

THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICA.

Some of the sights on a Journey in British Honduras.

One of the chief objects of interest in a comparatively unexplored country are the ruins of Central America. Marvellous as massive as that of Thebes and Memphis, carvings as elaborate and characteristic as those of the Hindoo temples, and remain at present an impenetrable mystery.

WISHING ON A FALLING STAR.

A Galician Legend Which Gives the Origin of the Custom of Wishing on a Falling Star.

Abuse of the Stomach.

Popular Science Monthly: Different constitutions have peculiarities in the way in which they assimilate food, and the old adage that what is one man's food is another's poison is a very true one.

The Name of Alcohol.

The reservation of the name of alcohol for the product of the distillation of wine is modern and arbitrary.

Bohemia's Division.

The Bohemians cannot stand prosperity. A generation ago they were struggling to emerge from the slough of despond into which, partly through native apathy, partly through aggressive administration, they had sunk.

A Javanese Bed.

The very bed on which a man reposes at night affords him considerable opportunity for reflection.

Microbes and Bank Notes.

In the recent weekly medical article which appears in the Herald's Dundee edition some interesting facts are given showing the extent to which bank notes are carriers of disease.

Words and Sword Blows.

Elephants are completely disabled by one blow from the Arab's two-handed sword, which almost severs the huge hind leg; biting deep into the bone.

THE LATE REV. DR. McALL.

Founder of the McAll Mission in France—A Sketch of His Life.

Rev. Dr. McAll, founder of the McAll Mission in France, a work in which hundreds of Christians in Canada are interested, died on May 12.

Where It Really Rains.

A good deal of grumbling has occurred this spring at the amount of wet weather. Persons disposed to complain on this ground may congratulate themselves that they do not live in Queensland, where rain seems to be measured by the yard instead of by the inch.

A WOMAN'S DREAM.

Utopian Vision of the Girl of the Future—Interesting Prospectus.

Mrs. Ruth G. D. Havens of Washington recently formulated for the Society of Womanhood a most interesting prospectus for the "girl of the future."

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EUROPE UNDER ARMS.

The Great Military Burdens Imposed on the People.

The election in Germany is necessitated by the refusal of the reichstag to endorse a proposal to increase the army, and to add to the military establishment. Last year the army cost \$208,500,000, or \$20 for every family.

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STATE OWNERSHIP.

Results of Government Operation of Railways in Europe.

The Engineering News, New York, says: "The state ownership of railways has been on trial in Europe for years. In 1849 the Prussian government commenced the building of a line from Berlin to its eastern boundary, but the results were generally unfavorable, and the Franco-Prussian war showed the defects of these existing conditions and the strategic advantages of a well-devised and operated system of railways."

Recreation—A Contrast.

To get a laugh out of the average middle-aged Englishman of to-day is impossible to crack a joke at his expense.

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