

Miscellaneous.

Miss Florence Nightingale, at the age of 74, is enjoying excellent health. She is a rich woman, having, besides some private means, the \$250,000 publicly subscribed for her by the English people at the close of the Crimean war.

William Pole, the great authority on whist, is an expert civil engineer, a skilful organist and a man of large learning in such matters as steam engines, railways, armor plate, drainage and army ordnance. He was born before the battle of Waterloo.

An offer of \$5,000 for the best picture painted by an American artist, has been made by William L. Elkins, to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. The conditions and details of the award are being arranged by a committee appointed for the purpose.

"Gyp," the writer of sensational novels, is Mme. de Martie. She is 44 years old, was born in Brittany, and is a great-niece of Mirabeau. She married at 19, and her eldest child, a boy, is 20 years of age. She lives quietly at Neuilly, a suburb of Paris, famous for its annual fete.

Queen Ranavalona, of Madagascar, absolute and dusky ruler of 3,500,000 persons, takes her sovereignty very thoroughly, but very lazily. She has no children and spends her time wearing Paris gowns, munching betel, a Madagascar comfit, gossiping with the ladies of her court and playing cards. She is a handsome woman, with an intelligent face that indicates much more wisdom than her rule displays.

Plans are asked from the architects throughout the world for building a museum of Egyptian antiquities at Cairo. The cost of the building is limited to \$600,000, and the prizes offered for best five plans are \$3,000 for the first prize, and a like sum to be divided among the other four. Plans must reach Cairo by March 1 next. Details may be obtained by addressing Mr. Frederick C. Penfield, United States Consul, Cairo, Egypt.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Viking Committee in Chicago that of all men in America who have brought the Scandinavian race prominently before the American people, the leading one was Paul du Chailla. For that reason the committee, through John Anderson, its president, invited him to go to Chicago on October 9 (Chicago Day), and to make the speech presenting the Viking ship to the Field Museum. This is the same brother Paul, says *Harper's Weekly*, who fell heir the other day to a fortune bequeathed to him by an admiring friend. Wealth and honors seem to have a tendency to accumulate on him. It should be remembered that it is not by being a Norseman himself that he has brought the Scandinavian race before the public, but only by being the author of "The Land of the Midnight Sun."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.,
18th August, 1894.

To whom it may concern—and that is nearly everybody.—This is to certify that I have used Coultts & Sons' "Acetocura" on myself, my family and hundreds of others during the past fifteen years for headache, toothache, rheumatism, sciatica, sprains, cuts, boils, abscesses, scarlet fever, chills and fever, and also with good success on myself (as I was able) in an attack of yellow fever. I can hardly mention all the ills I have known its almost magical power in curing, such as croup, diarrhoea, biliousness, and even those little but sore pests to many people—corns. The trouble is with patients, they are so fond of applying where the pain is—and not where directed, at the nerve affected. And the trouble with the druggists is that they also want to sell "Something just as good," which very often is worse than useless.

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CAPT. W. M. SOMERVILLE.

Late of U. S. Engineer Service, and formerly of the Marine Department, Canada.

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According to the *Medical Press*, in Germany a man who loses both his hands in an accident can claim the whole of his life insurance money, if he be insured, on the ground that he has lost the means of maintaining himself. A loss of the right hand reduces the claim to from 80 to 70 per cent. of the total.

Parisians, who have been waiting fully twenty years for a railway through their city to relieve the street traffic appear at last on the point of obtaining it. The question is being seriously studied, and a scheme has been accepted as far as the technical part of it is concerned. It only remains to settle the financial part.

The official statistics of the number of suicides in Paris during 1893 has just been issued. The total number of self-murders was 953. Of the total, 231 drowned themselves, 113 used guns and revolvers, 98 of the shots being in the head; 71 stabbed themselves to death, 62 used poisons, 4 asphyxiated and 77 threw themselves from high buildings, monuments, etc. The remainder are put down in a businesslike manner as "unclassified."

REV. P. C. HEADLEY, 697 Huntington Avenue, Boston, U.S.A., April 2nd, 1894, writes:

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Reports of the ravages by great packs of gray wolves come from Eastern Montana. Stockmen report wolves more numerous and bold than any time in the history of Montana stock raising. Hundreds of head of grown stock have been killed, and the number of calves slaughtered is very large. In bands the gray wolves have been known to attack almost anything.

A Jap's opinion of the Manchester Ship Canal:—"The trip through the canal reminded me of travelling in the interior of Corea in summer days. It was not hot, but rather cold; still, the pretty strong smell emanating from the dead water of the canal was somewhat like the peculiar smell of the crowded mud huts of the Coreans. I think I will try no more again. The canal itself is, no doubt, a splendid work, but it looks rather gloomy."

Dr. Paul, of St. Cuthbert's, says a writer in *Longman's Magazine* used to tell how the first Italian music-master who came to Edinburgh, being a Roman Catholic, had no place to worship with his fellows, and used to wander about the streets on Sundays. One day he was passing the town church as service was drawing to a close. The Italian drew near and was startled. He said to the beadle: "What is that horrible noise?" The beadle, much scandalized, answered: "That's the people praising God." "Do the people think their God likes to hear that horrible noise?" "To be sure; of course He does." The sad foreigner rejoined, "Then their God must have no ear for music," and, sorrowfully shaking his head, he walked away.

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Dr. Evan's Open Letter.

CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED BY THE CANADA FARMERS' SUN.

Miss Koester and Her Parents Endorse the Statements Contained in the Open Letter—The Doctor's Action in Making the Facts Public Fully Justified.

From The Farmers Sun.

In an open letter published in the Canada Farmer's Sun of Sept. 19, over the signature of Dr. Evans, of Elmwood, attention was called to the remarkable case of Miss Christina Koester, of North Brant, who was attended by the doctor in March, 1892, when suffering from inflammation of the left lung, which subsequently developed all the signs of consumption. In June of the same year she wasted to a skeleton, and was suffering from an intense cough with profuse expectoration of putrid matter, accompanied by hectic fever. Her recovery was despaired of until Dr. Evans, at a stage when other remedies had proved valueless, administered Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Within a week the symptoms had abated, and a month after the change of medicine Miss Koester was able to drive to Elmwood, a distance of six miles, and was in good health, except for the weakness occasioned by so long an illness.

The publication of the doctor's statement, of which the above is a condensation, created considerable interest, especially when it was rumored that Dr. Evans was likely to be disciplined by the Medical Council for his action in certifying to the efficacy of an advertised remedy. A representative of The Canada Farmers' Sun was commissioned to carefully investigate the matter and ascertain how far the doctor's statements were corroborated by the patient's family.

An interview with Christina Koester, her father and mother, was held at the homestead in the Township of North Brant. Miss Koester is a well developed, healthy looking girl of eighteen years of age. She stated that she was now in the enjoyment of perfect health and able to do her part in the labours of the farm, and had not since her cure had any recurrence of her former trouble.

Tado Koester, father of Christina, said that the statement as published in Dr. Evans' open letter as to his daughter's recovery was correct. She was first taken sick about the 15th of March, 1892, of inflammation of the left lung, and after treatment by Dr. Evans seemed to recover after about two weeks, but again relapsed with the apparently hopeless conditions described in the letter. She was terribly wasted. Every night she coughed up a large bowlful of fetid matter. The family had completely given up all hopes of her recovery, and for two nights sat up with her expecting that she would die. After beginning the Pink Pills a change for the better was speedily noticeable. The cough began to discontinue and in one month had entirely ceased, when, as stated in the doctor's letter, she was sufficiently recovered to drive to Elmwood. She continued taking the pills until October. Christina had been quite well since and this fall had been pitching sheaves and helping in the harvest field.

Mrs. Koester concurred with her husband's statements throughout, and was emphatic in testifying to Christina's reduced and weakly condition at the crisis of the disease and the completeness of her recovery.

In view of the corroboration by Miss Koester and her parents of the statements made in Dr. Evan's letter, all doubts in the matter must be at rest, and the doctor's action in giving the facts of this remarkable case to the public is fully justified.

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