

The old lady instantly glanced at her niece. "Hester," she said, pointing towards a recess, "Let Mr. West see his face." The girl crossed the room and lifted a heavy curtain. I could not suppress a slight exclamation. A pale young man with a short black beard looked out upon me. I recognized him at once; and yet there was no trace of restlessness in the fine dark eyes, no shade of mental suffering about the brow. Such expressions gathered there out of my own imagining while I gazed at the portrait. "It is the face," said I, "the face in my dream."

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FOREIGN NEWS.

A Paris bankrupt selected the door sill of the morgue as a place for suicide.

A restaurant at Hamburg is said to be built and furnished entirely of paper.

French winegrowers have a superstitious appreciation of comets, and expect good crops because four comets will be seen during the summer.

Search for diamonds is being made by the French Government at the penal colony of New Caledonia. Machinery to bore down 1,500 feet has been provided.

The Duke of Orleans has let his friends, the Dukes of Luynes and d'Alençon pay his prison restaurant bill of 1,454 francs. The young pretender's every meal cost about fifty francs.

Paris clubs are hereafter to be taxed, instead of the present 20 per cent, on their membership fees, 20 per cent, on their total receipts above \$1,200, and 10 per cent, on all receipts below that sum.

There was 17,086 books published in Germany last year, an increase of nearly 1,000 over the number in 1898. The list of educational books is the largest, 2,083, and of masson books the smallest, 22.

There is a plague of locusts in the province of Gizeh in Egypt. In five days the authorities destroyed six tons of them. In weighing, quantities of their eggs are turned up. Exposure to the sun destroys the eggs.

In consequence of an edict issued by the Emperor of Russia, the German Court Theatre at St. Petersburg will cease to exist after May 1. The Germans in that city are much annoyed, and there is some talk of organizing a private theatre.

A German gardener has named a new sort of potato of his own discovery the Major Wissmann. Among the other varieties of potatoes advertised by the same man are the Prince Bismarck, Emperor William, Fred crick, Carl, and Pio Nono.

The Russian Government is taking vigorous measures to keep the cholera out of its Asiatic dominions. All travellers from Persia and Turkey have to submit to ten days' quarantine, and no more passports are issued from Russia into those countries.

A new malady, believed to be a successor to the grip, has appeared in southern Russia, and has already reached Milan and Lombardy in Italy. The symptoms are a feeling of paralysis in the limbs and a tendency to lethargic sleep, and it frequently proves fatal.

Windmills are used for generating electricity to run the light in a lighthouse at Capo de la Hague. The mill is geared automatically, so that it adjusts itself to varying forces of wind, and there are two dynamos, the current from which runs into accumulators, from which the light is fed.

An American "Spiritualist" medium is working the old cabinet trick in Vienna, and had a lively time the other night when a young man well known in diplomatic circles declared that she was a fraud. She offered to bet \$1,000 that she wasn't, but she wanted to appoint her own committee to decide the matter.

Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, has just communicated to the Clergy of his diocese a decision of the Holy See against cremation. It forbids Catholics to cremate their dead, and orders the priests to refuse ecclesiastical burial to those who have expressed the desire to have their bodies cremated after death.

An English paper alleges that "On a recent trip to Europe the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas was introduced to an English member of Parliament. The introduction was made, not by name, but by the judicial title of the American visitor."

"Oh yes," said the Englishman, "I have heard of you. Your name is Judge Lynch."

It is said that the French Government has just given to the Government of Russia the secret of its new smokeless powder, and that the Russians are about to begin the manufacture of it upon a large scale, using imported workmen and being careful to exclude Germans and Jews from the factories. The basis of the powder is said to be sulphuric ether.

The La Plata Gazette announces that on April 1 an electric mail service will be set in operation between Buenos Ayres and Montevideo. The two cities, which are about 180 miles apart have just been connected by a double line of wires. The tiny mail boxes, containing messages on this paper, will be slipped along these wires with lightning rapidity.

The publication has been begun of a monthly magazine at Thorshavn, a little town on the Faroe Islands. It is called *Foringatidende*, is printed in the language of the islands, and announces that its aim will be to occupy itself with "patriotic politics" and the encouragement of "modern Faroe literature." There is no Faroe literature yet, but it seems to be hoped that a demand will lead to a supply.

The Government of Saratoff, Russia, sells each year to the people an immense quantity of tar for use in their business. All the sales are on credit, and as the peasants can neither read nor write, the account of each is kept by means of certain signs made with the tar upon his doorstep. Pay day comes every fall, and then only are the doorposts of Saratoff washed clean until a new account is started.

The village of Daffa, on the island of Lesbos, has a woman said to be 115 years old, who still has the complete use of her senses. The same island contains three other inhabitants who are said to have passed their hundredth birthday. Ismail Apa, 130 years old; Khalil Apa, in his 119th year, and Aschik Bala, aged 115. All three of these centenarians, it is said, earn their living by daily work.

St Petersburg tailors got up a scheme for publishing in the newspapers the names of all their customers who refused to pay their bills, but the Government forbade it. Now the tailors accomplish the same object by putting up a large blackboard in the reception room of their shop, upon which they chalk the names of the chief delinquents and the amounts of their bills. They say it has reduced by 60 percent their losses.

At Paris dinner tables the latest feature for dessert is the practice of putting on the table small receptacles called *marmites*, or "pots," in which are inclosed nuts, bonbons, and any other trifles that the hostess pleases. Each guest takes a pot, and before opening it crades it for that of some one else. The fun comes in when the results of the trades are known and some are found to have swapped a pot filled with candy for one containing something of value.

Since the oldest woman in Austria died recently at the age of 114 years, five other women claiming to be centenarians have applied for the pension that she had received. The one chosen is said to be 115 years old, and lives on twelve shillings a month, without nurse or attendant, doing her own housework and running her own errands, when she cannot get any of her neighbors' children to do them for her.

The St. Petersburg Chief of Police has called the attention of the owners of dancing saloons, music halls, and restaurants to the generally dirty condition of their places, and suggests that Lent gives them an excellent chance to clean up. Those who do not take the hint, it is delicately intimated, may have difficulty about getting their licenses renewed at Easter, which is the most profitable season of the year for them.

A Russian peasant in the Simperfool district had two sons, of whom the younger was his favorite. The elder, not liking this, took \$1,000 that the old man had secreted, and hid it in a cornstack. When the old man discovered his loss, a few days later, the elder acknowledged having taken the money, and offered to give it up if the father would promise thereafter to treat him the same as he did the younger son. The father agreed, and both hurried off to the cornstack. But the money had been there before them, and the money was destroyed.

There are 2,000 men and 600 women em-

ployed as street sweepers in Paris, besides 3,500 more workmen engaged in draining, paving, planting, and similar service. The foremen of the sweepers get \$1 a day, their deputies eighty, and the rank and file about seventy five cents for ten hours' work. The women work shorter hours and get about forty-five cents per day. They all have to find their own tools. It is now proposed to increase the wages of the sweepers and to retire them on a pension of \$100 per year when they reach 65 years of age.

One of the most curious drawbridges in the world, is in the harbor called St. Ann's Bay in the Island of Curacao. It is a pontoon bridge, and one of the pontoons is a steamer. The steamer was built in Camden, Maine. It is a scow 40 feet long, 12 wide, and 7 deep. There is a single shaft that runs clear through the boat, and has a 40-inch screw propeller on each end. When the draw is to be opened the captain of the steam pontoon casts off the lines, gives a toot on the whistle, and sets the propellers a whirling, and thereupon half the bridge swings around far enough to let the coming ship pass through. Then the wheel is reversed and the gap is closed.

The white population at Congo is increasing at quite a rapid rate. Five years ago, after Stanley had founded his stations, there were only about 200 white men engaged in the various enterprises along the river. The number has now increased to nearly 500, some of whom have lived on the river nine or ten years. The gratifying thing about it is that a fair average of health is maintained among the colonists. The fact would attract world-wide attention if these pioneers were having the experience which, it is said, was formerly the usual fate of the Governors of Sierra Leone, the old Governor invariably going home in his coffin while the new official was travelling to his field of labor.

A marriage broker is doing an excellent business in Bachmut, Russia. Anybody coming to Bachmut is sure to be met by this man at his hotel with the inquiry, "Sir, do you want to marry?" The marriage broker carries an album full of photographs of people of both sexes who would not mind getting married. On each photograph may be found details concerning the social and financial standing of the person pictured. On his arrival at Bachmut the broker visited every house of interest to him in his special line, and was kindly received everywhere. There are already many happy brides and grooms in the city to whom he points with pride as his customers. Bachmut is especially favorable for operations of this nature, it is said, as it contains many girls of good looks and fair fortune.

Notice to Prize-Winners.

Successful competitors in applying for their prizes, must in every case state the number of the competition in which they have been successful, and also the number and nature of the prize won. Attention to these particulars will facilitate matters, and save a good deal of time and trouble. Prize winners must invariably apply in the same hand writing in which the original answer was sent, so that the letter and application may be compared before the prize is given out. The following sums must accompany applications for prizes, whether called for at the office or delivered by express or freight: — Pianos, \$20; Cabinet Organs, \$5; Sewing Machines, \$2; Tea Service, \$1.50; Gold Watches, Silk Dresses \$1; Other Dress Goods, 50c; Cake Baskets, 40c; Rings, 30c; Books, Spoons, Brooches and other small prizes, 20c; Knitting Machines, \$1.00; Family Bibles, 50c; "Jekem" and Elot's Works, 50c; Tea and Dinner Sets, \$1.00.

"I Knewed Them Eyes Wuz Ellen's."

They driv a horridge to the door,
An' out of it a lady got,
All dressed in silks an' furbelows,
And walked right up to where I sot;
Sez she: "I come from Obedstown,
I'm huntin' fer a Cap'n Brown."
I looked, an' when her face I see,
Thinks I, "No marm, you kain't fool me—
I knowed them eyes wuz Ellen's."

My darter, merried twenty year
An' gone to live in Idyho,
She growed and chang'd, but the law me,
Queer ef a mother wouldn't know—
Her hair was teched a bit with gray
An' mebbly she wain't quite so gay,
A leetle clouter in her size,
Yit, as I looked in them blue eyes,
I knowed them eyes wuz Ellen's

An' so I riz right up at once
An' grabbed her close an' hilt her tight,
Ad' she sez "Mar!" an' I sez "Nell!"
An' then we hugged with all our might,
For time might ketch me on some things,
Consid'rn all the change it brings,
But when I looked I knowed her, shore,
I seen my baby's eyes once more—
I knowed them eyes wuz Ellen's.

ELLIE McGAFFEY.

Sunken Treasure.

The subject of sunken treasure reminds one of the heaps of gold carried in the galleons of the past. In 1769 a ship of war from Lisbon had on board 9,000,000 of crusades in diamonds and about 100,000 "crowns turquois" in piasters, making the whole 29,050,000 livres turquois. In 1774 two Spanish ships from Vera Cruz and Havana arrived with 22,000,000 of crowns, exclusive of merchandise, valued roundly at 27,000,000 crowns. Of the cargo of an English Indiaman in 1771, one item alone—a diamond in the rough—was valued at £100,000.

All In a Heap.

Malarial fever left me with my blood in a terrible state, with boils breaking out on my head and face. I was too weak to work or even walk, but after taking a quarter of a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters I was able to work. The boils all went away in a heap, as it were, and my strength fully returned before the bottle was done.

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