

EUROPEAN STATESMEN.

M. Carnot completes his term of office as president of the French republic on December 3 next.

Bismarck once refused some request of Empress Eugenie, whereupon her majesty called him the "wild man of the woods."

The ameer of Afghanistan has abandoned his proposed visit to England. His better half couldn't agree upon which one of them should go with him.

The fortune of Cecil Rhodes, premier of Cape Colony, in Africa, is set at somewhere from \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000—all made in the diamond mines of that country.

In the olden days when Prince Bismarck was wont to make lengthy speeches in the Reichstag, a supply of refreshing drinks was maintained by a relay of waiters running between the ministerial benches and the kitchens of the building.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has just rented Birkhurst hall, in Kent, England, an old castle celebrated for its stately sandstone towers.

All of the students of the violoncello at present at the royal academy of music in England are women. Women violin players have increased greatly in number in Europe of late years.

South Africa is having the hottest summer known in fifty years. During the early part of last month the average shade temperature at Cape Town was 90 to 95 degrees, the heat in the sun ranging from 130 to 150.

The blue uniforms of the Austrian army are to be abolished and a sober gray substituted. This is the decision of a committee of experts appointed to investigate and settle the question of the best color for soldiers' clothes.

MEDICAL SCIENCE.

The Philadelphia board of health has refused to declare consumption to be a contagious disease.

A little machine for estimating the trembling of nervous people has been devised by Dr. Quintard, a French physician.

Dr. Ernest Hart, of the British Medical Journal, declares that cholera will become extinct in the next thirty years because of the rapid advance of sanitary science.

Atole, which a Mexican physician prescribed for William L. Wilson, is said to be very nutritious. Corn is ground by hand, the meal is then parched and sifted into boiling water or milk, as mush is prepared in the United States.

CHARACTERISTIC YANKEE PETS.

A cat belonging to Miss Mary Brownwell, of Wilmington, Del., has a habit of ringing the bell whenever it wants to be let out of the cellar.

A prolonged fight between a hen from Galway and a Louisville rat took place a few days ago in the latter city. The fight lasted half an hour and the hen killed the rat.

Seldon Spencer, of Essex, Conn., has a hen which lately astonished him by laying an egg that weighs twenty ounces and measures eight and a half inches in circumference.

James Bragg, of Hawkinsville, Ga., trained his dog to drive a horse. While Bragg was absent from his team the other day the dog drove it home and the owner had to walk five miles.

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