

A famine prevails in Epirus, and serious disorders have occurred. The Albanian garrison at Metz, owing to the non receipt of their wages, attempted to sack the town. The soldiers killed many Christians and plundered their shops. Ten houses were burned.

Mlle. Esmeralda, a snake charmer, while performing at New Brighton, England, was attacked by a large cobra, which was coiled round her body, and badly bitten, the blood flowing in streams from the wounds. She nevertheless finished the performance.

There is evidently a rapid growth of sentiment, precisely where it is most influential, in the Ibrahim caste, in favor of the re-marriage of widows. The last few years have been fruitful of testimony to satisfactory results of British rule and educational effort in India.

One of the peacocks which were the pride of Lord Beaconsfield died the other day. Mr. Ralph Disraeli had a fire screen made of the feathers, and sent it to the Queen, with a claw bearing the device of the Order of the Garter. Her Majesty was much pleased with the gift.

There is a story that Viscount Hinton, eldest son of Earl Poulett, is an organ grinder, and has a placard on his organ stating who he is. This young nobleman, the son of an obscure damsel whom the Earl married none too soon, has never, it is said, been acknowledged by his father.

Sir Morell Mackenzie is at work upon his reply to the German physicians, which will shortly be issued in book form. It will be published simultaneously in England and Germany, and will be a personal narrative containing many anecdotes of Sir Morell's entire connection with the Emperor.

The amount of damages which Mr. Parnell asks for in his suit against the *Times* is £50,000. It is surmised that when Mr. Parnell is asked to testify before the Commission he will refuse on the ground that he would prejudice his suit against the *Times*. The latter suit will not come up until November.

If the *Pall Mall Gazette* is to be believed, Mr. Holl, R. A., had recently the opportunity of speaking of Mr. Gladstone to Mr. Bright, and vice-versa. Both gentlemen manifested strong feelings of regret at their political estrangement, and each asked Mr. Holl if he had noticed anything in the other leading him to think his reason was unimpaired.

There are sensational reports (mostly Mr. Labouchere's) of the dissensions between the Queen and the Emperor William, of which it is needless to say we do not believe a tenth part. It never seems to strike the sensation-mongers that the Emperor is, after all, a gentleman, and the Queen a lady, and that gentlemen and ladies do not generally wash their dirty linen in public.

A papyrus of extraordinary beauty and completeness, of the 14th century before our era, has been added to the British museum. It contains certain chapters of the "Book of Death," carefully copied out by a scribe of Thebes. Its remarkable features are the illustrations. The coloring of these is as vivid as if the work had been done yesterday, instead of 30 centuries ago.

There would seem to be a little rift within the harmonious lute of Russo-Germanic *enteinte*. The Russian Press has been permitted to raise the Schleswig-Holstein question, of which the Czar is, by family, in some sort a representative. This is said to have aroused the wrath of the Emperor, especially as it is announced from Russian sources that Denmark would take part in the conflict, and share the booty.

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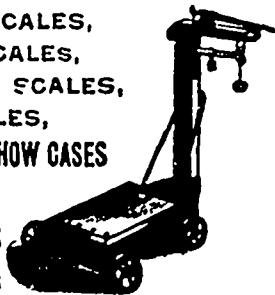
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