

FIGHT WITH A SLAVER.

An English Naval Officer Promoted for a Gallant Combat.

A few days ago the Lords of the Admiralty promoted Lieut. Fred Fegen, R. N., to be Commander, to mark their recognition of his gallant conduct in a brilliant and thorough a real sea-dog exploit as ever graced British naval annals.

FULL OF SLAVES AND ARMED MEN.

The Lieutenant had a little dingy with him, and in this, as a matter of duty and precaution, he sent his coxswain, the marine, and the interpreter to hail the stranger and see that she was all right.

When within 100 yards of the Arab the interpreter hailed them, but received no answer, nor could he see anybody on board, for the huge sail screened the crew.

KILLED THE SLAVER'S HELMSMAN, and the dhow broached to in shallow water and capsized. The remainder of the rascally crew plunged into the sea, which was about two fathoms deep at the spot.

A story from the diamond fields tells of a Kafir who was suspected of being in possession of uncult diamonds.

Many Spanish doubloons, to the value of \$150,000, have been deposited in the assay office, New York. They will be melted into gold bars.

About Ice Houses.

I wish very much to ask about the construction of small ice houses for private use, especially what to do to my present building to make it a success for keeping ice.

When I have in abundance, or put ice close to base wall, and what over the top—fine straw or sawdust? I fill to upper level of the ground; put in and take out the same door.

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A Prize Baby. On an Atlantic steamer bound for New York, a year or so ago, the usual entertainment for the benefit of a Liverpool charity was projected.

Indications now point to the existence of a submarine volcanic crater between the Canary Islands and the coast of Portugal.

Waste-motion.

Once upon a time a brisk young woman said: "Not a pity me, I'd rather be kicked any than pitied."

She settled her eyes on the neatly dressed little figure, noted the cheerfully defiant expression of the childishly fair face, neither dimpled her, I had known her all her lifetime.

Adversity had overtaken her and given her grim-visaged Poverty for a traveling companion, who promised to keep step with her for some time to come.

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Then I have wanted to answer: "Don't pity men and women, they don't need it. Show pity to some strong man in blue overalls, whom you used to know in the 'nobbiest' of business suits.

When we look at our neighbors and see about them only thistles and duck-ponds, we may be sure, somewhere they have their clear, still waters and gardens of roses.

A portion of the city of Virginia, Nev., is said to be an animated mass of rising and falling earth. A map of the mine in the vicinity, made ten years ago, shows that two walls were then 354 feet apart.

The late Meredith Featherangli, a Spanish soldier, leaves an estate of \$1,000,000 to heirs in Kentucky.

HOUSEHOLD.

COOKING AS A FINE ART.

No fair-minded person, looking at the subject through the clear medium of reason, would say there was anything dishonorable in cooking, and there is surely nothing that indicates moral perversity in the acts of sweeping, dusting and washing dishes.

The skill required in doing a class of work may be taken as a standard of its respectability, then surely cooking is as respectable as telegraphing, or bookkeeping, or type-writing.

The good cook is the promoter of peace in families, the friend of virtue, the hand-maiden of piety. How can the priest mount his pulpit stairs with right feeling towards God and man with his amateur cook's dyspeptic biscuit in his stomach?

Half a Century Ago.

The 10th of December year ago found Mackenzie and his fellow-leaders of the insurrection defeated, dispersed and hunted as criminal fugitives from village to village and from forest to forest.

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Volunteers, without arms, organization or money, and with a large sprinkling of red-hot Tory loyalists in nearly every community, could have done little against the British troops which would undoubtedly, in those days, have been hurried to the scene of action.

But was then the insurrection of fifty years ago, an utter and disastrous failure? By no means. Disastrous and deplorable enough it was in some of its consequences, especially in the cool-blooded murder, under forms of law, of some of the bravest and noblest of the patriots.

The water old building then used as a court house, (now occupied by the establishment of Chas. Stark, and the offices of FOREST and FARM), was the scene of many tragedies then enacted.

Indian Explorers. Among the engineers recently engaged in the Afghan boundary survey was an Indian named Iman Sharif, who has just been specially complimented and rewarded for his services.

Some stories of travel possess so large an element of romantic interest as those of the native explorers who have been employed by the Indian Government for twenty years past to investigate the regions north of the Himalayas that are not accessible to white men.

The Tibetans regarded A—k, the most famous of the explorers, as a very devout person. Everywhere he went they saw him telling the beads of his Buddhist rosary.

These men, two of whom have received the gold medals of the Paris and Royal Geographical Societies, are well known to the world by their names until after their services as explorers can no longer be utilized. It is only by concealing their identity as servants of the Indian Government that they can be made useful in the lands they visit.

Beautiful thoughts are the flowers of the mind. Never contract a friendship with a man that is not better than yourself.

Our neighbours are now proposing the reduction of the postal rate from two cents to one. If this reduction is effected we will not be able to continue on a three cent basis.

The native ivory dealers of Africa are very good hunters and find full value for their goods, and some of the Sheffield firms find that they are not so novice in fraudulent trading. They can "lead" ivory quite as cleverly as Lancashire can load cottons.