

FARMING ON A DESERT.

Forty-three Fertile Spots on the Sahara Sands.

The desert of Sahara is the last place to which we would look for any important development of agriculture, yet the French have developed in the course of this desert the most important agricultural resources.

SPR. IN KENMORE.

Durham Brown's Letter Published Last Week Cause of Comment.

One of Many Such Cases in Kenmore—Dodd's Kidney Pills Well Known There—Mainstream Corroboration of Brown's Statement.

Kenmore, Jan. 15.—No little comment has been caused here by the publication of a letter signed by Durham Brown, in the papers last week.

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TELEGRAPHING TO A BALLOON

A Successful Attempt to Send a Wireless Message.

Two days ago the first attempt here to make use of wireless telegraphy from a balloon was made by three Austrian officers, associated in the military balloon Eagle, says a Vienna despatch in the London Daily News.

Professor Thuma, of the university here, was at the transmitting apparatus, which was placed on a table, and the wire of which had been carried up into the balloon to a height of 150 metres by a captive balloon.

Notes Dwart Dead. The dwarf of Imformine, Scotland, dropped down in Maygate, in this city, and was found expired. Gibson was upwards of 50 years of age, and for the past 45 years had been known as "Wee George".

This Ham Was Brittle. Mr. George H. Ham, of the advertising department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, accidentally slipped while emerging from the bath tub at his residence, Western avenue, Toronto, on Sunday morning, and broke a couple of ribs. Mr. Ham will be confined to bed for a few weeks in consequence.

A Liberal convention has been called for Wednesday evening to nominate a candidate for the approaching election for Winnipeg city.

THE AMENITIES OF WAR.

Laws and Etiquette That Limit Human Slaughter.

History contains precedents for all the incidents of the present struggle, says the London Naval and Military Record.

The practice of the Boers in picking out officers has been much commented on, and opinions have been expressed that if it is not against the laws it is certainly against the etiquette of warfare.

Wellington anticipated General Joubert's letter to George White's courtesy to relatives of their mortally wounded captives.

In a long war there often springs up a comradeship between the advance posts of opposing armies so that they do not injure or harass each other, except in the course of serious necessary movements.

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A MODERN GIANT

How He was Conquered by a Tiny, but Vicious Enemy.

Toronto, December 23.—Among the older generation, in Mulmur and Mono townships, Simcoe county, no man is better known, nor more highly esteemed than William Hall, formerly of Mono, but now a prominent Toronto contractor.



Some years ago, Mr. Hall was caught in a terrific rain storm, while returning home on foot, along a country road, a portion of which was "corduroy," running through an extensive swamp.

Only those who have suffered with Rheumatism can imagine the tortures he endured. Day and night, the agony burned into his nerves and muscles, making his life a ceaseless round of torment.

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Catarrah For Twenty Years.

Doctors gave up the case and said nothing could help.

Another remarkable cure added to the already long list which was effected by Catarrhozone.

Mr. Charles Stuart, of Allenford, writes: "For twenty-long years was I a great sufferer from Catarrah. I used, without avail, all the remedies advertised, changed my location, on the advice of my physician, did everything that lay in my power to do, but at last became resigned to my suffering."

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Is a guaranteed cure for CATARRH, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS.

Sold by all druggists. Complete outfit, consisting of hand rubber inhaler and sufficient liquid for two weeks' use, price \$1; extra inhalant, 50c per bottle.

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Beware of Ointments for Catarrah That Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces.

A Jest With a Moral. A Toronto lady writes to the Mail and Empire to say that before Christmas she sent two barrels of Canadian apples to friends in England.

Not a Mind Reader. "When will your new frocks be done, Amelia?" "I don't know; my dressmaker is very reserved, and has not yet taken down her confidence."

The Witness's Retort. The present Lord Chancellor was cross-examined at a shrewd business man some years ago, who rather "had" him.

The Year in Finance. Dun's Review says: The Canadian failures were 17 per cent. more in 1898, owing to the consequences of a heavy banking failure and one in iron mining and manufacture early in the year.

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STRAWY INDUSTRY OF GERMAN

Thousands of Persons Literally Live on It.

Thousands of persons in Germany live literally "on straw," making it up into baskets, panniers, boxes, knick-knacks, hats, bonnets, etc.

When ready for use it is spread out and exposed for three consecutive nights and days to the night dews and the hot sunshine of the lengthening days.

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The undersigned will pay ten cents each for copies of the following newspapers for the year 1899.

Vessels Lost at Sea. In all 1,141 vessels were lost at sea in the year ending Oct. 1. Of these 322 were steamers and 819 sailing craft.

Miller's Grip Powders cure. In 1885 only three bodies were disposed of by the London Cremation Society. In 1898 the number had risen to 240.

Military Motor Cycle. The new military motor cycle is a terrible engine of war. The machine is driven by an automatic petroleum motor, and mounts a twenty-seven pound automatic Maxim gun.

Odorless Crematory Closet. The Above Cut Represents One of the Most Useful Inventions of the Age in the Way of an Indoor Closet.

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A Fleishy Consumptive

Did you ever see one? Did you ever hear of one? Most certainly not. Consumption is a disease that invariably causes loss of flesh.

If you are light in weight, even if your cough is only a slight one, you should certainly take

Scott's Emulsion

of cod liver oil with hypophosphites. No remedy is such a perfect preventive to consumption. Just the moment your throat begins to weaken and you find you are losing flesh, you should begin to take it.

Broken down systems, shattered nerves and emaciated forms are rapidly restored by Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Billings' Brazer. Mrs. Billings (askle)—Goodness me! Here comes Mrs. Spruce with her smart-looking husband, and here John goes along by my side stopping and shuffling.

LOCAL PORTRAIT AGENTS WANTED for 1900, good chance. Postal for particulars. J. E. Schell, 31 Union Loan building, Toronto.

NOTICE TO HORSE OWNERS. It is well known fact that horses troubled with Bots in their Pasture, are soon cured of the disease.

PRAIRIE WEEED Heave Powder. Is composed of the Prairie Weed which has been found so effective in curing Heaves.

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"I find them the best preparation for colds, coughs and asthma."—Mrs. S. A. Watson, Temperance Lecturer.

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