on each side.

ABOUT ELEVEN O'CLOCK

every night he seemed to show rather more life than at any other time, and advantage was taken of this to pour a little thin oatmeal gruel, beef tea, or soup down his throat, he opening his lips to allow them to do so, and slowly swallowing it. He only took a very little each time, and, if urged to take more, simply kept his mouth shut. About once in every thirty days, not exactly at regular intervals, during the evening generally, he would get up, but soon return to bed.

Dr. Robertson, of Annapolis, one of the most skillful physicians of the province, says:—My first visit to Jack was about twenty years ago, when I first came to live and practise in this vicinity, and it came about in this way. Of course there was a talk about the new doctor and what he could do. So I was called to see the queer case. I got all the particulars from the friends and neighbors, and what means had been tried by other doctors, and then I promised to try what I could do. On the following day I went again, accompanied by my brother, and also a physician. We took with us a good galvanic battery. One of the handles was placed in each hand and bound closely to the fingers with wet bandages. We then put on the full power of the instrument. Poor old Jack was out of bed in a moment, and I shall never forget his look of

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as he yelled out, "Damnation, what's that?" I can also well remember my own feelings of satisfaction and complacency when the natives congratulated me on my success in this my first case. I walked off as if saying to myself, "I knew I could do it." Well, Jack remained awake about three days, and then I got a message that my patient was off again. I went up and tried the battery a second time, with only the effect, however, of making him open his eyes and grant "Eh," in a querulous manner, and, after looking about him for a half hour or so, he lapsed into his former condition. Next day I again tried the battery, but without the slightest effect, so I gave it up as a hard case.

During the summer months he did exactly the work he was told to do, but he had to be told over again every day, although the work was the same day in and day out. The only thing he did without being told was to get his meals. He would talk quite rationally on any subject when spoken to, and recollects distinctly most of the incidents of his childhood. He would hold animated confab with the cows, dogs, trees, wheelbarrow, or any other object which happened to be in his way, and might be noticed sometimes lecturing a tree for some time, breaking out occasionally into uproarious fits of laughter. He took his winter sleep for the last 15 years.

THE SKIPPER WAS A RAT.

The London Field tells this story: "A rat was caught alive on board a British naval vessel in a trap, and the beast was thrown from the trap into the water without being killed. A large gull that was following in the wake of the ship to pick up scraps of food thrown overboard by the steward stopped several times endeavoring to pick the rat up. Once the bird got too close to the rat's jaws and the beast grabbed it by the neck. After a short fight, the rat succeeded in killing the bird. When the gull was dead the rat scrambled upon the bird's body, and, hoisting one wing as a sail, and using the other as a rudder, succeeded in steering for the shore. Whether the rat reached shore or not is a question, since the ship soon got out of sight of the skipper and its craft."

TEN LARGEST CITIES.

The ten largest cities in the world and their respective populations are: London, 4,231,000; Paris, 2,447,000; New York, 1,801,000; Canton, 1,600,000; Berlin, 1,579,000; Tokyo, 1,389,000; Vienna, 1,364,000; Philadelphia, 1,142,000; Chicago, 1,000,000.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Doings of Some of the World's Prominent People.

Lord Leighton's house in London has been offered by his sisters to the British nation on condition that it be preserved as it is.

For the twelfth time in succession the Prince of Wales has been nominated for the office of grand master of English Mark Masons.

Frederick Hill, who died the other day at his home, near London, was the last surviving brother of Sir Rowland Hill, the postal reformer.

Mrs. Brookfield, Thackeray's friend, who a few years ago published some interesting letters written by him to her, died recently at the age of 77.

Cardinal Gibbons is a believer in the "Kneipp cure," and frequently proved his faith last summer by taking early morning walks barefooted.

The widow of Callier Bey (formerly Mrs. P. T. Barnum) expects to return to her former home in Bridgeport, Ct., and take up her residence there again.

Mrs. Duncan Bell, who has been prominent for some years in New York society, is said to have positively determined to adopt the stage for a profession.

Louise Michel declines to come to this country unless Pietro Gori, the Italian anarchist, accompanies her. Pietro has a dread of water and will not come.

Archibald F. Hebbard, who died at his home in Westminster, Conn., recently, at the age of 75 years, had never ridden in steam cars or any kind of a boat.

George Frederick Watts, R. A., is building a church near Guilford, England, in which he will paint frescoes himself, while his wife will design the terra cotta decorations.

Canon Fleming, of St. Michael's church, London, has had a large telephone transmitter placed in his pulpit, so that his sermons may be heard in a number of hospitals and other institutions.

Emperor William is probably the only European monarch who carries a revolver. Firmly convinced that he is going to die by the bullet of an anarchist, he is determined to fight for his life, if necessary.

Prof. Charles Lane Poor, of Johns Hopkins University, has just finished the construction of an equatorial telescope which he will take with him to the north next summer in order to photograph the stars.

Dr. F. Saccardo, professor of natural science at the school of viticulture at Avellino, Italy, who recently died, was recognized as an authority on the diseases of the vine and on the science of lichenology.

Sir Henry Keppel, 86 years of age, is now the senior admiral in the British navy list, but Sir Alexander Milne, who is 90 and who entered the navy eighty years ago, is the oldest admiral and the one who has served longest.

CONVERSE BY WHISTLING.

Among the queerest languages used by humankind throughout the world are those of the Gomeros, inhabitants of one of the Canary group of islands, and the Cameroons, of West Africa. The Gomeros whistle with their fingers and lips so expertly as to express all the signals that are required to make the conversation intelligible. A Cameroon man uses a drum, the surface of which is divided into uneven halves, so that when it is struck it yields two different notes. With a code in character not unlike the taps of the telegraphic system, the people make this drum express every syllable of their language.

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