

A DESERT DREAM.

By Aeronauts on Horseback—Steps in England by the Police. There are at least five well authenticated cases of aeronauts having made ascensions on horseback.

HOMEY MEN.

rather curious, from a woman's view, to hear a man sometimes as if his lack of good looks militated against his chances with the other. "I am such a plain chap," you will say to one of them, "no woman is likely to care about me;" or "Poor Jones! He'll never get a girl to him with that ugly face of his."

Of the four who had steamed past the Needles and away under the low black sky the Dorsetshire coast six months before, only two were left. Of these two Lee-Carson was the worse. The fever mist was drawn like a silk-cobweb low across the swamp, hiding the black eye-shaped pools and the variegated putrescence of rotting vegetation. The heavy air rang with the shrill pinioning of wildfowl changing their haunts and the ceaseless "troat-troat" of the bull frogs in the quagmires round.

son nervously, struggling to sit up. "They are coming! That's the tramping of the boots!" "Dare say they are," said Grammel, with a vague wish that there was a hood within 200 miles of them. "You might try to rest now."

Grammel shook his head imperceptibly. "I shouted to them—I shouted who we were, but they were riding fast eastwards." "No man rides east," said Grammel, looking up.

HOUSEHOLD. LITTLE HELPS IN THE KITCHEN. When soaking salt fish it should be placed in the water with the skin side up to freshen quickly; otherwise the salt lodges against the skin and it takes longer to become fresh.

to inculcate good habits in the child, and his permanent teeth will always be better taken care of if he has been taught to brush the temporary set from the time when he could use a tooth-brush.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.

It is so absent-minded and creature of habit that one day lady called upon him and asked \$5 for some charity, he turned sharply and, imagining himself in the bosom of his family, "That dollar I gave you last

FOR FROZEN PLANTS.

Plant growers do not always agree as to their method of reviving plants that have been frozen. Many affirm that the plant must be immediately sprinkled with cold water, and others state that this is not wise treatment for them, but both agree as to the advisability of keeping them out of the light for several days, and letting the heat thaw them out gradually.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS.

Days Set Apart by Different Countries for Special Celebrating. Eight of the Central and South American states celebrate the day when they became independent of a mother-power; Spain or Portugal being the powers whose yokes were thrown off by these unquiet states.

CARE OF WINTER FLOWERS.

A window or two in every home should be filled with blooming plants, and with a little care and attention they can be grown satisfactorily even by the inexperienced, and will be a source of delight to all during the cold days when the ground is covered with snow.

TELLING BY THE COLOR.

According to a tailor who has had nearly a life experience, it is possible with little study to tell within a little what part of England a man comes from simply by the color of his clothing.

THE MIDDLE-AGED MAN.

Taking Life Hard Indeed—Worrying Over His Worries. "I wonder," said the middle-aged man, "why we take life so hard. At the very best we have only seventy-five or a hundred years of it, and yet we fuss and fuss and worry all through it."

NEW IN FINGER RINGS.

What do you think the girls are wearing now? Finger rings made of horseshoe nails! They are certainly not pretty or graceful, but they are said to bring good luck to the wearer on certain conditions.

CARE OF CHILDREN'S TEETH.

Because the milk-teeth must, in the course of nature, fall out in a few years, to give place to the permanent set, parents are apt to assume that it is useless to pay special attention to them; they think it will be time enough to instruct the child in the care of the teeth when he has his permanent set.

A STRETCH OF COUNTRY.

A Pair of Suspenders—The hangman and his assistant.

SPECIALLY PREPARED.

Young Wife (on her first marketing expedition)—I don't know, but it seems to me that's a pretty high price for corn meal.

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