

### Something About Its Famous Wines - A Long Kent Art.

The best qualities of Tokay, which are among the most famous dessert wines in the world, are only drunk by sovereigns and princes. Of the rare variety known as "Mezemesale," that is Honey Beams, which is only produced in Tarczal, near Tokay, the Emperor of Austria has frequently sent from his cellars at that place a present of a few dozen bottles to her Majesty the Queen.

A very strange and interesting sight is just becoming familiar to the busy and thriving community of Clydebank, and is attracting the attention and arousing the curiosity of the observant among the crowds of steamboat passengers sailing up and down the river. The world-wide fame of the Messrs. James and George Thomson, Limited, was the means of bringing to their ship-building yard at Clydebank an order from the Japanese Government for a gunboat, which is to be named the Chiyo-da. In the month of August last year five officers came to superintend its construction, and in the beginning of June last the captain arrived with ten additional officers and 130 men to take the ship home to her destination. However, the work was not so well advanced as the officials who despatched the crew must have supposed, and the men in consequence have been ever since experiencing what, closely resembles, if it is not in reality, camp life, with the added charm of its being camp life on a foreign shore. It is true the tars, with the exception of the captain and most of the officers, sleep on board the ship, but as the workmen employed in building the gunboat work early in the morning the tars have to get up betimes, so that they may have their hammocks and blankets ready for use, and the first drill, which is for the rest of the day.

## Will Man Ever Fly?

Helmholtz has observed that, though many small birds which are granivorous fly swiftly, the great birds that are potent on the wing are fish and flesh eaters, not needing extensive organs of digestion for their concentrated food. He thinks it therefore probable that in the model of the great Alpine eagle nature has attained the utmost limit that can be attained, with muscles for the working organs and conditions of nourishment as favorable as possible for the size of a creature which is to raise itself by wings and maintain itself for any time high in the air.

The desire involved, however little it may be formulated, in these aspirations, is for the capacity to cleave the air like a merlin or to skim over the waters like a swift, and the ability to do this or something like it freely on the impulse of the moment, not after consultation with the gas works and a fee to the electrical engineer.

At Westminster on Tuesday, Lydia Viel, aged twenty-eight, a shirt dresser, giving an address in Vauxhall Bridge Road, was charged before Mr. Sheil with being drunk and disorderly in Victoria Street, Westminster, and with violently assaulting Edward, Ernest, and Sydney Coomber, undertakers, of 8 Strutton Ground. Late on Monday night the persecutors were "shouldering" a coffin, containing a corpse (which they had just brought away from the Westminster Hospital) along Victoria Street when the prisoners stopped them by getting in their way. Sheil hit Ernest Coomber, who was at the middle of the coffin, in the back, almost causing him to let the coffin down in the street. Edward Coomber left his place at the head of the coffin to try to persuade the prisoners to go away, but she became very violent, and kicked and scratched him. To avoid a

spilled the men had to put the coffin down in  
the road and seize the prisoner, who in her-  
culean force tore Sydney Coomber's coat. Mr.  
What do you say to all this? Those  
I only said, "God have mercy on  
and Edward Coombersaid to me,  
you — " I just touched him  
by law, but he was not there struck  
stabbed. He was drunk or sober?  
also lived in the same house as  
lar to his name. I saw a glass, but I was  
to death in the street or excited. Police  
so that he was very drunk.  
all night long. I was very drunk.  
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to death, when  
into the street. A great  
and traffic  
to the assist-  
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Mr. White is unable to fix the number of orange streamers but would guess ten as probably correct. The colors blue and green were also certainly present. No sound was audible while the meteor was in view. "But," says Mr. White, "after I had gone into the house, and was describing what I had seen, the sound of its striking the earth or sea was heard—a loud and lengthened noise, to me like the violent shaking of all the forest trees, and evidently above ground, thereby differing from the sound accompanying an earthquake—coming from the westward; and this was followed, after a hardly perceptible interval, by a fainter sound like an echo to the north-east."

## The King and the Hymn.

The King of Greece was fearfully bored, when at Aix, by the sets made at him by professional beauties who had not the talent to conceal their art. One of them hired the flat near his lodging, and a piano. Her musical education was neglected. But she knew how to play the Greek hymn. Whenever his Majesty returned from the baths she struck it up. If there is an air the King hates more than another it is that one. He has had to listen to it many times every day at Athens for twenty-seven years. Whenever he goes to a casino, concert, or opera, the orchestra gives him several lars. In short, it is to him so fearfully hackneyed that it grates on his nerves if, when it is being played, he cannot think of something else, and thus shut it out from his ears. But the professional beauty stumbled, and so got involved in false notes that he could not be deaf to her performance. His lordship's temper over and over again, and sent message after message to the landlord to beg that he would silence her pianoforte. This the landlord feared to do, as the lady spent money far more freely than the potentate, and drew to the hotel rich fools, who paid for poor champagne as it were Widow Clicquot's best. The affair was arranged by a Greek from Marseilles making the acquaintance of the lady and confiding to her some of his Majesty's defects. One of them was a born hatred for music, which he thought noise, and the other a taste for frumpish German women, who never painted, kept quiet, and had not a soul above knitting and darning stockings. His Majesty changed her tactics accordingly. His Majesty was no longer bored by the Greek air, and I should not wonder it he sent an Order to the diplomatic person who induced his fair neighbor to shut up her piano.

The *World* says:—The Gordon Highlanders have left Belfast on the Assistance en route for Curragh, where they have been stationed for three years. Great lamentations are expressed over their departure. Their farewell dance given in barracks was a great success, and the excellence of the arrangement will long be remembered in the neighbourhood. A most delightful "sitting out" place was provided in the shape of a miniature encampment, and although the evening was fairly warm the shelter of the tents proved very welcome. At the Curragh the Gordon Highlanders will again meet the Scots Greys, a detachment of which regiment was quartered with them at Belfast, where the officers massed with them, and before leaving for Curragh presented them with a very pretty piece of plate in the shape of a silver eagle. A previous present from the Scots Greys, in the form of a horseshoe which had been through the Heavy Dragoon charge at Balaklava, is much valued by the Gordon Highlanders.

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