

CURRENT TOPICS.

Kaid MacLean, otherwise known as Sir Harry MacLean, the British subject who is commander of the body-guard of the Sultan, Abdul Aziz, has recovered his liberty after a detention of seven months in the mountains of Morocco.

This is not the first time that Raisuli has made money by reverting to medieval ways. Some four years ago he captured the correspondent of the London Times on the outskirts of Tangier and did not give him up till he secured in exchange the release, from prison of some of his adherents.

In June of last year, believing that more could be accomplished by diplomacy than by force, the Sultan sent Sir Harry MacLean to negotiate with the bandit, but after one interview the envoy ventured to go to another with adequate safeguards and on July 1 he was made prisoner.

Thus the last obstacle to the execution of the agreement for ransom disappeared, and on February 6 Raisuli himself brought Kaid MacLean to the British Legation. The terms upon which the release was procured were cabled at the time. Not only did the bandit receive from the British Government \$100,000 and the release of fifty-six Moorish prisoners, together with the slave women who were taken after the destruction of a house of his, but he became himself, together with twenty-eight of his relatives, a British-protected subject.

What heightens the medieval flavor of the story is the fact, attested by all who have come in contact with him, that Raisuli is as courteous and engaging a person as ever robbed on the highway or cut a throat. The correspondent of the London Times who had been his captive four years before visited him on the evening of February 7 and testifies not only that his manners were as usual polite and friendly, but that his spirits were high and he showed himself capable of considerable humor.

NOT IN THEIR CLASS. "I suppose your family is in the social swim?" "I should say so," answered M. Cumocx. "We're getting so exclusive that I feel flattered if mother and the girls let me come to one of their parties!"

PRETTY NEAR IT. "Now," said the teacher, who had been giving an elementary talk upon architecture, "can any little boy tell me what a 'butress' is?" "I know," shouted Tommy Smart. "A nanny goat."

Bad weather is responsible for a lot of bad humor.

ON THE FARM

RAISING DAIRY HEIFERS.

Every true dairyman knows that in order to raise strong, vigorous and high producing dairy cows it is not necessary to keep them fat during their growing period. In fact it is better not to fatten the young dairy calves or heifers, but simply keep them in thrifty condition.

There is a reason for this theory and practice. The good dairy cow must be capable of taking a large amount of food and converting it into milk. If an animal cannot do this she is not profitable to keep for dairy purposes.

WARMING THE WATER FOR COWS. Warming the water for milk cows results in more of it being consumed. When our first tank heater was introduced several years ago it did not take long to convince us that we got more milk than we had been getting when the cows drank it unwarmed, even though from a well-protected source.

FARM NOTES. Improved methods of culture are spread broadcast over the land by means of books and papers. For this reason farmers are more intelligent than the same class in any other country.

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ESCAPES FROM SIBERIA

SWISS PROFESSOR MAKES BOLD DASH FOR LIBERTY

He Preferred the Risk of Being Killed by Guards to a Living Tomb.

An exciting and remarkable story of escape from Siberia is related by M. Maurice Gehri, the Swiss professor who unexpectedly returned to the home of his parents at Morges, in the canton of Vaud, Switzerland, a few days ago, after a series of thrilling experiences.

SENT OFF TO SIBERIA. Political offenders in Russia have little chance of obtaining a hearing—much less in obtaining justice—and on April 4, 1907, after a trial which was a mere mockery, he was sentenced to transportation for life.

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YOUNG FOLKS

THE WINTER PICNIC.

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