

HOME OF THE SIMPLE LIFE

Section of South Africa Where Standpatism is the Rule.

RURAL PICTURES FROM BOERDOM

Balloon Ascension a Mystery to the Natives and Letter Writing an Unusual Occupation.

A few days ago Capt. Spelterini, the famous aeronaut, made the first balloon ascent ever witnessed in the Transvaal, rising to a height of 3,000 feet above Johannesburg.

But the incident should serve to remind those who expect exceedingly rapid development in rural South Africa that many of the quaint ideas of the simple Voortrekkers still cling to the veil.

The old type of Boer farmer is disappearing before the advance of education.

But he is going slowly. If you read the Dutch papers you will still find very earnest and very indignant correspondents protesting that the destruction of locusts is a blasphemous attempt to oppose the will of the Almighty.

Simplicity of the Boers. The traders and prospectors in the Transvaal tell many a delightful story of the simplicity of these old Voortrekkers.

fer deeds were drawn up and were to be signed on a given night. When the evening came the magistrate drove up to the farm with a bag of gold.

It is not difficult to believe such a story, when one remembers that the chosen legislators of these old Boers advanced publicly in the Raadsaal those quaint ideas, reprinted in an appendix to Sir Percy Fitzpatrick's book, "The Transvaal From Within."

Letter Writing a Monstrosity. "He could not see," he said, "why people always wanted to be writing letters. He wrote none himself. In the days of his youth he had written a letter and had not been afraid to travel fifty miles and more on horseback and by wagon to post it, and now people complained if they had to go a mile."

These old farmers were horrified to hear that godless people in Johannesburg had insulted the Almighty by firing bombs at the sky in time of drought to endeavor to bring rain.

At one time in Johannesburg oranges were at famine prices, and an oriental trader went out with a cart to a farm on which there were many trees.

When the hat had become about half full of "ticky" the trader purposely looked away for a few moments. The Boer did just what the trader expected. He hurriedly plunged a hand into the hat and thrust a handful of "ticky" into his pocket.

But the Boer was never a match for the East End dealer. A farmer who had had some transactions with a trader took the precaution of arming himself with a ready reckoner.

LOCHINVAR AT THE WHEEL

Fascinations of Chauffeurs Prove Irresistible to Heiresses.

SEARCHING FOR SAFEGUARDS

Captain of the Joy Ride Supersedes the Matinee Idol as the Mascot-Hero of the Hour.

What is society going to do about it? Here are its young women, members of the most exclusive circles in this country and connected by marriage with some of the greatest families of Europe.

FINED FOR HIS INDUSTRY

Some Pithy Remarks of the Kansas Board on the Activity of the Assessor.

There are some queer things about our system of taxation. Here is an example: Once upon a time the editor of this paper became possessed of the laudable ambition to own a home.

It was located in a good neighborhood and from it we had a beautiful view over a pretty valley. Being rather handy with tools, we went to work before and after office hours.

We were fined because we had worked hard and converted disorder into order, ugliness into beauty, and had wiped out a plague spot in the neighborhood.

We have told this story because the statement itself ought to cause someone to do some hard thinking.

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Clothes Just Suited to the Healthy, Sport-Loving American Boy

An authority on children once said: "From 10 to 16 years of age any boy may be said to be in the savage stage. So give him outdoor freedom he craves, but dress him to enjoy that freedom, then he will learn to respect himself and earn the respect of his fellows."

HAYDEN BROTHERS

Advertisement for R & G Corsets, featuring an illustration of a woman in a corset and text describing the product's features and price.

FOR YOUR WINTER'S COAL SUPPLY Try HAYDEN'S First

A neat saving in your coal bill if you'll be sure to use HAYDEN'S ROYAL Lump or Nut; per ton... \$6.50

The best location for a lawyer

is in a building close to the Court House and the City Hall. The lawyer's time is all he has to sell.

THE BEE BUILDING

You will find it advantageous to move before cold weather. While there are not a great number of the best of them from which to choose, there are some very choice ones offered below:

THE BEE BUILDING CO. Bee Business Office. 17th and Farnam Sts.

Large advertisement for Brandeis Stores featuring various women's winter coats, suits, and furs, with detailed descriptions and prices.