THE ISLAND OF ST. HELENA.

week ago. The island is 1,400 miles slope, as the chief products.

many exiles now suffering the displeasure of Great Britain,

The policy of non-exchange of prisoners adopted by England in this war and mice bears hard upon the captives of both sides. The Boer prisoners at Capetown small or too hard for all the comforts are dying at an alarming rate.

be thought of as the rock on which making their nests in high trees. warriors may militate even if they find no rest. It is a veritable prison. A and the potato forms the staple proman could walk all around it in a day. duct, as many as three crops a year be-Its greatest length is only ten and a ing raised. eral mountains of good height, cut with a misdemeanor. extraordinarily deep and wide water The Dutch possessed the Island till the Ass' Ears. Near by is another, tached to the British crown. christened Lot's Wife. A third is St. Helena prospered till the opening known as the Chimney. The shape of of the Suez canal. But what made its them has suggested their titles.

the coast the Island is as bare as a man lived there from October, 1815, till rock. Lichens are there in plenty, but May, 1821, whiling away his time and not an ounce of soil. Then for about killing the monotony of it by quarrelanother three-quarters of a mile in- ing with the governor.

prisoners who sailed from Simon Bay wilder and more barren parts of Scotat Capetown for St. Helena recently land. Pines, brambles, gorse and should have arrived there Monday a rocks, with here and there a grassy

Then comes an almost sudden change General Cronje, because of his mili- as if from earth to heaven. The center tary reputation, and his heroic defense of the island is a marvelous haven for of his position at Paardeberg, against the most wonderful and beautiful flora, a force that outnumbered him ten to many of which are indigenous. The one, is the most illustrious of the entire center is like a huge botanic garden.

> The only animals on St. Helena, except domestic ones, are rabbits, rats

Even the rats found the island too they looked for, so they left off boring St. Helena will now more than ever into the ground and have taken to

The population numbers about 5,000

quarter miles and its breadth eight | The first known inhabitant of St. and a quarter. Its area would form a Helena was a prisoner, but a voluntary square which would barely contain one. This was Fernandez Lopez, a Porcentral London and would leave all the tuguese nobleman, who in 1513, twelve suburbs hanging over the sides. The years after the discovery of the island, island was once a volcano, and the chose to go there rather than remain great, col dold crater still forms the in Europe after some barbarous mutilabackbone of the rock. There are sev-, tion to which he had been subjected for

or lava gorges and marked with masses 1651. In 1673 the English East India of basaitic rock. The most quaint of company obtained hold of it. It was these great pinnacles have been called not until 1834 that St. Helena was at-

name famous was its selection to be the For about a mile and a half in from prison of Napoleon. The great French-

PATIENTS WHO ARE STINGY.

Probably few patients have carried than for any other reason. Judge of parsimony to the height pursued by a the medico's astonishment, however, certain baronet, Sim William Smyth. who, although immensely rich, was never happier than when trying to evade doctors' bills. For instance, he once made a bargain with a great oculist to couch both his eyes, agreeing to pay 60 guineas if his sight was at all restored to him. The operation was made enabled to read without glasses.

No sooner, however, was this state of affairs reached, than the miserly baronet began to grieve at the thought of paying the promised fee, and he therefore pretended that he had only the faintest glimmering of light, with the result that the badgered physician compromised the business by accepting at rest. On his departure he offered 20 guineas instead of 60.

Cases of this kind are by no means rare in the experience of medical practitioners. A doctor attended a patient when the cure was completed sent in for "telling a man he had nothing the his bill at the ordinary rates. It was however, returned to him with a note

Another patient, who prided himself habit of making suggestions to the doc. tor who attended him during illness, which suggestions the doctor would sometimes good naturedly adopt, more for the sake of gratifying the patient | urally becomes four-handed.

when the amateur Hippocrates actually refused to pay more than half the bill on the grounds that at least "50 per cent of the cure had been due to his

unaided suggestions in the treatment. Audacity and penuriousness could hardly have gone further than this, and under the circumstances it is not surand proved so successful that he was prising that the physician not only insisted on full payment, but refused to

attend the gentleman further. Specialists can tell many tales of parsimony in the people who consult them. An eminent lung physician once received a visit from a Sussex farmer, whose trouble proved to be merely imaginary, and whose mind was soon set the specialist five shillings, and on the latter pointing out that his fee was two guineas, the worthy agriculturist scratched his head and said that he for influenzt of a rather bad type, and considered such a sum far too much

from his late patient hinting that, as cles, who consulted an ear specialist the influenza was at the time in the was thunder stricken when he asked nature of an epidemic, and the doctor for a fee of one guinea, as he averred had doubtless reaped considerable ben, that scarcely three minutes had been efit from it, he ought to make a con- consumed in the consultation. The siderable reduction in his bill in view doctor pointed out that it had taken thereof. However, the physician did him over thirty years to obtain the exnot fall in with this eccentric and perience which condensed a consultastingy proposition, and eventually the tion into three minutes, but the obstibill was paid as it stood, though not nate consultant refused to take this without many more protests from the view, and eventually prevailed upon the physician to accept half the sum named. It may be added that this parsion his medical knowledge, was in the monious person was in receipt of an ncome that ran into many thousands

When a man doubles his fists he nat-

HE FOUND HIS GIRL AT LAST.

burg, Germany, sat three children-a fall unconscious. Hours afterward he maid and two lads. One of the latter was found by his fellow survivors. His was the son of the merchant prince rescue was reported officially, but the of the town, the other's father was a news did not reach Hamburg until afwagonmaker. One as a student, the ter his sweetheart had sailed for Amerother a rover. Wealth beckoned one; ica. the sea called the other.

Only when little Nannie Hasselbrinck smile did Frederick Kruse and George A. Grambo learn that love was a leveler of rank and social barriers. They became rivals for her affections.

As Nannie approached womanhood good nature, her merry laughter, won scores of friends. Kruse and Grambo more he sailed for the far east. were still her sweethearts. Kruse talked of deeds of daring on the sea.

vices in her army and navy. Kruse crew, and again he was rescued from led to America. John Hasselbrinck, Nannie's brother, was already in this country. Grambo answered the call and entered the nautical school.

ship he walked with Nannie and then sed to remain true to the other. When officers to that of chief quartermaster.

Grambo joined the Adler and sailed vera's fleet at Santiago. to the China station in 1883, far from postoffices and out of touch with his The Indiana was in the Brooklyn navy

A year passed. Kruse's letters told of manufacturer. John Hasselbrinch burg. wrote for his sister to come to New York and forget Hamburg and the One morning all Germany was star-

tled by the news of the loss of the where Hasselbrinch lives. Adler on the China coast. She had struck a reef in a storm and of her fore him stood the woman who had brave crew of 500 men and boys only kissed him goodbye nineteen years be-75 were saved. In the list of the dead fore in Hamburg. Grambo recognized Nannie read the name of her errant her in spite of her widow's weeds and sailor sweetheart.

Day after day she walted for better to Hamburg, but all told the same by the overturning of a boat.

Nannie gave up her swetheart as lost ica, and here Kruse wood and won fainted, and was caught as promptly her. They were married in 1886, and and properly in the arms of her old for years lived at 766 Hart street, sweetheart. That evening was spent Brooklyn. Kruse made a small fortune in explanations and recollections. and when he died last October he left

was an expert swimmer. After a hard heart and wife.

When he returned to Hamburg he sought in vain for news of the woman he loved. Impatiently he waited for his discharge.

In 1887, the day his time expired, he sailed for America. In New York he could not find Nannie. Disappointed, she grew winsome. Her smiles, her he enlisted in the American navy and was assigned to the Trenton. Once

When, in 1889, the Trenton went freamed of riches in America. Grambo ashore in the harbor of Apia, in the Samoan islands, with her flags flying On the threshold of manhood the and the band playing "The Star Spanmother country called for their ser- gled Banner," Grambo was one of her deadly peril.

Grambo served on one ship and another. But never in all of his wanderings could he find a girl to take the On the night before he joined his place of his sweetheart, Nannie.

Re-enlistment followed re-enlistment. their trot hwas plighted. Each prom- He rose through the grades of petty George's enlistment expired they would In the Spanish-American war he served on the Indiana and helped Smash Cer-

Two months ago his time expired. yard, and Grambo decided to spend a few weeks ashore before he re-enlisted, his successes in America as a glass and so he visited old friends from Ham-

From them he heard of Kruse, his schoolboy rival.

Less than a month ago Grambo called at 1189 Greene avenue, Brooklyn,

Nannie herself opened the door. Beshouted her name in joy.

She did not know him at first. She news. Survivors of the wreck returned had left him a stripling, clad in the uniform of a German sallor. He restory of the loss of Grambo in the surf appeared a man of 40, dressed in the conventional garments of the day.

When Grambo revealed his identity and in 1884 joined her brother in Amer- Mrs. Kruse promptly and properly

Grambo was just as ardent a wooes his widow in comfortable circum- as ever. Although Kruse had died only stances. In the years of her wifehood in October, Grambo insisted on an im-Grambo's wooing was a pleasant mem- mediate marriage. His impulsiveness ory to which she never referred, but won the widow, and they were married. Today they are living at No. 202 Harman street, Brooklyn, Grambo has When the boat in which Grambo decided to give up the sea and spend started ashore was upset he was tossed the rest of his days ashore, where he nto the surf and the waves washed can make up for the loss of nineteen nim aay from his companions, but he years of companionship with his sweet-

name from its appearance.

public receptions. I have been told that his neck. the young woman confided her secret to President Johnson, and that, doubtless to please her fancy, he told her that her fled, nor did it ever return, in spite of young man had presidential chances.

Johnson should have believed this. "When she returned to her home in Virginia she entertained after the manner of the president at his public receptions. Her young man, of course, had the post of honor. I do not know guests. A chair was reserved for the whether the people who attended the president who never came. In this receptions understood that this young hallucination she died. That is why man and woman were rehearsing for the place was known as the White White House receptions or not, but the House."—New York Sun.

it was quite natural, too, that Mr.

There is a White House in Virginia, young pair had that in mind. They not many miles from Washington, ac- prayed for a realization of their dream cording to a Virginia department clerk as earnestly, from all I have beard, as at the national capital. There is noth- old Stonewall Jackson prayed for ing in its exterior to warrant the name, strength to whip the Yankees. There he says. It does not, in fact, get its was an old black servant in the fac who preached salvation to the darkies "It never was white," continues the on Sunday and stripped tobacco during Virginian, "within my recollection, and the week. His young 'missus' I have known it for thirty-five years. great faith in Ephraim's influence with I reckon the people who live in it never the Almighty, and she used to call him thought to ask why it is called the in to exhort in behalf of her lover's

ROMANCE OF OLD VIRGINIA.

White House. They are not people ambition. Ephraim became so imbued who would look up the reason. This is with the idea that his supplications the story, and I know it is true, but would win that he got to calling the if it ever was printed I never heard of young man 'Mr. President' when he visited the plantation. "The house became the property of a "I reckon you have heard of the

young woman after the death of her tournaments they used to have in the people. Her lover and affianced hus- south? This young presidential aspiband was a student at the University rant was a fearless and graceful horseof Virginia. It was his ambition to be man. ale rode at a tourney one day president, and as she believed he was for the last time. He was confident he deserving of the honor, and because she would take the necessary number of had high social aspirations, she en- rings to entitle him to choose and couraged him in his aspiration. They crown the queen, and of course there had some sort of vague idea that if was only one woman in the world upon they were sincere in their wishes and whom he would bestow the honor. She woul pray for the honor they would saw him in his saddle, lance cou succeed. They did not understand pol- start for the wire. Before he reached it itics as we do. They used to come over | his horse stumbled. There was the usto Washington and wander about the ual shout of horror. The Knight of presidential mansion and the grounds, the White House, for that was his title and g oup to the capitol and sit in the in the tourney, was carried from the galleries and occasionally attend the course dead. In the fall he had broken

> "The moment the young woman realized what had occurred her reason skilled care. Her hair whitened, but her face remained young, so I am told. Her derangement never took on a violent form. Instead she became the mistress of the White House. She held levees and receptions and gave elaborate dinners. Her servants were her

RICH MEN GROW MUSHROONS.

have their own mushroom gardens and Cultivated mushrooms, however, do not give away \$20 or \$30 worth of the deli- grow this way. Gardener Fraser mys cacles every day. Of the three of four it takes about six or seven weeks to gentlemen in this country who have bring them from the spawn to maturity such a garden is Henry Clay Frick, the fit to serve on the table. They will Pittsburg iron magnate.

to grow successfully, but Mr. Frick's a single spawn. This latter looks like gardener and horticulturist, David Fra- white silk thread. When put in the ser, does it. He was the pioneer in mushroom culture in Pittsburg. After from all quarters the little white eathis great success there other gardeners ables spring up. Mr. Fraser is an autried to take up the business, but with thority on mushroom culture, and is so indifferent success. Fraser is an ex- recognized all over the United States. pert at the peculiar business. He says He wrote a treatise recently on the subthat during his eighteen years of ject, which was widely read. a failure in a plant.

ut \$1.50 a pound. fertilizer and top soil. Over all is a any ordinary family. giass roof, for this is really a wing of the conservatory, with the roof on a A former Owlo girl has just been level with the ground. In these boxes awarded a ver-act for \$50,000 against a the mushrooms are grown.

Every one is familiar with the ax- of promise to marry.

grow more quickly unless kept back. Mushrooms are exceedingly difficult Thousands of mushrooms spring from ground this runs in every direction, and

mushroom gardening he has never had Mushrooms can be grown in an outbuilding, under the benches of a cool Sometimes fifteen or twenty pounds greenhouse, or in a cellar, provided the of mushrooms are picked in a day. As temperature can be kept at from 40 to something like \$30 a day is represented necessary to keep out the frost or the in this product. Of course, Mr. Frick mushrooms will spoil. It is highly imor his family does not eat all these, portant that the fertilizer and soil be He eats some nearly every meal, as he kept moist. The raising of the growths is particularly fond of them. The rest in greenhouses is beyond the reach of he gives to his friends and others, for all but wealthy people. The best results the steel and coke magnate is noted for are attained, however, in this manner. his liberality in this respect. In an though mushrooms can be raised in underground corridor in the conserva- the cellar of an ordinary residence. In tory, back of the Frick residence, at such a case the yield is not as great or Homewood, the toothsome delicacies the time of bearing as long as where are grown. Under the big shelves that every detail is expressly and especially are filled with plants and flowers of provided for; still enough mushrooms all kinds extend long boxes filled with can be raised to supply the larder of

rich mine owner in Colorado for breach

STEEL ROADS FOR TRAVEL.

It is only recently through the efforts | eight or ten inches wide on a continuof the good roads agitation and the ous concrete foundation, and not on work of several experiment stations ties, as heretofore. The plates are rivand the office of public road inquiries eted to steel flanges, which are embedthat any marked improvement has ded in the concrete of the road bed so been made in road building in this as to form a substantial part of it. country. The telford and macadam It is asserted that steel track wagon roads are now familiar to all, and the roads, which will doubtless receive a steel roads that were first suggested in great impetus with the building of a 1894 appear to be attracting greater national highway, can be built for and greater attention. Short sections about the usual cost of ordinary stone of steel roads have been laid at Omaha, Neb., during the Trans-Mississippi ex- long as any other known material for position and recently at Ames, Ia., and road purposes, and with very small re-St. Anthony Park, Minn. These experi- pairs; that the power to move a vehimental sections clearly demonstrated cle over such roads is but a fraction of their usefulness for western and other that required on usual roads, and that level states sparingly supplied with they greatly increase possible speed. good stone or gravel, although as sub-Maryland, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa,

problem, as the bleycle can be considered an old one, are the growing use of cutomobiles and the extension of rural culty. nail deliveries which are dependent on

roads; that they last mony times as

The importance of the last claim can stitutes for the latter they are incom- hardly be overestimated. Its realizaparably superior. Dirt and stone roads tion would result in either increasing for an object lesson were built in vari- the possible load or in diminishing the ous sections of the country last year mechanical power of automobiles or under the supervision of government of horse power. For instance, it has oad experts. A great awakening has been shown that a load of eleven tons ollowed the building of these roads in requires about twenty horses to move it on a common road, while the same Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin, and load on steel wagon tracks can be mov- should not leave the vicinity of Calcutnundreds of local organizations for the ed by a single horses. This is twenty- ta. The king of Oudh, true to those aprovements of roads have sprung up. two times the weight of the animal, Two powerful new factors in the and that load could even be increased

the stone age on road building, accord- And what does she do with the money? the imperial treasury for further sums. little fellow shout: "Eighty!" ng to Martin Dodge, the projector of Eva-Well, she puts it in a box until The generosity and lenlency with which steel wagon roads. The latest idea in she gets so cents, then her mother buys he was thus treated was probably due such roads is to support steel rails more cod liver oil.

PRISONERS HELD BY ENGLAND.

General Cronje and the captured Boer ing with jewels and seated in a smart lication of what England will do with les, the king of Oudh was often a conthe other Transvaul leaders in case spicuous figure on the Calcutta maidan

imate destination of these stalwart after the heat of the day has passed. gained as to the treatment in store for those who may suffer defeat and Mokhuis. After the fall of Delhi, in with that of princes and kings heretoore held captive by the British governtind have occurred during the past unnoticed, and upon a mere pittance. salf century.

he Indian empire, that potentate was 'requested" to take up his residence n England-the inducement of a ready compliance being aided by the promise of a yearly income of \$240,000, with 10thing at all as an alternative. Dhueep Singh wisely acquiesced, purchased he fine estate of Brandon, in Norfolk, a wealthy country gentleman.

Though during this period the Mahaajah frequently expressed the desire o revisit his native country, professing the utmost loyalty to the empress travel east of the Isthmus of Suez. In this case the bond seems to have descended upon the heads of his chiliren, for while his sons have entered the British army, and one of them, Prince Victor, recently married the daughter of the Earl of Coventry, yet they have never been allowed to set estors ruled.

the fine palace of the late Majid All. ance of \$600,000, the only proviso as to carried into effect. his freedom of action being that he

prisoners, serves as an interesting in- equipage with servants in royal liver--the famous park where the society of Whether St. Helena may be the ul- the Indian capital takes an outing varriors or not, some insight may be Fa rdifferent was the fate of the poor old Bahadur Shah, last of the great fail to escape into either German or 1851, he was tried for high treason, and Portuguese territory, by a comparison sent as a state prisoner to Rangoon. There, in a small but, the only lineal descendant of Shah Jehan and Aurangaent. A number of instances of the zeb passed the remainder of his days, As, however, both his sons were In 1849 when the state of Maharajah Slaughtered and a less culpable rebel Dhuleep Singh was finally annexed to leader, Tantia Topi, was executed, he may have thought himself fortunate to escape with his life

Near Colombo in Ceylon, England still holds in light durance Arabi Pasha and his colleagues of the Egyptian rebellion of 1882. While Arabi has not ceased to bemoan his fate and uselessly petition the British government for ipon which he resided for many years permission to return to Egypt, yet, considering the nature of his offense, and that he was sentenced to death, his lot can not be considered burdensome. Provided with an income sufficient for his wants, a pleasant resiqueen, yet he was never permitted to dence, permission accorded him to receive visitors and a considerable measure of freedom within the district, he would undoubtedly have been worse off had his successful enemies been of his

Of minor potentates, England has at present one African, being confined to the limits of that island in the South syes on the land over which their an- Atlantic made famous as the prison of the great Napoleon; and another even Approaching Calcutta on the left the far less desirable residence of Cane pank of the Hujii river at Garden Coast Castle. For several years Cete-Beach, the visitor will have pointed out wayo, king of the Zulus, was held an unresigned prisoner at Ghowe, near the king of Ouch. There, from 1856 until scene of the present military operations s recent date, this prince was held in in Natal, where he died before the semi-captivity upon an annual allow- promise of restoration to his throne was

A teacher of music in one of the pub- I caught its neck before it could lift lic schools of the south desired to improdigal hereditary instincts which press the pupils with the meaning of and with a strength given me at the brought about his downfall, not only the signs "f" and "ff" in a song they up to fifty times its weight and still managed to expend this large sum, but were about to sing. After explaining came up 'top dog.' But then, with full in the keeping of snake mounds, men- that "f" meant forte, he said: "Now, fury, it began to kick, and had I reageries, and other costly forms of children, if T means forte, what does Eva-Mother, Tillie gets a dime every amusement dear to the Oriental mind, "if mean?" Silence for a moment, and have died; but I hugged too closely to good roads. We are now passing thro' time she takes cod liver oil. Mother- was obliged to draw frequently upon then he was astonished to hear a bright it, and then wriggied outo its back, so

to the fact that he offered no armed re- feminine attractions.

FIGHT WITH A BIG OSTRICH.

which would prove an interesting chap- shouts brought my knife, and while I ter in one of Captain Mayne Reld's was gripping its throat with both books of adventure, is told by an offi- hands so that it could not breathe, and cial of the Soldiers' Christian associa- rolling about to avoid kicks, Crewdson tion in South Africa. He says in his tried to cut its guilet. This he could

only weapon we had-and as the half in the bird. wretched thing went circling round us, getting nearer and nearer. I sug- opened another blade and managed to gested to Crewdson that if we came to close quarters its neck would be our stifled, and, feeling the knife, it gave only chance (its body was higher than a last and awful struggle, and I really my head) . . . It came on me like a feared I should be beaten. However, whirlwind. . . . I did not wait for it I also put forth a last effort, and to reach me-in which case it would gradually the kicks and the struggles have picked out my eyes and struck

chest open, but sprang to meet it. "Death seemed absolutely certain, and joined Crewdson. though my nerves were set, and as it were I mentally gave up my life, I met to rise, but could not. Covered with the bird with a thud. With both hands dirt and blood, we plucked a few featha foot to strike. We both rolled over, tramped to Arundel, and arrived truly moment I clung to its neck until I ceived a full blow I should probably that it kicked into the air away from me and I only got a 'shortarm' blow A fearless man is the greatest of and received bruises instead of wounds.

The story of a fight with an ostrich, | was alive or dead at first, but at my not do at first, so I took the knife with "It was an enormous bird, and was in my left hand, holding the neck with a rage. It stopped some dozen paces my right, and dug the blade under the from us and whirled around, flapping uplifted wing. It took effect, and the its wings and looking truly awful. I wing seemed to lose force, but the gave Crewdson my pocketknife-the blade of my knife was broken, leaving

"I threw Crewdson the knife, and he cut the gullet. The thing was nearly subsided. I loosened my grip and let me with its claws, probably tearing my the blood flow, and when I thought it was pretty far gone I jumped up and

"Even then it made a wild attempt ers, thanked the Lord for life and tired out.

"The station master told us that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the ostrich would have killed me. He says there is not a man in the country who would attempt to do what I did."-New York Journal.

When a woman resorts to art for a youthful complexion she is only trying "Crewdson did not know whether I to make up for lost time.