# Animal Curiosities.

Crow Tried by a Jury of Crows - A Very Remarkable Horse-Dogs Which Act as Soldiers -Sparrows Torture a Horse to Save One of Their Number.

search out and attend the wounded,

BIRDS WON THE BATTLE.

Yesterday, says the Shreveport (La.)

think I ever saw anything more in ear-

a great company of them, and they

seemed scarce an inch of him un-

touched. He was very loth to give up

their direction. The unequal combat

ever, as one wing was broken; so I

MAN-EATING SHARKS.

The phonograph men and our party

did not believe in sharks; so we would

venture out some distance, leaving the

Englishmen and the Germans standing

like sandpipers where the water was

hardly up to their ankles, and keeping

an anxious lookout for us and them-

attack us from the land they would

have afforded excellent protection.

When they all yelled at once and ran

back up the beach into the bushes, we

knew that they thought we had been

in long enough, and we came out, and

made as much noise as we could while

doing so. But there would be invari-

who had walked out farther than the

others, and who, owing to the roar of

the surf, could not hear our shrieks

of terror. It was interesting to watch

him from the beach diving and splash-

ing happily by himself, and shaking

the water out of his ears and hair,

blissfully unconscious of the deserted

waste of waters about him and of the

sharp black fin that shot like a tor-

pedo from wave to wave. We would

watch him as he turned to speak to the

man who the moment before had been

splashing and diving on his right, and,

missing him, turn to the other side,

dancing frantically up and down in a

row along the beach, beckoning and

could observe even at that distance

his damp hair rising on his head and

his eyes starting out of their sockets

as he dug his toes into the sand and

pushed back the water with his arms,

seemed very opaque at such times, and

the current appeared to have turned

seaward, and the distance from shore

When night came to Corinto we

hotel and watch the fish darting

into it and see the sparks fly just as

and legs. He was outlined as clearly

in the inky depths below as though

he wore a suit of spangles. Sometimes

every step.

screaming and waving our arms.

one man left behind-one man

ly gave them our share.

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investigate.

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There are few men who would dispute a statement made by John C. the "pious monks of St. Bernard," Level, one of the owners of the Tower which are supposed to have a sort of Hotel at Niagara Falls and the owner monopoly of the accomplishment of of the Reservation carriage line. Mr. serving the wounded and helpless, and Level usually tells his tales in a way calling assistance for them. But the Level usually tells his tales in a way to carry conviction with them, and German military have trained dogs to his late experience in Canada is one search out and attend the wounded, that will doubtless interest every one and call human assistance. interested in ornithology. John was Everyone has heard of the dogs of serious as he recited the tale to a the "pious monks of St. Bernard," party of Buffalonians at the Tower which are supposed to have a sort of Hotel several evenings ago. He said monopoly of the accomplishment of serving the would like to have had with him convenience to have a sort of monopoly of the accomplishment of serving the wounded and helpless, and him some one interested in birds when calling assistance for them. But the nearly all the difficult peaks of the his attention was taken with the action As is his custom, Mr. Level went and call human assistance. of a lot of crows.

through the Canadian peninsula on one These dogs of the ambulance corps of his periodical trips, and, as his are trained to divided duties. Some of horse was cantering along easily toward the falls, he was surprised to or restoratives, simply sit and bark or bay near the body of a failen man. over his buggy. He was astonished to Others have been trained to go in find that it was a flock of crows. Some search of assistance and guide to the of them flew so close to the ground spot a soldier of the ambulance corps. as to cause them to swerve from his buggy in order to avoid a collision.

The trained dog performed all these functions very skilfully at the recent "I was so much taken up with the trial near Dresden. It is plain that actions of the crows, said Mr. Level, the German army, if it should be en-"that I reined up the horse for the purpose of finding out the cause of the congregation of crows. To my surprise the crows alighted in a large onen field, where one of them alighted

open field, where one of them alighted on a knoll. He was soon surrounded by several of the others, and was apparently holding court. Before him stood a dejected-looking crow, with head bowed, and it appeared that there was some sort of a trial going on. of a bevy of English sparrows, I found There was a chattering, and, apparevery one of the crows in the party took up the refrain, as in a few moments one could hardly hear his voice with the noise made.

"It ceased as suddenly a sit began, and one of the birds seemed to address itself to the one which held court on the knoll. When it finished it seemed as though all the flock were saying something. Two of the members of the party had a struggle with the one which appeared to be under arrest, and in a few minutes the entire flock flew away. When the flock started I noticed that one of the birds, the one which appeared to be on trial, was still on the ground. Afthe rest of them had flown he raised himself, and, in a wabbly way, followed them, staying in their rear and lower than the rest of the birds. "I have an idea that the crow did something wrong, and that the trial out of reach of the pests, some of the was had in the open field, where little fellows chasing him the whole three of the wing feathers were taken from the bird as punishment, and he was ordered to follow in the wake of the flock. In order to find what had been done with the bird as punishment I went into the field where the contest had been had, and there found three wing feathers which had apparcked from the criminal."-Buffalo Express.

"I had a horse," said an old army able to move, and half hidden in the man, "that had once belonged to the Seventh Cavalry, but he had the 'I. Seventh under his mane, so he was C.' brand under his mane, so he was his being trod upon, and were now out of the service, inspected and con- trying in some way to assist him to demands. He was a regular old plug, rise. This he was unable to do, howbut he was all I could get to go hunting on, so I took him. I rode away picked him up and put him on a little out into the plains from the fort, and shelf in my rose arbor, and there his

I saw a bunch of antelope finally. I little friends seem to be taking the got off the horse and dropped the reins on the ground, expecting the horse to take turns in staying with him and to stand there till I came back, I start- keeping him company, while the others ed off toward the antelope, and was continue to forage, coming now and sneaking along to get a good shot then with choice bits for the little inwhen I looked round, and I'll be blamed valid. if that brute of a horse hadn't started

off as tight as he could lope.
"'Well,' says I, 'I guess I'm in for a six-mile tramp home,' I cursed that horse to myself for a while, and then I went on. Pretty soon I looked up, sun for the sake of a quarter of an and I'm blessed if there wasn't that hour of surf-bathing, which was dehorse over the other side of that bunch of antelope, 'Well, now,' says I, 'I'd like to know what the — that horse thinks he is up to, anyhow.' Pretty soon he began to circle around on the other side, and the antelope saw him and started off toward me. I caught on at once and I laid down and waited. That old horse cut up the most surprising antics out there, and all the while he kept working those antelopes By and by they got in toward me. range and I got two; darned good luck it was, too. You see, that old horse was an Indian hunting pony, and he had been trained to do that way. Well, I went back to the post, and every-body wanted to know how it happened I had such good luck. But I didn't

"A few days later I took that same horse out after prairie chickens. was a time of the year when the chickens were flying and I was riding along, when all of a sudden the critter stopped short, braced himself up and waited-for what I didn't know. But in a second a couple of chickens flew up ahead of me, and I was so surprised didn't shoot. 'Well,' I says, 'I'll be switched. Here's a horse that's not mly a hunting horse, but is a regular pointer dog, too.' And he was. I got ny gun ready, and the next time he stopped I was right on hand and dropjed a bird. Well, no sooner did that horse see that bird fall than he galoped off right to where he fell, and all I had to do was to reach off and sick it up. He was a great horse, I and then whirl about and see us all tell you, and I got lots of good huntng with him."

#### DOG-SOLDIERS.

The use of dogs for military purposes has proved so successful in Germany that the dog-soldier is continually being taught new things. Near and worked his head and shoulders and Dresden recently there was a test of every muscle in his whole body as skill on the part of army dogs which though he were fighting his way was a great revelation of their ac- through a mob of men. complishments.

Two companies, of soldiers separated by a distance of a mile and a quarter, of them supposed to be an out- looked as though it were increasing at post in the face of an enemy, com-municated for some time by the aid of dogs trained to go back and forth. would sit on the wharf in front of the Each time the distance between the two companies was traversed by the dogs in less than two minutes, in spite and marking their passage with a of intense heat and a great deal of trail of fire, or we would heave a log

The special object of the use of though we had thrown it upon a confusing firing. these fast dogs is to enable detach- smouldering fire. One night one of the ments to inform themselves of the men was obliging enough to go into it speed at which the enemy is approach- for our benefit, and swam under water, and so to maintain a position sweeping great circles with his arms up to the last moment practicable. On the same occasion the cartridge dogs performed their peculiar duty, which is to supply the troops with a shark or some other big fish drove cartridges during a rapid fusillade. Each dog wears a kind of pack-saddle, and they would turn the whole surface which carries 300 cartridges. With of the water into half-circles of fire this load he travels up and down the line of men, who help themselves to cartridges as they have need.

As soon as the pack-saddle is empty.

#### About People.

Oliver Cromwell was married in the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, Lon-don, in 1620, a fact which has recently been commemorated by a tablet placed in the church.

Johann Szathmary and his wife, of zsombolga, Hungary, have actually celebrated the centenary of their marriage. The wife is 116 years of age, and her husband one year older.

The King of Siam has a bodyguard of female warriors, says the Newry Telegraph, which is composed of 400 girls chosen from among the strongest and most handsome of all the ladies Everyone has heard of the dogs of in the land.

One of Stevenson's heroes was the Duke of Wellington. The Scotch novelist liked to remark that the best thing Brown, the principal of the Free Kirk ever said of Wellington was this: "He did his duty as naturally as a horse eats oats."

It may not be generally known that the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the great pulpit orator of the Wesleyan Methodtaineer.

German military have trained dogs to Alps. The poet Swinburne is 58 years old and in the prime of physical condition. He is an impressive figure. He is scarcely five feet in height, his face is ghastly pale, and his head, which is large in proportion to his pody, is covered with a thick shock of uncombed hair.

The Prime Minister or Japan is now the Marquis Ito, instead of Count Ito. This distinction has been conferred upof his great services during the recent them to those who will look after them. the recent commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces, and now Secretary of War, has also been made a marquis.

The New York Tribune says that "Monsignor Capel, the well-known Roman Catholic ecclesiastic, became a ranchman in California a few years ago, and is said to be very wealthy. Formerly the pink of perfection in correspondent, being attracted to the window by the chattering and chirping dress, he has now become indifferent to his garb, and always appears in the little fellows making a most violent the rough costume of a ranchman. He attack upon a horse that was nipping grass just beyond my window. I don't London, and is supposed to be the original of Catesby, in Disraell's nest than those birds were. There was "Lothair."

Sir John Lubbock, the well known lit all over the poor horse, nipping and pecking at such a rate that there English scientist, statesman and essayist, has recently made some studies of the elementary habits of spiders. Selected specimens were weighed be the grass, and stood his ground as long fore and after they had enjoyed a full possible, tossing his head and meal, and the result was the assurance that if a man were to absorb the quantwitching his tail frantically; but the tity of food, proportionate to his little tormentors were too much for him, and I do not think he succeeded weight, consumed by a spider, he would devour four barrels of fish, a in dislodging one during the whole dozen hogs, thirteen sheep, and two They would light and nip and be whole oxen. gone before he could yank his tail in

A great number of people were not aware that the Queen had a sister unkept up fast and furious for fully five til the recent announcement that the minutes before the horse finally gave young Princess of Coburg-Edinburgh up and scampered away, glad to get was going to marry the grandson of out of reach of the bests, some of the little fellows chasing him the whole length of the block. What it could all but when the horse was well out of Her eldest daughter, the little Princess the way the birds flew to the ground Feodore, was brought up for some in a great heap, chattering and chirpin a great heap, chattering and chirp-ing as busily as ever, so I went out to sister, Princess Victoria, and a tender the last day of Princess Feodore's life, ever, the birds were so thick and eager, which the Queen published for private but at last I found a poor little cripcirculation after her Royal Highness' death. The young man who is to marry the Princess Alexandra of Edinburgh is the grandson of the Princess Feq-

dore. With regard to Madame Patti's recent exhibition of her powers as a singer of Wagner's music, I have found, says the Daily Chronicle, an interesting statement made by the prima through without a breakdown. All the donna thirteen years ago. Madame Patti was asked which was her favorite opera, to which she replied, "One best possible care of him. They appear that I have never sung in in publicbeautiful and ideal character in on the list. "Then you admire Wagner?" 'More than any other composer., I am afraid to sing his music in public for fear of injuring my voice. But I have sung over his music at home, to my own intense enjoyment, many, many Every afternoon we all tramped a times" Madame Patti was then askmile or two up the beach in the lot ed. 'Will you never sing Wagner's music in public?" She replied, "I have reserved it, especially Elsa, for the last season of my operatic career. Then I shall not be afraid of injuring my voice, and I can sing his beautiful music as I would wish to. It seems A constant current is passed through lightful in itself, and which was rendered especially interesting by our having to share the surf with large man-eating sharks. When they came, to me most fitting to close my career which they were sure to do ten minwith what I consider the greatest utes after we had arrived, we general-

#### music ever written."

The Mitherless Bairn. When a' ither bairnies are hushed to their hame By aunty, or cousin, or frecky grand-

dame. selves. Had the sharks attempted to Wha stands last and lanely, an' naebody carin'? 'Tis the puir doited loonie-the mitherless bairn.

The mitherless bairn gangs to his lane bed: Nane covers his cauld back, or haps his bare head; wee hackit heelies are hard as the

airn. And litheless the lair o' the mitherless bairn. Aneath his cauld brow siccan dreams

hover there hands that wont kindly to kame his dark hair; mornin' brings clutches, a' reckless an' stern. That lo'e nae the locks o' the mither-

less bairn. Yon sister that sang o'er his saftlyrocked bed rests in the mools where her

mammie is laid. The father toils sair their wee bannock to airn, kens na the wrangs o' his mither-An' less bairn.

Her spirit, that passed in you hour o' his birth. Still watches his wearlsome wanderings on earth: Recording in heaven the blessings they

earn

Wha couthilie deal wi' the mitherless bairn. O! speak him nae harshly-he trembles the while: He bends to your bidding, and blesses

your smile; their dark hour o' anguish the heartless shall learn That God deals the blow for the mitherless bairn. -William Thom.

The Steamless Window. The Drapers' Record in some window

dressing hints says:
"Gloves can be stuck on the window by breathing heavily on the longest finger and pressing it against the glass; they will remain fast for weeks provided your window does not freeze."

The time of year is close at hand for windows to steam; but there's one display that can't be blurred from the public gaze by the veil of humidity—the display in the newspaper.—Phila-

## Missing Links

Gossip From Every Land Summarized for Busy Readers.

den a dish of fine ripe strawberries was pulled on Oct. 1. AN IONA cross, with plain names

and dates, will be set up at the grave of Prof. Blackle, of Scotland. ONE of Scotland's grand old men, of whom she is justly proud, is Dr. David College at Aberdeen. At 92 he is still

one of the most active and influential members of the Scottish clergy. HARPERIZING is taking the place of bowdlerizing, as a term for expurgating editions in England. The way ists in England, is an expert mountaineer. He has made the ascent of in which the text of Thomas Hardy's novels have been treated in the Maga-

gine gave rise to the word. DIPHTHERIA serum is about to be manufactured on a commercial scale by a dyeing establishment at Hochst, near Frankfort-on-the-Main. It will be much concentrated, and five times as strong as that hitherto used.

AS A remedy for infanticide in Paris M. Louis de Grammont proposes that a baby market be established where parents too poor or too indifferent to on him by the Mikado in recognition take care of their children may sell

KANT'S manuscripts, belonging to the University of Dorpat, have been placed by the Rusisan Government at the disposal of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, which is now preparing to issue a complete edition of the philosopher's works.

MAJUNGA, Andriba, Tananarive, are the names that a patriotic French father insisted on giving to his girl The last name has been reported to the registrars of births several times since the beginning of the war with Madagascar.

IN ENGLAND Blackburn's two members of Parliament have announced that they will not subscribe to any more football clubs. They have sent checks to nearly 200 clubs in a month, and there may not be another election for six years.

PRINCIPAL RAINY, of Scotland, would rather hand over Armenia to Russia than maintain the present Turkish system. The Lebanon arrangement seems to him the best-a governor appointed by and responsible to the European powers.

PROF. OLSZEWSKI, of Cracow, who has succeeded in liquefying hydrogen, has tried to liquefy helium, whose density is nearly twice as great, without success. This is due, Prof. Ramsey thinks, to the molecular constitution of helium; and for the same reasons the liquefaction of argon should be more difficult.

LORD ESHER, who is now in his 81st year, is the oldest, but in some recial bench of England. There is, indeed, little in his physical or mental qualities to suggest the octogenarian. His grasp of details is as firm, his sayings as caustic, and his judgments as vigorous, as ever they were.

DURING the late English naval maneuvers, the Havock was the only others had something go wrong with their machinery, and had to put into port for repairs. The Havock came out best in coal consumption, using nine Lohengrin." I consider Elsa the most tons to the thirteen of the boat next

AN "Adam Smith Chair of Political Economy" is now about to be established in Glasgow University. Some time ago £10,000 was received from a gentleman, anonymously, for this puroose, and now a further sum of £5,000 has been received, making together £15,000, which is considered sufficient to endow the chair.

a salt solution in an enamelled vessel by means of lead electrodes. This stream of acetone diffused into the vessel, and the chloroform produced is thus collected by distillation.

SO MUCH has been said about the failure of the Baltic Canal that the ently not privileged in Australia. four largest ironclads of the German navy were recently sent through it as a test. They made the trip in eleven hours without an accident, demonstrating the ease with which Germany can transfer her whole fleet from the Baltic into the North Sea in case of

COWS were milked by machinery at the recent London dairy show. A pulsating vacuum, imitating the sucking of calves, was created by an air pump in a series of pipes connected by rub ber caps to the cow's teats. Ten cows were milked at once, the milking lasting from three to five minutes, and two pints and a half of strippings

being left. DR. THOMAS KEITH, the distinguished surgeon, died on Oct. 9 in London, in his 68th year. When in Edinburgh Dr. Keith attained a worldwide fame in connection with the suc-cess he attained in operations in ovariotomy. He removed to London in 1888, where his professional practice was upon similar lines.

A LIFE of Christ is about to be published, with colored photographs after James Tissot's pictures, by MM. Mame, the Catholic publishers of Tours, the first twenty impressions of which will be sold for \$1,000 a copy and the rest of the 1,000 copies at \$300 apiece. The advertisement, with one specimen picture and some sketches in black and white, cost \$12.

JOHN Harvard once owned the old Queen's Head tavern in the High street, Borough, London, which is over 300 years old, and is now to be torn down. It was originally a mansion be longing to the Poynings. Henry VIII. turned it into a storehouse for artillery, and under Queen Elizabeth it became a tavern under the name at first of the

PROF. WAGNER, this year's rector of the University of Berlin, in his inaugural address, said that when socialism is scientifically examined its value as an intellectual force will be recognized, and Engels, Lassalle and

day may have read and understood it, will be the heir.

IN AN Aberdeenshire, Scotland, gar- | Prof. Sayce told the recent Church Congress at Norwich, for the age of the Exodus was as literary as that of the Renaissance in Europe. Babylonian cities had libraries then, some of them 6,000 years old, and when Abraham was born a Chaldee poet was ending a long period of verse by writing a poem in twelve books.

TRUSSES for hernia were known to Phoenicians 900 years before Christ, as is shown by a votive image recently found at Soussa, in the possession of Dr. Poucet, chief medical officer of the is of terra cotta, representing the Egyptian god Bijou; but around its wasit is an elaborate and efficient metallic truss. Various forms of hernia are shown in the figure, which the Lancet calls a perfect museum of hernial pathology.

WHEN Mrs. Maxwell-Scott of Abbotsford's eldest son was born the Queen, in telegraphing her congratulations, promised that the boy, when he attained his 21st year, should be made a baronet, so that Abbotsford the features of the day, and the patmight be associated with another Sir rons gather week after week at their Walter. The young man only wants a year or so of attaining his majority, but it may be pointed out that, whether the baronetcy comes or not, he will in all probability in course of time succeed to a peerage. The present Lord Herries has no children, and the next heir is his brother, Mr. Maxwell-Scott, the husband of the proprietrix of Abbotsford.

A COUNTRYMAN living in the neighborhood of Blenheim, on hearing dining-room in America, and although of the Duke of Marlborough's engage- it is absolutely free to everyone who ment to a great American heiress, was pays the regular price, it is hard to curious to know if the usual fee of 2 shillings for allowing visitors over Blenheim Palace would not now be discontinued. The English people have private house. always resented this fee, on the ground that Blenheim was a Government gift, and while John Bull cheerfully put his hand in his pocket for the necessary wherewithal to see the show places of his country, he objects to paying "2 well-trained servants quietly remove shillings if you are alone, with a re- any extra plates and chairs, or supply shillings if you are alone, with a least state of duction of 1 shilling if you are one of an additional seat if needed. There a party" to see a palace for which his were just 25 at table the day I dined a party" to see a palace for which his ancestors paid.

VERY heavy rains have recently been experienced in Shetland, and in connection therewith an unprecedented occurrence is reported from the district of Sandness on the west side. Large tracts of low-lying ground there were completely flooded, three bridges across the public road were washed away, and considerable portions of ground at one spot were displaced. Whole fields of potatoes were covered with the water and practically lost. Two lochs of Melby and Norby, which are a considerable distance apart, were so flooded that after the heavy rains they practically became one, a thing that has never been observed before in living memory.

investigate.

It was some moments before I succeeded in discovering anything whatceeded in discovering anything whattens from her affectionate letters spects the youngest, man on the judinate have recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest, man on the judinate recently been made by the Ausspects the youngest which was a property of the property of trian cavalry with water-tight haversacks filled with straw. Four of these were formed into a sort of raft, held together by three sabers; on these five men got astride, the foremost steering with a pole, and the horses were led, swimming. It took eight minutes to prepare, eight minutes more to cross a river 650 feet wide and 12 feet deep, torpedo boat destroyer which pulled and two minutes to resaddle on the opposite bank; so the five men were ready for action on the other side in eighteen minutes after the order to cross was given. Boats were also made with the haversacks, stiffened by iron bars, or cavalry sabers, in twelve or fourteen armed men were ferried across.

A QUEER case is reported from Sydney, Australia. A man was convicted by a jury of having tried to poison his wife with arsenic. His lawyers obtained a reconsideration of the sentence by a Commission appointed by the Legislature, consisting of two docthe lawyer, who thought him guilty. The man was set free in consequence. Subsequently one of the lawyers, moved by conscience, told another member of the bar that the man had confessed his guilt to him at the time of liberates chlorine, which reacts on a the trial, and the matter was brought Lawyers and before the Legislature. clients have been arrested, and are to be prosecuted for conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice. Communications between lawyer and client are appar-

DR. DODS, of Haddington, who is at present on a trip to southern seas, has been visiting the grave of Robert Louis Stevenson at Samoa. In a letter which has just been received by the Westminster Gazette, the doctor says all Mr. Stevenson's people have gone from the island, but the house is there as the novelist left it, with all "I saw his old felt his books, etc. wide-awake and a riding whip hanging on a peg. Dr. Dods says: 'I climbed up to his grave one day. There is a space about twenty feet wide cleared through the forest straight up to the top, but the ground is so fearfully steep that they had to cut a zig-zag path all the way up. Even with that it is an awful climb with the thermometer at 90 degrees. I took off my coat and waistcoat, but I was drenched when I got to the top. There is a place about 30 feet square cleared of bush. In the middle is the grave, a simple mound of red volcanic soil. There is a small white cross at the head, and lying on the grave was an anchor made of what I took to be witherer heather, probably sent from Scotland. It looks a lonely spot, and through the trees you can see the blue sea and the white line of the coral reef, which seem to add to the loneli-

#### Confusing Names.

the house party of the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, whose daughter, Lady Catherine Beaucierk, her son is engaged to. Names are apt to be a little confusing. Lady Henry Somerset's own father's name was Earl Somers, nothing to do with the Somerset family. There are besides a Duke and Duchess of Somerset, but their family name is Seymour; and though there is a Duke of Beaufort, the great house known by that name, Beaufort Castle, is not his, but Lord Lovat's place in Inverness. To add to this the name of Mr. Somerset's fiancee is Beauclerk, of course, nothing to do with Beaufort. Henry's son will be made by the mar-riage that is announced of his uncle, the Marquis of Worcester. This gentle-man, as the eldest son of the Duke of Marx will be regarded not as agitators, but as thinkers of the first rank, who have their dangers in common with other philosophers.

MOSES may have easily written the Pentateuch and the Israelites of his days may have read and understood it.

man, as the eldest son of the Duke of Beaufort, stands before Mr. Somerset in the heirship to the dukedom; and austrian subjects. With all other diplomates French is always spoken. But in intercourse with the Danish royal family German is nearly always the language spoken.—Westminster Gazentee.



### An English Market-Day Dinner.

In England a distinction is made between a "village" and a "town," the dignity of town being applied only to those places which are large enough to French army in Tunis. The statuette support a weekly market in the public square, to which the farmers of the surrounding country bring for sale and barter their butter, eggs and other

On market day the leading public houses make a point of providing a special dinner, at a fair price, for the more well-to-do attendants upon the market-the gentlemen farmers, as favorite houses.

I happened to be in Stamford, in Lincolnshire, on market-day, recently, and improved the opportunity to attend the market dinner at "The Crown," one of the best public houses there. The dinner is spread in a long dining-room, furnished in a thoroughly home-like manner, quite unlike a hotel realize after one has sat down to the table that one is not a guest at a

Long experience has taught the landlord to estimate very nearly the number for whom the table should be laid, and just as the company sit down, the at the Crown. The landlord sat at the head of the table, and an experienced friend took, by his request, the

seat at the foot. The first course consisted of two kinds of fish, brought on in large dishes, and placed one at each end of the table to be served. I have forgotten what one of these was, but the other was stewed eels, served in cream, which in spite of the name proved to be one of the most delicious dishes I ever ate. After these were removed the solid part of the meal, the roasts and vegetables were brought on.

The chief of these, an enormous roast of beef, was placed before the landlord; the next, a crispy browned leg of mutton, at the opposite end of the table. In addition to these there were living memory.

EXPERIMENTS in crossing rivers boiled fowl, calf's head and brains, etc.

These were placed at various intervals along the table, and the man before whom one happened to be place was expected to serve it. I watched with some anxiety to see that none came to me, for my poor skill at carving would have disgraced me beside such work as I saw going on around

The pastry which followed this course was a deep gooseberry pie, very different from our American ideas of pie, and a rhubarb custard, also a new dish to me. This dish consists of a rich, thick, baked custard and stewed rhubarb, cooked separately and served together, wit ha sweet sauce.

The dessert, which closed the meal, was a simple one of bread and cheese and watercress. Noticeable among the cheese was delicious, fresh cream cheese, which would literally melt in one's mouth.

The price for all this was half a crown, about 62 cents of our money, and while the maids were bringing on the dessert, the "Boots" of the estabtors, and a lawyer, which pronounced him innocent, the doctors voting down passed a plate, into which each guest dropped the pay for his meal, whole being so quietly done that it hardly detracted at all fro mthe homelike nature of the meal.

One thing which impressed me particularly-and that I repeatedly remarked all over England—was the superb physique of the men who sat about the table. They were all tall and solid in form, and though many of them were no longer young, their fresh complexions, clear eyes and firm voices showed that their vitality was in no way impaired.

Nor was this in any way a picked ecmpany, though the men were of a superior class, and accustomed to openair life. They had merely happened to come together, but I am convinced that no company of the same number in America, gathered under similar circumstances, would equal them physically.

Another thing which I could not but notice was the beautiful courtesy shown me as a stranger by every man who sat anywhere near me, although there was only one of them whom had ever seen before Before any one of them was served, pains was taken to see that my plate was heaped up, and if there was any special dish brought on which I, in my ignorance of English cookery, might not notice, care was taken to see that my attention was called to it.

More strange, though, than any other feature of the meal to one accustomed only to American hotel dinners, was the grace. After we were all seated, at a signal from the landlord, every head but mine-for I was taken too much by surprise-was bowed, and every voice but mine joined reverently in a few words of petition to bless the

Again, after the dessert had been thordiscussed, but before anyone oughly had left the table, there came a like signal, a hush in the conversation, and with the same reverent manner a few words of thanks were said. Then those ding a few days in Ireland, joining the house party of the Duke and Duck.

This simple service was so old a custom, so much a part of the meal. I do not think any one supposed that I noticed it, or suspected that it had been to me one of the most striking features of a dinner all of which had been delightfully novel .- Youth's Companion.

Languages the Queen Speaks. The Queen speaks English to Prince

Henry of Battenberg, and even to the Grand Duke of Hesse and the Duchess of Coburg-Gotha, and the Prince of Wales writes almost always in English to his mother and to his other is only spoken in conversation with German and Austrian ambassadors,