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Wanderers in Belgium. Belgium a population of less than 7,000,000 takes 184,000 wine and 100,000 beer to supply. This is one every thirty-nine persons.

Bridal Splendor. Paris is not quite exhausted the possibility of the spangle as an ornament. The loveliest wedding dress ever seen was made in Paris for the bride of the Duke of Orleans.

The Use of a Pound of Coal. A curious and interesting calculation has been made on the dynamic power of coal. From this we learn that a single ton of coal steam coal has within its dynamic power equal to the work of a man for one day.

Aluminum in India. With the past year aluminum has been introduced in India for the manufacture of cooking utensils employed by the native inhabitants.

Growth of Human Hair. Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals.

Caroline's Exquisite Piano. Cas. Alexander sent to Stuttgart for a suitable present for the empress on the occasion of her recent birthday celebration.

Cities Lighted with Acetylene Gas. All-trellis, a city of Mecklenburg, is the first city on the European continent to be lighted throughout with acetylene gas.

The Earth's Hottest Region. The hottest region on the earth is on the southwestern coast of Persia, where Persia borders the gulf of the same name.

Fastest Four-Footed Swimmer. The otter is the fastest swimming quadruped known. In the water it exhibits an astonishing agility.

The Sultan's Gold Plate. Among the sultan's gold plate there are dishes of solid gold of extraordinary size, and there are plates, cups, and saucers.

Bislin's Bicycle. The wooden bicycle used by Blondin in his famous ride across Niagara Falls on a rope is still in existence.

Monks' Last Fare. One Roosevelt told this breezy little narrative to the visitors of New York. "One day last spring, when it fell to my lot to help get the navy ready for war, I and my naval aid, Lieut. Sharpe, went out buying auxiliary cruisers.

The Largest Loaves. The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is baked in loaves two or three feet long.

The Matter-of-Fact Girl. In the county of Wicklow lies the picturesque vale of Avoca, famous in song. Here is the confluence of two rivers, the Avonmore and Avonberg.

Congratulation in the West. This is how the Salt Lake City Tribune felicitates a railway officer upon his recent marriage: "A thousand congratulations to Superintendent Welby on his happy change of domestic state."

Pipe Lines of Glass. The latest invention is a pipe line made of glass. The glass manufacturing firm, whose plant is located at Port Allegany, is preparing to make glass tubes that can be used for sending oil or gas across the country.

Peculiar Dish in Pennsylvania. Crumb pie is a local dish peculiar to eastern Pennsylvania. It is offered at breakfast as a substitute for hot bread.

Do Not Speak English. It is not generally realized what an immense number of Britons born and bred at home have never succeeded in mastering the national language.

Literary Conventions. A Madrid paper complains that our commissioners in Paris insist upon the discussion of matters not connected with the treaty of peace.

Siberian Snowshoe. The Russian meteorologist, Professor Woetkol, calls attention to the almost uninterrupted sunshine that prevails in winter in the Irutsk region of Siberia.

Earliest Statue. The earliest known statue is one that has been recovered from an Egyptian tomb. It is that of a sheik, or headman of a village.

Most Active Volcano. The most active volcano in the world is Mount Sangay, 17,190 feet high, situated on the eastern chain of the Andes, South America.

THE WANDERING JEW.

BY EUGENE SUK. CHAPTER LXIX. [CONTINUED.]

"Enough of that stuff! we are not here for confession; brutally answered the quarryman, advancing toward Gabriel in a threatening manner.

"Very well, then; since it is so," said Gabriel, raising his head, and advancing with calmness, resignation and fearlessness.

These words of Gabriel, his courage, the nobleness of his attitude, the beauty of his countenance, had made an impression on some of the assailants.

"Where—where!" cried they. "There—don't you see?" stretched on the floor."

On hearing this, the mob, which had hitherto formed a compact mass, in the sort of passage separating the two sides of the nave, between the rows of chairs, dispersed in every direction to reach the railing of the choir.

The missionary lost all hope of saving the Jew. "You cry for his blood!" cried Gabriel growing still paler.

"Well, let him die," cried the missionary, inspired by a sudden thought; "let him die on the instant!"

"I!" cried the quarryman, hesitating; "I—all alone!"

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"Oh!" replied Gabriel, with bitterness, "there is no danger. You can easily finish him. Look! he is broken down with suffering; he has hardly a breath of life left; he will make no resistance. Do not be afraid!"

The quarryman stood motionless. "Strike then!" resumed Gabriel, addressing him, whilst he pointed to the crowd with a solemn gesture.

"He dares not finish the poison," said one. "The coward!" "He is afraid."

Hearing these words, the quarryman ran to the gate, threw it wide open, and, pointing to Father d'Aigrigny, exclaimed: "If there is one here braver than I am let him go and finish the job—let him be the executioner come!"

Suddenly, Father d'Aigrigny uttered a dying rattle, his head and one of his arms stirred with a convulsive movement, and then fell back upon the stones as if he had just expired.

Gabriel utter a cry of anguish, and threw himself on his knees close to Father d'Aigrigny, exclaiming: "Great heaven! He is dead!" To be Continued.

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I agree with you that Jesuits are permitted to retain all their stolen property in those islands there will be a great deal of trouble, but I have no fear about the result.

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