

blue." After this the cotemporary quoted should not mention English flunkeyism or aristocracy worship. It has got the disease in its most sickening form.

BEN THOMPSON, city Marshal of Austin, Tex., who was killed in a hand-to-hand encounter with Kingfisher in a theatre in San Antonio, had the terrible record of having killed thirteen white men and over twice that many Mexicans and Indians. He was a handsome man of forty-five, with small black mustache and hazel eyes. His wife had but one arm. The other had been shattered by a Winchester ball in Denver, when she threw it across her husband's head upon discovering a croning form drawing a bead on him.

A LAPIDARY at Denver, Colorado, has just finished a novel necklace for a New York lady. It is composed of the beautiful stones found in Colorado and New Mexico known as the peridot, a species of chrysolite, ranging in various shades of green and bearing a resemblance to the emerald. There are in all thirty-five gems, running from one to four carats in size, and they are perfectly massed and finely cut. It took six weeks to make the trinket, and four hundred stones were cut to obtain perfect specimens. The necklace was sold for \$1,000.

A FEW weeks ago Stanley, the explorer, was censuring Lord Salisbury in public speeches for neglecting the interests of England in Africa. Mr. Stanley is now taking the opposite course and is lauding Lord Salisbury to the skies. He declares that the English premier has displayed the highest political wisdom in the negotiations which have resulted in large accessions of African territory to England. Evidently Mr. Stanley is of somewhat mercurial temperament and is better fitted for subduing native chiefs with gunpowder than meddling with delicate affairs of state.

Miss HUNT was alone in a small cabin in Iowa Gulch, Col., when three toughs came and ordered her to get out three square meals, and be quick about it. She asked how they liked their eggs, hard or soft, and at the same instant covered the nearest tough with a revolver and pulled the trigger. Pieces of his jawbone rattled against the side of the cabin, whereupon Miss Hunt, with delicate sarcasm, observed that perhaps "two square meals would be enough." The two toughs begged for mercy, and were permitted to carry their wounded companion into the brush.

THE Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has just preached a very practical temperance sermon to its employees. It has sent to each of them personally a circular letter stating distinctly that it will not, under any circumstances, employ or retain in its employ men who are in the habit of becoming intoxicated. It further warns employees that if they frequent places where liquor is

sold they will be discharged; that these requirements apply as well to the times when they are off duty as when they are at work, and that an employe once discharged for intoxication will, under no circumstances, be taken back.

CARDINAL MANNING will be eighty-three years old on the 15th of July next. A writer in the *Pall Mall Gazette* says of him: "The Cardinal has always been an advocate of healthy sports. As a youth he twice played for Harrow against Eaton. The writer can bear witness that his eminence had not forgotten all about that game just previously to his election to the See of Westminster, for he distinctly remembers Dr. Manning, as he then was, coming one day into the playground of St. Charles' College, Bayswater, and joining in a game that was going on. In fact the writer was caught and bowled by his eminence."

AN EXCHANGE says: A sad case is reported from Williamsburg, Pa. A former merchant has just died there who made a great deal of money during the war selling goods at "war prices." He became so attached to war prices that when the war was over and the dove built her nest in the cannon's mouth he could not bring himself around to the point of reducing his prices, but stubbornly kept them up to the old notch. Rather than sell goods cheaper he locked up his store, and now at his death it has been opened and his goods are found to be covered with mould, dust and cobwebs. The incident is referred, without debate, to the McKinley bill.

THE population of the United States in 1790 was 3,929,214, and the cost of the census was \$14,377. This represents a cost per capita of \$1.12c. All the information obtained by this census was embraced in one printed volume. In 1880 the population amounted to 50,155,783, and the cost of the census was \$5,862,750, showing a cost per capita of \$11.68c. or more than ten times the cost per capita of the census of 1790. It took twenty-four printed volumes to embrace all the statistics compiled by the last census. For the present census the estimated cost is considerably in excess of that of the tenth census. The population is estimated in round numbers at 65,000,000, an increase of 15,000,000 over 1880.

THE device of sending back to Havana news of Eyraud by carrier pigeons was essentially Gallic. These French detectives, who never detected anything when they were on the murderer's trail, and who gave the fugitive timely warning of their movements through the news papers, are now posing as theatrical heroes. They worked up a purely imaginary sensation over the desperate character of Eyraud and the probability that he would resist to the death any transfer to the French steamer, when, in fact, he broke down and blubbered instead of showing fight. The accounts of the

capture and the voyage with which they will fill the Parisian reporters will be read as specimens of imaginary narrative.

SAYS an exchange: Citizen George Francis Train, since his record-breaking trip around the world, has quietly settled down on the shores of Puget sound, near Tacoma. He is communing with the birds, cultivating psychic force and breathing pure air. He lives alone, never goes to Tacoma, which is only twelve miles distant, and cooks his cocoa on a three dollar stove. He has his books and manuscripts, and as he wanders through the primeval forest his magnificent crop of white hair is occasionally anointed by the falling gum from the lofty pines. His quiet retreat is now and again broken in upon by delegations of school children who come to sit at the feet of the philosopher.

THE acquittal of Charles Silverman by a Pennsylvania jury of a charge of selling liquors without a license in the town of Leechburg, about two weeks ago, is the latest application of the original package decision of the Supreme Court. Silverman, it will be recalled, as an agent of the Cincinnati Brewing Company, shipped a car load of Ohio beer into a Pennsylvania "no license" town, and sold the stuff in the original packages in spite of the State laws. The judge instructed the jury to acquit if the original packages had not been broken, basing his decision of the Supreme Court decision, and refusing to apply State or local statutes to the case. The Pittsburg merchants, by the way, have for some time been selling oleomargarine in the original packages, holding that State laws can no more interfere with the traffic in provisions than with that in liquors.

SAYS the Burlington *Hawkeye*: In taking the census we might with profit imitate the method followed in Germany. The census there is taken in one day, in the course of a few hours. The census districts are composed of one house or a few houses, and competent men are selected to do the counting. In this country the census, as suggested by the *World*, might profitably and accurately be taken in January, when business and weather keep nearly everybody at home; the list of questions should be as brief as possible, and there should be enumerators, all capable to finish the count in a single day, in cities at least. In this way the census would be made accurate and its results valuable. It is to be hoped that while it is too late at present to make corrections the lessons of the present enumeration will be heeded for the next time.

SAYS the Boston *Herald*: It is claimed in the largest English papers that the Scotch Church is doomed. The Presbyterians proper are stiff in insisting that the present exclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church should be maintained, but the Free Church is dead set against