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MEXICO AND GUATEMALA.

It would appear like the irony of fate should Mexico and Guatemala engage in hostilities on the eve of the second Hague congress, as did Great Britain and the Boer republics so near the date of the first peace parliament.

It should not be difficult to reach an agreement. The cause of the trouble does not involve the honor of either nation. Nor are any national interests at stake.

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PRIESTS SUPPORT THEMSELVES.

A Paris dispatch says French Catholic clergymen in the capital of France have been forced to adopt some means of making a living, since they were deprived of their stipends by the separation act.

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ORGAN IS WORRIED.

The organ of the crooks manifests decided uneasiness over the capture of Bell, the predatory and migratory horus policeman, just as it did when Parrent, the card sharp, was caught.

There are people in this world who take to flight as naturally as wild beasts. They have never mastered their wild natures. There are many of these savage characters in the Central American republics, and they are a source of constant unrest.

OUR OBLITERATED FORESTS.

The question of our rapidly disappearing forests has been brought prominently before the country again in a bulletin issued by the government.

PEACEFUL TRIBE IN AFRICA.

In these days of peace talk it is interesting to read about a tribe of Africans that seems to have solved the problem with which the civilized world is grappling.

Government experts have calculated with great nicety the amount of timber cut since 1880. They say that this would form a floor six inches thick over 25,000 square miles, enough to cover completely the states of Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Delaware.

These figures tell a fearful and convincing story, and are arousing patriotic Americans to a realization of forest condition facts, and already steps in the direction of renewal are being taken.

without any marked events. The masters are good-natured, the women are independent, and the slaves are treated with kindness.

ELDER JAQUES THE AUTHOR.

Concerning the authorship of the hymn, "Softly beams the sacred dawn," Elder Martin S. Lindsay writes:

"Referring to your editorial notice of a statement in the current number of the Improvement Era regarding the authorship of the hymn beginning, 'Softly beams the sacred dawn,' it affords me very great pleasure to inform your readers that upon one occasion, a number of years before the death of the late Elder John Jaques, I asked him if he were the author of the hymn in question.

LEAVE OUT SCHOOL CHILDREN.

We dissent wholly and strenuously from the suggestion that our public school children should be asked to contribute money to help Peary to make another dash toward the north pole.

JUST FOR FUN.

What the Cobby Saw.

The London "bobby" is an notorious for his long feet and hands as the New York "cobby" likewise.

Why He Quit.

Wilton Luckayo, the player, tells of a farmer in Indiana who went to see "Hamlet" for the first time, quite unprepared by any knowledge of either tragedy or author.

He Placed an Order.

A small, sharp-faced boy, one of whose eyelids had an inclination to droop in a chronic wink, entered a tailor shop on Upper Broadway.

His Scheme Failed.

"I wonder why it is," remarked one of the two men who had just lunched, turning to speak to the other.

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street when at the noon hour in a crowded thoroughfare a man was knocked down and deprived of his watch.

WEDDING "CUT-UPS."

If there was ever an "unwritten law" applying to the most unmitigated nuisance of modern times it should cover matrimony upon the brazen "cut ups" who consider a wedding an appropriate opportunity to display their animosity.

EDUCATING FOR PEACE.

The Peace society has decided to inaugurate a campaign of education. At its first annual meeting on Wednesday it was decided to begin with the schools and colleges.

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