

HERE AND THERE.

Of 26,000 criminals arrested in Paris, 16,000 had not attained the age of 20.

The first maps of Africa published gave that continent seventeen rivers where not one single stream existed. Geographers probably reasoned that the natives required a great deal of water to keep clean.

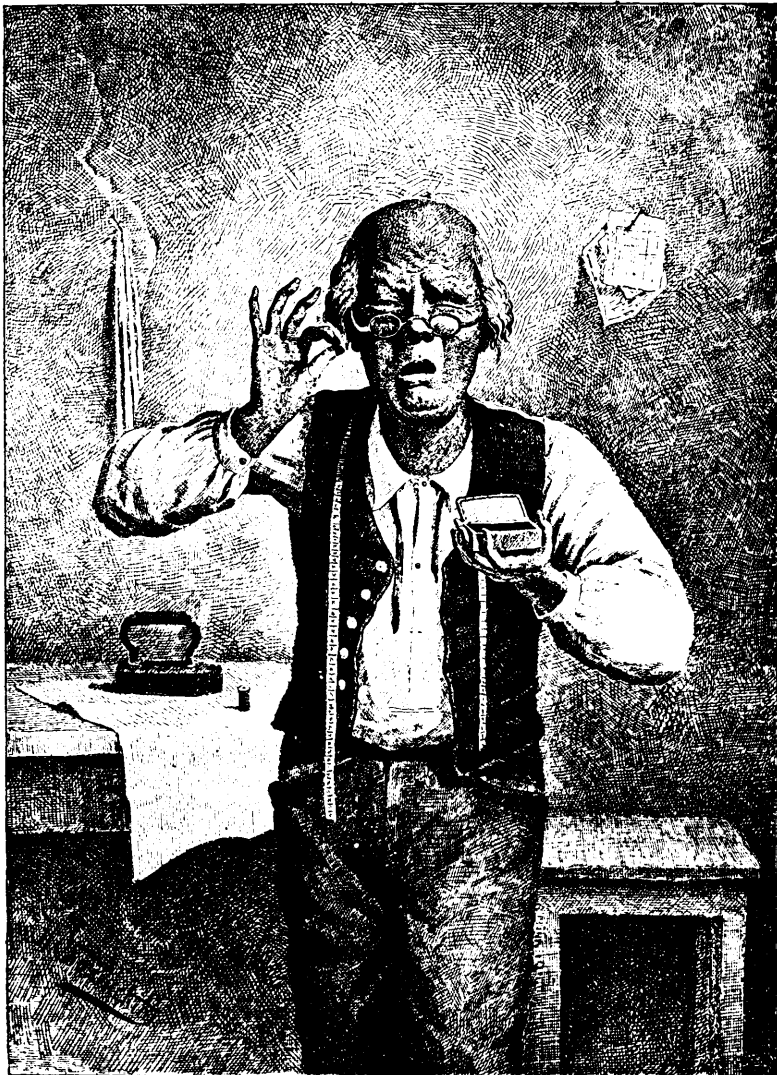
A young man while bird's-nesting in Scotland this summer, came upon an urn sticking out of the ground. It was found to contain three hundred silver coins of the Scottish kings, Robert Bruce and David II., and is believed to be associated with the battles between the English and the Scotch armies in 1346.

The giant diamond lately discovered in Cape Colony, and now at the Paris Exposition, weighs 180 carats, and is valued at \$3,000,000. It is kept in a glass case by itself, and guardians stand around it all day. At night it is placed in a big safe, which is similarly guarded all night. It is said to be of the first water and as pure as the famous Regent in the French crown diamonds.

Sponges are brought from Turkey and the West Indies, but the finest are found on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. When sponges are first brought out of the water they look like beef liver, being dark, and filled with a sticky, jelly-like substance. The frame work or skeleton of the sponge is made up of tough fibres, which comes to us after the jelly-like substance has decayed and been thoroughly washed out with sea-water.

There are now 600 Irish ladies, impoverished because unable to collect any rent for their property, selling their work through the agency of a London committee headed by the Queen and having the Princess Louise for one of its members. Open-worked table linen and bed spreads constitutes the greater part of the exhibition of these ladies' work, but embroidery of many sorts, and bonnets, hats and caps are included in it.

A ROBIN VANQUISHES A CAT.—This morning a young robin, in trying to fly from its nest in one of the tall trees in front of the court house, fell on the grass plat. A large cat sprang into the yard, and taking the bird into its mouth started with it toward the barn. The bird gave a cry, when the parent robin flew from the tree and attacked the cat with such firmness that puss dropped the bird. The cat then backed up against the fence and showed fight. The old bird, not one bit dismayed, with bill wide open, feathers ruffled and screaming with rage, struck the feline twice. The fur flew. The cat was so frightened that it ran away as fast as it could and crawled under the corner of a building. —Kingston Freeman.



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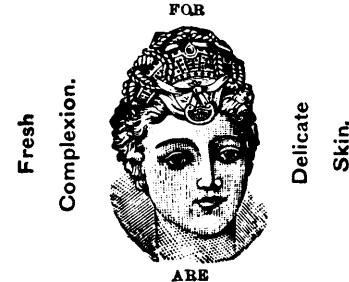
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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

All even numbered sections, excepting 8 and 26, are open for homestead and pre-emption entry.

ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:

1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.
2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken in the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.
3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second, cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.

Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent.

Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD

may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.

All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A. M. BURGESS, Deputy Minister of the Interior, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.