

and the Indian Ocean. From a navigable point on the Congo it is less than 100 miles to Lake Tanganyika. The Aruwini runs as near the Nile. It is possible to start at the mouth of the Zambesi and reach the mouth of the Congo or Nile with less than 200 miles of land to travel, and the key and centre to this great system is now in English hands.

Admiral von Werner, a high authority in naval matters in Germany, describes in a work recently published the behaviour of armor-plate men-of-war in a heavy sea. He says: "Even with a moderate gale and sea an armor-plate cruiser, if going against the wind, will find herself in conditions similar to those of a storm—at least the crew will have that impression. The movements of the stern of the ship are violent and exceedingly disagreeable. The waves pushed by the advancing prow sweep continually over the ship from bow to stern. All windows and portholes must be closed, and air reaches the lower decks, only through the artificial ventilators. With the exception of the specially protected command bridge, all the uncovered portions of the ship are impassable; thus the whole crew must bear as well as they can the hell of the closed decks. On such a ship no one can feel comfortable; and when there is a storm in which a sailing ship would feel comparatively at ease, the crew of an armor-plated ship imagines itself to be in a heavy hurricane which threatens destruction at every minute. The long, narrow forepart of the ship, which is not borne lightly by the water, and is rendered extremely heavy by the mighty ram and the armoured deck and the cannon and torpedoes, forces the ship in a high sea to pitchings and rollings of such an extraordinary kind that they cannot be described. The crew of such a ship is not only exposed to mortal dangers, but the voyages they make render them extremely and dangerously nervous; the mental impressions they receive wear them out and make the profession hateful."

#### A Novice.

"I thought I had me man," said the detective. "But it didn't take him long to convince me that he had never been here before."

"How did he do it?"

"Unconsciously. He asked me where he could get a drink on Sunday."

#### A Scottish Estate.

Lord Breadalbane is credited with owning the most magnificent residence in Scotland. His lordship can ride 100 miles west from Taymouth Park to Ardmarnock castle, on the Argyshire coast, without setting foot off his possessions.

#### Glass for Fire Screens.

A new glass for fire screens is made by Herr R. Zsigmondy by adding tenuous salts to ordinary glass. It is claimed that the absorption of heat rays is very largely increased, without affecting the transparency to light rays.

#### Question for Question.

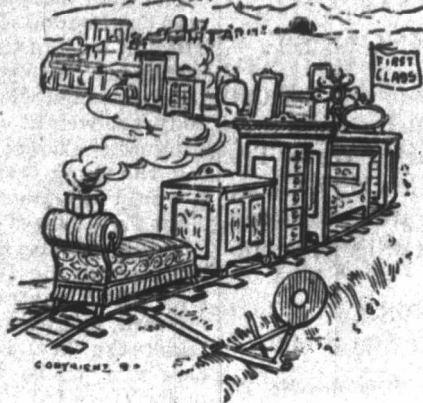
Some rude speeches merit rude answers. "Are you the waiter?" asked an overdressed woman of a guest at an evening party recently.

"No," replied the man, "I am not; are you the chambermaid?"

#### Sent to an Asylum.

Mrs. Fanny Chin, the famous colored singer, who toured Europe a few years ago, has been sent to an asylum, suffering from alcoholism. She was on the verge of delirium tremens when arrested.

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