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PARADISE FOR CRIMINALS.

Live in the Open Air in Comparative I reedou

A correspondent writing from Italy gives some interesting details of the treatment of prisoners on various Italian islands he visited while on a trip in the Mediterranean, says London Tid-Bits. Each of these islands contains several hundred prisoners, who are locked up every night at sunset, released at daybreak and locked up again from midday until 2 o'clock, During the night no prisoner is allowed to be absent under any circumstances, but at midday those who work on farms at a distance from the prison are allowed to remain out by special permission of the director. During these free hours the prisoners can go anywhere they like on the island and can engage in any work offered them by the townspeople or farmers. Any infraction of the rules of ordinary life around them or of their prison is punished by se usion in special cells. The government furnishes physicians and medicines, a summer and winter suit of clothes to each prisoner every year and allows him fivepence daily in money for his food and other necessaries of life. Danger of escape is prevented by a squad of soldiers-one to every ten criminals-and a swift-sailing felucca, manned by marines. On account of the cheapness of labor the islands are so highly cultivated as to resemble gardens. The correspondent adds: "As for the prisoners, the open air makes them the healthiest of any criminals I have ever seen. There is no sign in their faces and bodies of that prison blight which strikes every visitor to ordinary jails."

Shins Have Eurs.

The Gate City, which arrived here on Monday from Savannah, is the first steamer going out of this port to be equipped with an aurophone, the new device for enabling the lookout to determine the direction of scunds at sea. The aurophone was tried on the way up, but little could be told about a poor position. It consists of a brass box, which fits over the mast and close to the funnels, two tubes like ordinary speaking tubes lead down the mast and through the main deck to the deck below. Inside of the box there is a complex arrangement of diaphragms and sounding boards so placed that a sound will enter only one of the tubes when it is passing through the funnel on the opposite side of the box. On the lower deck is an arrangement like an engine-room indicator, by hich the box above may be turned around the mast, and directly under the indicator is a tell-tale compass. The man below places the tubes to his ears, where they are held in place by a cap. Unless the funnels above are pointing directly toward the sound which he wishes to locate he will hear it only frintly and in one car, because one of the funnels being turned from the sound the tube opposite does not cperate. He then turns the indicator in the direction from which the sound appears to come, and when the funnel is pointing directly at the sound it passes through the funnel and out of the other, putting both tubes in operation, and the operator hears the sound distinctly and in both cars at once. He then glances at the indicator and the point on the tell-tale at which it sound.-Boston Transcript.

which the lightning is most apr co strike are the oak, the yew, the elm and the Lombon's noniar

Won His Bet.

A bewildered-looking farmer stood in the center of Haymarket square Thursday looking at the trolley wire.

The electric car came along and slowed up. They rang the bell and shouted at him and ordered him to move. He still kept looking at the wire and making inarticulate sounds with his lips.

"Get off the earth, you Jersey calf!" shouted the motorman.

The old man was fairly bumped by the slow-moving car before he moved. Then he jumped and said: "I did it,

by thunder! Where's my money?" He looked around cautiously and

then he said: "You seen a red-faced feller with a white mustache waxed? I want him. He bet me \$5 I couldn't look at that ere wire three minutes and count 200. I've done it."

"Did you put up the money?"

"Sure," was the reply.

"Ding-dong," went the bell.-Lewiston Journal.

Canon City coal at the Whitebreast Coal and Lime Co.

AFRICA, ENGLAND, GERMANY,

Latter Wants the Forest in the Basin of the Uppe: Congo.

The object of Germany at the present the Quarterly Review. To do this she desires to possess the forest in the basin of the Upper Congo-a region which is rich in copper. If she could obtain this territory from the Congo state and a narrow strip of land from Portugal she would realize her aim; and if she gets possession of the forests on the Lualaba and the Katanga copper mines her colonies may become to her a great source of wealth. England should definitely make up her mind as to the attitude she will assume toward this policy. If she opposes it Germany will become a persistent enemy. On Its utility owing to its being placed in the other hand, if she supports it Germany should agree not in any way to interfere with England south of the which has projecting from each end a Zambesi and support her heartily in broad-mouthed funnel. From this box, Egypt. The increase of German prosperity at home is also an advantage to us. As Germany becomes richer she themselves and that the rest of us are will become a better customer and less in need of guidance and direction in jealous of the political position. The the simplest duties of life. wages of German artisans must go up and consequently Germany will be less class. He was always painfully proable to undersell us in the open mar- fuse in details regarding anything he kets of the world. We have now come wished done. He had a parrot, of to a state of things as regards the which he was excessively fond, and German empire when we must either when he was about to go abroad for a come to terms with it or drift int. a few months, leaving his bird behind, danger. The Germans, if they are to and friends with sensiless details remaintain their possesisons beyond the sea, must either be sure of the friendship and good will of England or else the steamer that bore him away, were: they will endeavor to break down her power on the ocean. Since the beginning of this year every corner of the pier. empire has rung with the most violent denunciations of this country. The faintly over the water. newspapers, with the almost solitary exception of the Weser Zeitung, have given expression to feelings of bitter hostility. Organs of opinion usually the most opposed have vied with rot: each other in their violence of language. This ill feeling to Great Britain, as we have said, has not been a growth of recent times. It is now strengthened by a growing conviction rests gives the exact bearing of the that the position of England in the world is undeserved, artificial and per's Magazine, cannot be maintained if it is seriously menaced. This view has been fostered by distinguished historians and men of letters, who exercise a powerful influence on the youth of the country, on the guides of public opinion, on writers in the principal periodicals and journals who indirectly shape the policy of the cheup newspaper, which is the gospel of the village inn.

A ROMANCE FROM AFRICA.

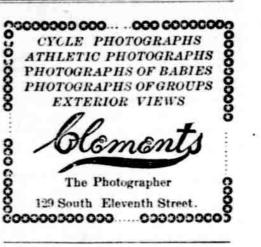
The story of a Treasure-Ingenious and May Be True.

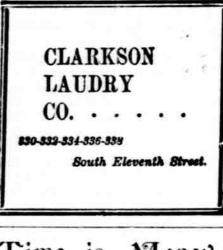
Englishmen are pedatory creatures, and the London papers do not hesitate to express annoyance because the expeditionary force recently sent against King Prempeh found at Coomassie only a meager number of gold ornaments, and hollow ones at that, says the New York Times. The value of the G loot taken from the royal "palace" was only about £2,000 and made a poor showing when exhibited in London, as compared with the results of pre 'ous 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: "Source years ago a slave girl of surpassing beauty-of the Ashanti type bein entendu-had the mistortune 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 kingdoms. History does not say if the expedient answered the purpose of restoring the chief's wandering affections to their rightful owner, but the slave moment is to connect her eastern and girl developed, not unnaturally, into couthwestern African possessions, says 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 carried 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 common sense of the world is centered in

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Lightning and Trees.

Cedar and fig trees are rarely struck by lightning. The beech, the larch, the fir and the chestnut also seem to be peculiarly obnoxious to the "bolts of Jove." There are trees, however, which appear to attract rather than to repel the lightning flash. The trees generally enumerated in the category of those

garding the care of the parrot and his last words, screeched from the deck of "Hi, Jim!"

"What?" shouled the brother on the

"Look out for my parrot!" came

As if this was not enough he had no sooner reached Liverpool than he sent the following cablegram to his brother. who had assumed the charge of the par-

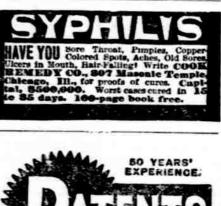
"Be sure and feed my parrot."

On receipt of this the infuriated brother cabled back at his brother's expense:

"I have fed her but she is hungry again What shall I do next?"-Har-

An Ancient Alalaster Box.

A curious box war recently found amid the ruins of Pompeii. The box was marble or alabaster, about two inches square and closely sealed. When opened, it was found to be full of pomatum, or grease, hard but very fragrant. The smell resembled somewhat that of roses, but was much more fragrant.





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