## Belgium, Holland and the Rhine.

Col. Edwin F. Holmes and Party in the Classic Land of Dikes and Dams -Quaint Customs of Quainter People- "Panhard"

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Up Against Some Hard Roads—Od Rhine Wine.

NE September day we left London by train to Dover, a non-stop run of about 80 miles, took the Belgium Line atomic took the

oss than in England. MORE LIKE AMERICA.

One concludes when in Germany that he may do almost anything not actually forbidden, or "vorbolen," which sign is so frequently displayed nearly everywhere, and still one day we saw in one of their fine parks he sign of "keep off the grass," and yet no one, not even children, seemed to go on it any more than they would think to se on the flower beds.

One day a tire gave out as we were just entering a German village, and while waiting we glanced up to a warning sign which read:
"Fuhren von Kraftfahraengen!!!" One concludes when in Germany that

Geschivindigheit, Massigen!!

Politiver Waltung.
Is it any wonder the "Panhard" laid down just then? Some signs will limit your speed through the towns to three miles an hour and the towns may be so close together that the notices lapover one another.

EDWIN F. HOLMES.

ANIMALS THAT LIKE TOBACCO.

menageric trainer, says the Philadel-

"In my early days," he said, "I was connected with a circus which pos-sessed the unique attraction of a terrier which, among other tricks, had

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"Money-Back"



MASCOTS ABOARD THE CONNECTICUT OF THE PACIFIC FLEET

general public is admitted to the in floor upon paying the reasonable as of one franc for afternoon and for the evening performances.

GAMING TABLES HERE.

There are rooms where gambling is carried on, and permission is readily obtained to enfor there, only it takes two days to secure it. It is thought to be the desire of the king and the autorities to make this feature the rival if not the equal of the famous gambling pince at Monte Carlo on the Rivera, and to this end they are huilding a very extensive "Palace Hotel" about a mile further south, on the water front. The promenade connect, leg these two sections, and which is called the Digue, is from 50 to 100 feet wide and about 20 feet above west level at high tide and the whole is laid with teracoita bricks.

THE KING'S VILLA

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The king has a handsome villa here stong this promenade and the disers cat in full view of the passing thous-ands. Well dressed people are apt to be given the most prominent seats and money to the head waiter would in-fluence the selection of a favorite ta.

The Belgians are a very democratic people and nothing is too good for the mass of them, so it was not uncommon for a group to stop before the table of some particularly well dressed, or dstinguished looking party, and watch as each mouthful was taken, doubtless passing remarks concerning their opinion of the party.

We found the auto roads in Belgium

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ILL MANNERED YOUNGSTERS.

FRANZ BOFMANN

WORLD AMAZES OLD MEN GROWN AGED IN PRISON CELLS. Franz Hofmann, confined to prison 47 years for murder, and Thomas

The pair were afraid to venture forth and goard in wander and fear on the everyday sights of the city. When imprisoned, nearly half a century

ago, New York was a village, as compared to present development and the

ex-convicts were amazed and dumbfounded at what they saw. They have been taken in hand by charity organizations and will be started anew in life,

O'Shen, a 22-year termer, have just been released from Sing Sing.s

The roads in Holland are better than in religium, but they are not perfect by any means. They are what they call killiker, being merely a kind of hard brick taid on edge. When parfectly new this is not so band, but so much is old that it looks as though they commenced to lay them when the land was first raised from the bottom of the sea, by dyking the waters out and pumping the land dry, and that was a long, long fime ago. It was only near Urrecht, where it was very heautiful, that we saw land lying higher than the sea and from there eastward to the frontier of Germany it was mostly natural land.

ILL MANNERED YOUNGSTERS. BETTER IN HOLLAND.

We have found the children and the people in England far the best mate nered generally, and there, as in Holland, there seems little or no work going on on Sunday. It seemed to both cases that it was almost carried to an extreme, and there was little to occupy the country people, except to walk about on the roads. We, ourselves, became quite strict and seldom underteek a journey on the Sabbath. Rotterdam is the great seaport.
Delft. The Hagae. Scheveningen.
Harlem, Zaandam and Amsterdam are each interesting in. its way. Near Harlem is where so many bulks are exported. It is the chief in ent-shops were open and the day was the gayest and most animated of the

The Rhine river traffic seems to be enormous. Nowhere, unless it may be on the Danube at Buda Pest, have we seen such numbers of freight boats. Below Coblens in 25 minutes we met, or passed, 160 crafts, either towing or being towed, and being in a motor car, this represents about eight or ten miles of river.

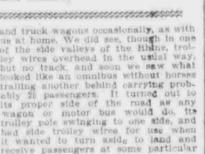
RHINE WINE.

HOW THEY DO THINGS.

It is interesting traveling in strange countries to see the different ways for deing practically the same thing, and a man wenders why if a certain way is really the best others do not employ it. Now, it has always seemed to me that the strap fastening the top of the harness on our work horses would have a tendency to blind and pinch the animal's neck. Here this tendency is partly overcome by a horizonal, rigid piece of wood, which keeps the top of the harness far enough apart so that it does not hurt the beast. The long, curved, ox-box sort of applanes used in Russia has the same tendency of the harness far enough apart so that it does not hurt, the beast. The long, curved, ox-bow sort of appliance used in Russis has the same tendency to keep the ends of the shafts, with which every vehicle is provided, apart, so not to hear too directly upon the animal's shoulders. But if that is a good thing why is it confined to the one country? In Naples they drive horses without bits in their mouths—a brass piece passing ever the nose and a chain passing around the lewer faw through a ring on a projecting piece and attached to the lines, so that the horse's head is actually turned in the direction he is to go. But the thing looks to use more cruel than the usual hit. It is quite common here to drive one horse to a wagon with a pole, surely an awkward arrangement, because to turn the vehicle away from the side the animal is attached is to have the pole thumping him while making the turn. But it was in Belgium that we saw a vehicle that had no tongue or pole at all, the animal being driven with rope lines hitched to the cart or wagon with rote tugs and an ordinary singletree, There were no brakes on the vehicle, which generally was a hoavy car with a front extension of two ameal wheels. To guide the thing the driver must push or null from a projecting rod in the direction he wanted to turn. This seemed to be the most awkward way in the world.

TWO STORY PLOWS.

The plows generally used here are

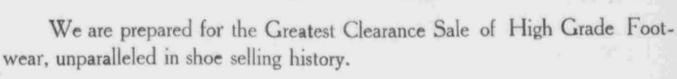


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On the Rhine and its tributaries the one main thing cultivated is the grape, grown entirely for white making purposes, and it is beautiful to see the steep, rocky bill side terraced to the top around great outcroppings of rock, with little of actual soil showing, and where the output of wine is seldon more than 250 gallons to the acre. The labor of the district is for the vine the tolk is of this crop; buyers from England and other countries are on the spot looking after the quality and quantity of the autput, much as our peopla would talk of the ore in process of mining, and the uncertainties of the game are about as great is one case as in the other, for some years the yield falls short at the quality may be inferior. Wine of the country is the common drink, and water is used for other purposes. At hotels it is printed on the mean that those not drinking wine at the table will be charged one mark each person every meal extra. every meal extra.

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a sort of two-story affair, something like our sidehill plows, and is driven back and forth slong the same line of furrow. But a field potato digger



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