

"Christmas Belles" may therefore present the connection in a partially novel light. We should fear, however, that Mr. Bannister's enticing suggestion comes too late for this Christmas unless there are any whose arrangements are already at a sufficiently advanced stage.

Col. J. H. Rathburne, founder of the Knights of Pythias, died at Lima, Ohio, on Monday.

The baby hippotamus born in Central Park on the 1st. inst., has since died of congestion of the lungs.

The Coroner's Jury at Minneapolis found the owners of the *Tribune* building morally responsible for the loss of life in the fire.

The January *Season* has just been received, and contains a great variety of useful and ornamental illustrations, with descriptions plain and comprehensive.

A panic was caused by the cry of fire in the opera house at Johnstown, Pa., on Tuesday evening, which resulted in the death of ten persons and injury to seventy-five.

Rumple, Smith & Co., New York, have been awarded by the authorities of Havana, Cuba, the contract to erect a system of water works for that city at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Archbishop Corrigan denounces as a canard the story that a gigantic Roman Catholic bank and trust company was to be started in New York with a capital of \$100,000,000 under special benediction of the Pope.

U. S. Congressmen have been furnished with a striking illustration of the necessity for a new Extradition Treaty. Silcott, cashier of the Sergeant-at-Arms, has come to Canada with some \$75,000 of the money intended to be paid to members of the House as sessional indemnity.

We are in receipt of the *Ladies' Home Journal* for Dec., an excellent magazine containing fashions, housekeeping items, and a large amount of reading matter, including serial stories, of good quality and sterling interest. \$1 per annum, single copies ten cents. Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

They seem to be having a bad time with fires in the United States recently. Since the Lynn and Boston disasters New York has had a \$200,000 fire, and Lockport, N. Y., has had a large seven story flouring mill, filled with wheat and flour, destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000, insurance believed to exceed \$100,000.

Dr. Edward Olsen, who perished in the Minneapolis fire, was one of the most accomplished polyglots in the country. He spoke no less than eighteen languages, and had a smattering of as many more. Last summer he was a delegate to the Oriental Congress at Stockholm, and he was the only man there who could address the assemblage in every language used there.

Henry M. Stanley arrived at Zanzibar on the 6th inst.

Searle, the champion oarsman, has died of typhoid fever.

The influenza which has been epidemic in St. Petersburg has spread to Berlin and Vienna.

A palace conspiracy has been discovered at Tangiers, and the Sultan's brother has been put in prison.

The new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Zetland, enters upon his vice-regal duties to-morrow.

A large number of officials of strategic railroads in Russia have been dismissed and their places filled with army officers.

The *Autorité*, a Paris paper, says an English Company has applied for a concession for a bridge across the English Channel.

Dom Pedro will pass the winter at Cannes, occupying the villa of the Duchess of La Tour-Maubourg, who is a friend of the late Empress of Brazil.

The Metropolitan Police force (London, G. B.) comprises 30 Lieutenants, 837 Inspectors, 1,369 sergeants and 12,025 constables. Total, 14,261.

A Lisbon correspondent says that Portugal intends to maintain cordial relations with the Brazilian Republic and to recognize the right of the people to choose their own Government.

Mr. McDonald, manager of the *London Times*, is dead. He was conspicuous as a witness in the Parliamentary inquiry into the source of the *Times'* pretended documents incriminating Irish leaders.

The negotiations entered upon in the hope of preventing a general strike of gas workers in London have failed and a strike is now imminent, which may put all London which depends upon gas in total darkness.

The Emperor William of Germany has telegraphed his congratulations to Emin Pasha and H. M. Stanley, both of whom have replied expressing their gratitude for attention received from his Imperial Majesty and from Germans wherever met.

The Greek census, taken in October, shows a population of 2,187,208 persons, showing an increase of 218,925, or rather more than 11 per cent. upon the enumeration of 1879. It also reveals the unusual feature of the male population exceeding the female by 107 to 100.

Some days since a dispatch from Zanzibar stated that Emin Pasha had fallen a distance of twenty feet from a balcony, and struck on his head, severely injuring himself. He remained unconscious for ten hours, but latest reports state that there is hope of his recovery.

Stanley has been absent from civilization since April, 1887. During all the time that he was in the interior of Africa he received no news from any of his friends, and he had two years and eight months of news to make up when he got into communication with the world again.

We have been favored by Messrs. Geo. Bell & Sons, York St., Convent Garden, with a neatly got up edition of Book 3 of *Cæsar's Commentaries*, by Geo. Long, M. A., with a vocabulary by W. F. R. Shillito, M.A., Cantab. This seems an excellent school-book. The notes are copious and valuable, and the vocabulary gives Greek derivatives and analogues, as well as the Latin.

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