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"BURNING STICKS."

Columbus' Impressions on His First In-treduction to Smoking Tobacco.

It was on the island of Cubs, in the autumn of 1492, that the use of tobacco was learned by Europeans. Columbus makes the first mention of the weed in his diary under date of Oct. 18. When he and his men landed on Cuban shores, the kindly natives, who mistook them for messengers from heaven, brought them numerous offerings. Among these, for messengers from heaven, brought them numerous offerings. Among these, as stated by the admiral in his diary, were some "dry leaves, which must be something much prized by them (the natives), for they had already brought me some in San Salvador as a prescut." Little bleed was paid to these leaves in the beginning by the Spaniards. They were in search of gold and saw no pos-sibility of converting miserable weeds into that precious commodity. In the course of time they began to notice the

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as the natives went to and from theivillages and the shore smoke escaper
from their mouths, "in a truly diaker
ical manner." Soon they discovere
that these unclad children of the wild
carried in their hands a "burningstick," which every now and then the
would put into their mouths and bloe
out a cloud of smoke. This had a meheathenish look, as it is recorded, to the
Spaniards, and they inquired, as well a
they could by signs, into the custom.
They learned that the burning stick
were composed of the dried leaves streasured by the natives, and that the
oustom of smoking the fragrant weed
was supposed to lessen fatigue on long
journeys. They tried it for themselveand found this actually to be the case.
On many a troublesome jaunt thereafter
they were refreshed as the pleasant perfume curled upward from their own
"burning sticks."—Detroit Journal.

SPECULATING ON SHIPS.

When a ship is overdue, an opportunity is sometimes afforded for a gamble at Lloyds. It can be readily understood that underwriters who are interested in

at Lloyds. It can be readily understood that underwriters who are interested in the "overdnes" are only too willing to get rid of the risk by paying a premium on the insured rate to those who are willing, on their terms to relieve them of their responsibilities. The premium varies with the chemes of the vessel turning up; the smaller the chances the higher the premium and vice versa. The rates paying on "overdnes" serve as accurate barometers of the probabilities or otherwise of the ship ever being heard of again. These underwriters who speculate on "overdnes" are generally known by the significant name of "doctors." The insurance on an "overdue" may pass through many channels before the ship is, on the one hand, "posted" at Lloyds as "missing." or, on the other hand, she arrives in safety.

A ship is never "posted" until the committee is thoroughly satisfied that her case is hopeless, and until the owner is of the same opinion. Before "posting" a notice is put up for a week inviting any information concerning the vessel. If this elicits no news, the committee at its next meeting votes the ship to missing." and a notice is posted ac-

vessel. If this elects no news, the com-nitee at its next meeting votes the ship as missing." and a notice is posted ac-co-dingly. The loss is then settled and paid for. It may be incidentally re-marked that "posting" at Lloyds con-stitutes a legal death certificate for any one on board the missing ships.—Good Words.

Smallest and Oddest Republica.

Goust is the smallest republic as to area, but Tavolara is the smallest republic as to propulation. Goust is only one mile in area. It is located on the flat top of a mountain in the Pyrenees. between France and Spain, and is recognized by both of those countries. It is governed by a president and a council of 12. It was established in 1848 and has 130 inhabitants. The president is tax collector, assessor and judge. Goust has no church, clergyman or cemetery. The people worship in a church outside of their own territory, and the dead bodies are slid down to a cemetery in the valley below. In that valley all the baptisms and marriages are performed. Tavolara is 12 miles northeast of Sardinia. It is an island five miles long by a half mile wide. Its total population consists of 55 men, women and children. The women go to the polis with the men and elect every year a president and council of six, all surving without pay. The inhabitants support themselves by fishing and raising fruit themselves by fishing and raising fruit and vegetables. The republic has no army and no navy.—Cincinnati En-

JUMPING A CLAIM.

The Old Miner Did It Despite In Yesnger Rivala.

"While I was out west last winter," remarked the man who travels around. a good deal and who always manages to find the funny side of life, "I chanced to pass a party who was engaged in running a prospect hole in a hill near the road. Curious to know what his prospects were, I rode over to where he was. He had takenout a considerable quantity of white quarts," but I could not discover any signs of color.

"The party was an old man who didn't seem to take kindly to my presence. I asked him what his prospects were, but he made no reply, so after looking around for a few minutes I rode on.

"I had not gone far when I was halled by a party lying concealed in the long grass.

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"Say, stranger,' he whispered, 'how is the old man gittin along?'

"I don't know,' I answered; 'I could get nothing out of him."

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"He thinks you're after the widder too.

"What widow? I asked.

"Why, the Widder Spriggans. You see thet thar claim belongs ter the widder. She lives down thar, an everyhody round yere is keepin an eye on thet thar claim. If hit pans out, they want ter marry her, but if hit don't pan out they don't want ter marry her, 'cause the widder without a gold mine ain't a payin investment. Ole man Bungs, thet's him' down, yander workin the claim, thought thet he would play smart an git the inside track by offerin ter work the claim fer nothin. But I'm goin ter fule him! The minute he yells an throws up his hat I'm goin ter scoot fer the widder's, an I've got hit figgered out thet I kin git thar five minutes before he does. You'd better move on now, stranger. The ole man may smell a rat an not trow up his hat hwen he strikes hit rich.

"I rode on, and a short distance farther en I was hailed by another party.

"Stranger, 'and he, 'how does the land lay down thar?"

"Are you after the widow also?" I asked.

"You bet,' he answered, slapping his

asked.

"You bet,' he answered, slapping his leg. 'I'm keepin my eye on Jim Piggans, who's hidin down thar in the grass. Jes' the minute thet I see him cinch up his belt I'm goin ter make tracks fer the widder's.'

beit I'm goin ter many time der's."

I'rode on without meeting any one else until I reached the house where the widow lived. Here I discovered an old man sitting upon a fence, and he immediately inquired how 'them thar critters were gittin on down below!

'I explained the situation to him, and as he shifted his position on 'the fence he said:

as he shifted his possessed as aid:

""Waal, hit won't do'em any good. I've jumped the claim. Me an the widder wuz married three hours ago. Hit may pan out, an hit may not. His's jes' a speculation. But, hang hit all, a man has got ter take some chances if he gits along in this world!" "—Detroit Free Press.

It Was a Dream!

The blue flame of the alcohol lamp burned fitfully in the slumbrous gloom of the darkened menisterial chambers, and the first sallow party rolled over and spoke. "Say. Sagasta," said he, "are you awake?"

"Um-rr-rh, yes. What is it, Aunon?"

"I've just had a lovely dream. Dreamed that Sampson was wiped off the face of the earth—another glorious Spanish victory."

tory."
"God! Just write another note to the powers, will you? And while you're up just cook me a pill—that's a good fellow."
—New Yark World.

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Tee Late.

"Willie," asked the fond father, "did you obey me and not eat any cherries from the tree today?"

"Yes, sir."

"That's a good boy. Here's a dime, and now we'll go out and eat some together."

"I cleaned 'em all out last night."—Detroit Free Press.

"You don't really care for that man, do you?" saked her dearest friend, who had just arrived at the seashore.
"Certainly not," she replied.
"Then why have you become engaged to him?"

"Because he was the only unmarried an here when I arrived."—Chicago Post Full of Resources.

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## KILLED THE GHOST

And According to Law he Did Not Commit Murder.

iliar Case Which Engaged the At-

volved, throws a strong sidelight on the superstitious degradation in which the lower strata of the rustic commun-ity of the Northwest provinces still remain. (The village in which the tra-gedy occurred is a tiny hamiet situ-ated some 65 miles away from the cadr station of Badano. It is admittedly common belief in the village that the ghost of a dereased banghi (described as a chief among thoots) infests the village, and takes up the form at one time of a buffalo, and at another of a man avisep near a pathway, and that man asleep near a pathway, and that he devours the unwary passer-by who inequitiously passes within striking dis-

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The accused, appollant in the case,
was described by the sessions judge
and by aggestrance a mirre boy, and by
the civil surgeon, as about 17 years old.
He had left his village at about 11 p.m.
on the night in question to attend, a
nautch at a neighboring village. He
had searcedy left behind him the inhabited portion of the village area when
in the moonlight be become conscious
of a form as of a siceping man, which
he at once recognized as that of the
thost, lying some three paces off the
pathway. So great was his terror that
it rooted him to the spot. He shouted
for help.

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The ghost seemed in his eyes to grow bigger and to be approaching. He could no longer articulate his fears, and in desperation struck out at it with his latth—which, fortunately was in his hand—these times. The blows fell on the head of the prostrate form. The last blow removed the cloth that had covered the head-like portion of the ghostly appartion.

Then he saw that it was the body of his villagers who had heard the shouting rushed up, and to them, there and then, as he fled, the accused confessed that, he had mistaken his friend Lachman for the ghost, and in despair had struck out at and killed him. To this story, from first ye least, be adhered, and the prosecution admitted its truth. The story in itself is remarkable enough. It is penhaps an unprecedent—one of a villager attacking a supposed ghost, but throughout it was implicitly believed, by the assessors, the assistory freenee, if any, had the boy committed. The service of a villager and the High Court. The grave question then remained, what offence, if any, had the boy committed. The sessions judge convicted of murder and sentenced the appeal was that the conviction was altered to one under culpable hymicide, not amounting to murder, and in consideration of the fast that the boy had already undergone nearly two months' rigorous imprisonment, he was ordered to be at once released, the Christ Justice adding that had he tried the ease he would have ordered him to be detained in custody only till the rising of the court.

A chance visitor in a rural neighbor hood stapped into a little and antiquate school house to see what the education methods of the locality were like, sleepy looking teacher was hearing class in history recite.

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"What can you say about the battle of Bunker Hill?" he saked.

After seemingly painful reflection a boy of about 17 got up and drawled out hesitatingly:

"It was a great fight, and—and—it was here that Gen. Grant said, 'I came, I saw, I conquered."

"That shows how much you know about it," said the teacher derisively. "Is was Washington who said that. Grant hadn't even been born then. You can stay after school and learn your lesson, siz."

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