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at by Their Contemporaries.

In the recent memoirs of Dean Buckland an amusing picture is given of the antipathy felt fifty years ago by the old classical scholars at Oxford to the new scientific learning. They described it as "mischievous and absurd." When Buckland once went to Rome for a long vacation one of the elder dons is said to have exclaimed; "Well, Buckland has gone to Italy. Thank heaven, we shall hear no more of his silly geology."

Learned men do not always appreclate the achievements of their fellows. It is said that a friend brought Milton's "Paradise Lost" to a great Scotch mathematician, who remarked when he had finished it:

"It's verra pretty, but, mon, what does it prove?"

An American, who stated recently in a London club that he was going to Enfield in search of the grave of Charles Lamb was astonished to hear him contemptuously described by an English statesman as "a flighty writer of silly papers, in which there was no mention of political questions of his

Paganini, while in England, was scrapes," and he, no doubt, would have to the highest expression of emotion. An anecdote is told of Henry Clay in

the zenith of his popularity and fame. Meeting an old schoolmate at a reception, he expressed regret that another friend, a mutual acquaintance, whose career promised to be brilliant, had given up his life to the raising of pigs and making a fortune. The friend presently met the gentleman referred to, who exclaimed, with a shake of the

"Poor Henry Clay! He might have made a good stock grower and be a comfortable planter now if he had not wasted his time in politics."

PORT ARTHUR IS DIFFERENT. England Is Willing for Russia to Have

What She Doesn't Want-Now, we have always held that Russia is entitled to an ice-free port in the mon sense of the world is centered in Pacific, says the London Chronicle. It themselves and that the rest of us are is out of the question that so colossal in need of guidance and direction in an undertaking as the trans-Siberian the simplest duties of life. railway could be allowed to end in a Mr. B- was a young man of this remote harbor frozen for five months class. He was always painfully proin the year. Mr. Balfour, we were glad fuse in details regarding anything he to see, declared that the government wished done. He had a parrot, of would put no obstacle in the way of which he was excessively fond, and such an acquisition by Russia. All when he was about to go abroad for a this, however, refers to Port Lazareff, few months, leaving his bird behind, on the eastern coast of Corea, or some he bored and exasperated his family place in the immediate neighborhood, and friends with senseless details reupon which Russia has for long been garding the care of the parrot and his known to have her eye. Port Arthur last words, screeched from the deck of is a very different thing. Russia took the steamer that bore him away, were: the lead in coercing victorious Japan out of Port Arthur on the ground that the presence of Japan there would give pier. the latter a dangerously preponderating influence upon China. A thousand faintly over the water. times more will the influence of Russia there be dangerous for the trade and sooner reached Liverpool than he sent policy of other countries, for the pos- the following cablegram to his brother, session of Port Arthur is a hand upon who had assumed the charge of the parthe throat of China, which can be rot: tightened to suffocate her at any moment. Moreover, England is the only country which throws her possessions brother cabled back at his brother's exopen to the trade of the world. Port pense: Arthur in Russian hands will of course e carefully restricted to Russian com- again. merce. The harbor is a splendid one, per's Magazine. The fortifications manned by Russians would be absolutely impregnable, and thus Russia would have in the far east a naval base which would instantly bane ho pital show a remarkable trimake her the mistress at sea of that umph of pioneering work in what the part of the world. In fact, with Rus- Sydney Herald calls the "ghoul-hauntsia firmly settled at Port Arthur, with ed swamps of medical conservatism. the trans-Siberian railway behind her. The man who introduced the cold bath the influence of other powers upon as a means of reducing temperature, China may be regarded as gone, and instead of the antipyretics prescribed the advance of Russia from her north- in hog Latin to subdue the fire of the ern froatier towara Pekin would be fever by turning down the lamp of life,

merely a matter of time.

Purity of the Air. "Out in Arizon, we have a way of bragging on the purity and clearness of our air," said Judge Murphy, the delegate at Washington from that territory, "and we have reason for it, for pital the mortality from typhoid has there is nothing like it in the known world. The air of California may surpass that of Arizona from a photographer's point of view, and it is claimed that it does, but as the Arizonian only cares for air for breathing purposes, we are not at all jealous on that point. We can see mountain tops for over 100 miles, and some here claimed that mountains 130 miles distant can be discerned with the naked eye. I was speaking of this to some friends here recently when I was blandly informed by a Scotch clergyman, who was here on a visit, that that would hardly be regarded as in any way remarkable in Scotland, where, too, he said, the air was very clear. 'We can see murther than 130 miles in Scotland,' he said. 'We can see all the way to the moon.' "

Dan's Pay Day.

It having been the custom of a certain establishment in the north to pay the workers fortnightly, and the workmen having found the custom somewhat inconvenient, it was decided to send a delegate to the head of the firm to state their grievances. An Irishman, named Dan D-, famed for his sagacity and persuasive powers, was selected for the task. He duly waited said he, "if the manager saw me now, on the master, who addressed him

"Well, Daniel, what can we do for

you this morning?" "If ye plaze, sur, I've been sint as a diligate by the workers to ask a favor of ye regardin' the payment of our

"Yes; and what do they desire?" queried the master.

and it is also the desire of ivery man our fortnight's pay every week."

A ROMANCE FROM AFRICA.

The story of a Treasure Ingenious an May Be True.

Englishmen are pedatory creatures, and the London papers do not hesitate to express annoyance because the expeditionary force recently sent against King Prempeh found at Coomassic only a meager number of gold ornaments, and hollow ones at that, says the New York Times. The value of the loot taken from the royal "palace" was only about £2,000 and made a poor showing when exhibited in London, as compared with the results of previous raids. Now a correspondent writing from Accra tells a story which if true -a very large "if"-will make the British officers wish they had not left the Ashanti capital quite so soon. He says: "Some years ago a slave girl of surpassing beauty-of the Ashanti type bein entendu-had the misfortune to attract the fickle fancy of a chief, whose head wife tolerated no rivalry. To reproach a husband is generally useless; in Coomassie it is dangerous. The lady, wise in her generation, forebore to risk her head, but sent for the executioner and caused the ears and lips of the too fascinating maiden to be removed, rendering her such an object as can only be seen in savage kingmentioned by a great jurist in a letter doms. History does not say if the exas "poor fiddler who had driven the pedient answered the purpose of retown mad with his squeaks and storing the chief's wandering affections to their rightful owner, but the slave described his critic as soulless and deaf girl developed, not unnaturally, into a woman with an undying thirst for revenge. Lately she sought an audience with the governor, and she informed him that the real treasure of the Ashantis lies buried some fifty feet below the soil, in a disused shaft of a mine near Coomassie, and readily undertook to point out the spot. Digging is being vigorously car-

ried on, already more than a fourth of the depth has been cleared, and should the treasure amount to anything like the rumored value, the cost of the expedition will be fully defrayed, making the Ashanti war a record one, as not only bloodless, but free of cost,"

His Brother's Revenge.

We are all more or less familiar with that exasperating class of individuals who seem to feel that the simple com-

"Hi, Jim!"

"What?" shouted the brother on the

"Look out for my parrot!" came

As if this was not enough he had no

"Be sure and feed my parrot." On receipt of this the infurlated

"I have fed her but she is hungry

Bath Tub vs. Antipyretics. The typhoid statistics of the Bris-

was held grimly responsible by the profession for every failure. Results, however, have now proved beyond all doubt that the cold-water treatment is, on the whole, the best yet discovered. Since its adoption in the Brisbane hosbeen reduced fully two-thirds. And this is not on the average of a single year, but upon that of a long series, throughout the whole of which statistics tell the one consistent tale. "The bath tub has beaten the pharmacopeia all along the line, and the doctors have to admit it."-Westminster Gazette.

Repeating Rifles. The king of Denmark's "sort of new invented guns, which being but once charged will discharge many times, one after another," in 1657, would seem to have had rivals about the same period. Pepys twice refers to such. On July 3, 1662, when "at the Dolphin with the officers of the ordnance, after dinner was brought to Sir, W. Compton a gun to discharge seven times, the best of all devices that ever I saw and very serviceable, and not a bawble, for it is much approved of, and many thereof made." And on March 4, 1663-4, he mentioned "a new fashion gun to shoot often, one after another,"-Notes and

The Baseball Pitcher.

The famous base ball pitcher had walked the floor with the youngest of his family for an hour or so. "Mary," I bet I'd get soaked with a fine."

"Why?" asked the wife, sleepily. "I don't seem to have any control of the bawl at all, I don't."

Foresight,

"I think," said the statesman, who didn't have any great hopes any way, "that it would be a good plan to make these here campaign buttons of mine "Well, sur, it is the desire of mesilf, with eyes to 'em so that if the demand is smaller than the supply, I kin sell in the establishment, that we receive 'em to some overalls factory or somebing of the kind."

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