

VARIETIES.

WHAT IS A 'SNOP'?—Thackeray, in one of his lectures, said there were not as many snops in this country as in his, but there were some. If the reader will follow us through his definition of a snop, and then look round up the community, he will begin to suspect that the class is large and respectable. Said Thackeray: "A snop is that man or woman who always pretends, before the world to be some thing better—especially rich—than he is really. It is a snop who thinks his own position in life contemptible, and is always yearning and striving to force himself into one above, without education or characteristics which belong to it; one who looks down upon despise, and over-rides his inferiority, even equals of his own standing, and is ever ready to worship, fawn upon, and flatter a rich or titled man, not because he is a good man, a wise man, or a Christian man; but because he has the luck to be rich or consequential."

An eccentric individual in Gloucester, Massachusetts, has built a vessel, but having been informed, as he supposes, by the spirit of his deceased father, that he would not live six months after his vessel was launched, he immediately procured the assistance of several of his neighbors, loaded her on wheels, and with several yoke of oxen she was drawn into the river at low water, and placed upon blocks, where she remained till high water, when she was floated. She is named the Lyfranca, and built from "The Kingdom of God." She is believed to be the only vessel ever built that was not launched.

We know an honest blacksmith in this city who clears two dollars a day on an average, while one of his neighbors is starving on his profession. A very mischievous little child. We know a lady who, a dozen years ago, could not read the letters of her own name, working at a trade. One of the young girls is now officiating in the capacity of quartermaster general in a military music-graduate, while the other is foreman of an institution for training fools. —Cleveland True Democrat.

Centenarian's Discovery.—The Corriere Mercantile of Genoa quotes a letter of the 15th ult., mentioning the discovery at Pompeii of three human skeletons, evidently belonging to one family, together with that of a dog. The positions in which they were found lead to the presumption that they were engaged in flight at the time of the eruption, but were overtaken by the lava, the dog refusing to leave his master. They had bags of gold and silver coin with them; one of the skeletons still displaying rings and ornaments, was that of a young girl, probably the daughter of the fugitives.

Macaulay's History.—The third volume of "Macaulay's History" (according to a recent London letter in the New York Tribune) had appeared in a few weeks, the celebrated author having at last delivered his MS. to his publisher. His friends never believed that he would be able to finish it, and the extensive use of opium to which he is addicted, has destroyed his health.

"The Cause of our Saviour." The Journal de Bruxelles says, that the Pope has sent the Duke of Brabant a fragment of the wood of the manger which formed the cradle of our Saviour. When this precious relic was presented to his Royal Highness, he is said to have been much affected. He is aged 18 years.

The population of Ireland is diminishing. The island once contained a population of 100,000; but now the number is 48,000. The poorer people suffer much from the severity of the climate, and from leprosy diseases induced by the dirtiness of their habits, and the coarse, unwholesome food on which they subsist.

The Bostonians have a story of a widow who was so inconsolable for the loss of her husband, that she took another to keep her from fretting herself to death.

"How do you do, Mrs. Fanny, have you heard that story about Mrs. Laidy?" "Why, no, Mrs. Gay, what is it?"

"Oh, I promised to tell for the world. No, I must say, tell me what it is."

"Why, she never told us as long as she lived, but she told us the world."

"Now you must say anything about it, will you?"

"No, I will never open my mouth about it, sacredly."

"Well, if you believe Mrs. Fanny told me, last night, that Mrs. Fanny's oldest daughter told Mrs. Laidy that she heard Mrs. Fanny tell Mrs. Blato, that a milliner told her that she was..."

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