A Living Prisoner; Or, Friends in Name, Enemies / at Heart.

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Bit she had another bad moment before very long. It was, if possible, a worse one. The broad, good-natured stewardees ap-peared with her blankets, and it then appeared that there were no top sheets to the berthel! She did not dare look at these blankets, for, to begin with, they were odoriferous in the extreme, and instinct told her they were dirity. It made her quite til to think how many sorts and conditions of men had slept in them already. The thought was so loathsome, that she trembled to dwell upon it, and yet it would obtrade. She lay very still. An incautious turn meant the total loss of every covering. Silsep was out of the question. The noise of the screw, the strangenees and dis-comfort of the situation, effectually pre-cluded slumber, added to a lamp kept burning, and the sweet harmony of the small couple.

couple. minutes might have gone by thus. egan to hope that her fears were by exaggerated, then oh! horror, it something crawling slowly, slowly

their legs, they might. Time, on these journeys, is apparently of little or no importance. Everything is conducted in a leisurely and careful man-mer, and if the boat is two or three hours late—as is often the case—she does not attempt to make up for lost ground. And the long, light nights really render it of very little importance when you arrive at your destination. The hooting of the steam whistle is always the signal for the headmen of each village to wake from the for slumbers, huddle on their clothes and hurry down to the landing stage. By some the arrakable coincidence too, when-ever want to get to a place, or leave a j 5, the time for staring is nearly if why somewhere about three or four

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Discovered. Genius is no respecter of persons.

WORKING MEN AS SINGERS

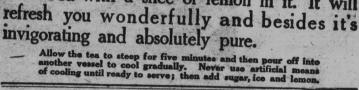
Indeed, is knocks more often at the door of the poor man's cottage than at the entrance of the rich man's mansion.

The present generation, says Lon-don Tit-Bits, is just as fruitful as any that are gone in examples of genius in humble life. Of our greatest poets, Mr. William Watson first saw the light in a Warfedale farmhouse; and Mr. John Mase-field, the latest star in the poetical firmament, found his first inspira-tion while working in the fields. Mr. J. M. Barrie was born in a Kirriemuir cottage, at least as humble as the roof under which. Thomas Carlyle, stonemason's son, The present generation, says Lon-Thomas Carlyle, stonemason's son, entered the world; and Mr. H. G.

It would be an easy matter to name at least a score of living authors of repute for whom life opened at least as humbly, without taking into account such poets of undoubted, if obscure, genius as Mr. A. O. Williams, hammerman; Mr. Joseph Skipsey, the "pitmanpoet," and others, equally gifted who have earned their daily bread by navvy work and farm labor.

Great Singers.

It is, however, among musicians that we find the most remarkable examples of talent in unexpected places. Alessandro Bonci, the world-famous singer, was working provess of the Dahomey Amazons, the female furies who fought the than thirty years ago; and when he the refractory King Behanzin, is given by Mr. Frederic Martyn in his book, "Life in the Legion." The author, a former English officer, enlisted in the Foreign Legion of France, and saw sharp fighting both in Tonkin and in Dahomey. The turn of the Senegalese Tir-ailleurs came next. A battalion of ince history and the senegalese the senegaleses the s The turn of the Senegalese Tir-ailleurs came next. A battalion of Amazons attacked them, and gave them a very rough time indeed, but the Tirailleurs stood their ground until re-enforced by some marine infantry. Any one who is included



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WHEN YOU'RE THIRSTY

he achieved considerable fame as a to entering the House of Peers to painter; several of his canvases be-ing bought and treasured by no less exalted a patron than Queen Vic-James' Palace, which is a very or-

is not only armless, but only pos-sesses one leg, and who also does his painting with his mouth, ac-tually carried off the coveted Raigecourt Coyon prize at the Salon of 1896, against the cleverest artists in France: and Queen Alexandra entered the world; and air. H. G. France; and Queen Alexandra Wells, son of a professional cricket er, served behind a draper's coun-ter before he discovered the gold in his pen. The throne at Windsor is unique not constructed in one respect. It is constructed of Mme. Rapin, an armless lady who paints and draws with her feet. France; and Queen Alexandra

KING GEORGE'S SIX THRONES.

## Most Unique is That at Windsor. Gift of Princes of India.

King George has six thrones. One would naturally suppose that the King would "sit upon his throne" at speak, would be the throne." While, howeve While, however, there Windsor throne is probably the very last one of all whereon one might find the English sovereign. The throne at Buckingham Palace is the more generally used, inasmuch as the greater amount of ceremonial functions occur there. The King of England may be said to have a set of thrones. In the case of one throne-the coronation chair at Westminster Abbey-he certainly uses it but once. This is the worm-eaten, battered, lion-footed old oak settle that contains the "Stone of Destiny." Upon it since the days of Edward II. have been crowned all the rulers of England. This chair might very well

M. Francois de Mentholon, who of St. James street. This throne is

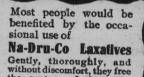
Man's Brain Second Best.

A great deal has been said about man possessing a larger brain than woman, and this has led to the claim through many years that man's brain was superior. But now that there are some authorities, who are declaring that in reality man's Windsor-that which, so to brain is second best in the matter ak, would be the "official of relative size. It is admitted man's brain is larger than the are both a throne and a throne brain of woman, but it is said it is room in that ancient palace, the really only about one-tenth larger. Taking into consideration the fact that man is a larger animal than woman, and that he really averages more than one-tenth larger than woman, his brain is not an large in proportion to his body as is woman's.

Deepest Spot in Ocean.

A surveying ship of the German navy has recently discovered the deepest known spot in the ocean. It is near the Philippines, about contains Upon it of Mindanao. Great depths were found to be numerous in this region, but the record sounding showed the amazing result of 9,780 met ers, or 406 feet more than six miles. The greatest ocean depth hitherto known was found by the United States cable steamer Nero in 1901. This spot was to the north of the island of Guan, and the deep see lead indicated 9,635 meters-just little less than six miles.

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