

LIFE IN THE CONGO.

A WHITE WOMAN TELLS OF THEIR STRANGE CUSTOMS.

Where a man Never Sees or Speaks to His Mother-in-law—A Married Man's Paradise—Natives Count Their Mothers by the Dozen

The family relations among the natives of the French Congo differ much from those of other parts of Africa. My surprise was great when one of our laborers asked permission to go to his mother's funeral, for he had told me only a few days before that his mother had been dead for years.

When I told him he was not telling the truth he said: 'Oh, he he them other mother.' This led me to investigate the matter. I soon found that the natives sometimes count their mothers by the dozen. Every wife of their father's and all female relatives of their mothers are called mother, and due respect is given to them.

The children belong in every case to the mother's family, the father having no right to them whatever, except to take care of them when they are very small and nurse the babies when the mother is busy. This is quite a task when a man has a dozen or more wives.

Mothers-in-law are queer things there. Before a marriage the mother of the girl generally has a great deal to say about her future son-in-law. But as soon as all is settled and the girl has gone to her husband's home, the mother dare not look upon her son-in-law. If she wants to visit her daughter she sends word the day before and the husband disappears.

Natives of the French Congo do not believe that any of them die a natural death, but insist that every dead person was bewitched. This does not mean anything supernatural, but simply means poisoned.

doctor had all necessary information, and after a good deal of drinking and dancing he picked out the murderer and made him pay for it.

Another case ended in the death of the homicide. A man threw a stone at his wife and broke her back. She died the next day. Her brother called a jury, consisting of six influential men, the King among them.

THE DELICATE TOMCOD.

How to Catch and to Cook Him—A Dainty Morsel.

While the scientific fisherman may have packed up and put away the tackle with which he has fought the weakfish, the bass, the fierce bluefish or in fresher waters the gentle trout and the rushing black bass, there are many good men and true who, between times at pickerel, take a turn at the lowly tomcod.

This little fish is a traveller; during the summer he is away, possibly hunting cool waters up Maine way, or, as many fishermen declare, seeks out at sea the greater depths; but as soon as the leaves have mingled with the browning grass and the water rolls up with a crispness to its waves, lacking in the summer, then the tomcods are in evidence almost anywhere between the Massachusetts coast and New Jersey.

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A light springy rod is the best, and forty to fifty feet of line is all that will be wanted. A heavy sinker is necessary—one which will hold to the bottom in face of the tide, which rushes through the draw with considerable force.

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the basket is well filled, and after a warm at the drawman's shed it is time for home, which is reached in little over half an hour (thirty-seven minutes to Loog, I and City) and then the fish should be quickly cleaned, wiped, not washed, sprinkled lightly with salt, and fried with tiny slivers of bacon, they should be almost eaten out of the pan.

LOOK IN MINING.

Two Blasts That Showed a Miner Where he Made His Mistake.

'One man cannot see as far into the ground as another,' said John Pritchard of Aspen yesterday, 'and there isn't a little bit of truth in the saying that he can when applied to mining operations. Thousands of instances might be brought forward to prove my position, and I learned the lesson very early in my mining career.

'One day as I was gathering up my tools to quit, a nicely dressed man sauntered up to the tunnel and began to look around. He asked to see the tunnel, which was mostly in solid rock without timbering, and after he had closely examined both walls, asked me if I wanted to sell.

'I stayed around there a week, by which time he had taken out enough ore to pay for the cost of the mine, and then I went home and paid off the mortgage on the farm and I've got the farm yet, though I am still mining. More than \$30,000 was taken out of that hole, and then the vein was lost and has never been found since.—Denver Republican.

WHY HE REMAINED SINGLE. He Never Will Again Take Part in a Political Raid.

'I didn't see you in the parade the other night, Wobberly.' 'That's right, and if you ever do see me in a political circus like that I'll buy you a suit of clothes and put no limit on the price.'

Good Words From Old Students. THE ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE. (No. 2.)

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lamps to illuminate our wide-awake caps and oilcloths capes I was an awkward, impetuous youth with an abiding conviction that any political views held by my father were infallible. On this special occasion there was to be the biggest blowout of the campaign. Of course I had to be among the mounted men, for there was evidence of social standing in being on horseback when helping to perpetuate our free institutions.

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