

Spofforth, the Australian demon bowler, is, it is stated, about to qualify for Derbyshire county, and with that object in view will shortly take up his residence in Derby.

Hanlan has again been beaten on the Paramatta River, N. S. W., by Kemp, an Australian oarsman. As we remarked last year, it is about time that Hanlan retired.

Prince Christian Victor, who is going to India in November to join the King's Royal Rifle Corps, of which the Duke of Cambridge is colonel, is a strong built, athletic young man, a good cricketer and a fine rider.

It appears that the vendetta is not altogether confined to Corsica. The English physician who was obliged, in self-defence, to pistol a murderous gypsy guide in the tower of Seville cathedral, has been followed to England and dogged ever since by avenging members of the tribe.

A British correspondent, writing on the Austrian manoeuvres, has some strong remarks on the loose discipline and inattention to orders of the men, and says that they looked used up, dirty and over-burdened. Austria has often been spoken of as lacking intelligent officers, and all the correspondent saw confirmed the opinion.

The King of Greece has been carrying out extensive alterations to his palace at Copenhagen. He has purchased the beautiful estates of Smidstrensgaard, along with an extensive forest. It is believed in Denmark that King George intends to abdicate next summer when the Prince of Sparta marries the Princess Sophia.

Surrey has won the county championship at cricket in England, scoring 12 games won, 1 drawn, and 1 lost, out of 14 games. Surrey thus wins two years in succession, and its first eleven are said to be able to stand against all England. Kent and Yorkshire were even, on the percentage of wins and losses, for second place.

The death is announced of Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor of Queensland, a gentleman who has had a long career as a Colonial Governor, his governments having included St. Vincent, Newfoundland, British Columbia, Natal, South Australia, and Jamaica. Sir Anthony was uncle to the lady who recently favored us with an interesting paper on Jamaica.

The Chinese Government is reported to be inciting the Tibetans to continue hostilities while it is trying to hoodwink that of Great Britain by promising that everything will be made right if the English will only have patience. "For ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain the He-then Chinese is peculiar, which the same I am free to maintain."

The French are much elated over their Label rifle and smokeless and almost noiseless powder, and begin to think themselves invincible again, and to taunt Germany with panic because the latter has not yet succeeded in manufacturing a smokeless explosive. This advantage, it is true, does warrant some exultation, as an attacking force would no longer know what is in front of them by the smoke.

In the National Library at Paris there is a Spanish globe 350 years old, on which the Congo follows in a remarkable manner the course now given to that river on the maps. All the best maps in the sixteenth century showed the Congo as rising in a lake far inland, while in this century we first tried to identify the Congo with the Niger and then for many years made it flow north. Those old geographers and hydrographers evidently knew a thing or two.

By the death of his brother, Lord Sackville, Sir Lionel Sackville West, British Minister to Washington, becomes Lord Sackville and a peer of the realm. The late nobleman was also brother to Earl Delaware, Countess of Derby, and Countess of Bedford. Although this peerage was especially created for him, he played no part in public affairs, but held several ornamental posts at courts. He actually held the position of extra lord in waiting when he died.

The phonograph is serving a number of uses. One instrument concealed under the coat was discovered to be employed surreptitiously in stealing the score of a new opera; it was ejected. Many phonographs, it is said, are being employed by a number of actors and actresses as automatic teachers of elocution. Through the instrument they obtain an exact idea of their vocal expressions and learn by means of mimicry the precise qualities of their tones.

Perhaps the subtlest theory that has been advanced in regard to the Whitechapel murders is, that the perpetrator feigns an almost helpless state of drunkenness, and is followed by one of the women, always on the watch, who have the chance of making the most out of a drunken man by robbing him. The wretched creature would of course be completely surprised, probably with the murderer's arm already round her neck, when the transformation takes place from imbecility to deadly activity.

A Parisian glove seller was arrested recently for being too enterprising. He had his name and address stamped in bold characters on the inside of each glove, so that when worn for half an hour the legend was transferred to the hand of the wearer. For some time many of his lady customers were thus converted into advertising mediums, as the ink only wore off at the expiration of a number of weeks. What the man's object was is inconceivable, as he must have known that his scheme could only serve to injure him.

Tom King, the Pugilist, is dead, aged 53. He was a pupil of Jem Ward, one of the most famous and skilful of the Champions. King fought Jem Mace twice, being defeated by him in 1862, but wresting the Championship from him later on. He will always be remembered as having polished off Heenan, in 1863, in 25 rounds, lasting just as many minutes. King was a tremendous hitter, and deserves a high standing in the Ring for his honesty as well as his fighting. He often forbore to take advantage of an opponent.



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