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STANLEY'S GARDEN MODEL

The countryside is radiant with furze bloom all about the little village of Pirbright, and near here, on a slope of pleasant country, is Furze Hill, the country seat of the late Sir H. M. Stahley.

The great explorer chose well his retreat during the last year of his active and adventurous life. The house is a fine mansion of brick, stone faced, of a fashion something Elizabethan, and about it are spacious green lands. By contrast with the aching sunlight and the blighting heat of Africa, it is paradise in a ring-fence. But the man who discovered Victoria Nyanza and spoored the Congo to its source, could not forget the wilds that gave him fame.

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So, in the garden-reaches below the house he had the ground laid out to keep Africa in mind. Mr. Muirhead, the steward of the estate, enfried out the work, following the map to which Sir Henry added such substantial areas, and now a miniature Congo drowses in a bed of cement through English underwoods and a winding path between hawthorn and dog-rose leads one to a summer-house on the topmost crest of the Mountain of the Moon.

What this dwarf Congo lacks in breadth it makes up, in depth. In the middle of its widest part—where the mighty river is a dozen yards from shore to shore—it is 12 feet deep. There has been no slavish adherence to geographical detail in the design; that was impossible from the first, through the nature of the ground and the size of the original; and the Congo of Pirbright runs around half an acre of island, which the spring has turned into a thicket of young green.

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At one place, the Congo turns into the Zambesi, and its waters thunder over a five-foot concrete fall in imitation of the Victoria Falls. When Sir Henry was in residence, there were canoes and a punt on this water, and the youngest members of the family took their turn at solving the riddle of the Congo and cutting their way to the roof of the world on the Mountains of the Moon.

Higher up in the grounds in Victoria Nyanza, a fine sheet of water, from whence issues, as is due and proper, the River Nile. A bridge spans the lake, and there are body on it, and in this model the lango itself draws its water from Victoria Nyanza. The whole scheme cost a very large sum, and was an idea in which Stanley himself took the greatest interest.

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He spent many an afternoon, alone or in company with his wife, in the summer-house on the Mountains of the Moon. From there the whole of the elaborate and costly toy can be seen, and it is curious and not a little pathetic to think that the man who bored a read through the bleak hostility and imminent dangers of an unknown country should derive pleasure by means of channels and islands in an English garden, Cong. Nile, and Zambesi! There were not local trade—and when he had used the member of the matter ties for him—they were a part of trade—and when he had used the member of the matter by him, as an old sea captain a glass-cased model of his shiple, a glass-cased model of his shiple, see that lightly about no Combo your answer. "It cost a glass-cased model of his shiple, see the state, and in growing the component of the compon of the elaborate and costly toy can be seen, and it is curious and not a little pathetic to think that the man

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When type that has been set up is accidentally overturned or mixed, the jumble and its results are technically jumble and its results are technically known as "pi," Some years ago Joel Chandler Harris, the author, was playing whist at Warm Springs, Ga., with three ladies. The latter had bothered "Uncle Remus" considerably by talking throughout the game and by asking throughout the game and by asking him foolish questions. Finally one said: "Oh, Mr. Karris! Please tell me what is the real difference between "p-f" and "p-i-e." Carefully adjusting his everlasses.

'p-r' and 'p-i-e.'"

Carefully adjusting his eyeglasses,
Mr. Harris slowly replied: "The latter
is the foundation of the wealth of New
England and the basis of indigestion." The former is the raison d'etre of profanity and the sine qua non of dialect stories."—Success.

The Russian pational anthem is the only national hymn which was adopted as such in open competition. Until the time of the Emperor Nicholas I, the English "God Save the King" had



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#### THE CITADEL OF SIGIRI

FAMOUS "LION ROCK" FORTRESS IS NOW A MAZE OF RUINS.

Writing from Kandy, Ceylon, Mins Eliza R. Skidmore says:

"The famous fortress of Sigirl is known in Ceylon's history as "the Lion rock," taking its name from the colossal figure of a lion, whose forepaws, resting on the guardhouse terrace, remain intact, holding between them the first long stone staircase we had been regarding. After passing up between the paws the King and his train used to step into an enormous lion's mouth and were not seen again urtil they reached the top.

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"All the series of concealed stair-cases in the body of the brick and chunam lion are gone, and only the deep grooves and sockets in the curved overhang of the rock tell how they were held fast. One steps into and holds fast with his hands to those grooves as he climbs, after he has gons up the first long, straight ladder and one dizzly sloping ladder set parallel with the face of the rock, through whose rungs he looks down through 100 feet of air to the level of the far stretching jungle.

"There are long, perpendicular grooves where a tall portcullis worked up and down and was locked fast in deep sockets at this point, and where, on foot and knee, one goes up over the mushroom's lower edge, holding to upright iron bars as he lifts himself in air. Then parallel grooves in the curving surface give good footing, while he holds on to a handrail and follows around and up on the mushroom's curve to a solid stone staircase between thick chunam walls.

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King's palace down to the bed rock hard and clean.

"There is a great granite throne or long divan on the east side, with the sockets showing where a pavilion stood covering it or temporary staffs held a silk canopy, and one can picture the parricide usurper, in all his jeweled splendor, reclining there to enjoy the winter breeze and the landscape view. Whatever of wooden walls and roof and partitions there were in the labyrinthine buildings of this cool palace in the air, nothing remained to tell, and the most fascinating part of archae-ology—the guessing—had a free field in reconstructing Kasyapa's strong-hold in their minds.

"It is all too picturesque, too im-

hold in their minds.

'It is all too picturesque, too impossibly romantic, too good to be true, this Lion rock citadel, this great palace in the air, this Sigiri.

great palace in the air, this Sigiri, the fortress of sixteen centuries ago. It all exactly satisfies one's most Oriental imaginings, and the sequel of Sigiri, its last chapters, fits to the sensational rock best of all.

"King Kasyapa, having murdered his father by burying him alive, building him into a wall, and having frightened his half murdered brother into flight to India, sat on the rock with his great treasure of ingots and jewels, and tried to ease his conscience by pious works. He built temples and dagobas all around the Lion rock. He enticed holy men to come there and live. The sound of prayer and chant continually rose to his cyrie. He took to religious occupations, to penance, self-mortification and vows of heroic expiation, but his conscience still pricked, and with the religious work the impious work of fortification and defences still went on. He talked peace, but he fortified his Manchuria all the while.

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"The brother gathered followers, came back to Ceylon and raised the stendard of rebellion, and fate had it in for Kasyapa, that after securing himself on this high and dry rock summit, safe from attack or siege, he should foolishly go down to the plain to give battle in person in the primitive way. His elephant stepped aside to escape a marshy spot, his troops took it as a movement of retreat, threw down their weapons and ran, and the wicked King was slain by the avenging brother, as he stood alone, helpless in a swamp, after all those years on the dry, wind swept, well drained rock summit.

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"Tradition is not clear as to when and why they left

me ideal a place for the religious or the literary life, but it is assumed that, with time and monsoon storms, some part of the staircase gave way, ruin followed fast when the broken chunam surface once let the brickwork begin to crumble, and the priests may have even been glad to cease the penitential ascent from the temples in the plain to the monastery on high.

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"Fragments of bronze bells and of pottery have been found, but no treasure has yet been chanced upon, although the archaeologists closely examined every basketful of rubbish hurled from the summit and carried from the great store of debris covering the guardhouse plateau and the barrack terraces."

SPENCER AND GEORGE ELIOT. The Philosopher Was an Admirer of t

In Herbert Spencer's auto-biography he tells of his friendship with Miss Evans, better known to fame as George Eliot. He describes her as the most admirable woman, menas the most admirable woman, men-tally, he ever met. "The greatness of her intellect, joined with her womanly qualities, generally keep me by her side most of the evening." He tried to persuade her to write novels, but "she would not listen to advice; she did not believe she had the required powers."

"Of course, as we were frequently seen together, people drew their inferences. Very slight evidence usually suffices the world for positive conclusions; and here the evidence conclusions; and here the evidence seemed strong. Naturally, therefore, quite definite statements became current. There were reports that I was in love with her, and that we were about to be married. But neither of these reports was true. Yet there were long walks together, visits to the theatre, and every sign of a growing affection. Perhaps an entry in the Reflections' at the end may explain the failure of that affection to develop into something more. Physical beauty is a sine qua non with me, as was once unhappily proved, where the intellectual traits were of the highest."

stone staircase between thick chunan walls.

"The feat was done, and one walked ed crect again, according to nature's laws, no longer emulating the fly with his many suckered feet, and then the wonder came that the British Government let any one do it, freely, without molestation and without price.

"When arrived at the top of the last staircase one finds himself at the summit, in the citadel, and the summit, i hative customs, such, for example, as the wearing of a veil, as is usual among crowned chiefs in order to render themselves invisible. Originally a Pagan, he has now embraced Christianity, is a regular churchgoer, and does everything in his power to promote educational progress. He has always been very loyal to the British Administration. Two years ago the railway was opened to Abeokuta. The Alake is accompanied to England by his cousin, Prince Ademola of Abeokuta, who resides at Lagos as the Alake's representative. He speaks and writes English perfectly. The Alake's object in visiting England is to be presented to the King, and to study questions of farming and agriculture, which will be useful to his people, more especially the important subject of cotton growing.

Herbert Spencer's Letter of Warning.

In the New York Independent of May 5 appeared the first of three installments of unpublished letters of the late Herbert Spencer, with an introduction by George Llewellyn Rees. The letters were written to the late James A. Skilton and Dr. Lewis G. Janes, formerly President of the Brooklyn Ethical Association, who were among Spencer's closest American friends.

Among the letters is the following: Technique 9, 2805 — Dear Mr. Skilton.

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Among the letters is the following:

"February 2, 1895.—Dear Mr. Skilton,—In one respect you have misread my books, or misuaderstood an essential thing contained in them. You believe that the course of things in society is to be changed by teaching. I do not believe any such thing. Everywhere I have contended, and I contend still, that feelings, not ideas, determine social results—that everything depends, not upon intellect, but upon character, and character is not to be changed in a day or in a generation.

"You think that I have got some message and that utterance of it might stave off impending evils. I have but one message—be honest; regard the equitable claims of others, while maintaining your own. The disregard of all save personal interests is the underlying cause of your present state and of impending disasters. As I said years ago apropos of American affairs, a fatal trait in your society is the admiration for smart men, and I believe I said, or implied, that a people among whom there is an admiration for smart men will come to grief."

A novel way of introducing a new article has been discovered in London. A number of men who suggest by their apparel that they are grooms, valets or servants of some kind are sent about the shops to buy the article which is being boomed. They insist upon having this particular article and no other, rejecting any substitute which may be offered them.

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