

Any book of poems which has the word "tyrant" in it can not pass the Russian frontier. The Czar thinks it is a direct hit at him. An English book was lately tabooed because it contained the expression, "God's free air."

Mrs. Rider Haggard at the last Queen's "drawing-room" attracted much attention by her beautiful dress of grey and white satin, trimmed with butterflies of gold, a huge butterfly forming the front of the bodice. Her petticoat was gold brocade. There was so much that was novel in her costume that possibly her husband made it.

SURGEON T. H. PARKER, who was with Stanley in his last African expedition, vaccinated 40 native bearers with the party. An epidemic of small-pox breaking out 38 of the 40 passed quite unscathed, while the unvaccinated natives were dying like sheep around them. The other two, who showed imperfect marks, had slight attacks, from which they recovered unharmed.

When the Germans began to study the tribes around Astrolabe Bay, in New Guinea, awhile ago, they were very much interested to find that quite a number of Malay words had been incorporated into the various languages. The circumstance was easily explained by the fact that the Russian explorer had lived for some time among these peoples. It shows how easily it came about that these Papuan languages have a very large admixture of Polynesian and Malay elements.

"Never put a bird in the window!" says Oliver Thorne Miller in the Christian Union. "I rarely go into the street in summer, or even on a mild day in winter, that I do not see unfortunate canaries hung in the window. Even if the sun is not broiling the brains under the little yellow cap, a draught is blowing all the time over the delicate body. People have been told a thousand times that they must not put a bird in the window, yet how few are there in the draughts, yet how many in an open window!"

ONTARIO brides whose wedding gifts embrace so many appliances will be interested to know that the Archduchess Valerie of Austria received 12 suits of furniture, 7 pianos, 1 parlor organ, several thousand yards of old lace, 100 pairs of gloves, 100 pairs of stockings, 49 clocks, 10 water-color sketches, 600 pieces of china, 19 lamps, 70 bracelets, 45 rings, 9 watches, 87 diamond tiaras, 2 emerald and ruby coronets and a silver statue. Queen Victoria sent two India shawls, of course, and copies of her two books for the Archduchess's library.

The only Harvard College prize open to competition from both men and women is the Sargent prize of \$100 for the best metrical translation of some assigned ode of Horace, and a Canadian has captured it this year with the same assurance that characterized the recent winning of her sex at Cambridge University in England. The Harvard young woman, an "Annie girl," is Miss Helen Leach Reed. She comes from a family of literary tastes, has already done meritorious work in this direction, and is now writing her professional. She is a native of New Brunswick.

RECENT writers on Greenland say the Esquimaux have become so used to frequent intermarriage with the Danes that Scandinavian faces are as frequently met as Esquimaux in the native lands. At the present rate the native race of Greenland bids fair to disappear entirely with the next century unless it is preserved by the isolation of the people of St. John's Sound or the east coast. It is the old story of the stronger race absorbing the weaker, just as some of our Indian tribes are now made nearly white by the red, and will doubtless disappear, not by annihilation, but by absorption by the white race around them.

Julius Oats.
BELLVILLE, July 5.—In the case of Britton, Q.C., Kingston, vs. Stafford, a writ to compel payment of the return of a writ of \$275 and \$220 respectively, judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff.

Burned Out.
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 5.—The Grand Opera House was burned here Thursday night. Loss, \$500,000.

SUNDRIED, OUT, July 5.—A. E. Anderson's sawmill, with all the machinery in it, was burned to the ground Thursday night. Loss about \$4,000.

Three Election Appeals.
TORONTO, July 5.—Three Provincial election petitions were lodged yesterday with the registrar of the Court of Appeal. They are respectively against the return of Mr. Dunlop, the Conservative elected for North Renfrew; Mr. Charlton, the Liberal elected for South Norfolk; and Mr. Hugh Smith, the Conservative member for Frontenac. Bribery and corruption are alleged in each case.

Behring Sea Sealing.
OTTAWA, July 5.—The new orders to the United States revenue cutters leaving for Behring Sea are such as to prohibit seizures and prevent any international trouble. The Canadian sealing fleet now leaving for Behring Sea is about the same as last season's. Last season the number of seals caught by Canadian vessels in Behring Sea was 16,585, while the total catch was 29,570, valued at about \$300,000.

Testimonial to Mr. Preston.
TORONTO, July 5.—A splendid gathering of the Liberal party assembled at the Reform Club yesterday for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Mr. W. T. R. Preston, in recognition of his valuable services during the recent campaign. The testimonial took the form of an illuminated address, a magnificent gold watch and chain and a purse containing \$1,000. Mr. John Leys, ex-M.P.P., occupied the chair. A letter of regret was read from Hon. Edward Blake, and speeches were made by Hon. A. S. Hardy, Hon. G. W. Ross, James Cleland, M.P.P., Hon. J. M. Gibson, E. J. Davis, M.P.P., Dr. Gilmour and Joseph Tait, M.P.P.

"The Old Story."
The enormous success of the increasing sales of the "Athlete" and "Derby" cigarettes add another to the many proofs that a superior article is the sure road to success.

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Justin McCarthy Indisposed.
LONDON, July 5.—Justin McCarthy has been ordered by his physician to go immediately to Royat, in the south of France, to drink the waters at that resort.

A British Steamer Lost.
LONDON, July 5.—The British steamer Regius, bound for London, has been sunk by a collision with a local steamer, the Main, near Calcutta. The Main was slightly damaged.

The Anglo-German Convention Incomplete.
LONDON, July 5.—The Press Association says the Anglo-German convention signed on Tuesday is incomplete and a further convention is necessary.

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LONDON, July 5.—Mr. Caine has written to Mr. Gladstone that he has returned to the Gladstonian party and that he is prepared to accept home rule in principle, while reserving freedom as to the details.

The Queen's Present to Miss Tennant.
LONDON, July 5.—Queen Victoria has presented to Miss Dorothy Tennant, Mr. Stanley's fiancée, a miniature of her Majesty. The portrait is inclosed in a case set with brilliant, which also contains a lock of the Queen's hair.

Anarchy in Armenia.
LONDON, July 5.—A serious conflict between Turks and Montenegris has just occurred on the shores of the Lake of Scutari. The Turks were the aggressors. The British Charge d'Affaires has protested against the danger to the peace of the anarchy in Armenia to continue.

Newfoundland's Grievance.
LONDON, July 5.—Mr. Bryce presented in the House of Commons yesterday a petition from 15,000 inhabitants of Newfoundland, asking Parliament to remedy the grievances of the Newfoundland fishery men. In reply to a question Sir Jas. Ferguson said the Government did not recognize the alleged treaty rights of the French to catch lobsters and to establish lobster factories in Newfoundland.

Invited to Stanley's Wedding.
LONDON, July 5.—Mr. Stanley has sent cards for his marriage through Miss Tennant, to the Ragged School Union, with the suggestion that a dozen representative children from the Ragged School be invited to witness the ceremony at Westminster. The children of London might be invited to witness the ceremony at Westminster.

Abandoned.
LONDON, July 5.—In the House of Commons the Committee on Procedure negatived Mr. Gladstone's amendment against the suspension of bills from one session to another. The vote stood 11 to 9.

It is reported in Conservative circles that the Government will abandon the proposal to carry over bills.

Paris, July 5.—A curious incident happened at the Bidel Menagerie in the Neuilly Fair. While Salvador, the lion-tamer, was going through a performance with a tigress named Rosie the tail of the animal, which got between the bars of the cage, was grabbed by M. Meday, a tigger in an adjoining compartment. Employees rushed to the assistance of the tigger and Rosie, but failed to relieve her before M. Meday had, with teeth and claws, pulled the tail completely off.

Grievances of Armenian Christians.
CONSTANTINOPLE, July 5.—The Armenian patriarch has sent to the Sultan a note giving details of the grievances of the Armenian Christians. He says that numerous Armenians have been arrested on the pretext of doing wrong, that their churches have been profaned and their outrages committed against them. In conclusion he declares that he will resign the patriarchate unless the grievances complained of are remedied and justice done.

Heligoland.
LONDON, July 5.—Lord Salisbury announced in the House of Lords that the Anglo-German agreement was signed on Tuesday. He tabled a bill affirming the cession of Heligoland. He said the agreement made the inhabitants of Heligoland subject to German laws, a special exception being made in the case of those now living who could not be subject to conscription. The bill passed the first reading, and the second reading was fixed for Thursday next.

Burial of the Polish Poet.
LONDON, July 5.—The remains of the Polish poet Mikiewicz, which had been removed from the resting place at Montmorency, France, were interred at Cracow yesterday. The ceremony was witnessed by deputies representing the whole of Europe and one deputation from America.

In the funeral procession were numerous bands, the members of which were dressed in Polish national costume. The crypt where the remains were placed was filled with wreaths. The occasion was unmarred by any unpleasant incident.

Old World Wirelets.
Prince Bismarck has declined to contest Kaiser Wilhelm for the Reichstag.

The French naval authorities are training pigeons to fly from the vessels in the British Channel to the forts on the mainland. Sir James Fergusson states that the Gov-

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