Taken Prisoner by Kaffirs.

out afterwards and took me up to Secocoeni's kraal. Secocoeni sent to say that I must not be afraid, and ordered that I should be taken to a hut and tied up. In the evening I had an interview with Secocoeni, and told him the same story I had told the others about the reason of my being in the neighbourhood. The chief said he was not such a fool as to believe that. He then gave me some beer to drink, and dismissed me, saying that I must not be afraid, as he would see that I should be sent to the fort safely. The next day I did not see the chief, but on the day after he sent for me and told me to speak the truth to him. I was shown four Martini-Henry rifies (one of which I recognized as mine, which I had hid away) and fifteen cartridges. Secocoeni then produced the arm and hand of a white man and said the five men had been seen and two were dead. He again asked me to speak the truth, and I confessed that I belonged to Ferrei a's Horse. He then said that he had given his word, and never broke it, and I should g, and added that he knew as well as a white man how to treat a prisoner.

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"I was next asked if I recognized the arm, and the spectacles of Peter Grant were held up before me. The day after I saw Secocoenia ain, when he said I should get my horse back, and in the evening I told him that I could ride without a saddle. In the morning he ordered two Kaffirs to accompany me with a white flag, and I was brought through by Mamalube to this side on the road to the fort. Secocoeni's brother was with me up to this time, and before leaving he gave me ten half-sovereigns in was with me up to this time, and before leaving he gave me ten half-sovereigns in gold. In the town I noticed there were many thousands of Kaffirs. Secocoeni wanted to know why the war was still carried on against him, and why peace was not made. The chief whose cattle was captured by us was there, and he tred my legs. He added that he and all his people would fight the white men to the last, and that we had better not come to his side of the mountains, as we would never get out again. A paper was given me by Secocoeni's brother for Capt. Ferreira." When Rickers arrived in camp he looked more dead than alive. camp he looked more dead than alive.

## A Ring of Charles II.

Several ring stories are related in connection with the unfortunate Charles I. In Herbert's narrative of the last days of the Herbert's narrative of the last days of the monarch he mentions: "The same evening, Jan. 28, 1658, two days before his execution, the king took a ring from his finger, having an emerald set therein between two diamonds, and gave it to Mr. Herbert, and commanded him, as late as it was, to go with it from St. James's to a lady living then in Canon Row, on the back side of King street, in Westminster, and to give it to her without saying anything. The night was exceedingly dark, and guards were set in several places: nevertheless, getting the word from Col. Matthews Tomlinson, Mr. Herbert passed currently, though in all places where sentinels were he was bid stand still till the corporal had the word from him. Being come to the lady's house, he delivered to her the ring. 'Sir,' said she, 'give me! leave to show you the way into the parlour,' where, being seated, she desired him to wait till she returned. In a little while after she came in, and put into his hands a little cabinet, closed with three seals, two of which were the king's arms, and the third was the figure of a Roman; which done she desired him to deliver it to the same hand that sent the ring, which ring was left with her; and afterwards, Mr. Herbert taking his leave, he gave the cabinet into the hands of His Majesty, who told him he should see it opened next morning. Morning being come, the bishop (Juxton) was early with the king. Herbert's narrative of the last days of the monarch he mentions: "The same evening, Jan. 28, 1658, two days before his execution, the king took a ring from his finger, having an emerald set therein between two diamonds, and gave it to Mr. Herbert, and commanded him, as late as it was, to go with it from St. James's to a lady living then in Canon Row, on the back side of King street, in Westminster, and to give it to her with

An aged Pinte squaw deserted her hus-band and children to elope to California with a white man. The tribe sent two young and stalwart Indians to bring her back. Their mission was a success, and, at last accounts, the white people of Carson, Nev., which is near by, were interfering to prevent the ex-ecution of a sentence that she be drawn

Sunday in Germany.

Women and Smoking. Now that the Newman Hall case is over, says The London World, one is at hiberty to comment upon the evidence. I must say I am at a loss to understand why the practice of cigarette-smoking among ladies seems to be generally regarded by counsel as the usual accompaniment of, or prelude to, immorality. One would not be astonished were this conclusion to be jumped at by the ignorant and narrow-minded among us, to whom each new departure from the manners and customs of our forefathers seems to be fraught with moral and spiritual danger but one is surprised to find enlightened men—who, over and over again, must have found themselves in the company of ladies irreproachable in character, and who yet may have occasionally taken a whiff at a cigarette—pandering to the prejudices of the million. "But there were yet graver matters," Sir Henry James is reported to have remarked in his opening address; and he then went on to enlarge upon the respondent's habit of smoking cigarettes. I can remember, some years ago, a case of a similar nature—the lady was also an enthusiastic votary of the chase—and it transpired in the course of the evidence that she was in the habit of smoking in the stable in the company of a favourite groom. A shudder was also an enthus a through the whole court; and the smok.

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THESE old turtle stories are growing very numerous. Mr. Slathers has just caught one down by the river whose back was encrusted with old red sandstone which revealed, when scraped off, the following inscription; "Shem, Ham and Japhet, Mount Ararat, A. M. 1656."

rative to health. There are many people who have a violent objection to the smell of tobacco, and I am told that this has a good deal to do with the fact that smoking is considered to be so demoralizing to the female sex. One can quite understand this objection. I object myself strongly to the smell of coliver-oil, castor-oil, rhubarb and magnesial in the use of their odour. I should be sorry to brand as immoral all persons who, having found these drugs beneficial, persisted in the use of them, notwithstanding my dislike to their odour. "I always fancied," the wife of a great smoker remarked to me naively the other day. "that smoking was good for

Death of Leonard Monteiore.

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The Ralance of Nature.

It is difficult to convey an adequate idea of the number of individual fish which may compose a shoal of herrings, and it has been averred that they would impede navigation were it not for the vast number of agencies that are at work to prevent an undue increase of their number. As the result of recent enquiry, we have been informed that the quantities which man takes from the vater for food uses do not represent a the tof what are captured by the sea-birds or devoured by marine enemies. As the erring is the only fish of which attained of the capture are collected and tabulated are in possession of figures which affect us a rough idea of the numbers annually wand drawn from the sea for food purposes. In a recent year, sufficient herrings were taken drawn from the sea for food purposes. In a recent year, sufficient herrings were taken to fill a million barrels: and as each barrel contains on an average 700 fish, we have thus a number equal to 700,000,000. Quantity, it must be observed, represents cured fish only, and only those which are caught in Scotland under the superintending of the Fishery Roard. ence of the Fishery Board. It is pretty certain that as many herrings are captured and offered for sale as fresh tish and "reds" certain that as many herrings are captured and offered for sale as fresh fish and "reds" as are cured for the markets in Sociland and offered for sale as salt herrings; which gives us the prodigious total of 1,400,000,000 withdrawn annually from the ses; and even this number, vast as it is, does not include what are used in the form of white bait, or those which are sold as aprats.

After draining the sea to such an extent it might almost be supposed that there would be scarcely so many herrings left as would suffice for a breeding stock; but the demands of man are a mere fraction of what are taken out of the shoals. All that are captured, as well as all that are wasted during the capture, and destroyed in the process of curing, sink into insignificance when compared with the vastness of the the demands of the fish. Cod and ling are known to fit the fish. Cod and ling are known to grey extensively on the herring; and a calculation, based on the number of cod and ling annually caught under the anapices of the Scotland Board of Fisheries, (2,500,000 were taken in 1876,) assumes that there is a capital stock of these fish in the Scottish firths and seas of 70,000,000 individuals; fand that each individual consume; 420 here.

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About the Flies.

Now that the fly season is about ended, the Boston Transcript finds room for these You can sometimes catch a base ball on

The Latin name for a certain kind Tempus fugit.

The fly is an author. See "Flies on Horses."

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