

ROYALTY AND BEGGARDOM.

What an Empress Has and Pays for Her Dejeuner on the Riviera.

With the mild weather has come a pest in the form of perfect shoals of beggars. Children they are mostly, with shrunken, withered limbs, some without fingers and many without hands, and they shove their mutilated stumps up into the faces of passers-by...

THE CANARY'S BODYGUARD.

A Bevy of Sparrows Constitute Themselves Protectors of the Little Songster.

A bevy of English sparrows that have taken possession of one of the prettiest and shadiest little side streets out in the Carrollton district of New Orleans have adopted into their midst a canary which they, no doubt, found straying from its home somewhere in the city.

QUEER MONEY.

The Circulating Medium That a Traveler Found in Mexico.

Here is an amusing account of a traveler who went many years ago to Mexico, and found the natives using a strange kind of currency. Says he: "In one of the small towns I bought some limes, and gave the girl one dollar in payment. By way of change, she returned to me forty-nine pieces of soap the size of a small biscuit. I looked at her in astonishment, and she returned my look with equal surprise...

Signs in the Desert.

Signs in the desert, indicating the trails and giving directions as to the nearest springs and wells of fresh water are to be erected by Arizona and California in the desolate regions on either side of the Colorado river, where so many tragedies have occurred through miners and others losing their way or dying from thirst.

Crows Hold Court.

Dr. Edmonson assures us that in the Shetland islands the holding of crow courts is of very common occurrence. As a rule a hill or field is selected to act as a courthouse and the session commences. The proceedings are conducted in any way but silently, though as to the exact mode of procedure, whether counsel are employed or a jury impaneled no ornithologist has been able to inform us.

An Unappreciated Sultor.

He—"Your-er-father and mother have noticed that I am-er-calling on you quite frequently, haven't they?" She—"They couldn't very well help it."

His First.

Young Spriggins (gleefully)—Congratulate me, old boy! Mother and father are doing well. Old Boy—Eh? So you are a father, eh? What is it, boy or girl? Young Spriggins (blankly)—I—I forgot to ask.

Errors of Youth.

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DISTANCE LENDS TERROR.

Death Less Formidable When Close at Hand.

The fear of death in the abstract is a natural instinct, and, being natural, is doubtless a wholesome one, says the Nineteenth Century. And this being so, a constant realization of it is scarcely to be desired. It is much to be questioned whether, to use the imagery of the hymn, the man to whom the consciousness of it was continuously present that his tent was nightly pitched a day's march nearer to his grave would be a useful campaigner.

BISMARCK ON HAPPINESS.

He Has Had Very Little of It—Emperor William Had More.

At Leipzig the other day Prince Bismarck made a speech, in the course of which he said: "In my long life I have rarely been happy. If I were to figure out the total of the rare moments of happiness that I have had, I would find perhaps in all about twenty-four hours. In politics I have never had time enough to be happy. I have always had to struggle, and when I was victorious cares came with the victory, and I had to make the most of them."

He Was a Girl.

The masculine style of dress sometimes causes a deal of trouble to the wearer thereof. Said a deacon to a young person, who leaving a wheel in the lobby, was stealing into the back seat of a country church: "You bad and wicked boy, why don't you take off your cap?" To this the bad and wicked boy replied: "If you please, sir, I'm a girl."

Head and Heart.

The views of the elevator boy on the new woman are worth repeating. Said he: "They talk about the new woman; I don't know what she is, exactly, but if she ain't like the old kind we don't want her." For this and other doubting Thomases the assurance is given that she is like the old kind, only she is using her brains as well as her heart.

India Ink is made in Japan from the soot obtained by burning the shells of an oily nut.

Stories About Worth.

Stories about Worth are now in order, and many an old chestnut of his process as a business man as well as an artist will be revived. Americans have suffered much at his hands in point of "talk" and extortion, but the majority have ever professed to be perfectly content as long as the Worth cachet was affixed to the inside belt of their gowns.

Health and Colors.

The woman who is clever adapts her colors to her days. The vast majority of brown-haired, gray-haired Americans do not rank, properly speaking, as blonde or brunette, and should throw all color traditions behind them and dress according to their health or feeling.

A Child's Collection.

The child collector of wishbones, has, I think, been distanced. "Please, grandpa," said a little friend of mine recently, "please tell me what you said to grandpa when you proposed to her?" "Not I, my boy. That's a thing they'll never know," drawled the old Quaker. "Oh, do tell me!" pleaded the child. "Papa has told me how he proposed, and Tom Rutherford's father, and Uncle Jack. Please do, grandpa, I'm making a collection of pops and I want you to be in it."

Passed the Billion Mark.

The railways of the United States, in earnings, passed the billion mark in each of the four years ending with 1893, but last year a decline of \$122,000,000 in receipts sent them below the line. Expenses were reduced \$82,000,000, but nevertheless the net earnings fell off to the extent of \$40,000,000. It is hoped that the remainder of the year will show a decided improvement on these figures.

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