

CURRENT NOTES.

It was said in France at the time of the Crimean war that the British army was an army of lions led by asses...

The question now, however, is how Greece is to be extricated from the condition in which she has been plunged...

TRUE STORY OF A HORSE.

How He Influenced His Master to Attend Church.

My great grandfather always attended church, writes Emma P. Dowd. It was a serious thing, indeed, that would keep him at home.

One Sunday, shortly after the sale, my great grandfather started for church, driving Gyp alone. As he passed by his neighbors' house he saw Jap feeding in a pasture adjoining the road.

"Maria," said the great hypnotist, "if you don't put that baby to sleep I'll be unable to give my great mercie show this evening."

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.

It is London now that has the button fever. The deartment stores are selling the motto nuisances by the thousands.

Gen. Kostaro Kristos, the chief of the Cretan insurgents, is 100 years of age, and is said to have the fire and enthusiasm of a youth of twenty.

Buluwayo is to set up a great brazen image of Cecil Rhodes in one of its squares. The order has been sent to a British sculptor named Tweed.

Commander Meiuizi, who had been for forty-four years director of the Cappella Giulia, the choir of St. Peter's Church at Rome, has died at the age of 82 years.

A copper pan said to be the largest ever made from one piece of metal has been turned out at Swansea, England.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who till her marriage at the age of 67 was the woman most talked of in England next to the Queen, owing to her charities, has just celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday and is in excellent health.

England has turned against its own sparrow. The birds are being slaughtered wholesale by the farmers, especially in Yorkshire, and great disgust is expressed at the manner of their taking off.

Russia's confidence in oil fuel for warships larger than torpedo boats seem to be wavering. The General Admiral Apraxin, now building, is to use oil for half its boilers and coal for the other half, but all other ocean-going vessels are to continue to use coal alone.

Two new telephone cables, each with two circuits are to be laid at once across the English Channel, making practically six lines for the London Paris telegraph services.

Mercedes, Princess of Asturias, who for six months between the death of her father and the birth of her brother was Queen of Spain and will be Queen again should Alfonso XIII, die before he has children, is now 17 years of age. She rides an English bicycle, the gift of her step-mother, Queen Christina.

Britain has just beaten back a German invasion. The Alster, a German trawler, not only caught fish within the forbidden waters of Moray Firth, the forbidden waters of Moray Firth, the forbidden waters of Moray Firth.

Complaints from stockholders have led the Western Railroad of France to publish some curious facts about free passes given to the press. Passes were issued in 1896, which, if paid for, would have added to the receipts of the company 333,000 francs; to counterbalance this the newspapers printed free advertisements for the railroad, which would have cost it 1,634,000 francs.

Paris, which has been without a hippodrome since the building on the Avenue de l'Alma was torn down to make room for new houses and streets, is to have a new hippodrome on the Boulevard de Clichy, near Montmartre.

The Star torpedo boat destroyer built by Palmer at Jarrow made an average of 30,103 knots on a three-hour trial, with 6,000 horse power and a consumption of not over 21.2 pounds of sumption of not over 21.2 pounds of coal per unit of power an hour.

An elephant belonging to Sanger's circus has developed a dislike to policemen. It attacked one in London, and later chased a Welsh constable into a public house, which it nearly demolished trying to reach him.

Doing nothing is the hardest work for an industrious man.

British dogs will continue to be muzzled, the Board of Agriculture having overruled the action of the London Common Council and other local authorities in repealing the law.

French Army pensioners living in the Hotel des Invalides, who have all received medals for bravery on the field, occasionally drink more than is good for them.

MONASTERIES OF THESSALY. Perched High on the Rocks and Reached by Scaling Ladders.

Between the curve of the Macedonian frontier of the mountains of Khassia and the open town of Kalabaka, which terminates the long western plain of Thessaly, lie the monasteries of Meteora.

One place a huge monolith is found literally crowned with buildings, as in the case of the Monastery of All Saints, popularly known as Hagios Barlaam.

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PRACTICAL FARMING.

SIDE TALKS ABOUT COWS.

There has been a good deal said in these columns of late about the care of cows and the handling of milk, and there remains a good deal to be said yet, writes a subscriber.

Our cows are common grades. Some of them are part Jersey and Durham the mixed, and they are stabled all the time in the winter; let out just long enough to get water and then put back into the stable again, as it is so warm in cold weather that the manure does not freeze until the mercury gets down to the zero mark.

Our cows are milked at five o'clock a.m., before feeding, for I do hate to milk a cow when she is always reaching for her feed.

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their diet. In the temple of Olympus a bronze horse was exhibited, at the sight of which real horses experienced the most violent emotions.

CONVERTS BY ELECTRICITY. Novel Means of Inducing Sinners to Give Up Evil Ways.

Rev. James MacKenzie, a Scotch minister, who is traveling through the French cantons of Switzerland, on a missionary tour, has left in his path a number of converts who were made to see the error of their ways by original and strictly up-to-date methods.

The missionary is one of the liberal-minded men of piety who believe that any means to get a man to repent of his evil ways are the right means, if the end is successfully attained.

When he arrives at a village whose inhabitants he considers are in need of a little religious medicine, the missionary takes his stand in a prominent spot, fixes his electric battery in place, and invites the unsuspecting villagers to try a galvanic shock for the good of their nerves.

Any one who has held the handles of this instrument of torture knows that it is impossible to drop them while the current is on.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

He—"Can I dance with you tonight?" She—"You might try."

Papa—"Sine qua non means something you can't do without." Little Frank—"Oh! a wheel!"

Dodo—"Now, tell me, what do people think of me?" Penguin—"And make you my enemy for life? Not much!" Never mind the frosted peaches—

Nature can't upset our plans; Every year experience teaches There are plenty in the cans.

"You didn't resent my denial of our engagement?" "No, Mr. McWoolze; I inferred that you meant it as complimentary to me."

Wickwire—"Mudge has an india-rubber imagination." Yabley—"India-rubber is hardly the term. There are bounds to india-rubber."

"Do you know a good tonic for nervous persons, Simpsins?" "No; what I want to find is a good tonic for people who have to live with them."

"Is he an actor?" inquired the young woman. "Well," replied Miss Cayenne, thoughtfully, "that's what he calls himself in the city directory."

Utter—"How strange! But a moment ago I had an idea and now it has escaped my mind." Cutter—"Don't say it! It must have been a very narrow escape."

Willie—"I told her my love was so great that my brain was on fire." Charlie—"What did she say to that?" Willie—"Told me I had better blow it out."

"The race," hissed Winter, "shall not be called off. I am on my last lap!" It might be perceived, however, that Spring showed signs of shaking out her apron.

He—"Yes, 'because' is a woman's reason—and it is about all the reason she has." She—"It is about all the reason she could have for marrying a man."

What was the peculiarity of Methuselah? asked the teacher. "He lived to be very old without ever learning to ride a bike," answered the smart boy.

HAPPINESS ASSURED. First Paterfamilias—Beg pardon for intruding, but the fact is your son has proposed for the hand of my daughter; and as the two families are almost strangers, you knowing nothing of my daughter and I nothing of your son, I thought it would be a sensible thing to come around and compare notes.

Second Paterfamilias—Excellent idea! Has your daughter always had every thing she wanted—dresses, jewels, waiting-maids, and so on?"

No. She has had to help her mother. How old was your boy before you stopped thrashing him?"

Well, I thrashed him pretty regularly until he was nearly grown up. I am satisfied.

A GREAT TRUTH. The average man hasn't half as much sense as a clock. Why not? Because—when a clock is run down it quits.