

THE FEARFUL RITES THAT USED TO OBTAIN IN AFRICA.

Human Sacrifices Were of Common Occurrence—The Execution Bowl and the Infliction of the Death Penalty on the Victims.

Ahanti, in western Africa, embraces about 700,000 square miles in area, and its population has been estimated from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000.

In this barbaric country polygamy ran to the extent that a king's regular army of 100,000 men was maintained.

In speaking of the execution bowl, he said: "It is a large bowl of iron, five feet in diameter, ornamented with four small lions and a number of round knobs or studs, except at one part, where there is a space for the victim's neck to rest on the edge.

When a man had been selected and seized for execution, there were only two ways by which he could evade it.

There are thousands of people who live on the dark side of life.—What they need is light and love.

—More than half of the unhappy in the world come from a perverse unwillingness to look on the bright side so long as a dark side can be discovered.

—The Christian who works as hard as it everything depended on himself and as unconcerned as a butterfly on a flower.

—Nelson Heirs: The will of the late Chief Justice Faircloth is admitted to probate.

—Chicago Tribune: Something just as good: "Have you Dickson 'Tale of Two Cities'?"

FARRAGUT'S GREATEST VICTORY AND HOW HE WON IT.

The Story of the Battle of Mobile Bay, in Which the Great Admiral Fearlessly Sailed Over the Mines Planted in the Harbor.

On the night of Aug. 4, 1864, the Union fleet rode at anchor outside the harbor of Mobile.

Every preparation had been made for the approaching battle. Admiral Farragut, in the silent watches of the night, went below into his cabin.

Farragut had ordered himself lashed to the rigging close under the mainmast, from where he could clearly see the progress of the battle.

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The brilliant daring of Farragut in this crucial test, his prompt decision and bold action were the chief reasons for the day at Mobile.

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THE ARMY BILL IN THE SENATE.

Little Progress Made, Though Some Committee Amendments Were Adopted.

DIATORY TACTICS EMPLOYED None of Contested Amendments Considered—A Few Calendar Bills Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—While the Senate was in session for over three hours today little in the way of important legislation was accomplished.

When the section of the Army bill which reached providing for the appointment of volunteer officers to be officers in the regular army.

Commenting upon this part of the bill, Senator Daniel, Virginia, declared that he wholly disagreed with the committee which had drawn the bill.

Senator Bacon to day introduced the following resolution: "Resolved, by the Senate, That any and every public document, paper or record on the files of any department of the government relating to any subject whatever over which Congress has any grant of power, jurisdiction or control, under the constitution, is subject to the call or inspection of the following resolution:

WASHINGTON, January 5.—"The gold in the Treasury," said Ellis H. Roberts, United States Treasurer, "is \$480,709,005, breaking all records.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A dispatch received here from Tien Tain says Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee has notified his staff to cease hostilities.

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COUNTERFEITERS OF ALL-SILVER COIN.

Important Arrests Made in New York City—Eight Men Caught at Their Nefarious Work.

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Some time ago two Italians called on Messrs. Platt & Co., of Gold Street, New York, large dealers in sheet silver and gold, and purchased a thousand ounces of sheet silver.

Chief Wilkie said to-day that this gang probably was responsible for at least eighty percent of the counterfeit currency which had been put in circulation in New York during the last two years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—While no positive statement could be obtained from a reliable authority in relation to the purchase of a controlling interest in the cigar manufacturing American and Continental Cigar Companies, it was generally understood to-day that such a deal is being negotiated.

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CENTRE OF POPULATION.

It Now Rests in Southern Indiana, Near the City of Columbus.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The Census Bureau has issued the following: "The centre of population is in the following position: Latitude 39 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds; longitude 85 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A special dispatch from Pekin, under yesterday's date, says: "According to an official Chinese source, Russia has arranged to make a treaty with China at St. Petersburg.

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