THE PASS.

IGHT TAKEN BY ROOPS.

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POLICY. e British Barkets. in Australia are move toward the anections with the Minister of Agonies of Victoria, sman's, and New a conference and te an experimental ses of fruit under which include a entitation for evber in which the I a standard case, mized fruit bushel, ubic inches. This s ovrside 10 by 15 cutside 10 by 15 t, as well as the mental ventures It has been found or the safe transsteady temperadegrees and good sary. With reof fruit, there is as to the requirage. It was reseries of experition, during the Australian fruit ers will have an ng an interesting turing the coming s from the Ausbe under Govand every case and. The proposessitate arrange-

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tallation Speech at niversity.

sgow, says:-Mr. the Secretary of was installed on lector of the Glasere was an impresent, and Mr. h an enthusiastic arse of his speech inted that the rerent Britain and eatly improved of are signs that closer union, and a really united z a question of

ED WORM.

Bah! I only martied you when noything about you. wearing-Ab. well,

A RACE FOR

Two men stood upon the sloping deck | "Now for Sierra Leone and home," said the captain, dashing the spray mud banks of a lagoon in Dahomey, at a cheer went up, and this time the gians and King Chulalongkorn of the one was Captain Brown of the pow- ensign rose to the mast-head. Then the Siam. All three maintained the stricterful screw-tug. Corona, and the other | Corona was put on a south-west course, est incognito. James Cranton, representative of a an dshore her away at a good ten knots son gleam along the western horizon, clear as though carved in ebony; while the haggard faces of the men.

tragic one," observed the captain, wip- (iron-runged ladder at each wild roll. ing the perspiration from his forehead. "She broke two plates on a reef; then stood with bent knees, balancing themthey beached her in here, and half the selves against the heave of the vessel, sword, to be worn with his uniform as hands died of fever,-easy to under- and listening to the thunder of the a member of the Academy. The money stand that. She must have been a bad time the sharp bows cleft apart a brim- raised by a popular five-cent subscripbargain for the syndicate."

old iron and rusty machinery has cost bending over a heap of dirty blankets, a mangrove forest ; I've seen it before in

which lay alongside, and with a brief, shout. The captain shuddered as the writes in bed just as usual. "Pull, lads," dropped wearily into the the wreck of what had once been a

the blades dipped foul exhalations rose aginary horror.

"We must get them on deck while Germany, and many of the large esfrom the yeasty water across which the it's fine," said Cranton. "Rig an awn- tates have been given over to raising dark shadows flitted across the deck; lights of the tug twinkled faintly ing and hammocks for them. I'm sugar beet. The large landholders which I was at a loss to account for. through the gathering mist. It was, as Cranton had said, a ghastly place, "I hope not," said the captain, The dingy foliage of the mangroves "With the loss of the two poor fellows walled the lagoon in on every side. In who died in the lagoon, and three help-scientist, who has for a number of pening to go into the after wheelhouse, places the watery forest rose, a maze we got bad weather. It's lucky we observations relating to children's ideas assembled there. They had forsaken of white stems and interlacing branches shipped the three Krooboys, but I'd give of life and death, has published his ex- the hold, either because they considered from many feet of slime and froth; six months' pay to be safe in the periences. He found that in answer- the risk of drowning was too great while in others the arched roots crept Trades." down a fresh snoot to feed on the corruption below. Over all brooded a dense | tre of a great azure circle. putrefaction, which bring sickness and

was closing down, and it was just pos-

chance for a sick man here."

est and lagoon seemed to swarm with longing for a breath of cool air or the life. From somewhere beyond the man- sight of a passing steamer from which crown by King George IV. ised life and health, and his flushed breeze across the red disk of the sinkface brightened as a monotonous vib- ing sun. rating note drifted up the night breeze: it was the song of the long Atlantic swell sweeping across the thundering bar. With a last glance seawards, Cranton crawled into his stifling cabin, swallowed a bitter draught of whiskey and quinine and flung himself down to sleep. Early next morning he was at his strongest, and so fitted to do awakened by the rattling winch and the clank of chain, and going on deck he saw the sickly crew getting the an-

chor over the bows. end of the bridge and said: "The surf no means the case; on the contrary, will be easy to-day; there's a light air off shore or deep as she is we'd never according to experiments of Dr. Buch | First be careful of your fan; have got out." Then the telegraph with the dynamometer, a man is pretinkled the propeller whirled up the cisely at his weakest when he turns sang Oliver Wendell Holmes. foam astern, and with the muddy wa- out of bed. Our muscular force is The history of the fan is almost as ter boiling into white wreaths beneath greatly increased by breakfast, but it old as the history of the world. One

whistle rang out across forest and early risers. But early rising, accord- leaves of the lotus. water, and thrice the red ensign flut- ing to Buch's doctrine, ought always tered aloft, as glowing streak of color to be supplemented by early breakagainst the morning blue, while rough | fasting. weather-beaten men stood bareheaded in the rising un. Then a wheeling cloud of bats and screaming parrets settled down sgain among the mangroves, and the forest closed round a lonely wooden cross.

"Thank God, we're off, and there are no more left behind. We're not out of the wood yet though," observed the griny engineer, as he looked out

through the gratings. Presently a dense volume of dingy smoke streamed away from the Corona's funnel, and the boat trembled throughout to the vibration of her word she says. panting engines, for the roaring bar av close ahead ciled in a white smother of foam. Ou- she went, swinging a streaming forefoot high into the air. or plunging to the bitts in a whitecrested roller wallowing and diving room: If you fee the waiters you will with flooded 4ecks until at last the be ejected. surf was passed and she rose and fell Waiter-Yes, sah. Feein' us is a smoothly on the glassy undulations of risk, now, sah; but nothin' ven'esa. cothin' home, you know the Atlantic.

an hour, through the long blue swell,

wrecking syndicate which had pur- the flashing water roaring from be- gruesome pictures in black and white, chased the vessel on the chance of get- neath her bows and streaming away is now in the last stages of consumpting her afloat. There was a fiery crim- astern in streaky lines of white and tion. Still, he works hard every day, green in the wake of the throbbing at his easel. He is supporting his moagainst which the leathery foliage of about the deck drinking in with delight on the stage. the mangroves stood out black and the pure sea-breeze. Presently the cap-Cranton addressed him: "Better have will spend nearly four weeks in the the yellow water and bubbling slime a look below now; the worst of the fev- dominions of the Grand Duke of Hesse. beneath flashed back a lurid glow up- er generally begins when you leave the It is highly probable that the Empress

So the two crept down into the stif- private visit to the Queen at Bal-"The story of this Dutchman is a ling forecastle, clinging tight to the moral. At first it was impossible to make out Foreign Affairs, has received from his anything in the gloom, and the men water outside the vibrating plates each to purchase it-more than \$200-was ming swell. When his eyes became tion at St. Quentin.

ends on board the tug, and we've buried swung her head out of the sea, fall- used to visit Copenhagen to spend their we had to lower one of our boats; two men. The steamer will never float | ing upon the hallow cheeks and soak- holiday money, whereas they go to again; in two years she'll be buried in | ing hair of a man, who stretched out | Darmstadt. a claw-like hand for the draught, and gasped: "about the same, sir; awful pain in all my bones, and something best and now we'll get out of this like hot iron round my skull; but the is to go to bed the instant he finds ghastly place before we die of fever. fireman there's raving mad, and the that he has caught a cold, and stay

So they slid down a line into a boat and out of the shadow rose a terrified been a serious illness. He reads and tug lifted her bows again, and he saw strong man, holding a trembling hand The crew bent to their cars, and as before his eyes to shut out some im- talking of his observations: "Beet

all our drugs are done."

like the tentacles of a huge octopus far and the fever stricken sufferers swung | er view than the children of the rich. | before she went down. We made a raid out across banks of evil-smelling mud, to and fro beneath an awning as the each pale branch overhead sending tug rolled along across the sun-lit sea,

I hen they reached the tug darkness rican coast for no apparent cause. Ev- blinding. Knock off now and heave the boat gasping for breath, dragged himself up. Tell them to start the fires; we go through the stokehold gratings to colout to-morrow's tide;" and the captain lapse limply on deck. So the Corona him to recover the health and money and Cranton lay listlessly beside the lost in this unfortunate venture. For- wheel as the long hours dragged by,

grove fringe the howl of a hunting they might obtain drugs or assistance. water and mud heaved and bubbled day of all, the captain, who was gazing, with the movement of countless scaly out into the sunset, said languidly: "I creatures; while at intervals the harsh see all kinds of bad weather there, and creak of a wading stork echoed across the barometer's falling fast. It's the the misty surface, or a swimming alli- tornado season, too, and we're loaded steamer's bows. All these sounds Cran- would be a relief after this." Sea and ton knew and loathed. He had heard sky were one blaze of light, a hard, them before on the Amazon and the brassy glare above, with long lines of Niger, and knew that they had rung the fiery radiance trembling across the death-knell of many a strong man. But swell below, while whirling wreaths of trip. there was another sound which prom- thin vapor drifted before an unfelt

(To Be Continued.)

WHEN ONE CAN WORK BEST.

At what hou rof the day is a man to most persons would be, "When he way of contrast. Presently the captain strode to the gets up in the morning." This is by A season leaned over the rail, waving hours, rises again towards evening, but there in the garden of Eden.

MISMATED

Mrs. Wilton-I have not heard from your daughter since she married a for-

Mrs. Bilton-She is very unhappy. usually are unfortunate. Mrs. B .- Indeed they are. You see

SIGNS AND CERTAINTIES. Customer-I see signs up around the

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Interesting Notes About Some of the Great

Within one week Paris sheltered three monarchs-King Alexander of from his face, while a feeble attempt | Servia, King Leopold II., of the Bel-

Aubrey Beardsley, the painter of propeller, while sickly men crawled ther and sister, and has another sister

The Emperor and Empress of Russia on the rusty plates of the steamer and malaria swamps and breathe the sea will travel incognito from Darmstadt the clear sky shot a majestic rocket, to London on a flying and strictly

> M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of admirers in St. Quentin a handsome

"Yes," was the answer; "this pile of accustomed to the darkness, Cranton | The Czarina of Russia is taking bi cycle lessons during her stay at Darmus four thousand pounds altogether. said, "Well, Johnson, how are you stadt, and practices daily in the private All we have got in return is the few now? Hold up your head and drink Schloss grounds. The Danes, by the hundred rounds' worth of odds and this." A faint light streamed in way, do not like the present Imperial through a dirty port, as the steamer family of Russia. Their predecessors we were taken in tow. To manage this

One of Mr. Gladstone's peculiar ideas which he has followed for fifteen years, I'm sick now, and you don't seem very Then a lip of green water washed bright."

there until the indisposition has pass—
we had two bright."

there until the indisposition has pass—
we had two light. above the glass, obscuring the light, cut short frequently what might have

Judge Gebhard Wilbrich, of St. Paul returned from Germany and said in afraid there'll be more down soon, and employ cheap labour, including many women, in the cultivation of the beets."

ing questions about life the poorer chil- there or possibly with some desperate As Cranton advised, so it was done; dren almost invariably took a bright- hope of being able to leave the ship

a lonely wedge of dark hull ringed has completed the process of grinding untimely end; "the rest they ran about with creaming foam, in the cen- and polishing a gigantic disc of glass over sixty-one inches in diameter, on atmosphere, heavy with the odors of All that day, and for several days which he has been engaged more than following there was not a breath of air two years. By the aid of his glass a to ruffle the glassy surface of the swell hair can be seen at a distance of 1,000 of water in the after-hold, and the death to the European who breathes which ran steep and high from horizon feet, and the reflection of the moon at to horizon, as it often does off the Af- the focal point would be absolutely

ery morning the sun rose through a Miss Mary Ann Crothers, of Phila- I suppose, by unequal soundings; and sible to make out three or four scantily attired figures crawling feebly heavens poured down the pitiless heat 104th birthday, claims to be the oldest about the lumbered deck among piles of the tropics upon the plunging tug, old maid in the world. Notwithstandof hawsers, chains and miscellaneous until the pitch boiled out of the seams, ing her great age, she is active and and thebrass of the rails felt scalding | vigorous, doing some of the light work How are the two seamen now?" ask- to the touch of incautious fingers. The | in the house every day. She goes uped the captain, as he climbed over the mate lay burning with fever in a ham- stairs without help, and up to nine low rail; and a hoarse voice answered: mock beneath the shade of the bridge- years ago walked regularly every Sun-Sinking fast, I'm afraid, sir; no deck, while every now and then a fire- day to church, a distance of one mile.

man dripping with perspiration, and According to Vanity Fair Kaiser Wilhelm II. is thinking seriously of add- smooth water. ing to the splendor of his Imperial drove along, westwards ever, stemming crown by the purchase of a monster American port, which the Portuguese For a time Cranton leaned over the the strong Guinea current, amid the sapphire. He has always admired the are pleased to consider unhealthy. rail gazing into the gathering darkness clatter of blocks, chafing of gear, and English Imperial State crown, which Though there was nobody ill on board, and wondering how long it would take groaning of timber, while her captain was made in 1838. The gross weight of and the vessel had left that port some this is 39 oz. 5 dwt. troy, and in the three weeks or more, she was obliged middle of the front is a large partly to hoist the yellow quarantine flag on drilled sapphire, purchased for the nearing Madeira. As we passed the sig-

President Faure went the other leopard rang out through the stillness; One evening, after the most trying morning to see the drill of the En- in which the word "fools" was noticefants de la Troupe-the orphan chil- able. I asked what the signal meant, dren who are being brought up for the The question asked was: 'Are you in French army. At the close of the pro- distress?" A brief "Yes," was the re- The Canadian Expert's latest News and position to abide by the Canadian laws. ceedings he invited the best twenty ply. Again up went the little flags gator ploughed a furrow across the to the last inch. However, anything pupils and their teachers to the Chateau de Rambouillet, where lunch had said, "Do not anchor if you can help been provided for them, and a cine- it;" and that because we were flying received at the Department of the In- he left there were provisions enough matograph show. The show pictured the yellow flag. These inhospitable terior from Mr. William Ogilvie, the to last 4,000 people through the winter,

Horatio David Davies as Lord Mayor "Must anchor, or beach her;" and teresting information may be gather- Mr. Ogilvie considers the idea of of London include among other novel- short!v after, we did anchor. But not ties a model of the British cruiser Min- a soul was allowed on board to help erva, to be carried in the procession on us; and a guard was set over \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in gold was ta-November 9. She will be forty-five feet us, to prevent any of the passengers or ken out this year. long, and furnished with masts and crew from landing. fighting-tops, funnels, ventilating However, we got some help at last. shafts, and everything complete. Boys The people of Madeira are noted for Bonanza and Eldorado, there are, he a long journey a man generally takes in uniform from one of the training their powers of swimming and diving. calculates, some \$50,000,000 or \$70,000,ships will man her. If there is time, it No diving-dresses were to be had; but ooo, in gold, so that for several years on the trip, as the animals have to be hard work with the least weariness? is proposed also to have a model of a without them, we got two of the best Probably the answer occurring at once ship-of-war of Lord Nelson's day by divers to come off, and though not al-

THE FAN.

Trust it not to youth or man.

her bows, the Corona steamed down attains to its highest point after the might almost imagine Eve flaunting before coming up; and after a time, derful amounts of gold taken out in Not since 1832 has the potato crop of midday meal. It then sinks for a few a primitive fan of palm leaves or fea-

his tat as they passed a spit of yellow steadily declines from night till morn- The Egyptians used fans of strange all that was wanted; and six hours af- his own experiences. In one of the failure, says the American Agriculturmines owned by Mr. Clarence Berry ist in its final report of the syield of Give the poor fellows a call, sir," he force, according to Dr. Buch, are over- their religious ceremonies. The Ro- the engineers were able to get at the said. The captain smiled, then he work and idleness. Sweating at work mans used a flabellum, a sort of circu- leak from the inside. raised his cap, and grasped a lanyard. deteriorates the muscles. Many of the lar fan on occasions of state, and the Three times the deep boom of the great workers of the world have been early Greeks had fans made of the flat kept prisoners on board a vessel that here was very rich, but, standing at ing off of nearly 39 per cent. in ton-

> Men and women use them alike. These to the captain and others. silk gilded paper, cstrich or peacock and patient perseverance of the capfeathers with sticks of violet wood, san- tain and his officers, not a life was face and started to wash it out. dal. ivory or pearl.

many fans as dresses, and had a days later I reached Plymouth. Mrs. W .- Too bad; but such matches mania for collecting them. Her subjects were in the habit of offering these trifles to their regal mistress. the poor girl knows so little of foreign | Madame de Pompadour loved a fan. languages that she drops back into and encouraged the art of fan-painting. English every time she gets mad and Her collection of fans was enormous. then her husband can't understand a Greuze. Watteau and other renowned painters did not disdain to lend their ye art to fan-painting. It was mostly ex-

ecuted on chicken skin or vellum.

ADAPTED IN EVERY RESPECT. Warwick-I think A'aska would make try for ten years.

Wickwire-Ah you have been read- | see there ain't no use goin' ter law Mr. Ogilvie denies the highly color- diamonds, the value of those in his an e'egant summer resort. ing about the c'ima'e! We rich We to mites.

At half-past three on Monday morning, just before the first glimmer of daylight appeared, we sighted another steamer. No rockets were left; but fortunately there was a Roman candle, and this was supplemented by a blue light. The vessel was about three miles away, and passing us at that distance. orF about two minutes after the blue light had died out, we all strained our eyes in anxious silence; but the stranger was keeping a good lookout, and at the end of that time a bright light appeared from its deck for a moment; and then up into and bursting at a great height, showered down its colored balls. I have seen many rockets, but never enjoyed the sight of one so much as I did them. A deep sigh of relief passed through all the assembled watchers; and almost immediately after, we could see all three of the steamer's lights, showing she was steering straight for us. She soon got alongside as nearly as she dared to come; and her captain having arranged to tow us to Madeira, distant about one hundred and ninety miles, if we could keep our vessel afloat and the trouble we had in getting that boat safely afloat gave us some idea of the difficulty and danger there would have been, in the state of the sea, in getting everybody safely away

We had two more night and days of pumping and bailing, the water still gradually gaining on us. Once or twice we managed to lower it an inch or two; but we soon lost the advantage we had gained. So matters went on. The last night, before we got in, I noticed that every now and then little The mystery was explained the next Dr. Marpillero, an eminent Italian morning, for one of the children hap-Dr. Peate, says London Knowledge, on them, and eleven rats came to an

Having sighted and passed the inhospitable island of Porto Santo, we arrived off the east end of Madeira. stern of the vessel was still lower in the water. There is a considerable race off the east end of the island, caused, the way the poor ship rolled in this broken water was sickening. She would make a heavy roll, say to port, and then she would stop, and as the weight of water followed the roll, she would continue to roll the same way as before, till you felt sure she was going to capsize; then she would slowly right, and go through the same performance the other way. However, we soon got under the lee of the island and into

Our steamer had come from a South nal staff a lot of little flags went up. I was standing by the captain at the time, and heard him mutter something remote risk of disease, would have al-Preparations for the installation of lowed us to go to the bottom without

had two boats made fast astern, and with a lump of oakum in one hand, yet untouched. Even when the placer and in the other a short thin piece of mines are exhausted the quartz diswood to drive in the oakum. They had a depth of twenty feet to dive to get to the leak, still each time they man- nent business there. they so far stopped the leak that the

Two or three days longer we were out a panful of dirt. The pay streak of last year there is an apparent fallcould not move; and then one of the the bottom of the shaft, looking at nage and the quality of the whole is ways been great fan-lovers, and lavish to which I joyfully transferred myself it by the light of the candle, all that greatly deficient. County and town-The Chinese and Japanese have al- huge Castle line of steamers came in. infinite care upon their decoration. and luggage after a hearty good-bye could be seen of the streak was a

lost or a person injured, and the good Queen Elizabeth owned almost as ship herself was kept affoat. Four but as the dirt went out and the gold

(The end.)

NOT A PARADISE.

Tenderfoot-Yes, I have come here to discovered. Mr. Ogilvie weighed out I was attracted to this place by an several samples, crushed them, washed stay, and have already bought a home. item in a newspaper which said there out the gold and found the ore went over one-fifth of the cost of the crown had not been a 'awsuit in your coun-Westerner-Wall, there ain't. You as low as \$100 to the ton.

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OGILVIE ON THE KLONDIKE.

From letters and reports recently provisions in Dawson City this winter, Mr. Ogilvie reports that at the time the incidents of M. Faure's Russian Portuguese, rather than run the most Dominion Yukon surveyor, and the Since then, however, many were said leading authority on matters relating to have made their way out again to any help. Our captain answered, to the Yukon country, some very in- as expected. ed. Mr. Ogilvie estimated that from trying to get relief in by dog train

In the creeks already being worked, enough to feed themselves. In fact, on lowed to come on board, they were al- mously. This, of course, refers only to and there would probably be only enlowed to work outside the ship. They the discoveries already made and there they dived in turn, taking a header is an immense strentch of country as coveries will make mining a perma-

aged to drive in the lump of oakum | Referring to the reports of the wonpumps began to gain on it. This was a single pan, Mr. Ogilvie gives some of the United States proved so nearly a Mr. Ogilvie asked to be allowed to pan 18 7. Compared with the liberal crop yellowish looking dirt, with here and fans are of painted and embroidered Thus, by God's help, and the care there the sparkle of a little gold. Mr. Og:lvie took a big panful to the sur-

"More dirt than gold," he remarked, began to glisten he writes that he was compelled to reverse his decision for when the gold was washed and

dried it weighed a little over \$590. Speaking of the quartz to be found in the Yukon Mr. Ogilvie reports that he made a number of tests roughly for Westerner-Goin' ter settle here, are several men. One man brought in a sample from a quartz ledge he had

part of American miners at Dawson not less than \$12,000,000.

City. In spite of the preponderating number of foreigners they show a dis-As to the anticipated shortage of

as quite out of the question, as it is utterly impossible for dog trains to

carry, on such a long trip, more than good many of the dogs will give out ugh of the stronger dogs laft to get to the journey's end.

POTATO CROP IS A FAILURE.

Not Since 1892 has the Yield Been so Small

ship returns from all the leading potate growing States to this week by newspapers show the yield of potatoes to be 174,000,000 bushels, against 215,-000,000 in 1896, 280,000,00 in 1895, 185,-000,000 in 1894, and only 155,000,000 in the short crop of 1892. The average rate of yield per acre is pla el at 64 bushels, taking the country at large. against 86 bushels in 1896, 89 in 1895 and 62 in 1892.

ROYAL DIADEMS.

The value of the jewels in the British crown is about \$1,800.000, or a little \$1,000 to the ton even by that crude of little Portugal, which is estimated method. Other samples he tried went at \$8,500,000. The Sultan of Jahore, however, on state occasions glitters in wen Winchesters is as cheap as they ed reports alleging lawlessness on the crown and worn upon his person being