

CURRENT NOTES.

King Prempeh, late ruler of Ashanti, is now an exile. A single roof in Sierra Leone shelters his Majesty, his mother, the two wives he was permitted to retain from the large assortment in his harem, and a few of his chiefs and attendants.

Prempeh made a scene when he was told that his British captors meant to remove him from Elmina to a home hundreds of miles away. He said he would kill himself if deported from his country. He would jump into the sea from the steamship. He begged to be taken back to Kumassi, where he would throw the country wide open to British trade.

Prempeh admits that it was his ignorance that caused his downfall. It is an interesting fact that every important native ruler in Africa against whom a European power has sent an armed force, has been the victim of his own ignorance and arrogance.

An African ruler who has made a little empire for himself, or inherited the throne of his ancestors, usually believes he is the greatest man in the world until the bullets begin to whiz through the huts of his capital.

When Lo Bengula, King of the Matabeles, sent his envoys to England, they were great impressed with what they saw, but said that they would not dare return to their master and tell him the British were more powerful than the Matabele people.

King Mtesa of Uganda sent an embassy to London, and not deeming it necessary to be represented by any of his nobles, he confided his mission to three men of the common people.

Germany had an amusing experience some years ago when it was thought she would economize men and money if some subjects of King Mandara of East Africa were taken to Berlin to see how great the Germans are.

About the House.

COMBS AND BRUSHES.

For the sake of the hair if not for cleanliness, combs and brushes in daily use need frequent washing. There are few things so disgusting as a greasy comb or brush filled with hair.

Hot water in which a little ammonia has been mixed is best. Use plenty of strong soap, and wash two brushes at a time. Take one in each hand and rub them together.

HOME FAILURES.

"The home," remarked one bright woman, whose record was so honorable that she could say with impunity anything she liked, "the home has been so wretchedly overdone lately that I can't bear to hear anything more on the subject.

This is undoubtedly true; but, in view of the scorn expressed for the "home body" and the "home writer," it may be worth while to examine the business and objects of home-making, and to compare it for a moment with other occupations.

A SCRAP RUG.

A soft bedside rug may be made of colored woollen dress goods sewed in bit or miss fashion on to bed ticking or any stout goods. Such a rug used in such a place will not get very dusty and will be both useful and ornamental.

DRESSMAKING POINTS.

A mistake is made by many "home dressmakers" in putting on bone casings drawn very tightly. They should be left loose—even wrinkled—as the bones when inserted will bring them to their proper arching shape on the inside.

HOARHOUD CANDY.

At this season of coughs and colds, now many mothers know that a good hoarhound candy, soothing to tired or inflamed throats, can easily be made at home.

USEFUL HINTS.

After a broth has been carefully skimmed, and still little atoms of grease appear over the surface, lay a piece of clean brown paper over the top and the grease will cling to it.

THE FARM.

APPLE-GROWING.

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SOME GOOD RECIPES.

Codfish Balls.—Take an equal quantity of salt codfish and potatoes; pare the potatoes and with the fish put them into boiling water and boil steadily until the potatoes are well cooked.

Hot Slaw.—Take a good, firm, medium-sized head of cabbage; chop it very fine and cook it until soft, in just enough water to keep it from burning.

Drop Biscuit.—To one quart of rich sour milk or good buttermilk, add two eggs well beaten, and two tablespoonfuls of lard or drippings.

White Potato Pie.—Steam until a little soft, three large sweet potatoes. When cool, pare and slice them, but too thin.

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BUSHING INTO THINGS.

I would like to offer a little advice to our brother farmers; and that is, don't all try to do the same thing at the same time, for if you do you will be sure to overdo it, writes C. W. Harding.

It is the same with other kinds of stock. If the outlook for horses should brighten then every one would want to get all the horses one could possibly keep.

I think by so doing that the market would not be overstocked and prices would be more uniform and profits better generally.

WHY DON'T YOU LAUGH.

Why don't you laugh, young man, when you troubles come, I say, why don't you laugh? You cannot have all play, And sunshine every day;

Why don't you laugh, and make us all laugh, too. And keep us mortals all from getting blue?

A QUESTIONABLE COMPLIMENT. She was being chided by her friends for her cookery, and, being a very young wife, accepted all the remarks good-naturedly.

DOG FLESH FOR CONSUMPTION. A. Merk, of San Francisco, is a sufferer from consumption and a believer in the efficacy of dog meat as a cure.

FREE BATHS. Weary Watkins—Wot you think of this scheme of free baths? Hungry Higgins—They won't get me from me. No man is going to get it.

BATTING ON THE

The Queerest Gambling World is Played at

One of the most curious gambling in the world is at its height in Calicut, Burra Bazaar. No one who has not seen the crowds which at evening are born speculators, well plenty of well to do Eurasians, Jews, Greeks, and women, into the small court, strange form of gambling, on, through a narrow, three feet wide, table about two hundred feet far-famed tank with a to the courtyard is the all eyes are fixed. At the edge of a second is about six feet long wide and nine inches spout opening inward four inches from the this it will be seen a pretty heavy downpour ten minutes to drizzle. Intermittent causes, this tank, do not come to fill it must pour steadily, and then the best.

Chances are taken against the spout, raised, wizenod old of the den, and there place across the road, the roof, over the is a small square, which are stationed whose duty is to so closely and report of rain clouds. On a odd rise or fall.

A bet made and wery paid the follow everything seems to be and, indeed, there is cheating. The odds 1 to 75 on some days season. Many have a single day. One over \$5,000 in the weeks. But he world scientific methods.

FORGOTTEN

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