

BRITISH NEWS.

The English War Office is experimenting with the lance as a cavalry arm.

The London City Council have cut out from their theatrical license bill the provision requiring each actor to take out a license.

There is a remarkable rush for membership in the London Stock Exchange, and the entrance fee is to be raised from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

The perfect figure of a human body has been found in a large elm tree trunk that was being cut up in a timber yard at Scarborough.

It is officially declared there is salt enough in the Teeside field in England to supply the world for 800 years. One less worry for the present generation.

Tin fields which are said to promise vast returns have been opened at Gipsaland, in the colony of Australia, and an English company has been formed to work them.

The Duke of Portland has been disappointed again. It is a girl, and the precedent of a century, during which no direct heir has been born to the house, remains unbroken.

It is settled that Prince George of Wales, when he has completed his course in gunnery, which is expected to be about April 1, will be placed in command of the new gunboat Thrush.

The English Government had advertised for proposals for the supply of 20 yards of webbing, to be used for repairing harness in Cyprus. The advertising will cost about four times as much as the webbing.

It is expected that with the new rifles and the smokeless powder, important changes will be made in the musketry training of the English army. Greater prominence is also to be given to musketry practice.

It is said that Mr. Bigger's death was due to his uncompromising temperance principles. His doctor ordered him to take wine at his meals to brace himself up, but he refused to do so, and gradually broke down.

A real crown of pure gold studded with a thousand diamonds and valued at \$37,500 is to be put up at auction at Singapore. It formerly belonged to the Malay Sultans, and is being sold by the estate of the late Sultan of Perak.

The problem of whether kangaroos can be acclimatized seems to have been settled at Tring Park, London, where they are being successfully raised. The secret was in letting them run wild, instead of keeping them in pens as had heretofore been done.

The Queen has sent a silver punch bowl to the officers of the Prussian regiment of dragoons of which she is Colonel, and August is coming over to Windsor from Vienna shortly to paint a portrait of her Majesty, which she intends to present to them.

A bullet from one of the new English army rifles being used at the range at Aldershot Camp a few days ago went wide and travelled two miles before stopping. Practice at the range has had to be discontinued on account of the long range the rifles are thus shown to possess.

The English Admiralty have determined to introduce a new kind of saluting in the navy. Up to date sailors have saluted their officers by raising their hats. In future they will bring the hand up to the head after the military fashion, only with the arm of the hand to the front instead of the palm.

Fate pursued the British 110-ton gun vessel relentlessly: one of them has just been sent to the bottom of the Thames by the sinking of the craft aboard of which it was being transported to its ship. The London News suggests that they had better let it lie there awhile, "the salt water may strengthen it."

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winning post was reached. Mr. J. Duncan's Spot, although not the best pacer, managed to win by superior natatorial powers."

Two children playing upon a grassy slope at Auchmithie, Scotland, slipped and rolled down to the edge of a steep precipice, 145 feet high, over which they fell to the beach below. Those who ran to gather up their mangled remains found them on their feet in the sand in a general state of mental bewilderment and with no worse injuries than a few scratches.

The Grand Junction Canal at Berkhamstead, upon which large quantities of perishable freight are conveyed to the London markets, has just been blockaded for twenty-six hours because two boats got into the lock at the same time, and neither one would back out. More than fifty boats were blocked before the canal authorities compelled one of the Captains to give in.

The Forth bridge cost the lives of fifty-six workmen during the seven years of its construction, but the engineers insist that this is a remarkably good showing. They say: "The fact that the loss of life has not been larger on a work of such magnitude with so large a number of men employed in dangerous positions shows that no reasonable precautions for their safety have been omitted."

At a meeting of the British Royal Botanic Society recently a number of dried specimens of hygrometric club moss from Mexico were shown. It was said that these plants had the power ascribed to the rose of Jericho, of rolling themselves up like a ball when dry, and becoming apparently dead; but they were able to unfold and grow again when exposed to moisture. The specimens shown had been kept for three months in a dry place, but were green, and flourishing.

The annual report of the Peabody Trust for the maintenance of good homes for the working classes in London shows the birth rate in the houses kept by the trust to be \$72 per 1,000 above the rest of London, and the death rate nearly 1 per 1,000 below the average, while the infant mortality is only a little over half the average. The trust has spent over \$6,250,000 in providing buildings for 20,374 persons. The average earnings of each family are about \$5.75 per week, and the average weekly rent about \$1.20. The rate per room is 32 1/2 cents per week.

William Benjamin Rowland, a cartman, recently died of phthisis at a London hospital, and when the doctors made a post-mortem they found a steel knife blade run into his skull for an inch and broken off there. It had been there so long that the bone had healed over the spot where it had entered. The blade had passed between the convolutions of the brain, which was uninjured. The nearest incident that could account for the presence of the blade in the man's brain had occurred nine months before, when he was thrown from a wagon and had his head severely hurt.

An English paper asserts that there is a titled lady whose chief pleasure is found in exhibiting her muscular powers in her own drawing room to a circle of admiring and astonished friends. Attired in a long and clinging gown she lies down at full length upon the floor, with her arms held closely to her sides. A friend is then requested to fasten her skirts securely around her feet and place her handkerchief upon them. This done, the handkerchief is conveyed by her feet to her mouth. She then resumes her first position, and, without moving her arms, gradually raises herself until she stands upon her feet without a hair out of place or the tiniest bead of moisture on her brow.

Catharine Reed, an old woman who lived with her son at Sea-on-crete, near Liverpool passed Christmas eve in a public house drinking and, leaving at a late hour to go home, did not reach there. The next day her son identified as hers a body that was washed up on the shore near the town. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the old woman had fallen into the water while on her way home intoxicated, and her son collected without trouble a policy she had had upon her life. A week or two ago he received a letter from a woman in the Liverpool workhouse claiming to be his mother and asking him to deny the "rumor" that she was dead. He thought it was from an impostor and paid no attention to it. A few days later the old woman herself walked in and insisted that he should account to her for that insurance money. The idea-

city of the woman's double who was found drowned is as yet unknown.

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