

PORTUGAL'S CONEY ISLAND.

Royalty en Dishabille—Farewell Jaunts Before Settling Out for Spain—Political and Educational Matters in Portugal.

Special Correspondence.

En route to Cadiz, Dec. 19th, 1899.—Before bidding adieu to poor old Portugal, you should spend a day at Cascares, the fashionable sea-side resort, fifteen miles from Lisbon. The village—whose name is pronounced as if spelled Kas-kah-eng—lies just north of the Tagus' mouth, on the Atlantic, and may be reached by railway from Lisbon, or by boat down the river. It has a tiny harbor of its own, accessible only to coasters and other small craft, and is supposed to be protected by a couple of antique forts—which an American man-of-war would send to kingdom come in half a minute.

According to Portuguese ideas, life is a giddy whirl at Cascares, particularly during "the season," when the royal family descends Ajuda to reside before the sun, and in neglect of any sort, providing that it be cool and easy, saunters down to the surf, to perform his ablutions and witness other people's. If a line were stretched from this point straight across the broad bosom of the Atlantic, the other end of its three thousand and odd miles would touch our own Coney Island. There is a queer similarity between the two resorts, making due allowance for the different races. The same motley but good-natured crowds come over from the hear-by metropolis, composed chiefly of hot polio, but with a sprinkling of "upper crust," bent on having a good time, regardless of appearances. The bathing arrangements at Cascares are even more unconventional than those that distinguish our popular resort. Here a group of

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NOTABLE UTAH WOMEN.



MRS. AURELIA S. ROGERS.

To Mrs. Aurelia S. Rogers belongs the honor of having originated the idea of the children's Primary associations, and of presiding over the first branch of these most worthy institutions after their establishment.

Mrs. Rogers is the daughter of the late well known writer, Orson Spencer, whose letters to a minister of the Baptist church, written in reply to questions in regard to the "Mormon" faith, are considered amongst the most finished literary productions, both as regards argument and style, of the written expositions of the tenets of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mrs. Rogers was born in the town of Deep River, Conn., in 1834. Her parents having joined the "Mormon" Church, left their home for Nauvoo in 1842, where four years later her mother died—the event occurring at about the beginning of the exodus of the people to the West. Shortly afterwards under the guardianship of friends (their father having been called to a mission in England) the little family of motherless children started on the long journey across the plains, arriving in the valley of Salt Lake in September, 1848.

Here together with the rest of the people, Mrs. Rogers endured the many hardships of colonization of the desert home.

In 1851 she became the wife of Thomas Rogers, and went to Farmington, Davis county, where she has since resided. During the hard times caused by the grasshopper blight of that year she taught school at her own home, being one of the pioneer teachers of the county.

After the organization of the Relief Society she was appointed secretary of the Farmington branch of the society, continuing in the position for twenty-one years.

In 1878, having become impressed with the conviction of need for some organized effort for the training of young children in morality and manners, she conferred with the officers of the Relief Society on the subject, with the result that steps were at once taken to bring about the organization of the children's Primary associations, the first one being established in Farmington, and Mrs. Rogers being chosen as its president. From this nucleus of the Davis Stake branch the Primaries have grown into an immense organization with branches in the United States, Mexico, Canada and in European countries. Mrs. Rogers held the position of president of the Davis Stake Primaries for nine years, after which she was released in consequence of its duties proving too onerous. Since then she has been chosen to act as aid to President Louis B. Felt, who presides over the Primaries throughout the world.

In 1898 Mrs. Rogers published a volume of biographical sketches of her own life and that of her father, with the object that the genealogy and history of the family might be preserved.

In 1895 she went to Atlanta, Ga., as delegate from Davis county to the Woman's Suffrage convention, and also visited Washington and attended the Second Triennial Congress of the National Council of Women.

Aside from her faithful and efficient public service, Mrs. Rogers's name has become a household word amongst those who best know her, for her sympathy and tender ministry in the afflictions and sorrows of others, and a gentleness, patience, and unselfishness of character which make her loved and revered by all who know her.

portunity of observing some of their customs. For a time Prof. Ward was a guest of a Boer family of the Transvaal whose habitation was on the very edge of the veldt. Using this as his headquarters he hunted and collected with great success, and as birds and animals which he wanted were likely as not to stray into the front yard from the adjacent jungles, he kept his guns ready to hand in the front hall.

One fine afternoon he and his host were sitting on the broad porch, having been to church in the morning. The head of the family was puffing comfortably at his pipe and the guest was watching curiously certain movements in the shrubbery a few rods away which indicated that some kind of animals were moving about there. The Boer was characteristically silent and Prof. Ward kept quiet because he didn't want to alarm whatever creatures might be skulking about in the scrub.

Presently a family of curious little animals frisked out into the open and began to play there. Prof. Ward recognized them as the young of a species of coney of which he was anxious to secure specimens. He arose noiselessly and started to reach for his gun, which stood just inside the open door, when the Boer, removing his pipe, asked what he was going to do.

"I want one of those fellows," said Prof. Ward. "They're a rare species."

"No shooting today," said the Boer briefly. "Sunday."

"But I only want one shot," said Prof. Ward. "If you fire a shot today the neighbors would report it and you would be in the town jail before nightfall. We keep the Sabbath here."

"I'll take the risk," said Prof. Ward eagerly. "I'll go around to the other edge of the veldt and shoot from there."

"Not as my guest," replied the Boer sternly. "I will not countenance any such unbecoming conduct."

Of course there was nothing for the guest to do but acquiesce and hope for a return of the rare animals on a week-day. Mentally he made a note for his journal regarding the strict and conscientious piety and morality of the Boers. A few moments later there was another flutter and scurry in the brush and the animals fled, their places being taken by a group of the young of the human species, very dark as to color, who tumbled and rolled about merrily on the lawn.

"Who are those funny little chaps?" asked Prof. Ward of his host, who had

elapsed into silence after the Sabbath observing episode.

"Some of mine, I suppose," replied the Boer.

"You don't mean that you have slaves here?"

"No," said the Boer.

"The children of some of your servants then?"

"My children by some of my Kaffir concubines," said the Boer indifferently, and returned to his silence and his pipe.

Prof. Ward decided to omit the "strict and conscientious piety and morality" entry from his journal.

ALCOHOLISM AND THE DEATH RATE.

The prevalence of alcoholism and its influence on mortality was discussed, says Health, by Dr. George W. Webster in a paper recently read.

He states that the annual consumption in England, France, Germany and the United States is twenty-five gallons for every man, woman and child.

The English drink bill for 1898 was \$72,000,000, the United States for 1898 \$934,000,000.

Ten per cent of the population are inebriates.

The influence on morality is strikingly put by the Kraft-Ebbing as follows:

First Generation—Moral depravity, alcoholic excess.

Second Generation—Drink mania, attacks of insanity, general insanity, paralysis.

Third Generation—Hypochondria, melancholia, apathy and tendency to murder.

Fourth Generation—Imbecility, idleness and extinction of the race.

Ten families of drunkards are compared with ten temperate families. The direct progeny of the drunkards amounted to fifty-seven; twenty-five died of insufficient vitality in their first year, six were idiots, five demented, five had hydrocephalus, hare-lip and club-foot.

Of the temperate families there were sixty-one children; five died of insufficient vitality, four had curable affections, two had congenital defects, 81.9 per cent were sound in mind and body during childhood and youth.

Alcohol acts by destroying congenital immunity, favors by direct influence the development of the pathogenic

WE MUST FORESTALL EUROPE IN THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

Mr. Gron is one of the most prominent Danes in the United States, and has studied this and other international questions carefully. He is a naturalized American citizen, and a graduate of Harvard.

The great competitors for the world's commerce in the future will be the United States and Germany. The orient and South America are apparently to afford arenas for the contest. The geographical relations of these regions to each other renders the harbor of St. Thomas of vital importance. Hence the desire of Germany to secure it.

Much has been said of the value of this port as a naval station. Few, however, realize what a commercial center it must become when transferred to a really great power. A glance at the map shows that St. Thomas lies directly in the line of steamers from our Atlantic coast cities to South America and Africa. When either the Nicaragua or the Panama canal is cut, this port will be in the direct line of trade between the orient and all Europe. St. Thomas will thus be transformed into a distributing point for commerce between the orient and the eastern coast of our entire continent.

As a naval station St. Thomas is peerless. It forms a keystone in the arch of the West Indies. It virtually commands the Caribbean sea. It would

seem clear, then, that the value of St. Thomas to any nation, European or American, is beyond dispute. It is known to the well informed as a station in the West Indies in anticipation of the cutting of the isthmian canal. Upon the completion of the Siberian railway, Vladivostok and Port Arthur will become commercial ports. A water route need no longer traverse the Suez canal and the Mediterranean. Such a route would cross the Pacific. Would our vessels, while en route, be able to call at St. Thomas? The answer is, of course, no. Denmark cannot be blind to the importance of her possessions. She must be aware of the desire of other nations to secure them. She cannot be expected, therefore, to place her trust in the Danish policy of non-interference. Denmark cannot truly be said ever to have offered these islands for sale. The negotiations of 1857 were initiated by Secretary Seward upon them. After long persistence a treaty was wrung from Denmark. The matter was not again brought up until two years or so ago. Denmark is as reluctant as ever to commit itself. The American government has been unable to secure the islands until Denmark has begun to move. The Stars and Stripes will never sail over the prize bits of the Indies—N. Y. Herald.

GROWTH OF THE FEES OF LAWYERS.

This is an age of progress. Of that one is reminded on all sides. In the "Life of Lincoln" it is related how he rejoiced at a fee of \$25, and how seldom that joy came to him. That was half a century ago, says the Denver Post. The other day his son was awarded a fee in the probate court of Cook county, Illinois. He no doubt rejoiced at it, also, although the report does not make any mention of it. The fee was \$425,000, which was divided between him and his partner in payment for their services as executors of the estate of the late George M. Pullman. Robert Lincoln's share of that fee amounted to more than his father received in all the years he practiced law in Illinois. Of course, nobody begrudges him the amount, as the estate is well able to pay it; but the princely sum is indicative of the tendency of the times.

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CIVIL WAR PENSIONS TALKS.

Thousands of Bills Have Been Introduced in Congress.

SURVIVORS OF THE CONFLICT

A Million of the Boys Who Wore the Blue Still on Deck—Many Widows and Orphans—Defining Act.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The pension grid has not yet commenced in the House, and no Friday evening sessions for the consideration of such bills have been held, although the Senate has already passed a number of bills. Chairman Sulloway of the committee on invalid pensions of the House, which deals with pension cases arising from the Civil War, says that 3,000 pension bills have been introduced up to the present time which must be considered by his committee. "To the average man, as a down east Yankee would say, that seems to be a great many," said Mr. Sulloway, "but 10,000 would not be a large number if we could consider all phases of the subject. There were 2,700,000 men engaged in the 'late unpleasantness' on the Union side, and there are probably 1,000,000 survivors of that 'shooting match,' with numerous widows and orphans. There were many men who did good service for the country and performed all that soldiers could do who were never mustered into the service and cannot come in under pension laws. There are many men of pensionable standing. These men and their widows must be provided for by special legislation." Mr. Sulloway says that as soon as a number of bills can be examined and reports prepared he will call for the regular Friday evening sessions to consider them.

BAY STATE SENATORS.

In the shifting of seats in the United States Senate senators from the same State are sometimes brought together. For many years Senator Hoar of Massachusetts and Senator Sherman of Ohio sat by side. When Mr. Sherman resigned to enter the cabinet of President McKinley, it was found that Senator Lodge of Massachusetts had chosen the seat vacated, which brought him and his colleague together, where they have since remained. When the committees of the Senate were organized two years ago, Senator Lodge secured a room just across the hall from the committee on judiciary, which was Senator Hoar's room. So the Bay State men are near each other at all times in the capitol. But they are far apart on some other questions, notably the Philippine policy. It makes it somewhat embarrassing to Senator Lodge, as chairman of the Philippine committee, to be continually opposing matters which are favored by his colleague and from time to time objecting to or offering amendments to Senator Hoar's resolutions. But he does it with as much unconcern as if Senator Hoar were not from the same State and his neighbor in the Senate.

END OF THE CENTURY.

It may be that Congress will have to declare officially that the nineteenth century ends. Senators and Representatives disagree on the subject, as do other people. Senator Morgan, in a speech recently referred to "the century which has just closed." Other congressmen have said something indicating that they believe we are now in the twentieth century, although the great majority believe the contrary.

WHAT IS ART?

They were discussing statutory in the capitol, Senators Chandler and Lodge

those good friends who enjoy each other's society so much, and Senator Chandler asked, "What is art?" with special reference to the new statue of Daniel Webster in this city. "I know what pleases me, I like a picture because of its colors or what it represents, I like a statue if it seems properly proportioned and represents the man for whom it was intended. For myself, I cannot draw a man's head or the outlines of a horse so that there is the least resemblance to either man or horse. I do not pretend to be any kind of a judge of art."

Some discussion followed upon the statue of Daniel Webster. "Senator Hoar says," continued Senator Chandler, "that it represents Webster as he was when a resident of New Hampshire. Although Webster's greatest fame was acquired when a resident of Massachusetts, he was a native of New Hampshire and once represented that State in the House of Representatives."

WESTERN NEIGHBORS.

James P. Hartman came to the capitol from Seattle, Wash. He met and shook hands with Senator Foster from his State and then as others came up he greeted with warmest Senator Shoup of Idaho, Senator Clark of Wyoming and Senator Thurston of Washington. "I seem to know a great many of these men from all over the West," remarked a man standing near by. "Oh, yes; we are neighbors," he replied. And yet the way of the West. A thousand miles do not prevent people from being neighbors in the region "beyond the Mississippi." A man living in Washington State has warm friends in Minnesota or in South Dakota. But more than all that, there is a sense of comradeship among men from all those western States, men who made the States, in fact, and those who attain prominence in public life or business are generally apt to know something about the regular Friday evening sessions to consider them.

NOT UNDERSTOOD.

Not understood. We move along asunder. Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep Along the years. We marvel and we wonder.

Why life is life. And then we fall asleep. Not understood.

Not understood. We gather false impressions. And then closer as the years go by. 'Till virtue often seems to us transgressions. And thus men rise and fall, and live, and die.

Not understood. Poor souls with stunted vision. Oft measure giants by their narrow gauge. The poisoned shafts of falsehood and derision. Are oft impelled 'gainst those who would, Not understood.

Not understood. The secret spring of action. Which lies beneath the surface and the show. Are disregarded. With self-satisfaction. We judge our neighbors, and they often go. Not understood.

Not understood. How trifles often change us; The thousand sentence of the fabled slight. Destroy long years of friendship and estrange us. And on one soul there falls a freezing blight. Not understood.

Not understood. How many hearts are aching. For lack of sympathy? Ah, day by day How many cheerless, lonely hearts are breaking. How many noble spirits pass away. Not understood.

O, God! that man would see a little clearer. Or judge us harshly when they can. Not see. O, God! that they would draw for each other nearer. More kindly to each other aim to be. And understood.