

MATRIMONY IN AFRICA.

Many of the Native Traders Have Wives in Every Town They Visit.

The sailor who had a wife in every port he visited has his counterpart in the native trader of West Africa who has a wife in every village with which he trades.

A DIMINUTIVE REVOLVER.

It is Only One Inch and a Half Long Yet It Shoots With Great Accuracy.

Perhaps the smallest revolver ever known has been discovered in Germany. It is 1 1/2 inches long and is made of steel, gold-plated.

MULE DENTISTRY.

An Expert Dentist Who Operates on Twenty-Four of the Animals Every Day.

A Mexican muling company which owns 300 mules keeps a dentist on its staff simply to look after the mules' teeth.

Too Much of a Contrast.

A writer in a recent number of the Scotsman has been gathering up the traditions, literary and social, connected with the buildings displaced by the alterations consequent on the reconstruction of the North Bridge.

Advertisement High in the Air.

The latest means of advertising theads and newspapers in London is to send up stationary balloons at night with large letters painted on the outside and electric lights within.

MORAL VALUE OF A QUEEN.

A Woman on the Throne Furnishes a Good Example in Life for Her Subjects.

In addition to a political there is also a clear moral gain in the fact that the constitutional throne is filled by a woman. It cannot be doubted, says the London Spectator, that the court of a queen makes more obviously for humanity and for morality than does that of a king.

OFFICE REQUIRED TACT.

The Indian Wanted a Letter and Proposed to Have It and He Got It.

The day was cold—very cold, in fact—and the postmaster at Susquaha, a small Canadian town, fell asleep over the stove in his easy chair before he had read half the postcards, says Pearson's Weekly.

BEFORE BELLS.

The Sounds Which Were Made in Olden Times to Call the Egyptians to Prayer.

Before the time of bells various instruments were used to summon congregations to worship. In Egypt they were said to have followed a Jewish custom in using a trumpet.

The English Language.

A correspondent of the London News notes the growth of the use of English on the continent. Wherever he went he was able to converse with statesmen and diplomats in his native tongue.

Cocoon Shells for Fuel.

Cocoon shells make excellent fuel. The enormous amount of oil they contain causes them to take fire at once.

Canada has three of her sons sitting in the house of lords, viz, Baron Haliburton (the earl of Carnwath and the earl of Elgin.

AS GOOD AS A NATIVE.

New General Kitchener Impersonated an Arab and Convicted Two Spies.

Gen. Sir Herbert Kitchener, the soldier commanding the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Sudan, is evidently a man of resource, if a story told of him be true.

Thereupon an animated jabbering began, and was carried on for a few minutes. The two prisoners were by no means reticent in the presence of one of their own race, who was, like themselves, a prisoner, and they let their tongues wag fast.

It was Kitchener, and he had himself investigated the case to see that justice was done. A few minutes more passed, and again the door was opened. This time an orderly appeared. He handed a spade to each of the prisoners, and they were then marched outside, made to dig their own graves, and shot. They were, in truth, as had been suspected, spies, and the general had convinced himself of the fact.

VERY STRICT.

Such is the Government of Turkey in the Enforcement of its Moral Code.

Those who prate about the immorality of the Turk and of Mohammedanism ought to consider for a moment just how much—or rather, how little—they know about the matter, says a letter in the Chicago Record.

LOST HER FARE.

But the Young Woman Would Not Hunt for It, and No Wonder.

"Fare, please," said the conductor to the young woman who sat in the street car, a picture of woe.

School Declared a Nuisance.

A school has been adjudged to be a nuisance by Justice Romer of the English chancery court. A schoolmaster took a house at Turnbridge Wells on the assurance that there was nothing to prevent its being used as a school.

Advantage of Teaching.

Returning from school with a pumpkin seed in her hand, a little girl informed her mother that her teacher had taught her that the seed was white, but the pumpkin was yellow.

Bulletin Financier.

Joué, 16 février 1899.

Table with columns for various financial indicators like 'COMPTON D'ORANGES', 'MARCHÉ DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS', and 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS'.

Bulletin Commercial.

Joué, 16 février 1899.

Table with columns for 'MARCHÉ DE LA NITRÉ-ORLEANS', 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS', and 'MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK'.

Table of Market Data.

Large table containing various market prices, exchange rates, and commodity prices under headings like 'MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK', 'MARCHÉ DE LONDRES', and 'MARCHÉ DE PARIS'.