SERPENT ENTERED THE EDEN OF PITCAIRN ISLAND SHARK LIKES WHALE.

Double Murder Done In the Home of the Mutineers' Descendants-First Serious Crime in 110 Years.

young man named Christian, a deneers, killed a young woman and her to one of the ocean caves. He want- children and grandchildren. ed to get rid of the woman and child in order that he might marry another young woman on whom he had cast | Harry A. Christian murdered a young | his eyes. The rulers of the island had decided that if he married any one it must be the young woman of whose child he was the father; that, in fact, he was to all intents and purposes the girl's husband. One evening Christian met the young woman and her child in the forest and killed them. He was suspected of the crime and accused, whereupon he confessed.

It was the first capital crime ever committed on the island, and the islanders were much excited over it. The British government was asked to send to the place some one with judicial authority to try the murderer. From officers of the British man of war Royalist information has been received of the trial, by a special commissioner sent out for the purpose.

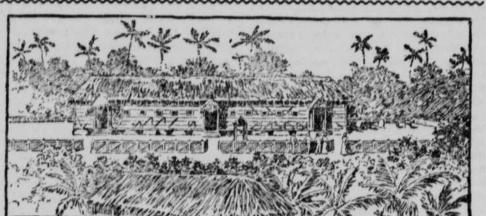
Though the settlement of Pitcairn descendants of the original settlers have lived in an ideal state of tranquility and brotherly love. The peothe evil one as intoxicating liquors sleeping in the warmewaters of the God, kept the Commandments and were happy.

The crime which was responsible for the settlement of Pitcairn island was the mutiny of the crew of the British warship Bounty in 1789. That master's n.ale of the ship. The first murderer of Pitcairn island was Harry A. Christian, a descendant of Fletcher Christian. When, under the lead of Fletcher Christian, the crew of the



For the first time in all its romantic | triarch, John Adams, the last survivor history, Pitcairn island has been the of the mutineers of the Bounty, scene of a murder. For nearly 110 Adams had taught the natives to read years the mutineers of the Bounty and write, and begged that missionand their descendants lived on Pit- aries be sent out to aid him in his cairn an ideal existence. Then a work. From being wild and reckless mutineers, the sailors of the Bounty, scendant of the leader of the muti- before they died, became religious enthusiasts, and when they died they left little child and threw their bodies in- a God-fearing community in their

> For 110 years crime was practically unknown on Pitcairn island. Then



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turned from a trip through Patagonia.

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in asking you to stay to dinner."

Caller: "Well, no, not in that way."

be easier to manage than pa is.'

He-- "My dear madam, we have

both passed the age of romance, but I

"John, what would you give the sew-

woman and her year and a half old | ing industry to such an extent within island was the result of a crime, the child. It was the first serious crime her borders that the Japanese brewers that had ever been committed on the are in a position to compete successisland. Christian met the woman and fully with the importers. In fact, it is child walking in the bush one Sunday announced in Munich, whence most of ple were religious, and such lures of evening and killed them in cold blood. the Bavarian beers for Japanese con-After dark he returned to the scene of sumption were shipped, that the beer and tobacco were not allowed to be his crime to drag the bodies down the trade with the land of the Mikado is brought to the island. For over a steep face of a cliff to the rocks below, about at an end. Added to the effect of hundred years Pitcairn island lay where he threw them through a "blow the home competition the new tariff hole" into a cove where the pounding law of Japan, which goes into effect on South Pacific, and its people feared surges of the Pacific soon tore them to January 2 next, will practically shut pieces. The murderer, when accused, out the German trade. The new tariff confessed his crime, and it is believed places a tax of 40 per cent ad valorem that his object was to be free to marry another young woman of the island with whom he had fallen in love, and for permission to marry whom he had mutiny was led by Fletcher Christian, applied unsuccessfully to the "parliament" of the island,

This island parliament is an execuing skeletons and skulls that he had tive committee of seven members, precollected. The Swiss customs officers sided over by a president. The paropened the cases, and, after long conliament and the president are elected sultation, appraised the contents - as by popular vote, the women voting as "common bones," charging the scienwell as the men. All the inhabitants tist a stiff duty. The explorer got anof the island are descendants of the gry and declared it a profanation to apmutineers of the Bounty and of native praise human bones that way. To women they found there, except one his surprise the customs officials were family, and that is a family the head impressed by his remarks, and retired of which is named Coffin and of course for another consultation, classing them must have sprung from Nantucket There are 141 souls on the island, and residents." the families are five in number. They are the Christians, the Youngs, the Mc-Coys, the Buffets and the Coffins. The president of the island is named Mc-Coy. The queen of England is the milk." "Good gracious! Why?" "Be-"over-lord" of the island, and in the cause I'm a doctor."-Judge. island church is an organ which she sent out to her "loving subjects of Pitcairn island, and in appreciation of their domestic virtues," according to the silver plate on the organ. But England seldom interferes with anything concerning the government of Pitto what each day brings. cairn. When Christian had confessed his crime, however, President McCoy called a meeting of his "parliament," and as there was no precedent by which to be guided, it was decided to imprison the young man and appeal to England to send out and try him. So the man of war Royalist was sent to Suva in the Fiji islands to get the British 'judicial commissioner for the western Pacific." The commissioner went to got over it?" Pitcairn in the Royalist, and Christian was tried before him and convicted, though he repudiated his confession captain, Bligh, and certain others who and pleaded not guilty. He was taken had refused to join them into an open to Suva "for final satisfaction of the you lost, old man!" demands of justice." One peculiar thing about the Pitcairn islanders is that they all speak English with a decided "down east" twang, and use many expressions which are seldom heard in old England and are common in New England. They are light colored, with blue or brown eyes. The only harbor in the South Pacific, between Austra- in the island, and that is not a good lia and the coast of South America, one, is Bounty bay, a slight indentation in the shore, where the mutineers expeditions were sent out by the Brit- burned the Bounty when they finally inquire what amount of cheque that ish government to find the mutineers decided to stay on the island. Rising hand is able to draw?" of the Bounty, all trace of them was up back of the little settlement is a lost until one day, many years after, peak called the Goat House, and near this new time-table won't do at all!" when a sailing ship happened to find its top is a cave where the mutineers Blobbs-"I thought it very explicit, herself in the vicinity of Pitcairn is- used to hide when they saw a sail ap- sir." Manager-"That's just what's land, and sent a boat ashore for wat- proaching the island. In the first few the matter. The first thing you know er and fruit. A curious isolated civ- years following their crime Christian the public will be able to understand make them up. The red stripes are ilized community was found there, liv- used to spend a certain part of each a time-table as well as we. See if rubles, the same in number and size ing under the rule of a venerable pa- day on the mountain on the lookout you can't complicate it a bit."

for sails in order that "All hands might douse the fires and go aloft," when there appeared any possibility of their existence being discovered. They did not descend to the village again until not only the coast, but the offing, was well clear. But men and times are changed now on Pitcairn, and a visiting ship is warmly welcomed.

The Parliament House of the island is interesting, because in it is some timber taken from the Bounty. This building has for windows two rows of portholes, which give it the appearance of a stranded ship. The house in which the president lives is the best one on the island, and is called the white house. Some of the natives of Pitcairn have visited the United States, and sailing vessels from San Francisco touch there more frequently than any other ships.

Japanese Brewerles Thrive. Japan has developed the beer brew-

THAT IS WHEN THE LATTER IS A DEAD ONE.

Story of a Banquet of This Nature in the South Seas - The Sea Wolves Come in Vast Swarms to Partake Thereof.

The presence of any large quantity of easily obtainable food is always sufficient to secure the undivided attention of the shark tribe. When "cutting in" whales at sea I have often been amazed at the incredible number of these creatures that gather in a short space of time, attracted by some mysterious means, heaven only knows from what remote distance. It has often occurred to us when whaling in the neighborhood of New Zealand to get a sperm whale alongside without a sign of a shark below or a bird above. Within an hour from the time of our securing the vast mass of flesh to the ship the whole area within at least an acre has been alive with a seething multitude of sharks, while from every quarter come drifting silently an incalculable host of sea birds, converting the blue surface of the sea into the semblance of a plain of new-fallen snow. The body of a whale before an incision is made in the blubber presents a smooth, rounded surface, almost as hard as india rubber, with apparently no spot where any daring eater could find toothhold. But, oblivious to all else save the internal anguish or desire, the ravenous sea wolves silently writhed in the density of their hordes for a place at the bounteous feast. Occasionally one pre-eminent among his fellows for enterprise would actually set his lower jaw against the black roundness of the mighty carcass and with a steady, sinuous thrust of his lithe tail, gouge out therefrom a mass of a hundred weight or so. If he managed to get away with it the space presented a curious corrugated hollow where the serrated, triangular teeth had worried their way through the tenacious substance, telling plainly what vigorous force must have been behind them. But it was seldom that we permitted such premature toll to be taken from our spoils. The harpooners and the officers from their lofty position on the cutting stage slew scores upon scores by simply dropping their keen-edged blubber spades upon the soft crowns of the struggling fish, the only place where a shark is vulnerable to instant death. The weapon sinks into the creature's brain, he gives a convulsive writhe or two, releases his hold and slowly sinks, followed in his descent by a knot of his immediate neighbors, all anxious to provide him with

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prompt sepulture within their own

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RENTS ITS ELECTRIC MOTORS. Remunerative Experiment Conducted by

City of Bradford, England.

One obstacle to the more rapid adoption of electric power, especially in the case of small users everywhere, is undoubtedly the want of capital to purchase the necessary motor; but where the power to purchase exists the buyer often has little or no experience with electrical matters to guide him in his purchase, and if his means are limited he will naturally be tempted to venture on a cheap line with probably unsatisfactory results. A solution of these difficulties, which has been applied with excellent results at Bradford, England, is the purchase of good, reliable motors, and offering them for hire by the owners of the electricity supply undertakings, who, in this instance, are the municipality itself. According to figures prepared by Alfred H. Gibbings, the city electrical engineer of Bradford, they have found there that a rental charge of 10 per cent upon the initial cost of each motor was amply sufficent to yield acceptable returns, ths charge being made up of 3 per cent for interest, 3 per cent for sinking fund, and 4 per cent for depreciation and contingent expenses.

The Bradford corporation inaugurated their scheme of hiring-in which, by the way, arc lamps also are included on similar terms-in November, 1896, and up to October of this year had supplied ninety-eight motors to consumers. The increase in electricity supplied for motive power in 1896, with only two months of the hire system in force, over that supplied in 1895, was a little over 19,000 Board of Trade units; in 1897 the increased sale over 1896 was 52,000 units, and for 1898 the increase over 1897 will probably be nearly 63,000 units, representing a more than 50 per cent increase. These figures show very strikingly to what extent the facilities offered by the Bradford corporation are appreciated.

Hitherto the supply has been confined to small-power uses, such as for cranes, hoists, fans, pumping and similar purposes. More recently, however, applications for motor service have come from a large spinning and weaving firm, several foundries where blowers are to be driven, a sawmill requiring about twenty horse-power, and an engineering shop requiring about fifty horse-power, all of which indicates growing and gratifying confidence in electric power.

SPORTSMEN'S FINDS.

Rabbit Chase Which Leads to Unexpected Good Fortune.

We have all heard of the good young man who, because he was good, one day found a purse containing \$4,000,-000 in gold and who was thus enabled to marry the daughter of the rich candy woman, whom he had long adored, says Forest and Stream. Somewhat in this line are a couple of shooting stories which appear in the daily press this week and which show how good a thing it is to be a true sportsman. In one case a hunter was chasing a rabbit, which took refuge in a hole in a stone wall. The hunter reached his hand into the hole, after the rabbit, but drew forth instead of the game a long-lost marriage certificate, which had by reason of its ab4 sence caused for some years a distinct family disturbance. In another case a poor but honest sportsman was out squirrel hunting. He shot and wounded a squirrel and in return for his kindness the squirrel ran into a hollow tree. Reaching down into the hollow, the sportsman pulled out a box full of gold coin of ancient date but of much intrinsic value. There are many of us who have hunted for manyyears and have never found either a marriage certificate or a box of gold, but we should not be discouraged; if we are good we shall perhaps some day be rewarded by some such discovery.

The late Senator Morrill, since his first year in Washington, always gave a reception on his birthday, April 14. Though he probably took up less space in the Congressional Record than any colleage, he always made a speech early in the session, sent a copy bound in Russia leather to every senator and a paper-bound copy to every voter in Vermont.

Lord Salisbury says that when a lad he used to commit to memory the orations of Cicero and that he can still recite the more famous ones without a mistake.

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THE PITCAIRN ISLAND MUR-DERER.

Bounty seized the ship, they put the boat and set them adrift. The captain and his party, after a severe and hazardous experience, reached Timoor island, in the South Pacific, where they were picked up by a passing ship and taken back to England. The mutineers, after setting the captain adrift, sailed for Pitcairn island.

Pitcairn is only two miles long and about a mile and a half wide. It lies out of the path of commerce. Though as "worn personal effects of foreign Well as Dance, Miss Minnie Fell is one of the most

yearning maws.

exclusive debutantes of the austerely exclusive set of prim Philiadelphia this season. She is a cousin of the ing circle for refreshments?" "Ice Drexel brothers, and connected by cream, lobster salad, lemonade and family ties with almost everyone of note in the metropolis of Pennsylvania. But Miss Fell is not only a society girl, but an athlete as well, and if she Great opportunities come to all, but makes as good a run for the honors many do not know they have met of beliedom as she made last week them. The only preparation to take in the athletic world she ough to be advantage of them is simple fidelity a leader by the time the Lenten bells ring. All her friends around town are congratulating her on her courage and presence of mind when she recently captured a burglar in broad daylight on Broad street. She and Miss Pauline Hostess: "I suppose there is no use Biddle had just left the box office of a theater, where they had been purchasing tickets, when a burly negro Cholly-"Yaas, sevewal, yeaws ago grabbed Miss Fell's pocketbook and I fell deeply in love with a girl, but she wejected me-made a wegular was off with a rush. But Miss Fell was a "rusher" too. She pursued him idiot of me." Dolly--"And yon never down Broad street to Sansom and around the corners, until at Twelfth

Clymer (at the races)-"How much and Walnut she overhauled him, and, did you make on that last race?" grabbing his coattails, hung on and Styner (angrily)-"None of your business!" Clymer-"I'm awfully sorry screamed until a policeman came to her assistance. Owing to her desire not to have the affair made public she She-"Ma says she knows that when did not appear against the footpad. we are married we won't live so like who only got ninety days in consecats and dogs as she and pa do." He quence; but such an escapade as that -"No, indeed! Your ma is right." She-"Yes; she says she is sure you'll was bound to come out, and now all

the town is talking about it.

A Flag of Precious Stones.

offer you my heart and with it my A New York jeweler has combined hand." She-"My dear sir, I agree patriotism with a very fine advertisewith you that we have both passed ment by making a copy of the Stars the romantic age. I beg therefore to and Stripes, which is probably the most expensive flag in the whole world. It is quite small, only 7 inches by 4 Railway manager-"Here, Blobbs, inches, but is worth at least \$17,500. It is entirely composed of precious stones. It has thirteen stripes and forty-two stars. The white stripes are of small diamonds, 800 of which go to as the diamonds. For the blue field there are about 300 sapphires, with forty-two large diamonds for stars. This unique flag is displayed in the jeweler's window on Broadway, and

Paper Bath Robes.

attracts a constant crowd.

Bath robes made of paper are now manufactured, and their use is becoming quite a fad. The kind of material used resembles blotting paper. It quickly drive the body, and as the paper is a had heat conductor the much dreaded cold after the bath can be avoided. Whole suits are made of this head and feet. One advantage of the fad is the cheapness of such a garment, making it possible for the poorest person to own one.

Odd Oaths in Court.

In Austria a Christian witness is sworn before a crucifix, between two lighted candles, and, holding up his right hand, says: "I swear by God, the Almighty, and All Wise, that I will speak the pure and full truth, and nothing but the truth, in answer to anything I may be asked by the court." Probably the most curious European oath is administered in Norway. The witness raises his thumb, his forefinger and his middle finger. These signify the Trinity, while the larger of the uplifted fingers is supposed to represent the soul of the witness and the smaller to indicate his

English on the Continent.

body.

A correspondent notes the growth of the use of English on the continent. Wherever he went he was able to converse with statesmen and diplomatists in his native tongue. He found that as a rule the governing classes in Europe would understand and speak English. In the Russian royal family especialty English is the familiar language of conversation. The czar, for instance, invariably speaks English to the ezavina and his little daughters.

Why It Decreased.

Ratcliffe-"What, Southard's country place sold for ten thousand! Why, he was offered twenty for it last year." Vance-"That was before he had the grounds improved by a New York landscape gardener."-Puck.

Led Astray.

"Here," shouted the bailiff, "you paper stuff, including coverings for the can't gun here. These are private grounds." "But I thought this was the open season for game," protested the sportsman .- Philadelphia North American.

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