

## To Southe Differences.

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That the Mohammedans of Asia and Africa were making an effort to sink their differences, and present a united front agrainst the inroads of Christianity. The smarky between the two great sects of Islam, the Sunni and the Shia, has for generations been as bitter and virulent as that between any two branches of Christendom at any time in its history, and it would seem impossible that this manning that the summary of the control of the second of the

Doctor-Do I think I can cure your tient—So you are very familiar with the disease?

Doctor—I should say so! I've had, myself all my life.—Judge,

"The lady next door is celebrating her golden wedding."
"Married fifty years?"
"No-times!"—Puck.

At the annual meeting of the Girls; Friendly Society held recently in London Mrs. Creighton, the widow of the late Bishop of London, delivered an address, In the course of her lecture she empha-sized a needed warning in discussing the changed conditions of life among women of all classes. The increased liberty which girls and women enjoy has, she claimed, resulted in large numbers leading absolutely objectives lives. This was especially the case in those belonging to the great middle classes. The sense of individual responsibility needed to be cultivated by each one in whatever station of life her lot was cast, otherwise instead of being a blessing, the freedom now enjoyed by women would prove the source of incalculable mischief to the moral fibre of the female character in the present and future generations. changed conditions of life among women

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A Dutch Proposal. The Dutch propose to reclaim the whole the Zuyder Zee from the grasp of an, says Walter Wellman, in Mc-Clure's Magazine. It is a vast, a daring, project, the most picturesque engineering enterprise known to the world to-day. An isthmian canal may cost more money, butan isthmian canal is, after all, only a,
great ditch. While other nations are
seeking colonial expansion, the Dutch
propose to create a hinterland at home.
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all the present Holland. They propose to
add nearly one-tent to the area of cultivable land in their country. They propose to find new homes, where now the
sea rages, for a population equal to 4 per
cent, of all the inhabitants of the Netherlands. In the United States an enterprise of relative proportions would involve the creation of a new State like
Missouri or Texas, the reclamation of
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## An Interesting Letter.

tion from a letter written to The Londontimes by a citizen of the United States
visiting his country after several years'
absence. Following are lengthier extracts from the communication, a decidedily interesting one in its way. In minutely analyzing America's future in the
world of trade the writer says:—
"In the matter of foreign trade, the
manufacturer in America has definite aspirations instead of concrete ambitions.
He would like to trade with all the
world. He could not explain this zspiration, but he might fall back upon his
bellef in destiny, which is as strong in
him as it is in a Mahommedan soldier,
whom death in battle carries into paradise. The American has come to have
the strongest faith in his gift for direction. He is convinced that other people,
somehow, are losing that power, and he is
convinced that it is only a question of
time when the financial centre will be
shifted to New York or Chicago. He does
not take into account the fact that he has
not yet developed a banking system flextiols enough to adjust itself to a commercial crisis."

Trades unionism, the writer declares,
has weakened the United States, and
while the wages in skilled trades advance
those in unskilled trades decline.

Replying to a question as to how long
the present period of prosperity is likely
to continue, the writer says the general
feeling in the United States predicts it
will last "until the next Presidential election is settled." He concludes with the
following remarks ament foreign trade :—
To my mind nothing is clearer than that
of setting isony but surely a paying foreign trade in manufactured products have been lost for the present:

(2) By trying to make a place for their
products in crowded communities, whose
peoples have great experience and ample capital; instead of in outside or neutral markets. of on from a letter written to The London Times by a citizen of the United State

Tariff Changes.

The market for United States cattle closed, the French Government having closed, the French Government having made changes in the tariff which form an even more serious embargo en American meats declared by Germany several years ago. Henceforth cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, etc., and fresh and salted meats produced from them will be subjected to the maximum tariff if imported into France directly from the United States; or if imported indirectly, through a . European country, there will be an additional tax of 69.5 cents per 220 pounds.

An Irish Gentleman.

Mr. McGroirey, the independent Irish-American gentleman who has chosen to reside at Donegal Workhouse, where he is being chargod £1 is weekly for board and lodging, explained yesterday why he had taken this course, says The London Daily Mall of Sept. 17.

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lodging, explained yesterday why he had taken this course, says The London Daily Mail of Sept. 17.

It is not because he is displeased with the attention and comfort of the Irish hotels, but for the purpose of meeting the convenience of his medical advisor, who had been attending him twice daily. The doctor, who was often called suddenly to attend his patient, thought it would be better for both if Mr. McGriorey came into the infirmary strached to the institution. He gives this as the sole reason will be hear the second of the contractor in the second of the contractor in the second of the contractor in the contracto

To understand the character of Labouchere one must know that this mocking spirit, who has broken more knaves ing spirit, who has broken more knawes and more shams than almost any man, who has figured in a hundred fights to the death in law courts, and has never, or rarely, been worsted, is human, like the rest of us. He is considerate to all those around him; sometimes even he is shy and timid. It is said that when he rings a bell for a servant with any impatience he runs out of the room before the servant has time to appear. And I have often seen this spirit of almost sardonic mockery blush like a girl.

The face shows the contradiction of the character. When first you look at it you are conscious only of its mockery. The year more quizzically funny by eyenows that twist and turn as though they were prepared by some theatrical cofficur for a barifone about to play Mephistopheles. But the mouth reveals that other side of the spirit; it reveals the man of fron resolution, of inflexible opinions, of enmittee that do not die. Napoleon used to be called Jupiter-Scapin; Imight sum up Labby as Sea pin-Cromwell.—T. P. O'Connor, in Everybody's Magazint. nams than almost any man

Interesting Incidents.

Patrick Calhoun, grandson of John C.
Calhoun, tells some interesting incidents of ante-bellum days. One of the incidents of ante-bellum days. One of the incidents relates to Daniel Webster, and is published in The New York Times:—

"I have forgotten the vear," said Mr. Calhoun recently at the Waldorf, "but it was when Mr. Webster was visiting my grandfather at Columbus. S.C. At dinner, which was eaten at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, an incautious guest alluded in glowing terms to the Madeira wine served with the dessert. He dilated on its age, its color, its bouquet, and closed his panegyric by saying:—

"'Mr. Webster, the interest on a quart of this wine at the market price would pay your fare back to Washington, sir.' "When starting for a drive soon after dinner Mr. We had remained in that positionally, "I hope, sir, that you are not thinking of giving up the ride.

"It is a matter of doubt, Mr. Calhoun, and Webster, with a profound bow, "whether I should go on the ride or remain here and help consume some more of the interest on the irreproachable Madeira.'" Interesting Incidents.

A Worthy Act.



Our Prison Systems.

The savagery of our prison systems, as they existed previously to the time of John Howard, says The Literary Digest. appears to have been so far mitigated that that great prison reformer might be considerably astonished if he could visit some of our American penal institutions of the present day. We learn from the some of our American penal institutions of the present day. We learn from the Mississippi papers that it is no uncommon thing for convicts who escape from the Mississippi Penitentiary to the inhospitable outside world to come back and ask to be admitted again; and the Pennsylvania papers are filled with accounts of the discovery of a counterfeiting plant that has been running for months in the Eastern Penitentiary, in Philadelphia, and which had escaped the notice of the prison attendants. It had escaped their notice so completely, indeed, so the papers say, that they unsuspectingly received from the prisoners large numbers of the dimes, quarters and half-dollars turned out by this rival Philadelphia mint, and spent them in the city until Philadelphia was "flooded with them. The counterfeiting business was carried on by the convicts mainly "to pass away the time," so The Philadelphia Inquirer thinks, as they had nothing else to do. In a prison there is a great deal of time to pass, and the recollection of the old saying about time and money might easily suggest the passing of the latter. Most of the prisoners engaged in the counterfeiting are said departed to the counterfeiting was carried on at night, when only the night watchman, who was supposed to be on duty. The newspapers comment very severely on the prison management, and the critics of the Republican State administration profess to see a connection between the alleged misgovernment of the State and the dereliction of the prison officials. The Washington Post remarks salirically.—"Inmales of the Pennsylvania penitentiary have been robbling the State with fust as much daring as though they were outside and holding office."

The Blushing Bride—The deacon done go ask me ef I take Washington foh bettah or foh wohse.

The Bride's Father—He di-id?"

"Ya-as, an' I dun go tell him foh bettah, if you please."—Yonkers Herald.

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