

NOTES.

LIGHTNING struck a Georgia negro the other day, but failed to do him any considerable damage. The bolt hit him on the elbow, thence made a lap or two around his body, and finished up by playfully running down his leg and tearing off his boot. Yet the darky feels as well as ever.

A LIGNITE sugar refinery has been established in Philadelphia for utilizing "black-strap," the refuse of molasses. Hitherto this substance has been used in making rum, but the product has always been in excess of the demand. The inventors claim that the process will revolutionize the sugar industry. It is clarified through pulverized lignite.

The governor of Morocco lately sent ten Arab horses of the purest and finest blood as a gift to the king of Belgium. When they reached Brussels King Leopold was not greatly struck by their beauty, and on an investigation being made it turned out that the original animals had been sold by some unscrupulous official and that inferior ones had been substituted.

MRS. CARL DIMBLE, of Cincinnati, has given birth to twins, one of which has two large lower front teeth at least an eighth of an inch in length and perfectly formed. The teeth are of a pearly whiteness, and look as natural as those of a child of six or eight years. There have been cases where there was one tooth when a single child was born, but never before when they were twins.

How busy a congressman is when he is as busy as he can be was illustrated lately by Ben Butterworth. A woman was seeking his aid in some matter which he promised "if he could find time." "But you congressmen are not so very busy," she said. Said the Ohio member: "Madam, we are as busy as we can be. I assure you we are so busy that we don't have time to say our prayers."

THE greatest steeple-climber in England is William Green. He has repaired fifty or more steeples and spires and is sent for from all parts of the kingdom. His great achievements were in repairing the spire of Salisbury Cathedral, 404 feet high; Louth, Lincolnshire, 350 feet; Grantham, 320 feet, and a steeple in Cambridgeshire, 280 feet. He has also built or repaired over 500 chimney-stacks, the highest being 320 feet.

THE sudden, unexpected death of three persons has saved the life of one man. Azero Polley, a West Virginian, was to be tried for an assault on Julia Hester, the penalty of which, in that State, is death. The only witnesses were the girl herself, her sister and her mother, and all three of these were killed a few days ago in a railroad disaster on the Chesapeake & Ohio. The case against Polley has therefore necessarily been dismissed.

ONE who knows William Black, the novelist, says of him: "I think the best thing about Black is that

success has not turned his head. He is still the courtly, pleasant gentleman that he was in the old days before novel-writing had made him famous and given him an independent bank account. But he is no longer an ordinary man; he is courted by the big wigs, made much of by lords and ladies and dines out so often that the wonder is he is not a confirmed dyspeptic. He likes Americans very much, has many warm friends among them, and is well informed about American literature."

IN a stone quarry near Kertsch, in South Russia, a catacomb has been discovered in the form of a vast hall, divided into several compartments by thirteen columns, adorned artistically with ornamental figures. On one of them is written, in Greek roundhand: "The judge Sorak built this sanctuary on a new site, without removing any of the human remains found there. Let no one touch or desecrate my body after my death, for he who does so will never enter the spirit kingdom." This inscription is surrounded with drawings of the human heart and surmounted by two winged genii holding floral emblems.

A fish of most peculiar appearance, the like of which has never been seen by any of the many fishermen who have inspected it, was recently exhibited at Pensacola, Fla. It was caught in the gulf with hook and line, and is about five feet in length. The body is similar to that of a dolphin, and it has a bill like a needle fish. The tail is forked, and has two immense fins rising from the back. They are of a soft, bony substance, and are of such peculiar formation that they give the fish the appearance of having a flowing mane. It is a rare fish, and, if possible, should be preserved as a curiosity.

AN exchange says: There is one Indian in the United States worth \$1,000,000. He is known as Matthias Splitlog, and is chief of the Wyandotte tribe. His mother gave him birth in the woods near a split log, hence his name. He is now seventy years of age and can neither read nor write. For all this he is a great money-getter. Some time ago he was persuaded to sell a tract of land on the Kaw bottoms for \$140,000, the money to be paid to him at 10 o'clock on a certain morning at a bank in Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City. The Indian entered the bank shortly before 10 and took a seat, keeping his eye on the clock. When the clock struck 10 and the capitalists had not arrived he walked promptly out of the bank. On the street he met the men who were to buy his land, and when they asked him to go back to the bank he promptly refused and set the next day at the same hour. When they all met next day Splitlog refused to sell for \$140,000 and wanted \$160,000. The syndicate wanted the land, and fearing another rise in real estate accepted the terms.

To do good is noble; to be good is nobler.

"MORMON" DISLOYALTY.

THE Phoenix, Arizona, Gazette contains the following communication which needs no comment:

TEMPE, July 5th, 1890

Editor Gazette:

Having heard from many and varied sources that the Mormon people, wherever found, were, as a people, unpatriotic, treasonable, and a dangerous element to our government. By reason of these undesirable qualities and hearing that the Mormon settlement at Mesa would celebrate the glorious Fourth, the writer at an early hour, accompanied by his wife, drove to that charming village. We found upwards of 500 people congregated under the extensive arbor adjacent to their church, all in gala day attire, all well behaved and enjoying themselves listening to an elaborate programme prepared for the occasion, consisting of singing, reading, declamations and speaking. The following is a portion of the programme: Song by the choir, prayer by the chaplain, singing, "Star Spangled Banner," Declaration of Independence, by Professor Bauta. Patriotic song by D. Bagley, oration by B. F. Johnson, song by T. Pomeroy, chorus by the choir, speech by Professor C. O. Case, speech by L. H. Hawkins. Forenoon entertainment closed by prayer by Mr. Ellsworth.

The afternoon was devoted almost wholly to making the children happy, and a better looking, better dressed, and more contented lot of children could not be found. The church was cleared of seats except on the sides, and given up entirely to the children to dance in. One could see little boys and girls of four or five years of age entering with as much spirit and zest into the dance as shown by the older people. Then they had all kinds of games, such as racing, balloon ascensions, etc., with candy, ice cream, lemonade, and other refreshments, until it was time for the little ones to go home.

In the evening a dance in the church for grown people closed the day's enjoyments, with fireworks and anvil firing.

"It would be difficult to imagine a more enjoyable, and purely patriotic gathering of people, than this celebration at Mesa. These people have reduced outdoor as well as indoor pastimes to a science. From them all churches might learn a lesson, use your church buildings to make people happy in material enjoyment instead of devoting them entirely to solemn spiritual uses, and you will find your attendance increase instead of diminishing."

"Not a person in the least under the influence of liquor was seen in all that large assembly, and the writer did not hear one profane utterance. How is this for morality and good citizenship?"

"Upon the whole I pronounce this to have been the pleasantest Fourth of July celebration I ever attended for the reasons, among others, that comforts of all kinds were provided. Seats for everybody, shade in abundance, and refreshments ample, tho kindly, and generous, and anxious to shower hospitality upon visitors, so different from the average picnic, where all is greed and grab."

"If any one doubts my statements, prove it by attending the celebration at Mesa next Fourth, and you will agree with me that for patriotic earnestness, wholesome comfort, courteous gentlemen and beautiful women, Mesa cannot be surpassed."

A LOOKER ON.