

JAMAICA MORNING.

SCENES NOTED BY A TRAVELER WHILE IN KINGSTON.

Some Odd Characters About the Hotel. Victoria Market—Prices of Staples. Beef, Mutton and Vegetables—The Danger of Night Air.

Early every morning there were curious scenes around Park lodges. In Jamaica the negroes have to some extent the unpleasant habit, common to the colored inhabitants of all the West India Islands, of standing immovably by the quarter hour staring at anything that attracts their attention.

DARKIES SEEING THE SIGHTS.

It was no uncommon thing to see four or five colored ladies and gentlemen, with loaded trays balanced on their heads, standing in front of the Park Lodge gates at once fairly drinking in the Oriental magnificence.

One of the earliest arrivals every morning was the man who sold photographs. This title I give him, "The man who sold photographs," partly out of courtesy and partly because I do not know what else to call him.

Park lodge is perhaps a trifle over a mile from the end of the street car line, and the market is one short block from the terminus. This is the Victoria market, the principal one in Kingston.

The beef, it is all raised on the island, and is originally very good beef before it goes into the hands of the butchers. But they kill it and sell it the same morning, apparently cutting the whole animal into slices or chunks, without regard to the quality of the poor parts.

These early morning hours for sight seeing and noticing the habits of the people were far better than the evening. I have always made it a rule to be under a roof if possible after dark in tropical countries, and to this I attribute in great part my escape from a single day's illness in all my years of rest, dance and visiting in the West Indies.

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THE LANDLORD OF PARIS.

A Warning to Americans Who Visit the French Capital—An Incident.

There are many things that Americans should be cautious about in taking apartments in this city—one thing in particular, that of demanding a duplicate inventory of all the articles in the room, and to be certain of carefully noting every crack, stain or scratch in porcelain, on carpet or furniture; otherwise, when giving up the apartment, there is sure to be some trouble with the landlord.

To prove how we Americans are in the power of French landlords after signing a lease and inventory, I will tell the experience of a friend of ours who just returned to his native land thoroughly disgusted with France and the inhabitants. Mr. F. signed a lease for an apartment on the Champs Elysees for two years, went carefully over the inventory with the landlord, and when they came to the dining room he told the proprietor that he did not wish any of the glasses or tableware in it, as he had plenty of his own that he had just purchased and was anxious to use so as to pass it free of duty when he returned to America.

Naturally there was a tremendous row, a rush to a lawyer's office for retribution, but all in vain, for Mr. F. was actually obliged to pay this exorbitant demand of 500 francs. But before signing a check for the required amount he asked in a meek voice if the two sets and glasses would be his if he paid this sum, for the landlord had said they would be of no service to him, being so badly damaged.

Dress According to the Weather. The great trouble with most men and one of the reasons why you hear them complain so frequently of sickness is that they do not know how to dress to meet the requirements of the weather.

The Children of the Poor. In the homes of the very poor there are no hired servants to keep the household machinery running smoothly while the mistress is away.

No Cause for Alarm. A man living in a Hoboken flat was greatly disturbed and not a little alarmed by a terrible commotion in the flat above.

Making a Pleasant Home. A mother once said she wanted to make her boys feel that home was the pleasant place on earth, and she took care to interest her sons early in fruits and flowers, and instructed them in the growth and development of all forms of plant life.

Don't be affected. It's a deformity.

EMPRESS OF GERMANY.

TRAINING WHICH HER MOTHER, THE BRITISH QUEEN, GAVE.

Not a Favorite with Bismarck Nor the German Aristocracy—Her Life During Childhood—Introduction of English Customs in the Berlin Court.

That the English princess who now occupies the exalted position of empress of Germany, though adored by her husband and the object of the affectionate respect of her late father-in-law, has never been a favorite with her mother-in-law, with the great chancellor, the unprogressive aristocracy of the German court, and the German public.

Queen Victoria, sufficiently sure of the solidity of her grandeur and of that of her family, made it a point, in the bringing up of her daughter, to ensure them for a healthy and happy life, in "homely" interests and occupations.

One of their greatest delights was to get the queen and Prince Albert to come to their quarters for lunch, when everything composing the repast was of their own providing.

THE FIRST LETTERS HOME. The first letters from "Vic" to her family, after her marriage, all contained inquiries about her garden and its various plants and flowers, among which was a beautiful rose-chamber and to wait for his return, after which he rushed to a hardware store close by, purchased four stout hatchets and returned to the apartment with a beaming countenance.

The latter, soon after her establishment in Berlin, was found by some of the stiffest of the court ladies one day when they came to pay the respects of their divine order.

Jumped Over Her Head. W. Byrd Page, the slim and handsome young Philadelphia beau and champion amateur high jumper, was at a fashionable party the other evening.

MUST PUT ON CAPS. "All the maid servants in mamma's service wear caps," said the princess, "and all those who wish to remain in mine must wear them."

The princess, after her marriage, not only continued to take catmeal porridge as a part of her own morning meal, but always had it served at her family breakfast table, as a regular item of that repast.

Hunting for Noah's Ark. A Russian official now in this country says that another attempt to find Noah's ark is about to be made by a company of Russian explorers.

What's the matter up here? asked the man. "Oh, nothing—nothing worth mentioning at all—only Higgins swore as how he wouldn't dress the baby, an' I ben lettin' 'im know as how he would. He's dressin' of 'er now, sir; that's all. Beg parding fer disturbin' you."—Detroit Free Press.

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GARNERED PARAGRAPHS.

A South Carolina newspaper says that there is an old negro in Jonesboro who has been married nine times and has had 117 children.

A German's translation of Zola's novel, "La Terre," has been seized by the police. They were afraid it would soil the morals of the young.

A French engineer, M. J. P. Alibert, has recently invented an improved key which simplifies and renders lasting the tuning of the stringed instruments.

Every member of the Blake family, at Canton, O., who has died in the last twenty years has dreamed of falling into a well about two weeks before death came.

San Francisco is to have a crematory. A company has been formed which owns a valuable lot, and next month work will be begun upon the furnace and chapel.

Pullman has invented palace street cars with reversible seats and a central aisle as in passenger coaches, and proposes to upholster them like the vestibule cars and make smoking rooms.

Omaha is very happy over the decision of the Methodists to hold their next quadrennial general conference in that city. "By that time," says The World, "Omaha will have a population of over 200,000, and perhaps a quarter of a million. By that time she will have become the largest meat packing center in the world."

A portion of petrified tree was discovered in a solid sandstone rock quarry at Zanesville, O., the other day. The other tree is about the thickness of a telegraph pole, has well defined bark and roots. It was found while blasting, or immediately after a blast, fully sixty feet below the top of the hill, and was in solid rock.

The birds of the Florida coasts are fast disappearing before the guns of the plume hunters. There is an especial scarcity of the great American egret, the snowy heron, the Louisiana heron, the reddish egret, Ward's heron and the little blue heron.

The Methodist church at St. Johnsbury, Vt., had a debt of \$708 and the pastor wanted it removed. So a few Sundays ago when the congregation went to church they saw behind the pulpit a big blackboard, on which was drawn a mountain. The mountain was divided into apparent geological strata, and each stratum was marked according to size with "\$1," "\$2," and so on up to \$50.

The girl in question was probably no more than five feet two or three inches in height, and yet none of us supposed that Mr. Page in his ordinary attire would undertake to clear the top of her coiffure, although his record is 6 ft. 4 in.

She held a rigidly upright posture, as though preferring to have her hair kicked off by the jumper's failure than by favoring his feat by crouching in the least. Page took a start at the extreme rear of the long parlor, ran nimbly forward, sprang into the air just before reaching the human hurdle, went over her head without a touch and struck lightly on his feet.

Will some kind soul inform us why it is that all the people who go to theatres don't some time, by accident, take it into their heads to go on the same night? Why is it that in the course of a week it often happens that the house is just evenly filled every night? Why is it that the receipts of a whole week do not vary more than ten or twelve, and seldom more than fifty, dollars on the night? In a city like New York or London a piece often has a run of six months or a year, with full houses all the time, but very few full, if any, turned away.

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