STEVENSON IN SAMOA.

AN "AT HOME" WITH THE DELIGHT-FUL ROMANCER

In the Mansion He Has Built for Himself Among the Savages and Wherein He Lives Like a Baron-A Gay Tea in

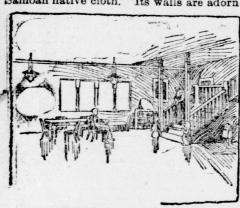
The pretty general idea prevailing among the admirers of Robert Louis Stevenson, that he is leading a half-savage sort of life among the wild woods of Samoa and pickup what sustenance he can from bread-fruit and queer and yams and the milk of cocoanuts, is disabused entirely by one of the latest visitors to the genial Scot exile. According to that gentleman the romancer is about as conveniently domiciled as any man could wish for, and far more delightfully than most. Why, he has a drawingroom! Yes, and a dining-room and a library and a writing room, and more servants to wait on him than an English Earl. As your eye is wandering over this paragraph it is glancing askance at the salon where Mr. Stevenson receives his guests in a wilderness-of flowers.

For a description of the beautiful bay in which Apia lies his lovers have only to turn to the early chapter of "A Foot-note to History." It is like a bit of the waters in Paradise. After leaving the road leading from the harbor a delightfully shaded bridle path (and one is thankful for the shade) winds up the hill to the gateway opening on the lawn in front of the spacious verandaed mansion named Vailimathe five waters-where Stevenson has pitched his tent.

You meet your host in the reception room, the walls and floors of which are of polished timber, and a wide staircase leads from it to the upper rooms. Sir George Reid's portrait of the novelist's father hangs on the wall, the grim firm face recalling the poem in which the son refers to the engineering labors of his sires, and "the towers we founded and the lamps we

The writer to the Pall Mall Budget, who has furnished three interesting details, says that Stevenson's study where he does his writing now is one of the smaller rooms "on the upper floor in the left wing." This almost suggests the spaciousness of one of Ouida's palaces. "It is severely simple in its furnishings," he goes on to say, "and its window looks out over the cleared lawn in front, to the tropical forest with the blue waters of the Pacific stretching away in the distance. The library is quite separate from the study, and is a fine room at the other end of the upper floor. It is filled with books which cover the floor as well as line the shelves. An outer stair leads down to the western end of the lower veranda. The kitchen and the rooms where his 'boys' live are built in Samoan fashion and are at the back of the house.

"There is a pleasant sitting-room at the corner of the lower floor papered with Samoan native cloth. Its walls are adorn-



R. L. STEVENSON'S HOME IN SAMOA. ed with various curios, John Silver's pistol among the number. There was a South Sea pirate of that name, and this was his pistol, although at the time 'Treasure Island' was written the author was not aware that such a person had ever existed. Here hangs also the partrait of Stevenson, by John S. Sargent, which was painted at Bournemouth in 1885. It is a striking portrait, and is additionally valuable for the likeness of that peculiarly interesting lady the novelist's wife, which the artist has inserted in the painting. At the time of my visit his stepdaughter and stepson, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Lloyd Osborne, were living with him. Such a household made interesting company. The eerie sound of the conch shell, which is the war note in Samoa, was the signal for lunch, and the bowl of kava was handed round with the cigarettes and coffee.

A charming account of a chance visit to Vailima is also given by the correspond-

"It was a lovely September afternoon. We found the house festooned with tropical ferns and the verandas crowded with British tars and Samoan men and maidens. They were having a right merry time of it. In the midst of all there moved about the master of the house, exerting himself to increase the enjoyment of his guests. His efforts were far beyond what his physical strength seemed to warrant. Mrs. Stevenson, her daughter, Mrs. Strong, and Mr. Lloyd Osborne, were doing their utmost to make the bluejackets and the natives enjoy themselves. Some of the natives were insane with delight at the hornpipe dance of the jolly tars. The sailors would sing one be sung in return; one of these being sung to the tune of 'Sweet Bell Mahone.' couple of the sailors gave some acrobatic performances on the lawn in front. Never did performers have more enthusiastic spectators. Some of the natives not only velled with delight, but danced in wild frenzy. There followed the native dance, called Siva, which is performed while seated on the ground. All is done in per-

feet time, and is very strange." After this followed a cricket dance (for the Samoan is crazed about cricket), and the visit ended. Who wouldn't like to be on Robert Louis Stevenson's visiting list?

Painting a Road Red. In honor of the celebration of the 69th birthday of the queen regent of China 1 .-200,000 pieces of red silk, each 40 feet long and 3 wide, were ordered to be made in the imperial mills of Nanking. Soo-Chow-Foo and Hang-Chow-Foo. these the streets of Pekin are to be decorated for a distance of 40 miles. The queen regent has also decreed that the customary birthday gifts annually presented by the provincial mandarins be omitted this year and the money devoted to the relief of the poor, who have suffered much from the

unusually severe winter season.

What the Earth Will Support. Statisticians claim that the earth will not support to exceed 5,994,000,000 people. The present population is estimated at 1,467,000,000, the increase being 8 per cent. each decade. At that rate the utmost limit will be reached in the year 2072.

When It Was Ten Times Greater. The purchasing power of money in the days of the Roman Emperors was about ten times what it is at present.

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FACTS ABOUT MONEY.

A String of Paragraphs That Are Especially Pat Just Now. Absolutely pure gold is said to be 24

earsts fine. The Spartans had an iron coinage, no other being allowed.

The first coining machine was invented by Bruchner in 1853. The gold coins of Great Britain contain

one-twelfth alloy. The English mint was established by Athelstane about 928. From 1828 to 1845 platinum coins were

minted in Russia. Aristotle says that "money exists not by nature, but by law."

In the tenth century there were 38 mints in England. The Lydians were the first to coin

money, about B.C. 1600. The first colonial coinage was minted in Massachusetts in 1552.

Julies Cæsar was the first man to put his own image on a coin. Homer mentions brass money as in use B.C. 1184 among the Greeks.

The United States silver three-cent piece was first coined in 1851. The notes used by the Bank of England cost exactly one cent each.

The American cents of 1784 bore the motto, "Mind Your Business." In 1503 the first English shilling was minted. It bore the King's image.

The coinage of trade dollars began in 1874 and was discontinued in 1878. In the fifth century before Christ copper was deemed as precious as gold.

Brass money was coined in Rome by Servius Tullius as early as 573 B.C. Before the days of coined money the Greeks used copper nails as currency. Herodotus says that Croesus was the

first sovereign to make coins of gold. The United States Mint was established in 1792, and at once began operations. The first English laws against counterfeiting were issued in 1108 by Henry I.

The most ancient coins are of electrum, four parts of gold to one of silver. Silver was first coined in Rome in B.C. 269, when Fabius Pictor set up a mint. The coinage of twenty-cent pieces began

in 1875 and was discontinued in 1878. The trade dollar was intended for use in commerce with China, India, and Japan, Over 1,000 series of Greek coins issued

by independent cities are known to exist. In 1744 Napier's coin-weighing machine was put in use in the Bank of England. The first American coins were made in England in 1612 for the Virginia Com-

In 1631 the invention of milling the edges of coins, to prevent clipping, was introduced. English sovereigns were first minted in

1489. They were called by various nicknames. The first English gold coins were minted

in 1257, in the forty-second year of Henry in 1785, and adopted by Congress. During the reign of Numa Pompilius. 700 B.C., an experiment was made with

During the reign of Henry VIII. twenty-three to twenty-five per cent. of coin

metal was alloy. Wampum was adopted by the New England colonists in all their dealings with the Indians.

The bronze cent and two-cent pieces were first coined in 1864, and the nickel half-dime in 1866 At the beginning of the Christian era

the relative values of gold and silver were as one to nine. Paper money was first issued by the notorious John Law. His issues exceeded

£120,000,000. Tobacco and warehouse receipts issued after it was stored were both used in Virginia as money.

The earliest Greek coins bore a lion or tortoise on the obverse and punch marks on the reverse. English coin was first made a legal tender in 1216. Before this rents had

been paid off in produce. In 1620 the first large copper coins were minted in England, putting an end to private leaden tokens.

Arabic coins have a sentence from the Koran, and, generally, the Caliph's name, but never an image. In the worlds' mints from 1850 to 1890

there were coined 9,194 tons of gold, 81,-235 tons of silver. From 1862 to 1690 the accounts of the New Netherlands were kept in wampum,

beaver, and racoon skins. During the reign of Victoria the Indian Government has coined £2,000,000 gold and £206,000,000 of silver.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Down to the Norman conquest the Britains had "living money" and "dead money"; the former being slaves and cattle, the latter metal.

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A POET POLITICIAN.

A French Canadian Who Has Done Some Very Brilliant Work,

The Hon. Felix Gabriel Marchand. M.P.P. for St. Johns, Quebec, enjoys the somewhat rare distinction of being a poet and a politician. He was born in Johns, January 9, 1832, and educated at Bt. Hyacinthe College. He subsequently studied law and was admitted to practice as a notary. During the Joly administration he was appointed Provincial Secretary and afterward Minister of Crown Lands. He was first elected a member of the Quebee Legislative Assembly for the county of St. Johns, in Sept., 1867, and has been reelected from that time to the present day. His literary career has been no less successful than his political one. He has contributed to French Canadian literature several well-known poetical and dramatic



HON. FELIX GABRIEL MARCHAND, M.P.P. works, such as "Un Bonheur en Attire un Autre" and "Les Faux Brillants," two comedies in verse; also "Le Lauriat de l'Universite," a comic opera. These works have been received very favorably not only in Canada, but also in France. Mr. Marchand is a member of the Royal Society of Canada, and has also been decorated by the French Government. His poetry is characterized by pure spirituality, a keen sense of beauty and very marked culture. In 1854 Mr. Marchand married Marie Herzelie Turgeon, and as a result of this union has reared a family of eleven children. He has been in every sense a successful man, and has the additional satisfaction of enjoying the respect and esteem of his compatriots throughout the Province of Quebec.

MISSING LINKS.

In 1237 the English coined gold pennies which weighed 1-I20 of a pound and passed for twenty pence. The plan of a decimal coinage for the United States was suggested by Jefferson

The number of men withdrawn from industry to take part in the civil war on the union side was 2,772,408; the confederates

enlisted over 600,000. Russia spends 225,000 rubles a year on silver ruble is worth nearly 75 cents, a pa- sores succumb to its action. per ruble about 50 cents.

With the exception of Belgium, whose debt has been incurred from internal improvements, every European national debt is in great part a war debt. The reports after the battle of Waterloo

showed that the British artillery fired 9,467 rounds; about one for every French soldier killed on the field. Great Britain has 5,789 cannon; France,

7,694; Germany, 5,380: Russia,4,424; Austria, 2,170: Turkey, 3,762: the United States, 4,155; the world has 41,073.

Iceland is one of the few countries that has a smaller population now than it had twenty years ago. Last summer about 600 persons emigrated to this country.

House rent is rather higher in the citvof Mexico than in Chicago; kerosene is 50 a gallon; tea \$1.25 a pound; milk 9 to 12 a quart. These are silver-standard prices.

The diamond is not among the earliest gems known to man. It has not been found in the ruins of Nineveh, in the Etruscan sepulchres nor in the tombs of the Phœnicians.

The finest opal of modern times belonged to Empress Josephine. It was called "The Burning of Troy," Its fate is unknown, as it disappeared when the allies entered Paris.

A single match requires from 1 200th to 1-100 of a grain of phosphorus for its production, yet the consumption of matches is so large that it is estimated that the total of 1,200 tons is less than the amount consumed in Europe in their manufacture. Statistics just issued show that during

the past year but twenty-one passengers and nine employes, thirty persons in all, were killed in railroad accidents in Great Britain and Ireland. In the same period nearly 900,000,000 passengers were car-

A Polyglot Army.

The polyglot character of the Austrian army was abundantly shown the other day when the ancient custom of solemnly swearing in the recruits in the presence of the troops was revived, after having been discontinued since 1868. In Vienna alone the formula of oath to the colors had to be administered and read out in nine languages, to wit: German, Hungarian, Croation, Bohemian, Polish, Ru-thenian, Roumanian, Servian and Turkish, while the religious part of the ceremony was conducted by a Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic and Greek orthodox priests, Protestant pastors, Jewis Rabbis and Mohometan ulema.

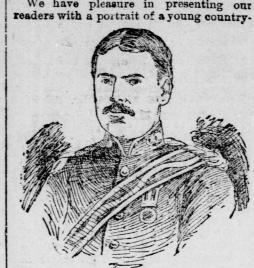
The Sealing Wax Code. In France sealing wax has by no means gone out of use as a consequence of the introduction of gummed envelopes. There is even a sort of code or language of sealing wax among fashionable people. White sealing wax is chosen for communications relating to weddings, black for obituaries, violet for expressions of sympathy, chocolate for invitations to dinner, red for business, ruby for engaged lovers' letters, green for letters from lovers who live in hopes, and brown for refusals of offers of marriage, while blue denotes constancy, yellow jealousy, pale green reproaches, and pink is used by young girls and gray between

The Slope of Rivers. Generally speaking, the slope of rivers flowing into the Mississippi from the east is, on the average, about three inches per mile. Those entering it from the west have an average descent of about six inches per mile. The average descent per mile of the Missouri after it leaves the mountains is reckoned about a foot; the Des Moines, from its source to its conjunction with the Mississippi, about 7.3 inches. The entire length of the Ohio shows a fall of even five inches. The Mississippi, from the mouth of the Ohio to the gulf, has a fall of about

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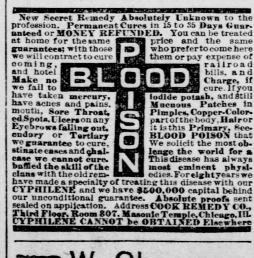
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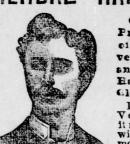
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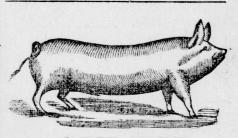


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