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GENTLEMEN have been very lucky on the French race courses this year. M. Maurice Ephrussi won \$85,00), Barons Alphonse and Gustave de Rothschild about \$70,000 each, Baron de Schlickler, \$100,000, and M. Pierre Donon, Baron de Saubeyran and M. Michel Ephrussi between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

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An English paper states that one of the lecturers at Owens College, Manchester, has put forward the assertions (1) "that no Jew or Jewess has ever been known to suffer from cancer." and (2) that "the immunity of the Hebrew race from this frightful scourge was attributed to their abstinence from swine's flesh."

BENJAMIN BUTTERWORTH, the secretary of the world's fair, is a man of about fifty, in the prime of physical vigor and health. He is tall, solidly nant. But whether I was right or wrong built and powerful, and his large head is covered with closely clipped, snowwhite hair. He is frank and direct in manner and likes a joke. His father was a Quaker.

An Italian unn, Sister Maria Caprini, has just returned to Verona after eight years' imprisonment among the Soudanese. She was taken captive at the siege of El Obeid by the Mahdi, to gether with several companions and some missionary monks. Two of the siters and one of the monks died from want and ill-treatment.

THE daughter of a naval officer in Baltimore bestowed her affections on a man whom her father did not approve. He offered her a pleasure trip to China if she would diseard her lover. She refused, as any other American girl would have done, and eloped with the man of her choice. Love laught at other things than locksmiths.

GEN. SHERMAN'S oldest son, Thomas who was ordained to the priesthood a few year ago, is now putting the finish to his theological studies in the Isle of Jersey. When the Jesuits were driven from France they got a place in that classic island, bought a big hotel at St. Heller and turned it into a house of studies. And there is where Thomas Sherman is now, rounding his long term of studies at the Maison St. Louis.

At Mehama, Oregon, when Georga P. Terrell's little twelve-year-old daughter went down to the pasture to drive up the cows she found a pretty little two-year-old deer feeding with them. She drove the cows to the barnyard and the deer ran along with them as sportive as a calf on a June morning. When they were all secured in the barn the deer was caught with but little trouble and is readily submitting to domatication. It is fresh and hearty and will make a nice pet for the chil-

It is nearly twenty years since John W. Keely announced to the world that he had discovered a new force which was destined to revolutionize the whole system of locomotion. The inventor is now fifty-four years old, and it seems probable that his secret, whatever its value, will die with him. The original capital of the company formed to develop the discovery was half a million dollars, and after this had become exhausted Mrs. Bloomfield Moore supplied the inventor with funds to proceed. Now she proposes to retire from the concern, and its finances will suffer accordingly.

A COLORED couple called on a wellknown elergyman in Boston recently to be married. They were accompanied by another couple, who came to "standup" with the bridegroom and bride. The quartet stood in line, and by a queer misunderstanding of the requirements of the occasion the "contracting parties" got separated, the man standing at one end of the line and the woman at the other. The clergyman, supposing they were properly stationed, said: "You take this woman to be your lawful and wedded wife - " "Sav, hold an boss! de woman dat I'm goin' to marry am at de oder end ob de line; I'm not goin' to marry dis yer gal." The exfremes met and the ceremony was begun again and finished without inter-

HOW INSPECTORS FERRET OUT DEPREDATORS.

A Few Interesting Cases-A Mail Thief is Almost Sure to be Caught -A Thieving Rodent.

Around the walls of the government building, if one will look closely, he will observe what appears as registers, high up near the ceiling. They are innocent looking enough to distract the suspicions of the most wily thief. But every day, behind one of these iron greatings, there may be found a post-office inspector, intently watching the actions of the clerks, either in the main distributing room or in the register or money order departments. Should there happen to be any complaint of missing mail there is a scurrying in the inspection department and every man on the staff is put on to test his mettle with the case which confronts the department. And the wonder is that, nine times out of ten, the case is worked to a successful conclusion and the guilty person convicted of the heinous crime of tampering with Uncle Sam's

"We get some pretty tough cases," said an old inspector, yesterday, "but it has been my fortune to run down every case on which I was set to work."

"What was the most difficult case you ever had?" asked the reporter.

"It happened while I was stationed at Utica, N. Y., about seven years ago," replied the inspector. "Many letters containing valuables had been missed, and by dint of hard work we managed to trace the job down to one clerk, a shaved-faced young fellow, of about 22 years. He was the boxes of the carriers. As I said, we destroyed the Summer trade, managed to get this far on the case and then I set my trap. I had a decoy letter, containing a \$20 gold piece, maile I from a country town in Connecticut to a prominent stove dealer in Utica. The letter failed to reach the carrier promptly, and I felt we had our man solid at last

"I waited for him until the dinner hour, and as he was leaving the office accosted him. He came with me, and look as closely as I might I failed to detect any signs of uneasiness in his features; they were perfectly immobile. postmaster and submitted to a thorough earch, but no trace of the letter or \$20 gold piece was found on his person. To say I was dumbfounded is drawing it mildly. He appeared to be very indigat the time, the petty robberies came to a sudden stop. No more complaints were heard for a mouth. Then they began again. This time I was bound I would not fail, so I set a close watch on ray man. One day when I was about to give up the case in despair, I noticed the fellow tearing up an envelope and dropping it to the floor. When he had gone bicked up the scraps of paper, and after a hard job managed to piece it. I was disheartened when I saw that the envelope had been addressed to himself. 1 was about to walk away when a sudden

idea steick me. "I came down the next morning before the young clerk came to work, and stationed myself behind a letter rack, free from observation, but in such a position that I could see the fellow's every action. I saw him take several stamped and addressed envelopes from his pocket and walk over to the stamping table and cancel the stamps. During the course of letters inside of as many envelopes and seal the envelopes. Then I knew my suspicions were correct. I went to the carrier who carried the letters to the young man's home and secured the four etters addressed to the fellow himself, " Have you carried many letters like this? I asked him.

"Yes, sir, the carrier said, I carry

four or five a day." "I then called the fellow into my office and told him that we had determined to have the mail of all clerks delivered at the office to lighten the duties of the carriers. I then told him I had four letters for him and handed him the missives I had received from the postman. The fellow turned pale and was on the verge of fainting when I asked him to open and read the letters in my presence. With trembling hands he did so, and in side the envelopes, addressed to himself, I found four valuable letters addressed to a birge whole sile house. He broke down and confessed that he had been stedling for about six months, and that during that period he had abstracted nearly \$1,500 from business letters. He had spent the money in gambling."

"The hardest case I ever had to work on," broke in another inspector, "turned out to be no case at all. It was in a small town in Ohio a few months ago. From this town had come numerous complaints of missing mail, valuable and valueless pieces disappearing regularly. I was ent down to work the matter up. worked as hard as I could and failed to detect any guilty person among the several employed in the office. As a last resort I determined to spend one night in the office. It proved to be a very successful night. Shortly before midnight I heard a scratching in the lower letter oxes and carefully began to investigate. I opened a drawer and out jumped a big hole and then went home. Next day the floor was torn up, and in that rat's hole we his voice, 'Surrender, ye spatpeens!' found scraps of paper, checks and currency, all used as a soft, downy bed for the family of rodents. It was a blessing for that town, as a new post-office was

secured at once." "One time," said another inspector, "I was fooled by a pair of high-topped boots. Many letters had been missing from the trains running between Cincin-nati and New York. By means of decoy letters I traced the robberies down to a railway mail clerk, but was unable to catch him in a theft for a long time. After many letters had disappeared, I got mad one wet night, and just as the | is a large, powerfully-built man, but seems clerk stepped from his car I placed him to have no control of this extra bodily under arrest. The truth of the matter was that I really had no grounds on which to arrest him, so I took him to a hotel and rented one room for both of an unsightly manner, as though paraus. A nice grate fire was made in the room, and I took off my shoes to dry my feet in the grateful warmth. My prisoner remained quietly in his chair until I requested him to remove his big boots and feel more comfortable.

AFTER MAIL THIEVES . "Then be began to fidget unesaily and ON SPAIN'S SHAKY THRONE. I grew suspicious. With a rush and a jerk, I pulled off one of his boots, and out dropped three letters. The other boot yielded up half a dozen. Never until that moment had I had the least suspicion of those clumsy, big boots, and were it not for that lucky grate fire I should probably have never been able to convict my man."-|Cincinnati Times-

Decay of the Boy Bootblacks.

Some fifteen years ago boys nearly monopolized the bootblacking business in New York, as they do in London and Paris to the present day. Gradually the advent of the well-cushioned chair outside the salcon door in summer and inside, close to the stove, in winter, not to speak of the so-called "bootblacking parlors," has reduced the ranks of the boy bootblacks almost to the verge of extinction. You will find the American boy with his box still around the City Hall Park, which seems to be his last ditch, and around Washington Square the young Italian solicits your custom, but the boy bootblack is threatened with extinction by the advance of civiliza-

The young Americans round City Hall Park charge you five cents for "a shine," just the same as though they could offer you a comfortable chair to sit in and the morning paper to read instead of making you hop round, with one foot on their box and the other wherever you get a chance to place it. "We ain't no scabs." as one of them remarked to the reporter, and certainly they keep up prices, With good luck these boys will make \$3 a week, but there are weeks when they make hardly anything. A succession of wet days is fatal to the business, and the a clerk who distributed the letters into fad of wearing russet shoes has almost

The little Italian boys who hang around Washington square are the "scabs" of the bootblack brigade. They charge only three cents for a shine, and seldom manage to pick up over thirty cents a day. They nearly all work for padrones, for the padrone system is not yet extinct in New York, though we do not hear as much about it as we did some

The business of shining is almost entirety in the hands of Italians, and many of them are doing so well that they are walked with me into the office of the able to hire a number of boys to assist them. These lads are nearly all compatriots, and strange as it may seem, are very well paid, getting as high as \$4 a week, and never less than \$2.-[New York News.

Tarantulas.

The tarantula is found in the old world as well as in the new. It belongs to the hot, dry, sandy plains of Arizona, and to all similar lands in all parts of the world. A writer in Knowledge, who has evidently made a specialty of spiders, gossins pleasantly of this most repulsive species: The tarantula is one of the largest, but by no means the most enormous spider found in Europe. It belongs to the mining section of the family, termed wolf spiders. Its body is covered all over with down, chiefly of an olive dusky brown color. The upper border of the thorax and the outline of the eyes are yellow, and the back of the ab lomen is marked with a row of triangular dark spots with whitish edges. Its eight eyes are arranged in three traverse rows, the front row containing four small eyes, while behind the e are two the morning I saw the fellow slip four pairs of larger eyes. The tarantula is common in Spain, Southern France and Italy, occurring in great numbers around the town of Taranto. It has been found in Asia and also Northern Africa. This spider is to be found in dry places, partly overgrown with grass and fully exposed to the heat of the sun, living in an underground passage which it digs for itself, lining it with its web. These passages are round in section, and sometimes quite an inch in diameter, often extending to the depth of a foot or even more below the surface. The creatare is very quick in its movements, and eager in the pursuit of its prey. It waits only to kill one vieten before it darts upon another, and it has been known to allow itself to be carried into the air by a large fly that it has attacked rather than relimpuish its hold.

Shot Full of Holes.

" Jim Cannon was a plain son of Erin, who went to war with an Indiana regiment. He accompanied our scouting party out one day. The boys of the eventieth Indiana told us to watch him, for he was a fool and liable to involve our little troop in a complication of

"And the caution proved seasonable, though it was unheeded. Jim Cannon crept away from our party while we were searching the copse that skirted a neighboring hill, and in less than thirty minutes we heard a shot fired, followed after a short interval by thirty or forty in rapid succession. We hastened to the spot and picked up poor Jim. He was tattered. We actually counted eleven bullet holes in that fellow, and how do you suppose he explained it to us? He crept upon a party of ten or twelve bushwhackers eating a lunch in the shelter of a ravine, and thought he could capture rat. I watched him disappear through a the entire force. So he opened fire, at the same time yelling out at the top of "And he lived to tell you this story?"

inquired a listener to the narrative. "Live! why, he actually got well, and I learned recently that he now works in Capital, northern Indiana town."-[Chicago

THE unusual sight of a man with three full-sized arms and hands may be daily seen upon the streets of Marbette, British Columbia. He is a Russian by birth, and first came to America, in 1977, as an attache of the Greek church, at Sitka, Alaska, where he resided about 1884. He member, which hangs down his back from a point almost exactly between his shoulders, and rolls from side to side in lyzed. Besides being well equipped in the way of arms, he has a set of teeth that are double all the way around,

The reduction in the public debt during January amounted to \$15,835,496.

Little Intant King Alfonso. Maria Christina, the Queen Regent of Spain, is a daughter of Archduke Charles of Austria and is now in her thirty-third year. Spaniards are proverbially averse to being ruled by a soreigner, but the tact and judgment shown by the widowed mother of their

Queen Fegent Christina and the Sickly



CHRISTINA, QUEEN REGENT OF SPAIN.

present baby king have disarmed their hostility and made her popular. She was the second wife of Alfonso XII., the late king, and was married in November, 1879. Alfonso was never strong, and he died while still a very young man, in December, 1885. The Queen has two young children, both of frail health. The elder of the two, the Infanta Donna María de las Mercedes, Princess of Asturias, to whom the crown would revert in the event of her brother's death without issue, was born in 1880, and the present King, Alfonso XIII., in 1886, five months after his father's death.

The little king has had a hard strugg'e for life. Like most of the roval families of Europe the Spanish Bour-bons are affected with scrofula, and the baby who now wears the crown has been pulled through many severe crises only by great medical skill. The general belief in Spain is that he will never reach manhood. All sorts of stories are told about him. Among them is one that when mildly rebuked by his attendants for eating with his fingers and told that kings did not do so, the little fellow pertly remarked: "This king does." The republican sentiment has been steadily growing in Spain during recent years, and it would



not surprise those who know that country best if Alfonso XIII, should turn out to be the last king.

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