

one of the best fighters to be found, and the sultan's well drilled and more or Straus have in turn pressed for a his record has always been a good one. less efficient army, which on a peace settlement, and the breach of faith on The forces of the Turkish army are or- estimate is figured at 213,010 men. it the part of the sultan has been further

tion of being the oldest cross is Ireast in the Boer campaign and are now operating with Carrington north of the It has stood in its present positions many centuries.

for this purpose the entire empire is di- | force. vided into seven military districts.

ganized on the territorial system, and constitutes no insignificant military aggravated by his refusal to grant permission for the reconstruction of the As is well known, the claims of the destroyed buildings. Under one pretext is the expensive scale upon which the All Mussulmans are called upon for United States against Turkey had their and another the granting of this prom- Turilah government is at present add-

military service. Christians and cer-tain other dissenting sects in default ings of the Euphrates college at Kar-under the circumstances the case is the customs duties, in fact, is about to of service are allowed to pay an exemp-tion tax, though many of the Kurds to American missionaries at Marash. for it is all simply a matter as to heavy ammunition bills. His recent and Nomads and the wilder tribes of These outrages took place during the whether or not Abdul Hamid is to keep purchases include quantities of smoke the mountains manage to escape mil- Armenian massacres of 1895. Abdul his solemnly pledged word. Consider- less powder, 240,000 rifles, 16 batteries of Itary duty. The sultan's agents always Hamid has three times made promises ing that the American buildings de- artillery and 96 quick firing field guns. do their best to bring these nonserving to different American representatives strayed were attacked and burned by All this, of course, may be merely one men into the ranks of Abdul Hamid, and it is only by flight and hiding that the law is evaded. All conscripted Turkish \$100,000. The case of this country

THE ROYAL ACADEMY'S PRIZE PICTURE.



The annual exhibition of the Royal neadenry at London Is an event that is ever awaited with interest, for here it is that all the best platures painted in England during the year are first to be seen. The picture which won the gold medal of the society this year was a canvas by the artist F. M. Bennett, and all critics united in soying that it was a really comarkable work. This picture represented the scene in the old classic story which tells how the Greek runner Ladas fell doud just as he is about to veceive his crown as a vic-tor in the Olympian games. In Bernsty's paining the race is finished and the judges at Olympia are just about to hand over to the successful athlate the little crown of laurel, when, with a cry, to puts nix hand to his beart and fails dead at their fact. The accounting invariantion will give a good idea of what a striking picture the artist has made of this old but interesting story of life in ancient Greece.

A SUDANESE FOOTBALL TEAM.

One of the strangest looking football teams in the world is that of the Ninth Sudanese regiment, at present stationed at Khartum. This regiment of native born Sudanese helped Kitchener and Wangate crush the khalifa, and this particular football team had the honor to play the first game of football ever seen in the city of Kharium. It is also said that they played a game at Omdurman against a picked leain from the Eleventh Sudaress and kicked the festive pigskin on the Mesque square in front of the Mahd's most sacred tomb. This team was trained by an English staff efficer, and, since learning the game, are never happier than when "running with the ball."

CRONJE'S SIGNATURE, General Crouje, like a number of other Boers, is a better fighter than he is a writer. Even in writing his signa-

ture he pens the letters'in a cramped and unformed farbion, as may be judged from the accompanying facsimile, which is reproduced from a letter written some time ago to a Boer sympathizer in America.

ROUND THE WORLD.

time required for a journey around the earth by a man walking day and night, without resting, would be 42% days; an express train, 40 days; sound, at a medium temperature, 12% hours: a cannon ball, 31% hours: light a little over one-tenth of a second, and electricity, passing over a copper wire. a little under one-tenth of a second.

One of the curiosities of San Francisco are the evergreen oaks in Monterey park. The most remarkable part of these remarkable trees are the roots, some idea of which may be obtained from the accompanying illustration, These roots, a portion of which show above the ground, look like great, gnarled and twisted branches and form an almost impenetrable network of interlacing veg-1 station

are to be devoted to a fund for evan- Philippines, recently passed his semian- spent the greater part of his life in Aus-

ect. Rev. T. C. Street Mocklem, the new provest of Trinity in versity. Teronico. is the first Caendian to bold that is

because the breathing air in the submerged chamber soon became exhausted and a speedy return to the surface was neconsary. This new apparatun is made of copper and consists of an air-right sult that fits over the upper part of the body of the diver. This suit is onnected by rubber tubes with an air pump placed above the surface of the water, and by means of this the person in the depths of the ocean is able to breathe fresh air while several hundred feet down in the sea. ROOTS OF THE EVERGREEN OAK.

ward to enable men to walk on the floor

of the ocean. Submerged boxes and diving bells were made use of at one time, but these were found inexpedient,

Transvaal.

A NEW DIVING SUPT.

A German inventive genlus has just

patented a new device for the use of

submarine divers. The accompanying illustration will give a very good idea

of this uncouth but very useful diving



HOW AMERICAN GENIUS DEFENDED KIMBERLEY.

terest to Americans. This is the only gun of note that defended the dy'd Kimberley during its long slege by the Boer forces. But this is not sta makes this big gun remarkable. It is the fact that this steel thunders we entirely built by an American machinist, the late Mr. Labram, and that it w constructed during the siege in the beleaguered town itself. The machines in the great De Beers diamond mine workshops was used for the purpose as every part of this bit of ordnance was constructed in these shops. Just will an important part "Long Cecil"-for so the gun was named in honor of Cel Rhodes-played in the defense of the City of Diamonds every one acquain with the history of the war very well knows. The only unfortunate dread stance associated with its history is the sad fact that its ingenious desire and builder was killed by a Boer shell before the world had had a chance # honor him as he deserved.

TESTING ARMY SWORDS.



Every sword, bayonet and firearm used in the British army has to p through a series of the most crucial tests before being accepted by the official of the war office. The British model are being accepted in England of the war office. The British government has several arsenals in England that at Enfield Lock being one of the most famous and extensive. It is but that the famous Lee Found is with the most famous and extensive illustration that the famous Lee-Enfield rifle is made. The accompanying flustra shows an Enfield Lock sword undergoing one of the many tests through all every blade turned out of that establishment has to pass successfully being It is certified as fit for active service. This particular test consists is and matically bounded. matically bending the blade to see that there are no hidden flaws in the steel

cational institutions, upon which he re- copy of his "Ben-Hur" translated ister ports to his government, and will visit Harvard and several of the high schools The son of William Walder Astro-during his sofourn. Harvard is 19 and will fet tion. In that region 2,000 acres are de-voted to the cultivation of the seed, the industry employing about 200 farmers.
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TCPICS OF MEN AND THINGS.

The fund for a Boston monument to all his predecessors having been Eng-Richard Hovey, the post, has reached lishmen. He has been a successful pas-proportions sufficient to guarantee the tor in Toronto and is influential in the successful pas-tor in Toronto and is influential in the successful past in the s