

BAGNIO OF GUIANA

Penal Settlement Where Life is Worse Than Death.

AMID THE NAMELESS HEAT.

Resides the Merciless Severity of the Labor to Which the Convicts Are Held the Terrible Climate Enervates Every White Man.

The pardoning of the French murderer Soleil had created so much indignation because his deportation is looked upon as an encouragement of murder, and probably the murderer himself, too, in his solitary confinement, thinks that after escaping death he is destined to live there a happy, idyllic life and on his days in penitence.

There are, to be sure, some privileged prisoners, who are allotted a piece of land and can live with their families, but their number is insignificant—five to ten thousand.

In a few weeks the new transport of prisoners to which also Soleil and others belong will arrive on the vessel La Loire at the safety island between the Royal and Joseph Islands, and at the floating wharf they will be subjected to a narrow march.

The steady increase of crime among stage heroines is beginning to get serious. It used to be the men who did all or most of the dreadful things in plays, the picking and stealing the forging and embezzling and offenses of that kind.

New York's Water Supply. New York city's water supply will come from a watershed of 900 square miles when the Catskill system is completed.

HOW FLOWERS HIDE HONEY.

It is Where Sweets Are Stored in Lily—Concealed Nectar.

Before "the bee sucks," as Ariel said, it must find the wonderful places where the flowers hide away their honey, to be found like the bees' hiding holes in ancient mansions by the right sort of visitor, and to keep away all intruders.

In the recesses of the crown and at the center can be seen six large honey pits, one on every floral leaf, and each is brimming over with a big drop of honey and glistening like a tear drop.

Some of the petals are all together, forming a tube and the other petals, by studies from the inside of the wall and from the bottom. This is the place where the little bees come to get their honey.

County Larger Than State. Although the New England states are small the average size of counties is greater than in any of the middle western and southern states.

Dishonest Heroines. The steady increase of crime among stage heroines is beginning to get serious. It used to be the men who did all or most of the dreadful things in plays.

Fine Language. As a rule the educated natives of West Africa like his Indian brethren loves high flow language.

Sticking to Facts. Little Miss Margaret is nothing if not literal. To her a well known singer upon her ear a simple sound is unto her and it means nothing more.

Southern California Fish. The shellfish known as abalone abounds in southern California water in quantities sufficient to export at the rate of hundreds of tons per annum.

Scarcity of Humor. It is to be feared that if the papers reserved a special corner once each week for the witicism of the week it would be often left blank.

Had Small Brain. A healthy, regularly formed brain of 24 ounces, scarcely half of the normal average, seems to have been the smallest ever recorded for an adult.

Tea a Germ Destroyer. Tea is now elevated to the dignity of a germ destroyer. Dr. McNaught, the medical investigator, has found that typhoid bacilli placed in cold or lukewarm tea are greatly diminished.

WHIMS OF THE RICH

Millionaires Who Spent Fortunes on Merest Fancies.

HOW THE MONEY DOES FLY.

Spendthrift Young Banker Who Laid a Cigarette with a Fifty Pound Note Got Two Black Eyes as a Sequel to the Escapade.

No man is more careful, as a rule, with his money than your millionaire. He would never have made his fortune if he had not acted on the principle of taking care of his property.

We have all heard of the man who has five pound notes to light his pipe with and is not of our acquaintance.

There is a law by which the family of a spendthrift can apply for an injunction to control his wild expenses. Such an injunction was recently obtained by the family of a young man named Lemate.

Without a moment's hesitation the youth wrote a check for five hundred pounds and handed it to the owner of a large and luxurious apartment.

Speaking of silver the Rana of Goodpore, a Hindu prince, not long ago, had a collection of silver and gold coins, made entirely of virgin silver, the edges being decorated with a karat gold.

The Chequer in the Napier is the motherly must be unique among English Inns in one respect.

The Reform of Society. It is a mistake to imagine that human society can be reformed by mere organization, for the church at least, treatment in the mass can never take the place of treatment of the individual.

Needed an Hourglass. A clergyman made an unusually long call at the home of a parishioner, recently. He talked and talked, until finally little Edna, who was present, whispered: "Mamma, did the preacher forget to bring his amen with him?"

Thoughtful Girl. "Can you take a little care of that card of mine?" implored the impatient girl to the office boy who was strolling into a wad, "and ring it back to me so I can send it somewhere else? Cards cost me dear, you know."

HABITS OF HINDOO SERVANTS.

If Not Watched Will Sell Household Stores and Rent out Washing.

Excellent servant as the Indian is in many respects, honesty is not one of his qualities, and he has to be strictly looked after when either money or goods are entrusted to him.

The dusters, the name in India for a pair of trousers and a pair of shirts, are sold out every day or every two days the soiled ones being counted and looked up till they are given to the washman.

The cook goes to the bazaar every morning to buy meat, fish, and vegetables all the food that cannot be stored in his kitchen is brought for inspection every day or else expenses would increase in a surprising manner.

Big Nose a Mark of Beauty. Upon the nose is the only feature which attracts attention. The nose determines the beauty or ugliness of the face, a beak as it is called, or small. This is probably the reason that in the East the nose is highly prized.

Unique Among Inns. The Chequer Inn at Napier is the motherly must be unique among English Inns in one respect.

New Form of Chromium. Chromium prepared in the electric furnace by Moissan proved to be slightly soluble in molten copper.

NEW WATCH ON CHINAMEN.

Uncle Sam Has Inspectors on Trains at Interior Points.

The Federal Government employs in New York State at least five men whose duties are to board trains at important junction points and search them for Chinese who may be illegally in this country.

While no great secrecy has been maintained in their work, there has been no careless advertising of it, and, as a result, very few travelers are aware of the mission of the men who enter trains and carefully inspect the appearance of all foreigners who look as though they may have come from China.

The inspectors were that he has a right to be in New York. The Chinese have been so long in the country that if one possibility is to be allowed to enter the country, he should be allowed to enter at the same time as the rest of the population.

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