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Where, ankle deep, bright streamlets Above the fretted sand,

"1st. Sept. 1st. 2nd. 3rd, 4th, 5th, Our frail canoes, like shadows, glide Swift through the silent land; Nor should, broad-shouldered,

Rocks rise on every hand, Ou. path will we confess denied Nor cowardly seek the strand.

The foam may leap like frightened That hears the tempest scream, The waves may fold their whitened

Where ghastly ledges gleam; With muscles strained and backs well

And poles that breaking seem, We shoot the Sault, whose torrent Itself our lord did deem.

The broad traverse is cold and deep, And treacherous smiles it hath, And with its sickle of death doth With woe for aftermath;

But though the wind-vexed waves Like cougars, in our path, Still forward on our way we keep, Nor heed their futile wrath.

Where glitter trackless wastes

Beneath the northern light, On netted shoes we noiseless go, Nor heed -ough keen winds bite. The shaggy bears our prowess know, The white 'ox fears our might, And wolves, when warm our campfires glow, With angry snarls take flight.

Where forest fastnesses extend, Ne'er trod by man before, Where cries of loon and wild duck

With some cark torrent's roar, And timid deer, unawed, descend Along the lake's still shore We blaze the trees and onward wend To ravish nature's store.

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What the Motor Has Done for London Frandemonium Re-born.

The London of to-day, complains a Britisher of the samewhat old-fashion ed, conservative type, is replete with horrible sounds, bewildering and de-structive of legitimate peace; the city grows wilder and more chaotic every year. Just imagine the London night of twelve years ago, with the easy rhythm of the horse bus, the swinging, half-silent dash of the brougham, and the eternal tinkling melody of the hansom-like a solo piping through the whole opera; then think of the shrick and tootle of the London of to-day. It is like a city in anguish, a city racked and torn by devouring pains which can find relief only in groans and shrieks, in coughings and belchings. The motor has altered the tune of the music of London, melodyembroidered harmony no longer exists; the music of London is now modern tone-poem in which cacophony plays the part of melody. Perchance one of these days we shall get used to the new tune of the metropolis, but in the meantime it is very discon-

Not so many years ago the chie way of getting lost in London was a mere matter of geography; it was diffierness of streets; and you had to learn very thoroughly whether the omnibuses marked "Bank" were on their way backward or forward journeys; once that was accomp half the battle, that at least pertaining to the main thoroughfares, was won. Now there is a new terror for the stranger in the traffic noises.

In the old days the traffic puzzled you by its immensity; it sound was, on the whole, a rather pleasing rhythm, inviting your confidence. That sonorous old song of the streets is gone for ever. The traffic of London to-day roars and shrieks like a wild beast show; the stranger in London stands aghast no longer at its immensity, he stands aghast at its war-whoops and its mutterings; at the infinite and appalling variety of its motor horns. The invention of the rubber type promised us comparative quietness in our streets, and for a while its use on horse-drawn vehicles did actually reduce fne clamor of the traffic; but then came the motor, with musketry rattle of machinery and its pneumatic horns, and pandemonium

A New Zealand Bull. Here is a good story told by Sir Joseph Ward:

A few years ago, the Chinese in New Zealand were found to be doing a very great deal of the laundry work available, and had so thrown out of Leve, leve and couche, at morn and employment the women-workers in some of the laundries.

In New Zealand a laundry is a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act, and numerous restrictions for the purposes of health and for other reasons are placed upon the hours during which young girls un- ed with snuff-is sure to turn out to der eighteen years o' age may be be a schoolmaster. Thick nails indiemployed. These provisions are cate obstinacy and cruelty, while yelextensive, and are found in the New low ones are the clearest proof that

Zealand Factories Act. It occurred to a law-maker that he could settle the difficulty of this Chinese competition by a neat amendment in the interpretation clause of the Act above mentioned. An amendment was therefore drafted and printed, and sent with the utmost seriousness and good faith to the Crown Law Office for consideration. It contained a provision in these

years of age."-M.A.P.

Privileges of Henden.

Hendon, the haven of flying men, was noted for the facilities awarded its inhabitants for traveling in the past. good times enjoyed by the ancient dendonian. "Edward the Confessor granted an extraordinary exemption, renewed by many succeeding monarchs. In giving certain lands at Hendon to Westminster Abbey the King freed the inhabitants from all tolls both by land and water. The last renewal of this great privilege was in the fifth year of William and Mary and it 'freed the inhabitants from all tolls in all fairs and markets, and from all street tolls and every other fellows I know of that could commit toll whatever in every fair and every market, and every bridge, and every the Bertillon system or whatever it way by water and also by sea, for is that pinches people by their thumb themselves and their wares for ever'."

Making Themselves Known.

dence showing pretty clearly who he finish with you." is. He then explains that he is expecting a money order from a certain person. Can the clerk rememeber him when he presents it for payment?-After that impressive introduction the clerk usually can remember, and when the order is presented he cashes it.'

Right In the Swim.

here is agoing.-London Telegraph.

A Famous Actor. "What makes you think you can ser? asked the manager to the stage struck applicant. "Puiglars came into my room last uight," replied the young man. "I

sem utterly."-Pearson's Weekly.

A Centenarian Family. Mrs. Magdalene Trousdale, widow of deceased's mother at the time of her |

The Child Admired His Father More Than His King.

His Majesty's versatility and the thoroughness with which he carries through whatever he attempts are the theme of an article entitled "King George the Thorough," from the pen of one who knows him, that appears in the June number of Pearson's Magazine. The author relates a number of anecdotes illustrating the manysidedness of His Majesty's activities, and others that show his kindliness. A typical incident showing the King's special liking for children is the following, which occurred quite recently

"An officer in the army, serving in India, died before he had received a medal to which he was entitled Shortly afterwards his widow received a command to repair to Buckingham Palace, bringing with her a son, if she had one, or else a daughter. The lady obeyed the command, accompanied by her little five-year-old son. They were conducted into the Presence, and presently found themselves all alone with the King, who, drawing the boy to him, and giving him his father's medal, said: 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand some day. Tell me, what are you going to be when you grow to be a man?" "'I am going to be a soldier, like

my father, answered the child. " 'Well,' observed His Majesty, 'it is a good thing to be a soldier like your father; but still, I should advise you to be a sailor, like your King." "'No,' the child persisted, 'I must be a soldier, like my father.

"Soon afterwards the audience was at an end, and then the child, reaching the door, turned and made a low bow, saying, 'Good-bye, your Magistrate'-his father had been a magistrate in India. "The King smiled kindly, and re-

plied-'Ah, I see you have learned your lesson well; only you have not

Finger-Print Lore. The study of finger prints is becoming quite a fashionable one, and is being taken up with enthusiasm by young ladies. The following are stated to be established "axioms" of the cult. A man with white spots on his nails is unquestionably very fond of ladies' society; but, alas, is very fickle in his attachments. A proud man is invariably told by well-rounded finger nails, while transparent nails, suffused with light red, denote a cheerful, gentle, and loving disposition. But ladies must particularly beware of the man who bites his nails till a large portion of the skin is uncovered, for such a one would prove a perfect Othello for a husband. A man with long and pointed nails betokens that the owner is either a player on the guitar, a budding Chancellor of the Exchequer, a fashionable tailor, or an ambitious attorney; while anyone having the nail of his left thumb all streaked-as though it had been stain-

the possessor is a "villain of the deepest dye."

Eighteen Years Wed. Eighteen years ago the King, then Duke of York, married, at the Chapel Royal, St. James', his cousin, Princess May of Teck, only daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Teck. The same anniversary was also the birthday of the King's second sister, Prin-"For the purposes of this Act (the cess Victoria, who was born at Marl-Factories Act) a Chinaman shall be borough House in 1868. Her Royal deemed to be a girl under eighteen Highness has been for many years her so. Writing recently to state his best Copenhagen, and afterwards stayed the worship of the plant, by circumat Berlin and Vienna. From there ambulating it with the right hand tour ended with Constantinople and

Safe From Detectives. "Do you know," began the barber as he laid the lather thickly over his client's mouth, "that we're the only a crime and not be detected through

The victim moved uneasily in his chair, but circumstances over which asked Mr. Brown, who is an Ameri-"Persons who expect to receive he had no control sealed his lips. He | can, from what part of the States money orders in a strange town take grunted interrogatively and politely. infinite precautions to identify them- "Yes, sir; the reason is simple. We Mr. Brown. The duke thought for a

A Royal Criticism.

The late Duke of Devonshire, who was very careful in everything, once entertained King Edward VII. at a ball at Devonshire House, which was the talk of London. As His Majesty went away he complimented the duke a man of action and few words. The on the magnificent manner in which Mrs. Newgold-My daughter has a everything had been done and the way in which the evening had passed old anecdote testifies. Two members Mrs. Shoddie-Dear me, that's too off. He said he could not suggest of the family, generations since, when bad! Why, it's only last week that any change for the better, save in traveling to their home in the north, he had a boil on the back of her one little thing, which he hoped his were shown, at an inn where they seck. She seems to have everything grace would not mind his mention- stayed for the night, into a room in ing. "What is it, sir," inquired the duke with much anxiety, "pray tell

> "You have got your garter on upside down," replied the King.

A Large Family. Mrs. Ann Gorman, whose death is a ended to be asleep and deceived l announced from Lurgan County, Armagh, Ireland; at the age of 102 years, had lived under six sovereigns. She had never been more than twenty miles from her home all her life. She

### A MODERN NIMROD.

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under it. The wandering taint, he will game in many countries.

lump of solitary misery. The eagle should be killed and stuffed. For the grizzly half an acre of well-fenced ground, piled with rocks and some but not a ten foot den.'

Sir Henry once claimed that he had discovered the Garden of Eden. He was icon-hunting at the time, and one day in the course of his wanderings stumbled upon a paleolithic instrument. After a careful examination of it he came to the conclusion that he was standing in the veritable Garden of Eden where Adam partook of the forbidden fruit, and he suggested that it was within the bounds of possibility that in the collection of prehistoric articles which he unearthed was the

n England who can claim to be able to write with three pens at once-two in his right and one in his left.

### Hick's Funniest Experience.

years." "And may I ask your age, because the girls will be interested?" to the Coliseum I was made up as Scrooge. A coster stood on the kerb, and he said, 'Law lumme, hasn't he aged!" Another time I drove up to the theatre in Dublin, and was humming a tune when I got out. An get in, heard me, and said, 'Begorra, if that is how he sings I am glad I didn't go in."

Plant Defies Mosquitoes. that certain sub-tropical basils keep away mosquitoes, and has advanced various proofs to show that they do august mother's inseparable compan- lief in the powers of the plant, he ion. When still an infant, the prin- remarked that one of the two facts of cess was separated from her for sev- present pertinence is "the presence of eral months, for the then Prince and | the plant, set upon, or planted into, | Princess of Wales went for a six the four-horned altar within the foremonths' tour together. They first vis- court, or the front garden, of every ited the Emperor Napoleon and the Hindu house. . . where every Empress Eugenie at Paris. They then | morning 'the mother of the house' is | spent the birthday of the princess to be seen performing pradakshina, or they went on to Alexandria, and near always next to it—the while she over Cairo the prince shot a crocodile. The | and over again invokes the blessing of the Lord Vishnu on 'the father of the house' and on 'the holy family' of their sons and daughters - that is. prays for less and less 'malaria' and more and more 'buonaria.' "

The Duke of Argyll's Wit. of the exhibition the Duke of Argyl selves," said a postal clerk. "One ain't got no thumb prints. We get 'em- moment, and then replied, with a way that particularly commends it all worn off rubbing our thumbs over smile, "Oh, Nebraska; it is famous self is for the stranger to call on the you fellers' chins. Fact! I'll show you for its horizons, is it not?" Nebraska, paying teller in the money order de- when I let you out of the chair. My or course, is one great plain. Mr. partment before his own order arrives | thumbs are pretty near as ironed out | Brown, by the way, was being chaffand present a bunch of correspon- looking as your face will be when I ed a short time ago about being an my own fault."

A Silent Duke. forbears, has the reputation of being Cavendishes, indeed, have always been noted for their taciturnity, as an which were three beds. Before getting into bed each in turn drew aside the curtains of the odd bed, peepe in, and retired without comment. Next | And told him it was about time be which the other replied, laconically, aware that I owed you anything

Wages in India.

Mrs. Magialene Trousdale, widow of the late John Thousdale, died at Sy lenham, and 162 years, recently. The deceased's mother at the time of her lenham, and three great-grand-lenham as also 162 years old.

In the was also 162 years old.

In the seven than eighty-four descentive switchman on a railway and the native servant in a private family receive 7 rupees, or about \$1.90 a month. The farm hand receives much less, Wages are not high in India. A native switchman on a railway and the say, but we still throw out the native servant in a private family re- challenge that it is the

Sir Henry Seton-Karr Has a Long

Sir Henry Seton-Karr has sailed on big game and business tour in Rhodesis which will last until late in the year. He has been in the world for fifty-eight years, and has managed to see a fair portion of its surface and not a little of what lies immediately tell you, has always been strong in his Scottish blood. His father found home life too irksome at an early age, and entering the Indian Civil Service, rose to be commissioner, at Baroda during the Mutiny fighting Sir Henry was an under-graduate at Oxford when he brought down his first stag in Norway. Since then he has shot an immense variety of big

Sir Henry, it may be mentioned, is no lover of Zoos. To kill an animal "clean" is not reprehensible. But to condemn a grizzly to solitary confinement for life in a small cage is, be declares, an extreme form of refined and civilized cruelty. "The saddest sight of the kind that I know in London is to watch the grizzly, his claws worn to the quick, restlessly pacing behind ten feet of iron bars; or to see the Golden Eagle, whose natural home is space, sitting in a cage, a trees, might faintly justify captivity,

very spade Adam used. Sir Henry is probably the only man

The popular English actor, who sailed for South Africa recently with his equally popular wife, Miss Ellaine Terriss, was interviewed some time ago by a Welsh reporter, when the following dialogue took place: "Do you know," said the actor, "I can tell I'm in a Welsh theatre by the rain coming through the roof. the 'Leek'!" "How long have you been on the stage?" "I have annoyed the people for twenty-four "Yes; I am forty." "What is your funniest experience?" "Being interviewed." "Anything else?" "Yes; I took my wife's part in 'The Dashing Little Duke' one afternoon, and as I was coming out to my cab to go old Irishwoman, who had failed to

Sir George Birdwood is convinced

To the writer Mr. J. Calvin Brown, the presiding genius at Earl's Court Exhibition, related the following story the other day during the course of an interview. On the opening day he came. "From Nebraska," replied American. "That I was born in America," he said, "was the fault of my parents; that I live in England is

The Duke of Devonshire, like his day, when they had ridden far from | paid for the gas service we installed the inn, the one asked: "Did you see last summer. We were greatly surwhat was in that bed last night?" To prised when he replied, "I wagen't "Yes." They had both seen a corpse | You told me that the gas would

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