ESTING ITEMS ABOUT OUT

OWN COUNTRY. from Various Points from the

Atlantic to the Pacific. Public schools are to have ng, Brantford, fell from a scafd was severely injured. Ryall, prominent as an Odd.

in Leamington, is dead. eaths in Galt during the first nths of 1899 numbered 65. mes has been appointed leader Brantford Citizens' Band. Walters has declared against ne monopoly in Lindsay. h Fat Stock Club has received ion of a \$250 silver cup. ain elevator with a capacity

10 bushels will be built at Al-James Keith, a former resi-Woodstock, died recently in

Magistrate Crease, of Nelson, s had his salary increased to ommunion plate and drapery

mes' Church, Vancouver, has Sweet, of Lyndhurst, has been d to fill a vacancy on the le police force.

tock trustees coject to games ayed on the school grounds acation.

lickey, has resigned the posirincipal of the Wallaceburg church, St. Catharines, will

end a call to Rev. Dr. Smith, stord. eorge W. Dickey, of Amherst-

accepted a call to a Chicago hurch. Gray, Hanwell and Matheson duated as nurses from the

k Hospital. six months \$3,357.25 were nes in Rossland Police Court; being tried.

ock police are making a raid rs, who, it is alleged, sold disats in the town.

le hockeyists are in arrears ent, and the proprietor is goe the delinquents.

ing, principal of the Westen nool has received an appoinailway mail clerk. e City Council was given

ovide for the nursing of the in the city hospital. the first six months of the were 82 births, 61 deaths

rriages in Owen Sound. Stuart of Stratford Pubsays the Truancy Act is not tive in that town. indene, of Guelph, has been

assistant in the department at Harvard University. ctors of St. Catharines Puby, protest against the City action in reducing the

nored that Hon. J. H. Ross, th-west Territorial Council, appointed Indian Commis-

ay half-holiday in Vancououserved by grocers and the others not being unit-

ts \$500 a year for supplying wo stations for the G.T.R., corporation only wants to

his removal from the city, nor, has resigned his posiarate school trustee at

. Carlisle, was banqueted ers of the 19th Battalion,

nes, on the occasion of his sett, of Brockville, will real Humane Society medal

a boy from drowning at son of W. A. Sudworth, of as shot in the face by a who was handling a re-

essly. Idridge, McKee, Kincard h, have been appointed asthe town of Feterboro' at

\$150 each. B. Caswell rebuked some his congregation in Woodalking too ireely when

in progress. bytery has sustained the by St. Andrew's church, o Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hessalary offered is \$1,200. iddlemiss, formerly in the e Traders' Bank, but lated in the United States

mother's home in Inger-I, a recent graduate of versity, has been called to erian churches of Hum-Logan in the Stratford

ne the receipts at the Inte office in Owen Sound 0, an increase of nearly

YLISH SHOES.

stylish shoes for golfing d the street are made Ildog toe."

The Lost Diamonds of the Orange River.

monotony of these last two days the fires. Klaas, as the only of us who knew the country, diof us who have and with hoarse sieur," cried the Bushman, "and he has disand re-echoing cracks from the clawed one of the dogs." wagon-ship, slowly our carawa with brush and underwood.

would be trying trek among ished fires blazed up, and again turned row gorge some fifty feet wide, with we awful mountain passes; but on in. third day we had overcome the water that lay on the crown of a mountain, where we should outspan failly before entering upon the porhis of the diamond valley. Now he me to me and said, pointing upsards: "Sieur, de sweet water lies yon-It is a beautiful wel such as ye never saw the like of; we reach it, we are saved, and the men will soon get round again. Ye must get them up somehow, even with-

The tiny, yellow, blear-eyed Bushmin, standing over me as I sat on a mek pointing with his lean arm skysids his anxious dirt-grimed face greaming with perspiration, was brily the figure of an angel of hope; and yet at that moment he was an ingel to me; for we had tasted no waby to speak of for close on three days, and had had besides a frightfully try-

We lay panting and grilling for an boar or more; and then I told my men that water in any quantity lay at the mountain top, and that we must at all hards get the oxen up to it. Only smile of ascent, or a little more, lay before us; but so feeble were the oxan that we had the greatest difficulty to drive the bulk of them to the top, eren without the encumbering wagon. Three atterly refused to move, and were left behind. At last we reached the krantz, and after a hundred yards' walk upon its flat top, we came almost add nly upon a most wonderful and, to us most soul-thrilling sight.

A drase bush of mimosa-thorn and the shrubs grew around, here and thre relieved by wide patches of open space. The oxen getting the breeze, display a most extraordinary freshless up went their heads, their dull pew thickest. For a time they found the valley." to opening; but after following the theling wall of bush, at length a broad is nearly ready, and we'll start as soon into the sunshine, Klaas, pointing to doubtless worn smooth by the passage delephants, rhinoceroses, and other mighty game; and then there fell upon our sight the most refreshing pros-Pot that man ever gazed upon. Thirty prds down the opening there lay a great pool of water, about two hundred feet across at its narrowest point, and imparently of immense depth. The poel was circular, its sides were of mek and quartz, and completely inacbesible from every approach save that by which we had reached it. It was indeed completely encompassed by premitous walls, about thirty feet in light, which defied the advent of any other living thing than a lizard or a

dothes and plunged into the water. It hard journey. was icy cold and most invigorating, swam and splashed to my heart's

the bush-girt water. We seeming, indeed, much inch stone fires for the night, made such a slippery, break-neck pastime. trong fires, for the spoor of leopards At length we reached the crest; and abundant the abundant, stewed some bustards, then, after passing through a fringe good supper, and turned in. of bush and scrub, we scrambled down suppose we had not been asleep two the thither descent, a descent of no tharp barks awakened by the little danger. The slipping shales that the kicks and yelping of my dogs, gave way at every step, of the thicks and scrambles of the oxen, ened, indeed, to hurl us headlong to the short short and scrambles of the oxen, ened, indeed, to hurl us headlong to the

We hailed the passage of the moun- up my rifle and rushing out, I was halled the page with something just in time to see a firebrand hurled next morning to banish at some dark object that sped between night-adder, several times only just the fires.

"What is it, Klaas?" I shouted. place was presently, as we rested, for "Allemaghtel it is a tiger, leopard, ten minutes, broken by a company of baboons, which having espied us from

True enough, on inspecting the velpwas set in motion. Our entrance ing sufferer, Rooi-Kat, a brindled red THE MOUNTAINS was effected through dog, and one of the best of my pack, I the mountains and extremely difficult pass, found the poor wretch at its last gasp, quahed at us threateningly, till Klaas with huge boulders, and over- with its throat and neck almost torn sent a bullet among them when they the crops are thirsty, or victory in the torn to ribbons. Cursing the speaking cowto ribbons. Cursing the sneaking cow- retreated pell-mell. We soon started war to which the young fighters are will will be tedious to relate all the ardly leopard, I saw that the replen-

difficulties, and had outspanned in the morning—the coldest, the most final rest before completing our silent, and the dreariest of the dark Orange River when first it made its if to complete it were possible. hours, that fatal hour betwixt night way through these grim defiles. Presand day when many a flickering life, looked apward at the long unloosed by death, slips from its moorof mountain, broken here and ings-when I was again startled from and occasionally shaggy with slumber by a most blood-curdling Over all the fierce atmosphere yell. Hunters, as you know, sleep mirered, seething and dancing in the light, and seem instinctively to be place. I looked again with doubt aware of what passes around them, dismay at the gasping oxen, many even although apparently wrapped in them lying foundered and almost the profoundest sleep. I knew in a moad from thirst and fatigue, and my ment that that agonised cry came from will how usually brisk and unflagging, a human throat; and I rushed out. will below zero. Klaas had told me What a din was there, from dogs, by of a most wonderful pool of men, and oxen, and above all those horrid human screams. I had my loaded rifle, and rushing up to a confused crowd struggling near the firelight. I saw what had happened. The youngest of my servants, a mere Bechuana boy, was hard and fast in the grip of an immense leopard, which was tearing with its cruel teeth at his throat. Klaas, bolder than his reliows, was lunging an assegai into the brute's The male had now crouched flat for his German Boundary Commission and is effect; others were thrashing it with lost. The female stood apparently irfirebrands; and the dogs were vainly worrying at its head and flanks. All this I saw instantaneously. Thrusting charging male. Both shots struck, but my followers aside, I ran up to the leopard, and, putting my rifle to its ear, fired. The express bullet did its work at once; the fiercest and most fled. With a horrid throaty grunt, the tenacious of the feline race could not refuse to yield its life with its head almost blown to atoms; and loosening its murderous hold, the brute fell dead. But too late! The poor Bechuana boy lay upon the sand, wounded to the death. After these horrors, sleep was banished, and as the gray light came

up, we prepared for day. The morning broke at length in ruddiest splendour; and as the terrain was to one side, and Klaas firing again, slowly unfolded before my gaze, I realised the desolate magnificence of the country. Mountains, mountains, mountains, of grim sublimity rolled was the shot, and bravely fired, or everywhere around! Far away below, I had probably been as good as dead. looked westward, a thin silvery line, Klaas soon whipped the skin off the only visible for a little space, told of dead leopard and hid it under some the great river flowing to the sea, inexorably shut in by precipitous mountain walls that guaranteed for ever its awful solitude.

Klaas stood near, and as I gazed, he whispered, for my men were not far the wall of mountain on our left stood indscenting water, suddenly began to away; "Sieur, yonder straight in front up straight before the hot sunlight, a of you, five miles away, lie the diamonds. If we start directly after tres brightened, and they trotted for- breakfast, we shall have four hours' height, and then sloped away more wards to where the jungle apparently hard climbing and walking to reach

"All right, Klaas," said I. "Breakfast about a mile distant. As we came out

as we have fed." Breakfast was soon over, and then ed way: 'The Pearl! the Pearl! Look spoke to my men. I told them that sir, look." Looking upwards at the mass I intended to stay at this pool for a of rock, my eye was suddenly arrested few days, and that in the meantime I by a gleaming mass that protruded was going prospecting in the moun- from the dead wall of mountain. Half tains bordering the river. I despatch- dazzled, I shaded my eyes with my for himself astonished the natives by succeeded in getting a few sketches ed two of them to go and hand and looked again. It was a most hunt for mountain buck in the strange and beautiful thing that I bedirection we had come from; the others held, a freak of nature the most curwere to see that the oxen fed round lous that I had ever set eyes on. The about the water, where pasture was glittering mass was a huge egg-shap- favored by the appearance among the good and plentiful, and generally to ed ball of quartz of a semi-transparent look after the camp. For Klaas and milky hue, flashing and gleaming in his juggling, was going on. Whatmyself, we should be away till dusk, the radiant sunshine with the glori- ever it was, the result was all right. perhaps even all night; but we did not ous prismatic colours that flash from The plague was abated and the mir- that has been put up by the user, ice wish to be followed or disturbed; and the unlucky opal. But yet more strange acle worker had the credit of bringunless those at the camp heard my above "de Paarl," as Klaas quaintly ing this blessing to pass. signal of four consecutive rifleshots, called it, and over-hanging it, was a How the poor beasts drank of that they were on no account to attempt to kind of canopy of stalactite of the same beings drank for that they were on no account to attempt to kind of canopy of stalactive of the same at the north of the lake were the can, and wrap it in something that is brilliant opalescent colours. It was at the north of the lake were the can, and wrap it in something that is brilliant opalescent colours. It was at the north of the lake were the can, and wrap it in something that is brings drank tool I thought we should time knew me and my ways well, and wonderful! Klaas here began to caper beneficiaries of the second miracle, a poor conductor of heat. Wooler wonderful! Klaas here began to caper beneficiaries of them were considerably cloths are better than cotton, for the wonderful! Klaas for began to cape and some of them were considerably cloths are better than cotton, for they and drank fill the work of the steamer conduct the heat less rapidly. Paper is and dance in the most literally ran be followed by prying eyes; and in- ion, and then suddenly ceasing he said: impressed by it. One day the steamer conduct the heat less rapidly. Paper is ion, and then suddenly ceasing he said: Domira ran ashore in a fog, and be- better than weolen as it will not add out of their mouths as they at last deed, the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the law away The The water literally ran be followed by prying eyes; and into ion, and then suddenly ceasing he said. Impressed of the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy Africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy africans were only too wow, sieur, I will soon show you the lazy africans were only too doubles and plantaged in the last deed, the lazy Africans were only too who sieur, I will soon show you the doubles and plantaged in the last deed, the lazy Africans were only too who sieur, I will soon show you the doubles are there," pointing to diamonds—they are there," pointing to diamonds—they are there, "right had about given her up as lost. For wrap ice in they can be thrown away

II.

What made you can that shining the spin shed to my heart's ,

I directed my more to file and a rest,

Taking some dried flesh, biscuits, and stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up there 'de Paarl?' said I, ed, but could not budge the vessel an stone up the said I and directed my men to fill the four buc- a bottle of water each, and each as I gazed in admiration at the beau- and work for a time was suspended the horsest the first the four buc- a bottle of water each, and I start- as I gazed in the horsest below the horsest bel the horses in charge of one of their ed away at seven o'clock. The little "Well, sieur I was once with a wine while the white men held a council on the weather white white men held a council on the west of the shore and tried to form some new the we drove the cattle, loth beggar, who, I suppose, in his Bushhere to leave the water man youth had wandered baboon-like ony, and a man told me why they call- plan of rescue. They talked the matony to the water one of the water one one of the water one of the water one of the water of the water of the water one of the water one of the water one of the water of the ony, and a man told me why they can be the water was not to see as not t I so as not to spill the water. At it by heart, showed no sign of hesitable too, what the pretty gems reaching any definite idea as to the he told me, too, what the pretty gems next proceeding. Just then the old be told me, too, what the pretty gents heart proceeding. Just then the old were that I saw in the young vrouw's worker of miracles came sauntering bing hearly dead The valley, only to tion, but walked rapidly down hill to were that I saw in the young vious a deep gorge at the foot, that led best ring when she were it; and I worker of miracles came sauntering best ring when she were it; and I down to the beach and said he had the distant low- half a mile or so into a huge mass of their refreshed. The distant low- half a mile or so into a huge mass of their refreshed. their refreshed comrades had, I mountain that formed the north wail it came from a fish that grows in the something to tell the white man. Warned them of good news, and of the Orange River. This kloof must sea. And I remembered then the great him try he was sure he could save the It took us a long hour of the most lab-We rested for a short time, and then orious effort to surmount these impol The and started for the upland pediments; and then with torn hands The oxen, worn and enfeebled and aching legs, we went straight up bet into them by their drink, and sisted of masses of loose shale and three mile distant, that they one and I say we; but I am bound to admit approach at present Klaas only knew, all bent gallantly to the yokes, and that the Bushman made much lighter lay "Sindbad's Valley." Could it be lay "Sindbad's Valley." Could it be lay "Sindbad's Valley." Up to the village he hastened and she also licked you when you the state of his task than I, his ape-like form true? Could I actually be within touch true? Could I actually be within touch true? Could I actually be miches in comhargin of the bush-girt water. We seeming, indeed, much more fitted for bush-girt water.

HIS ONLY CHANCE. Do you know that you talk in your the kicks and velping of my dogs, gave way at every step, often threat-Well, do you begrudge me those few the shouts of the men. Snatching bottom. At last this stage was end-words, also? he snapped back.

(To Be Continued.)

sus seemed but a beggar's heard?

ed, and we found ourselves in a very valley of desolation. We were almost completely entombed by narrowing mountain walls, whose dark red sides

things more lively, I noticed that

snakes were more than ordinarily plen-

tiful, the bloated puff-adder, the yel-

low cobra, and the dangerous little

The awful silence of this sepulchral

down to see what we were. They were

huge brutes and savage, and quah-

perfectly level precipitous walls, ap-

by the action of terrific torrents, prob-

ably an early development of the

more; and then turning a sharp cor-

ner, we suddenly came upon a pair of

leopards sauntering coolly towards us.

I didn't like the look of things at all,

for a leopard at the best of times is

an ugly customer, even where he knows

and dreads firearms. The brutes show-

ed no intention of bolting, but stood

with their hackles up, their tails wav-

must retreat; and having come all this

frightful trek for the diamonds, I felt

ing to our rifles, we moved very quiet-

ly forward until within thirty-five

yards of the grim cats. They were male

of their kind as sun ever shone upon.

charge, and not an instant was to be

neither stopped him. The lady, hear-

ing the look of affairs, incontinently

male leopard flew across the sand, com-

ing straight at me, and then launched

missed, for in those days I seldom fail-

ed in stopping dangerous game; but

these beggars are like lightning once

space straight at my head, I sprang

sent the leopard struggling to earth,

stones; and we then proceeded, the

whole affair having occupied but twen-

Another mile of this canal-like klood

brought us to a broad opening where

dark, reddish-brown mass of rock, l

suppose some five hundred feet in

smoothly to its summit, thatt over-

looked the river, as I should judge,

ty minutes.

through the rock."

diamonds, yonder, sieur."

frowned upon us everywhere in horrid HOW THE FETICH MAN IN AFRICA and overpowering silence. The sun was PERFORMS WONDERS. up, and the heat, shut in as we were, overpowering. Moreover, to make

Destroyed on Army of Locusts and Floated a Steamboat Which Had Gone Ashore-He Was a Cunning Old Man.

There are plenty of black persons among the barbarous tribes of Africa who make a living by their wits. Some of these bright fellows are fetich doctors curing disease by their incantations, selling charms that bring to pass their krantzes above, came shoggling all manner of things desired by their customers, and for a large consideration, insuring copious rainfall when marching. Great is their renown when the charms are efficacious. But It must have been about two o'clock parently worn smooth at their bases fetich doctors are not a bit embarrassed when the medicine fails to work, for they have plenty of plausible excuses to relieve them from all responently the causeway narrowed still sibility.

An old native at Karonga, on the northwest coast of Lake Nyassa, has enjoyed for some years a great reputation as a miracle worker. He has a great deal of shrewdness and undoubtedly much more knowledge than the people around him. Even the ing ominously, and their gleaming white men open their eyes in surprise teeth bared in fierce defiance. There at the apparent result of his mysterwas nothing for it-either we or they lous doings, and his fame has spread slightest flaw in the old fellow's gift throughout the region between the in no mood to back down even to Felis Lakes Nyassa and Tanganyika. One pardus in his very nastiest mood. Look- of his miracles a while ago was of considerable advantage to the whites, and this is how it happens that Capt. and female, and two as magnificent Boileau, who crossed the Nyassa-Tanganyika as a member of the Angloa civil engineer by profession, thought resolute. Noticing this, and not having it worth while to tell some things time to speak, we both let drive at the about the black wonder.

HIS FIRST ATTEMPT. in the report, and apparently not lik- at working a miracle was a great success and made him famous in a day. Some six years ago the people far and wide around the north end of Lake himself into air. I fired hurriedly my Nyassa were afflicted with a plague second barrel, and, for a wonder, clean of locusts which were eating up the crops. Famine stared the country in the face. The old man gave notice they are charging. In a moment, as one day that the spirits were going the yellow form was flying through to use him in destroying the pests and save the crops, and after he had retired from public view for a few days battling frantically for life amid sand he would be able to tell the people and shingle with a broken back. Lucky what to do to save their growing food which he used promptly to put in his supplies. It was necessary for him mouth as a precaution against pickto climb the Virauli Hill and pray there for a long time. So he set out for this eminence, which rises about French word that he knew "cama-3,700 feet above the sea, fifteen miles rade," and graciously consented to west of the large lake. He was not sit. The unfortunate artist's difficulseen again for several days, and when ties were not yet, however, at an he reappeared at the village he pro- end. When Samory saw his royal duced a large amount of powder features being drawn upon the canwhich he distributed among the na- vas, he was suddenly taken with a tives, telling them to mix it with wa- bashful fit that lasted on and off for ter and sprinkle it over their fields. His instructions were carefully ful- to hide his countenance beneath his filled, and the next thing that occur- turban and resolutely refuse to unveil red was very gratifying. The locusts | Whenever it happened that Samory's began to die by hundreds of thousands feelings of modesty were thus unac and they have not since been seen in | countably hurt, the sitting had invar the cliff, ejaculated in quite an excitthat region in sufficient numbers to liably to be given up for the day. At do any damage.

seems plausible, that the old man may disturb the painter's work by sprink have discovered that his powder would ling him and his canvas with water kill the locusts, and to make a name At last, however, M. de la Nezieri adding a supernatural element which of Samory, which he has brought was the fraudulent part of his pro- back with him, and from which he ceeding. The Captain seems to think intends painting a finished portrait of that the miracle worker was merely the dethroned King. insects, of a disease at the very time

THE WHITE MEN,

"What made you call that shining of the natives, they dragged and haul- without any loss. and work for a time was suspended Boer at the Paarl down in the old Col- the shore and tried to form some new

very smell of water revied them; at some time or another have served shining stone that I found up here steamboat. He declined to tell what and after two buckets apiece of the as a conduit for mighty floods of watheir killn-dried throat gulped down ter, for its bottom was everywhere and I thought to myself: 'Ah, Klaas, he would do, but said he would not and I thought to myself: 'Ah, Klaas, he would do, but said he would not and I thought to myself: 'Ah, Klaas, he would do, but said he would not their killin-dried throats, they got up strewn with boulders of titanic size and that was the finest pearly e ever saw, where the whites would see, for they might look whishook the meanured throats, they got up strewn with boulders of titanic size and that was the finest pearly e ever saw, whites would see, for they might look that up in the cliff near where the on white he was engaged in the work pretty white stones lay." I mean the on while he was engaged in the work of salvation. The white men laugh-At last, then, we were within grasp ingly told him to go ahead if he of the famous stones concerning whose thought he could do any good, and he long-distance telephone in my case. It into them be had such a heart a mountain whose roof-like sides conret misgivings. It was a startling ness. He had to, if the miracle was the miles will be their drink, and sisted of masses of loose shale and with mile distant miles and sisted of masses of loose shale and the misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought. Just beyond there, somewhere thought. Just beyond there, somewhere thought. Just beyond there, somewhere thought mile distant mile distant mile distant mile distant mile distant mile distant miles and sisted of masses of loose shale and the misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles and there are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles and there are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting to be performed by daylight, for the thought miles are misgivings. It was a starting the miles are mis

of riches unspeakable, riches in com- soon reappeared with

A WHITE HEN

parison with which the wealth of Croeunder his arm. At his request a boat took him and his hen out to the stranded vessel, and he climbed up the hen aloft, recited a few prayers know just what it contains. where she was drowned. The pro- don't.

ceedings essential to save the vessel had been completed. Darkness was falling as the old man reached the shore. He told the white men the problem had been solved. They need try no new plan. All they need to do was to give another pull at the vessel next morning and she would come off without any difficulty. Sure enough, next day the steamer was floated, and required only a little pulling to get her out of the sand into clear

The whites, who had been so nobly re-inforced by an old negro and a hen, kept up a good deal of hard thinking that day, and some of them thought at last that they had fathomed the secret of the man's mysterious gift. In the five days they had been pulling away at the steamer the wind had been blowing strong off the lake. On the sixth day, when they got her afloat, the wind was blowing a half gale off the shore, and the men were of the opinion that the vessel was thereby loosened sufficiently to make it easy to pull her out into deeper water. They also concluded that the old man was a pretty slick piece of goods, and that unusual powers of observation and a very fertile brain are the bases of his success as a miracle worker. Their explanation is that the old man had picked up a good deal of meteorological knowledge and that his experience told him that the wind was going to change that night and blow fiercely in the opposite direction. He thought the change of wind would aid the work of rescue, took the chance, and hit the nail squarely on the head.

However this may be, there is, according to the native view, not the as a miracle worker. They believe Nyassa would become dry land if he should speak the word, and he doesn't jeopardize his fame by perpetrating little miracles every day or two. Only a great occasion brings him out, and the machinery for evolving miracles is never set in motion unless he feels certain he has a sure thing.

A CAPRICIOUS MONARCH.

He Was Bribed by Coppers to Pose for His Portrait.

M. de la Neziere, who is just back from the west coast of Africa, has been spending some months in laborious attempts to paint the portrait of Samory, the vanquished king, under considerable difficulties. The dethroned potentate has the greatest objection to artists in general, and in particular deemed it a piece of gross impertinence on the part of M. de la Neziere to want to catch his likeness. His dusky majesty had to be coaxed with innumerable gifts of cigarettes, matches, and coppers into giving the painter a sitting. Among all the presents showered upon him, small change pockets, was what he liked best. At last Samory was mollified, began to call M. de la Neziere by the only weeks. He used every now and then other times the fallen, but still cap Capt. Boileau does not suggest, what ricious monster used seriously to

KEEPING ICE FROM MELTING.

However procured, even if it be io has cost something, and should be made to last as long as possible. Keep the ice in a large piece as long as you a dark corner of the glen, "right had about given her up as lost. For wrap ice in they can be thrown away days with the assistance of hundreds after they have served this purpos

CONSUMPTION OF MATCHES.

More matches are used in the United Kingdom than in any other couned that English people use an average of eight matches each person per day, and annually over 1,700,000,000, 000 are burned. The largest match factory is in Austria, and each year it uses 22,000 lbs. of phosphorus, turns out 2,500,000,000,000 matches and for the boxes alone 160,000 feet of wood

MONEY TALKS.

Richly-Money talks. Scrimpers-Yes, but through the

SHE DARED.

Well, blubbered the boy, she said

SECRETS OF THE TRADE.

We make our own ice cream, said the the side to the deck. Then he held restaurant proprietor. Consequently we and tossed the fowl into the lake, You do, replied the patron, but I