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Some Facts Not Generally Known About the People tory's bitterest ironles. When the of the Lower End of the "Dark Continent." after them like pursuing shadows. HILE a great deal has of late been written about South Afthe direct opposites of the Boer repubrica, very little is really

nown regarding the present

stions of life there. There are popular ideas of South Af-

almost every part of this globe.

Boers trekked into this bleak wilder- dences looking out over the sea. Dusky lay hidden there, but to escape from with handy little two wheeled rickthose people which the unsuspected shaws. Altogether, it is the most degold later drew into their new homes sirable residence city in South Africa. The English settlements of Natal and maritzburg, the actual capital of the Cape Colony, on the other hand, are colony. This latter city has a certain

public, the home of the Transvaal Boers. It is a land of sun steeped plains and rocky kopjes, and its only plains and rocky kopjes, and its only plains and rocky kopjes, and its only be not inappropriate. Pains Boers and the plains were soon a scene of intense epithet is not inappropriate. Pains Boers and the plains were soon a scene of intense activity. Until the De Beers and their beer the best of the state of the best o redeeming feature is the yellow wealth and bamboos and flowers fringe its wide big syndicate stepped in and drove the which lies 1,000 feet below its sun baked atreets. Its air is soft and health giv- individual miner out of the business evsurface. And herein lies one of his- ing. Its magnificent suburbs are filled ery one was busy and prosperous, monwith handsome and commodious resiness, they came, not for the gold that skinned Zulus trot about its streets dollars' worth of diamonds was the and stands out far ahead of Pieterair of antiquity about it, but outside of lics. Their climate is good. The soil being the seat of the local government called today, the Rand. It was soon that country and the actual is cheap. The settlements are large and thon of visitors or settlers.

ey was plentiful and the luxuries of life were demanded. Four hundred million result of a few years' quarrying.

Then when the great syndicate had practically exhausted its mines and the country was about to fall asleep once more, miners came across the first promise of gold in the Witwatersrandt, or the "White Water Ridge," or, as it is is marvelously productive. Negro labor has little to commend it to the atten- seen that the amount of gold burled there was of fabulous wealth, and min-

imposes a third tax, and when one re- full of home grown tobacco for their members that the cost of transportation | pipes. alone is about six times greater than izen of Johannesburg has to pay dearly is in many respects unlike any other for everything may be gleaned. He is place in the world. Its principal incompelled to pay from three to five gredients are tin shantles and dust,

paid in either America or England, to give it a flavor. For without the Home monopolies also have increased diamonds, of course, there would be no the expense of living and made even Kimberley. In going from Cape Town soap a luxury.

But when the mines are pouring out African trains, it crawls along at the their yellow wealth and times are good, rate of a few miles an hour and the ultlanders of Johannesburg are reaches Kimberley after a journey of willing to pay well for both the neces- 650 miles through that waste of blank sities and luxuries of life. When it is red desert known as the Karoo. In Joremembered that almost every ounce of hannesburg at the present time the food consumed in the Transvaal is stiff hat and the starched collar have brought in from over the border, it will made their appearance, but in the city be understood just how the more fertile of diamonds shirt sleeves are still the surrounding states depend on the opu- rule. Even Cecil Rhodes and his conlent little republic of Oom Paul, though freres may be seen at times in the it must be remembered that it is not diamond market, happier without coats Oom Paul and his people who have sup- than with them. The town can boast plied the demand in this case, but the of an excellent club, where the food is uitlander miner. The sugar factories well cooked and served, for it is at the and fruit farms of Natal and the vine- Kimberley club that the "King of yards and farmsteads of Cape Colony Rhodesia" himself dines when in the would pass out of existence if once the neighborhood of his company's mines. great, hungry maw of the Transvaal found some new feeding ground.

So gold is king in South Africa. So sorrow. Such journeys are usually long as the yellow metal continues to long ones, and slow as the mills of the appear inexhaustible and mines continue to pay dividends ranging from palms and bamboos of Durban, with its 100 to 150 per cent, so long will the na- rickshaw boys and Zulu policemen, and tive of Johannesburg be willing to pay the train labeled for Johannesburg is

customs duties. The railways of the seen with the naked eye, and only the colony being under governmental juris- huge mills of the company can make diction, it may be imagined just what its extraction a profitable operation. advantage Cape officials take of their The city has its full quota of dance opportunity. When they are through halls, its telegraph stations, its railwith a carload of goods, the Orange | ways, its morning and evening papers Free State comes in for its share. Ev- and its busy Stock Exchange. Boer ery piece of freight passing through rough riders can be seen going about that state is made to pay up its tax. the city at all times, simple, unsophis-Then the Transvaal government itself ticated looking burghers, with a pocket pony expressman of the west and made

The town of Kimberley is not altotimes as much for rent and food as is with, however, a leaven of diamonds to Kimberley the visitor has only one The mines of the Rand now stand idle. train a day to take, and, like all South

A South African railway journey is a thing to be remembered with pain and gods. When one has left behind the

well for his clothes and food. At the winding slowly up through banana groves and canefields, one gets a rather good impression of South Africa as a country. One can see pretty little farmers' cottages surrounded by groups of graceful palms and mimosas, and innumerable green valleys winding around the small hills. One can see lumbering transport wagons hauled by a score of sleek oxen driven by half naked Zulus. Then come neatly thatched huts with natives lolling about in the sun, while the green tint that was so beautifully soft along the coast gradually withers and darkens to the dull brown of the interior.

The country grows rougher and the hills become more frequent. Treeless brown mountain tops loom up in the distance, and for half a day this is all that there is to be seen. Then once more come undulating plains, with an occasional ostrich to be seen, or a herd of buck galloping along with their heads down and leaving a great cloud of dust hanging over the veldt behind them. As one approaches Ladysmith one notices the sudden change in the

climate and the great coolness of the

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF JOHANNESBURG

Ben Holliday's Little Scheme,

"Did you ever-hear how old Ben Holliday tried to get into congress?" said an old timer recently. "Well, you know he was the pioneer stagecoach and millions out of it.

"After he had got so rich he didn't know what to do he got ambitiousit should be some idea of why the cit- gether unlike Johannesburg, though it wanted to be a statesman and all that. It was the proper thing in those days for western millionaires to buy their way into the United States senate. There was no chance for the senate just then from Oregon, and Holliday was impatient. So he decided to go to congress as a representative. He had doubts about his own popularity, so he fixed up a grand political scheme.

"There was a young lawyer in Portland who was a good speaker and had made himself

very popular in local politics. He was ambitious, but had no money, So Holliday made a deal with him. The young lawyer was to get the regular nomination, backed on the quiet by Holliday's money, was to make the campaign,

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draw in HollMay's favor, Holliday appearing on the field as an independent candidate.

"The nomination scheme went through all right, and the young fellow made a great fight. He won support everywhere. On the appointed day Holliday went to him and suggested that the time was about ripe for his withdrawal. But the young lawyer had changed his mind. While Holliday sat there puffing, gasping and trying to speak, the young man coolly told him that he would like to go to congress himself-didn't think it would be right. to disappoint the people, was very much obliged for Holliday's kindness and all that, but really he couldn't see his way clear to give up such a sure thing.

"Holliday stormed and swore, but it did no good. The young man was firm, and Holliday dared not say a word. His protege was elected and made a good representative. Holliday forgave him afterward and became one of his best friends."

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAVEL.

One curious and rather unpleasant feature of travel in South Africa at present is being "disinfected" at the oorder of Natal and Cape Colony. This is done in order to try and stop the spread of the "rinderpest," a disease which has killed almost all the cattle in every part of South Africa where it has made its appearance and which threatens to complete the extinction of all the oxen in the country. As the wealth of the farmers in South Africa is measured by the number of oxen they own, and as all the hauling, freighting to interior towns, plowing, etc., was done by exen, it practically amounts to ruin to the agricultural interests to lose them. Therefore the English colonial governments are doing all in their power to stop the progress of the disease, which, in spite of their efforts, is still

sweeping southward to the coast. As it has been proved that the getting







L s fettile and the climate as salu- [comfortably prosperous, Yet the Transmasin any other part of the world. | vaal is the master of the African situation. All the other states about her fringe of fertility is another area are parasites living on her. When she is prosperous, they are prosperous. The er of lofty tablelike plateaus and key to the situation lies in the one and forest covered mountains. In word-gold! Johannesburg is the real capital of all that Cape country-Johannesburg the wonderful, that sprang the wide, rolling plains of the Kim- into existence in one day. Cape Town, g region and the two South Af- since that day, has been turned into a

der inland beyond this 100 mile litveral hundred miles which consists ad this again is the Great Karoo, widerness, and beyond this again publics.

all of this interior country is more or a kid During the dry season the this covered with a lifeless, brown and grass, great clouds of dust drift is the veldt and the sun beats down with the dry, clear air with a heat disalmest tropical. There are hunas f miles here where one will never ta tree, the great, broad rivers are Mason comes a change takes The landscape becomes more ated and more pleasant to look And when it rains in South Afall generally pours. The plains are tersal greenness takes the place the previous somber tinted browns. population living in this country agely divided. It is made up of the great classes of individuals-the The the native born whites and the matter. The class knows and the The class known as the iders is made up of those pera she were born in the country, but and European descent. The uitlanda is well known, are those who toked upon as temporary residents

h South Africa all roads lead to sourg. A thousand miles from

mere way station. It is now only a city where every one is continually waiting for the arrival of the next steamer from England or America, or the departure of the next train for Kimberley or the Rand. Cape Town is a characteristically

English town. For many years it was the metropolis of the lower end of the dark continent. Today it has electric a up and waterless, and the only lights, an excellent narbor with the did docks, railway connections with the did docks, railway connections with the towns of the interior, a beautiful statue of Queen Victoria and regiments of red coated Tommy Atkinses. This city, being the home of those politicians who manage the colonial office and have charge of South African affairs in genarmed into tropical gardens and | eral, has many substantial buildings and residences. It is kept fresh with sea breezes, though windstorms are not unknown. The Cape Town man brags of his southeaster, and this truly is something very exceptional in windstorms, for it all but picks up cobblestones and flings them in one's face. When Cape Town people see the "tablecloth" pending flat over the edge of Table mountain, that stands back from the sea, they know it is better to keep within doors for a day or two, for it is

an infallible sign of bad wearther. Cape of Good Hope, in the midst of among the inhabitants as well as the among the inhabitants as well as the

In going from Cape Colony to Natal republic was practically a cipher in the double and triple for the ordinary neing plains of the interior, lie the difference in the country itself. Natal home consumption and hence exported many poor relations. Natal feeds on it, Manes of the Interior, lie the difference in the country itself. Natal notice could it import anything. Cape Colony fattens upon it, and the difference is, in one way, the garden of South nothing. Nor could it import anything, Cape Colony fattens upon it, and the difference is, in one way, the garden of South nothing. Nor could it import anything, Cape Colony fattens upon it, and the The rest released the Rand. These are the is, in one way, the grader of the state is in-the mining district stretches the un-cluded in the fertile coast belt, and has, inducements for settlement. The ma-the great takes the great takes of the people who have taken up the great takes takes of the people who have taken up the great takes ta The most uninviting part of all their home here are Scotchmen, who into the Boer's head. But the discovery goes into the Transvaal through Cape Colony first pays ridiculous freight astry, from an American stand- seemed bent on establishing in this far- of the diamond mines, a little over a Colony first pays ridiculous freight is scattered thinly through mighty hard clear African air only time can tell. at least, is the South African Re- off colony a diminutive new Scotland. quarter of a century ago, wakened the rates, and then even more ridiculous rock, so thinly that it can hardly be l

Natal, like Cape Colony, lives off the ers and adventurers came flocking into Transvaal. This fertile colony produces the country from all parts of the world. vast quantities of coffee, fruits, tea, A farmer's cottage in one day became sugar and vegetables, all of which is, the young town of Johannesburg, and of course, marketed in the city of Jo- before it could stop to take breath this hannesburg and the other mining towns sheet iron village was the home of more of the Transvaal. This is still further than 160,000 persons and the metropolevidence that the Transvaal is the main itan center of a continent. Today it wheel in the South African machinery. has all the drawbacks of the parvenu As has already been said, this is due to metropolis. It has wealth, but the cost the presence of the yellow metal in that of living is exorbitant. Money is quickcountry, for before the gold and dia- ly made, however, so it is as quickly mond mines were discovered the Boer spent, and people are willing to pay commercial world. The country pro- cessities of life. The result is that the duced nothing that was not needed for Transvaal is today like a banker with

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STORE

only one place in South Africa that can beat Johannesburg for dust, and patiently for the smokestacks of the that is Kimberley. But even a Johannesburg dust storm is no joke. It the daily monotony of the long and blinds you and chokes you and stops snaillike journey. At last they appear, your ears and pockets and blends in one 20 miles of stacks and bare buildings brown, opaque confusion pedestrians and ugly towers that become more and brown and yellow and black folk.

MAITLAND ST.

BLOEMFONTEIN

But Johannesburg's social life, though often seen through a cloud of dust, has stone and finds himself surrounded by its more lucid moments. Like any oth- a movement and bustle that is beer 13-year-old gold digging town, it has wildering after his long and monotits distinctly seamy side, though it has onous trip from the coast. Every race never had any of that "shooting on on the face of the globe seems to be sight" which Bret Harte tells about in represented in the crowds about him. "The Outcasts of Poker Flat." fact is, Johannesburg is a cyanide be the first thing to strike him, and he process and not a nugget digging town. will probably remember that, after all. This makes all the difference in the South Africa, as a country of the modworld. It gives a factory town stead- ern commercial world, is still in its iness to the place and has a tendency teens and still at its awkward age. to discourage the penniless adventurer who drifts to a place dreaming that he the war has come to a close and the can unearth a fortune with three stacks of Johannesburg once more send

present time the characteristics of that, air. The lofty, snow covered summits wide; monotonous plains, one waits im-Rand, for anything, in fact, to relieve self is reached. The traveler steps out into a magnificent structure of iron and

The The newness and rawness of it all will What changes will take place when

strokes of a pick. Johannesburg gold their plumes of black smoke up into the the Anglo-Saxon race are said to be RÖGER P. BARNUM.

may be transmitted in clothing and by bits of skins, leather, etc., or by dogs, it has become necessary to disinfect all passengers going south into the Cape Colony or Natal, and all skins, fur rugs, dogs, etc., must be seized and held at the border.

The disinfecting process as applied to passengers is effected in the following manner: The passenger is admitted to a small room in which are several chairs, and, after seating himself in a chair, a towel is wrapped around his neck, then a rubber hood is placed over the entire chair and inclosing the entire body excepting the head.

A trapdoor is then opened and sulphur vapor is admitted under the rubber hood for several minutes. A part of it is sure to find its way into one's nostrils and the discomfort is intense, but there is no escape.

The hood and towel are finally removed and one must wash the face and hands in a basin and cleanse the finger nails.

After passing to another room a Kaffir washes the bottoms and sides of your shoes with a disinfecting solution, and you are allowed to proceed to your seat in the train.

It must be admitted that the passengers endure this disagreeable treatment with the best possible good humor, and all are consoled with the thought that the intentions are of the best, even though the process may appear to be unnecessary in the case of many who have had no occasion to come into direct contact with oxen for months past, if indeed at any time.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S SEA RECORD.

Rear Admiral Hichborn, chief constructor of the navy, has compiled a list of the vessels on which Admiral Dewey has served since his entrance into the big, bustling center of the mining coun-try are gold, glare, galvanized iron and When oncethrough the passes and in the the length of time he was attached to gambling. There is also another thing flat, uninteresting yeldt of the real Boer each. Curiously enough, Admiral Dewthat must not be forgotten, and that is country, with its withered grass and ey never commanded a modern steel dust, for this distinctive feature makes bleak sand hills and straggling towns warship and never served on any until all other features indistinct. There is planted few and far between on the he raised his flag on the Olympia. He was not, as the commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, in command of that vessel. The only vessel of the new navy which he commanded was the dispatch boat Dolphin.

The statement shows that his first service was on the Wabash as a midand riders and drivers, and white and more numerous until Johannesburg it- shipman in 1858. He was on the Pawnee up to the beginning of the civil war, during which he served successively on the Mississippi, the Brooklyn, the Agawan, the Colorado and the Kearsarge. After the war he returned to the Colorado. His first command was the Narragansett in 1870, and afterward he commanded, in order, the Supply, the Narragansett, the Juniata, the Dolphin and the Pensacola. His next command was the Asiatic station.

SHOES AND NERVOUSNESS.

It is averred by a famous Chinese doctor that nervousness is kept out of the Chinese empire by the use of soft soled shoes. The hard soles worn by the cause of their extreme nervous temperament.

THINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

and is the first of his race. It is hung on a leather string around and planted it in their own town. erer attended them. He is quick the neck and serves to identify the dead wight and always stands well in or severely wounded.

A sing the 11-year-old son of Ah, wearing "dog checks." A dog check is former place went in a body to the desires to sell the property, that she hawaiian census. In the admitted to the observation of the desires to sell the property, that she hawaiian census. A writer in Fore leans and make that city her home.

When the postoffice authorities at Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis' Mississippi in Hawaii and is 124 years of age. Her a list of 18 crimes which are commonly Missouri, beginning his long course of the largest ever collected in the colony. When the postoffice authorities at Beauvoir, Scherson Date and in the second in the se

office at Mountain View because of Confederate soldiers who are still able to advanced age has been thoroughly The indictment includes murder, parri- he started in hale and hearty at La there being one at Oakdale, Md., only a to do light work. The organization has investigated by Hon. Alatau T. Atkinmile and a half away, the people of the received an intimation that Mrs. Davis son, the general superintendent of the

The United Confederate Veterans of The oldest woman in the world, ac-

A writer in Forest and Stream asserts

cide, fratricide, suicide, theft, kidnap- Belle, Lewis county. ing, highway robbery, polygamy and drunkenness.

Mr. J. P. Pence of Lagrange, Mo., is that the criminal tendency is manifest- the oldest schoolteacher in his state, ernments and their administration. ed to a greater or less extent by all For more than half a century he has New Orleans are planning to purchase cording to official census reports, lives the lower animals, and he has compiled taught in the country public schools of committed by birds, beasts or reptiles, service in the fail of 1845. This autumn | The expenditure was \$505,550,

Free evening drawing schools are maintained by the city of Boston. Amherst has a course in modern gov-The revenue of Sierra Leone for the

past year reached the sum of \$558,410,