

THE OLD LAND.

Many Interesting Happenings Reported From Britain.

Five Swazi chiefs arrived in London on Saturday on an expedition to pay their respects to the "Great White King." They had an interview with the Colonial Secretary, Lord Elgin, on Tuesday, and the King has promised to receive the deputation.

The Swazis inhabit a healthy tableland in the southeast of Africa, bordering on Portuguese East Africa, of which it is a dependency. The paramount chief is a lad of eight years of age, named Buzulu, who is now under the regency of his grandmother, Lobatsibeni. The deputation consists of his grand-uncle, Nongogo, his uncle, Malingo, Mankinkiki, the chief of the Transvaal colony, of which it is a dependency. The paramount chief is a lad of eight years of age, named Buzulu, who is now under the regency of his grandmother, Lobatsibeni. The deputation consists of his grand-uncle, Nongogo, his uncle, Malingo, Mankinkiki, the chief of the Transvaal colony, of which it is a dependency.

A house in Bayswater has been hurriedly furnished for its use. A reception of tailors and outfitters was held on Saturday afternoon, and suits and boots in the most correct fashion were ordered. On Sunday morning they sallied out in the glossiest of silk hats and visited St. Paul's Cathedral. In the afternoon, however, they refused to wear their tall hats, and returned to their own helmets.

There would seem to be nothing that London can show that can betray them for more than a moment into an exhibition of enthusiasm or even astonishment. They look frankly bored with everything and everybody. Astonishment and bewilderment only overcame them once. That was at Mrs. Tussaud's.

One of the cells in the Chamber of Horrors quite upset their nerves. The figure stood leaning over a saw in an interval of work. A chief approached cautiously, and picked up some sawdust—it was real. He lightly touched the criminal's arm. The illusion was magnificent, and he called his companions to admire. At this point, however, the carpenter suddenly resumed work, and the chiefs fell back gasping.

The mission is one of the most important of its kind in recent years, as it represents a definite national grievance. The Swazi nation is at present smarting under a sense of injustice as they claim—done them by the Imperial Government. By the conventions between Great Britain and the Transvaal in 1881, 1884 and 1894, the independence of the Swazis was, they assert, preserved to them, but after the war new regulations regarding the country were issued by Lord Milner, the then High Commissioner. It is these regulations which in various aspects have aroused the ire of the Swazis, as they consider they destroy any measure of independence hitherto possessed by them.

The seriousness of the situation lies in the fact that no change in the Government ordinances is likely at this time to gain by when it was possible to maintain the policy of "Swaziland for the Swazis only." In that event there is bound to be considerable national dissatisfaction.

Then, taking a Bible in her hands she read from the gospel of St. Luke till she came to the words, "It was founded upon a rock." Extending her arms and closing her eyes, the child preacher cried, "Lemptation is great. Satan's power is great, too. But if we build upon the rock we shall be safe. Jesus is knocking at the door to-night—at this moment. He calls. You must come—that is all. Get down on His feet. Just say, 'I have come.' Get down on your knees—He will lift you up. Come now—not to-morrow, or next week, or next year, but now!"

ROADS FOR MOTORISTS ONLY.

Application will be made to Parliament next session for powers to construct a great trunk road from London westwards, for the exclusive use of mechanically propelled and treaded vehicles. The object is to provide a means of reaching the main western roads without traversing the tortuous and narrow streets outside the metropolis. The proposed road will lead from Latimer road, Shepherd's Bush, to a point about two miles east of Datchet.

MARRIAGES IN PORTUGAL.

Wedding Without Wooing—Acquaintances Made at Cattle Fairs. Donna Felisena was a friend and contemporary of my aunt, writes a correspondent of the Cornhill Magazine from Portugal. One fine day—she was then 15 and unpromised as far as she knew—to her came her mother, bidding her prepare without delay to go to church, "for it is necessary that you make confession." At the altar her bridegroom declined to receive his portrait, and she was left with a long peddled aristocratic.

ORATORIO IN A PRISON.

The inmates of Wandsworth Prison, numbering over 1,000, have just had an experience which they are likely to forget. The Brixton Oratorio Choir, consisting of seventy trained voices, visited the prison and sang for their selections from "St. Paul" and "Elphig." It was a wonderful sight to see the prisoners listening, straining forward to catch every note and word. The governor said there never had been such a scene.

DIED FROM OVERWORK AT 19.

A tragedy of the struggle for life in the East End was heard by Mr. Wynne Baxter, the coroner, at Poplar, on Saturday. A sickly girl, Louisa Ellen Archer, aged nineteen, and her sister were supporting their invalid mother and themselves at Blount street, Poplar. For three months she had been attending the local dispensary, and the doctor had cautioned her against the danger of overwork. She was a tea racker. The other night, after returning home, she dropped dead, the result of heart failure and exhaustion.

LOVER'S LOVE OF MONEY.

Amusing evidence was given at the Four Courts, Dublin, recently, in an action in which Catharine Coghlan, of Kishineu, Clondalkin, County Dublin, obtained £250 damages for breach of promise of marriage against Patrick McKenna, a farmer, of Raheny, and formerly a member of the R. I. C. The parties became acquainted in November, 1906, and on the 29th of that month they met by appointment in Dublin and had a walk in the People's Gardens, Phoenix Park. It was there that the promise was made.

CHILD PREACHER.

"I have received a Divine call to preach the gospel," it has pleased Jesus to see even me—a little girl! These were the words on Sunday of Frances Bradley Storr, the thirteen-year-old Doncaster girl who, after an extraordinary success as a child preacher in the north of England, has arrived in London to be the central figure of a special five weeks' mission.



King Alfonso of Spain in the full uniform of Colonel of Asturias hussars; from a snapshot taken at the wedding of Princess Astoria of France.

INDIAN BOW AND ARROW.

Materials From Which They Were Made—The Quiver. The bows of the North American Indians were made of wood, bone, or of horn. Sometimes the bow was made of a single piece of wood, sometimes of several pieces; perhaps it was of wood alone, or it might be backed by sinew or by the skin of some animal. The material for the weapon was gathered, says Forest and Stream, whenever it was possible, and a man might have in his lodge a number of sticks each of which he intended ultimately to fashion into a bow, or, if he did not live long enough for this, the bow wood would descend to his heirs. As the most important implement of hunter or warrior the bow was highly valued.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

First-Nipped Tomatoes—If frost catches green tomatoes on the vine, remove the large stem once, wrap each in newspaper, pack in a wooden box, cover with paper, nail lid on, place in a cold, dark cellar, and you can have ripe tomatoes for the Christmas dinner.

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N. S. Lost Marathon Race.

They explain that their favorite had had corn. All the dealers and by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., and Kingston, Ont.

TEXAS DEER HUNTERS.

There were not less than 300 deer killed in Southwest Texas on the first day of the present hunting season, which opened Nov. 1. The new game law shortens the deer hunting season to two months and reduces the number that one person may kill in a season to three bucks. Previously the number was six bucks and the season was three months long. This "tightening up" of the sport caused many hunting parties to go after the game on the first day of the season.

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MOORS TREAT SLAVES BETTER.

A CONTRAST TO EUROPEANS IN DEALING WITH NEGROES.

Slave Dealing in Morocco Respectable—Slaves Cheap and Said to be Contented—Cruelties in the Congo and in Portuguese West Africa—Slave Mart.

A two hours' journey from England's greatest military post, Gibraltar, brings one into a country where slavery still flourishes as it has flourished for centuries. In Morocco human beings are bought and sold every week in the market place into many cattle or pieces of merchandise. There many cattle or pieces of merchandise. There one can buy a slave as easily and inexpensively as one can purchase clothes in another country.

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or four years, and the same condition is said to be true of other parts of the Rio Grande border region.—From the Kansas City Times.

REPAIRING THE SMOKER'S FAVORITE PIPE.

When the meerschaum pipe is fractured there is still hope for it, according to the Technical World Magazine, which gives the following recipes for its repairing: Clean a clove or two of garlic (the fresher the better) by removing all the outside hull of skin; throw into a little mortar and mash to a paste. Rub this paste over each surface to be united and join quickly. Bring the parts as closely together as possible and fasten in this position. Have ready some boiling fresh milk; place the article in it and continue the boiling for 30 minutes. Remove and let cool slowly. If properly done, this makes a joint that will stand any ordinary treatment, and is nearly invisible. For composition, use a cement made of quicklime, rubbed to a thick cream with egg albumen.

THE SMART SET BEGINS THE YEAR 1908 MOST AUSPICIOUSLY.

The Smart Set begins the year 1908 most auspiciously. Its contributors number many of the most notable living writers. The novelle is from the pen of that always delightful author, Anne Warner. It is entitled, "Wanted—An Original Gentleman," and concerns the whimsical adventures of a young man who believes himself stranded in Europe and answers a curious advertisement. Vance Thompson has never written a better piece of work than his brief sketch, "The Mona Lisa." In "The God of Art," Kate Masterson writes a charming little sketch of Bohemian life; "His Silent Partners," by John Reganutt Ellyson, is a beautiful romance; "In

The Trying Period for Girls is From Fifteen to Eighteen Years.

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George A. Hibbard and John F. Fitzgerald. BOSTON'S MAYOR AND ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES IN CAMBRIA.