

MORE FUN AND FACTS FROM  
WINIFRED JOHNSTON'S PEN.

Keen and Humorous Observer Writes of the Kaffirs, Their Life, Their Weaknesses and Follies—The Great Thirsty Land and What They "Take for It"—Wearing One Trouser's Leg—Costumes Are Very Frank.

(Special correspondence of The Telegraph)  
in unmistakable language. She literally drove us out, gesticulating violently. Feared Kodak was the Evil Eye. After a while a man came along who told us in Dutch the woman was sick, and they were afraid the kodak was the evil eye. They are very particular about their bodies, and especially about their heads. We made known our desire to see some native pottery, but owing to the fact that it was Sunday we couldn't see it in course of construction. However, we had a part-time lesson about it. They take a redish stone and grind it to powder, mix it with water and mould it into a flat dish. By degrees it is turned up into the shape of a round jar, smoothed off, smeared with red clay, and fired. It takes about three weeks to make one. They have them all sizes, some almost as big as a barrel. They fetch water in them, carrying big, heavy ones on their heads for long distances. There isn't much variety in shape, and only the old, well-dried ones are of a particularly good color. We visited every hut in the village, peered around their back yards and into their houses in search of pottery. At each establishment a woman and several children joined us, so that by the end we had quite a procession and a very entertaining one. The small boys of the village carried the babies, resting on one hip, feeding the flies off with a special whip, ending in a bit of fur. The women carry their babies on their backs, in a basket, in a shawl. At one house I made a regular find, a tin box with a lot of rag dolls in it. The women went into fits of laughter when I offered to buy some. I came off with a woman doll, dressed in lots of colored skirts and a regulation Dutch sun-bonnet, and a man, made out of a pruned stick, each leg of which was adorned with a pair of trousers.

Oh! How Unkind. Even Kaffirs recognize that men are trousers and women are clothes, in many cases. Speaking of trousers reminds me of a very funny boy who was with us. He had made a tall hat out of what he hadn't yet seen a nigger hat. He had made it with a mania for patching their clothes, even brand new uniforms will have the most inconspicuous patches. Where the civilization shows up most amusingly, and also most conveniently is on the excellent tennis court at the Cape Police Barracks. There a couple of policemen play for us, and show a great dexterity in taking the high balls that fall out side the court. They are the most absurd looking pair of racquets, veritable rags and tatters, in old khaki uniforms. Occasionally we see a woman sitting lustily some Moody and Senkey hymns in Kaffir. There is a church across the river. The bell is a piece of iron, strung high in a tree, which they strike with something. The old preacher read us a psalm in Kaffir, and he accounted for the hesitation by saying his glasses didn't suit him. Being christianized is decidedly economical for them; a man can only have one wife. The tax is 10 shillings, and each wife has a separate hut, so the wicked bigamist has to pay the piper. One wealthy chief embraced christianity late in life, after his family had assumed abnormal proportions. He died without having designated his lawful successor, so all the heirs had a huge quarrel over the property, in a highly civilized manner.

Rum Makes Them Useless. In Bechuanaland liquor is not allowed to be sold to the natives. The Kaffirs working at the diamond mines are kept inside the compound for three months, where they get no liquor. At Johannesburg 25 per cent of the natives are drunk. It is possible that in arriving at the stated weight the scales may have been out of repair or again the hunters may have got a full of lead, but that his weight was somewhat multiplied. Bears both black and brown are reported to be plentiful this year.

Thorn-Morrell. Kars, K. C. Sept. 20—A pretty wedding took place Sept. 10 at the residence of Alvin A. Morrell, when his sister, Miss Abbie L. Morrell, was united in marriage to Merritt J. Thorne, of Springfield, Kings county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. K. Ganong, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was attired in white silk and was attended by her sister, Miss Lena, while Bruce E. Morrell assisted the groom. The wedding gifts were numerous and very handsome. An English traveler who has visited every nation in the world is authority for the statement that one food is universal throughout all countries. "There is not a part of the world," he says, "where you cannot get an egg."

THIS MOOSE-MEAT IS STILL ON THE HOOF.

Mr. Gregory and His Party, Who Ticked a Bull With Partridge Shot, Had to Climb Trees.

J. A. Gregory was in the city this week, after a few days' trip in the woods near Lepreaux, with four of his men. Mr. Gregory tells a moose story that is the best thing of that line so far this season. The party were up the river about 15 miles and were stamping footprints in the thick woods when they loomed up a deer, the moment later they heard a noise ahead that resembled the sound of a cyclone. One man said it was a bear, while another man advanced the theory that it was a moose. They didn't have time to get into a scarp over it before the object of conjecture framed its fat disappearing figure in an opening among the trees ahead. It was most decidedly a large bull moose, and its obvious intentions were to get as far away as it could in the shortest possible time. It was the moose's horn that shot gun charged with partridge pills, and instead of letting the moose see how fast he could run, the man fired at him. He did not intend to hit him, but some of the shot reached his hind quarters and the moose felt that it was his turn to score. He turned around and lowered his magnificent head until his antlers resembled the pilot of an engine, and then, with three blasts (low bridge!) he came to a standstill. Mr. Gregory had ever seen, and isn't it singular that he wasn't more interested in whether or not that animal peed or trotted as it came toward him? As it was, Mr. Gregory and the four men made haste to keep a dale with the birds in the tall timber. Perched on the top of each tree, they didn't say a word, while the moose hung around the place for more than an hour, telling them in a language that could not be understood. It is a problem I don't intend to understand, but I think the root of the matter is that an educated Kaffir can't be "done" in the immediate presence of a moose. WINIFRED JOHNSTON.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. John Murray. The death occurred at Brandon, Manitoba, on Sept. 20, of Jessie Johnston Murray, church worker, and was officially a long illness. Deceased was born in Rexton, Kent county, N. B., but went west some years ago. She had made her home in Brandon for about 16 years, during which time she made numerous friends, who heard of her death with regret. Mrs. Murray took an active interest in Presbyterian church work, and was officially identified with many of the church societies. A husband and four daughters survive. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Henry, assisted by Rev. Marshall Miller. Mrs. Murray was a daughter of John Main, and a sister of John Main, late of the St. Croix Courier. An uncle, Thomas Main, resides in this city.

The Library. Mayor White was assisted the following evening in regard to the money given by the donors to the library building at St. John. Dear Sir—I am in receipt of advice from Mr. Andrew Cameron requesting me to advise you in the matter of the payment of \$50,000, which he has donated for the erection of a library building at St. John. The funds on this account are now available and will be remitted from this office in installments of \$5,000 each, as needed from time to time during the course of construction. Remittances will be forwarded upon receipt of requests signed by the proper officials, accompanied by architect's certificates, accompanied by your truly. Yours truly, R. A. FRANKS.

Father of All Bears. One of the river boat men said Monday that a black bear had been killed at Okimaj during the past week that was by a great deal the largest one that had been shot on the St. John river. It would be advisable to make a note of it, as an enormous chunk of meat was secured on account of the animal's size. It is possible that in arriving at the stated weight the scales may have been out of repair or again the hunters may have got a full of lead, but that his weight was somewhat multiplied. Bears both black and brown are reported to be plentiful this year.

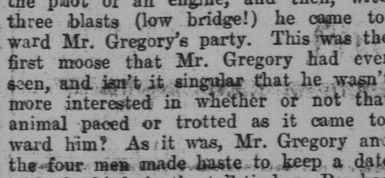
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Struck a Wagon at West Pownal and a Man and Two Women Were Picked Up Dead.

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