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MR. JACOB A. RIIS, REPORTER, AUTHOR, PHILANTHROPIST.

In New York, received from | touch it right." the King's Daughters of Brooklyn quite ally when they named their settlein house on Henry street in his hon-Bishop Potter, who dedicated it, remarked en the occasion, "The sight of a medern reporter who is at the same a philanthropist is a novelty hich touches the human heart." This was not intended as a reflection upon the class to which Mr. Rils belongs, but contunted the fact that reporters we little time, even if they have the ination, for philanthropic work in s largest sense, as practiced by Mr.

Mr. Rils is by this time accustomed having honors bestowed upon him, nd not alone in this country has he reed them, for it was only last Sepmber that he was knighted by the king of Denmark. He was decorated din the title of "Knight of Danneborg," an exceptional distinction even a native of the country to which distinguished order pertains.

It is doubly gratifying to his friends that he should have won his honors in this country and also have received serited recognition abroad.

Mr. Rils was born in Denmark in 1849, cane to this country in the steerage and nearly succumbed to the privations ittendant upon the life of a poor allen in a new country and a great city. He finally obtained employment as a reporter, which profession he has followdever since. It was in the pursuit of his occupation as a police reporter that he obtained an insight into the suffering and misery among the tenement house population of New York and garnored the material which he set forth interestingly in 'How the Other Half Lives," his first and most successful book. Since this was published he has written "The Children of the Poor" and "A Ten Years' War;" but, as he himself has said, he writes his books only from his experiences and when strongly impelled to do so by an overmastering motive,

Mr. Riis' labors in behalf of tenement reform have given him great celebrity, but this he deprecates as perhaps subersive of the highest principles, since he has but followed his natural bent and has not indulged in it from any other desire than to benefit the miserable wretches who are crowded into the human hives with which his profession has made him so familiar

As to the remark with which Bishop

Jacob A.Riis.

These, of course, are the views of a Social lines are closely drawn, for the his way back to New York, a few years his own life.

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HAT was unique recognition source and had come to have a genuine it is gathered that he was well born, funds were soon exhausted, and he was not a competency. But the first three one, I hope), and that is really the HAT was unique recognition of philanthropical work which of philanthropical work which the talented author of "How the talented talented the talented talented the talented talented talented the talented talent the talented author of flow of the settlement house. "It is good, the settlement house. "It is good, the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. "It is good, the made at the dedication of the settlement house. The book was written the settlement house." The book was written the settlement house and of the settlement house at the dedication of the settlement house a

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enough, the simple telling of that which every one can see for himself and should see for himself seems to have struck lots of people 'all in a heap.' But the subject is not exhausted. So far as I am concerned, I stand merely upon the threshold. If any new light comes to me, if there is more to tell, which no one else who can say it better seems willing to speak, I shall do it myself as a plain duty."

opening of this article that it occurred

between Mr. Rlis and his devoted wife, who, like him, is a native of Denmark and whom he wooed when a boy, but Columbus sailed on his first voyage to only won after he had started his fortune in America. According to her lover, she was the prettiest malden in Ribe and, as she was the daughter of a rich and aristocratic family, had Nicholas II delights to honor above many suitors, most of whom were vast. most of his advisors is Count De Witte,

whom friends had given the major por

capital when he salled for America. by reading Dickens at odd moments in his work, who had been brought almost to death's door by privation and who had triumphed over all, was not the sort of sultor to be turned aside, and so the young lady was compelled to yield. has carried into the slums for the brightening of other lives, and the quaint humor that is expressed in his quainter nature. Of his birthplace he says, alluding to the fact that after the night watchmen were abolished all the people united in a petition to have them reinstated, "The town that had been waked every hour of the night since the early middle ages to be told

count has given evidence of being able Mr. Riis' education was gained in the to cope with almost any situation that same manner that the great majority may develop. When the proprietors of of successful men have obtained theirs the petroleum wells suddenly raised -i. e., out of school. He alludes to the their prices and enormously enhanced pride his father took in his son's first the values of their holdings, it occurred a modern reporter as a bilanthropist rather laxes the imagination." Mr. Ris not allowed his surroundings to turn paper what transpired before his eyes regular way-in school and college-as kind, and thus the oil men soon found a erend gentleman's views of journalism, out for himself at the beginning. A but ostracized by the community and His energy and courage received their and passed in procession as he took his follows: "There was at last a man of formidable competitor in the sovernletters in the family, though he came ment, which established refineries, able to say that be had received the life is afforded in some reminiscences came to America, where he thought he a position that supported him he stuck years ago: "I am not a literary man- by a road not down on the official opened depots for the sale of oil and

Potter opened his address, "To think of thorough optimist, a man of broad sym- people are greatly attached to tradi- later, passing a night in a cemetery, | Mr. Rils' literary success came to him said he could not agree with the rev- him from the path which he marked learn the carpenter's trade he was all clares, as he ever slept in his life.

for after 20 years' experience, he was glimpse of the author-reporter's early finally, with \$40 as his total capital, reward, and when he had once found daily walks abroad. He said several greatest encouragement from that he has recently published, from which might get at least a start in life. His to it until he made it yield him fame, if only a plain newspaper reporter (a good | map."

King's Daughters'Settlement House, Henry St. Brooklyn.

These remarks show the real manhis simple earnestness, his sturdy char. acter, his humanitarian sympathles. It was one of the pleasures of the occasion to which allusion was made at the on the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr Riis' marriage and that his wife shared the honors of the dedication by being made co-chairman with her husband. This leads up to mention of the romantic attachment that has existed

tion of that \$40 which constituted his

But the boy who had learned English The cheer of his beautiful home he writings is the direct outflow of a

dition to having that it slept soundly could not possibly take a night's rest without it." shown his ability as a financier the

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2,000 YEARS OLD.

Some antiquarlans found recently in the Isle of Wight an old grave containing a sarcophagus which scientists have estimated to be not less than 2.000 years old. It is thought to be a relie of Phoenician occupation when the merchants of Tyre sent to ancient Britain

The Phoenicians of olden times had

at least two sources of supply, accord-

ing to historians, one being the mines of Great Britain, and the other those of Huelva, in Spain, a port near tha mouth of the Rio Tinto, from which America.

THE CZAR'S GREAT FINANCIER.

One of the personages whom the Czar ly preferable from a worldly point of who was once a clerk in the freight de-view to the carpenter's apprentice to partment of a railroad and is now in charge of Rus-

> sla's national finances. In fact, it is because of Count De Witte's great success in paying off a Ioan of \$350,000 .. 000 that he has been presented with a title and kept in a place of honor and responsibility, in spite of the scandal his late wife brought upon him by speculating in stocks. In ad-

brought prices to a reasonable basis.

LATEST PORTRAIT OF THE BOER GENERAL, DE WET.

COLOMBIA'S HOTBED OF REVOLUTIONS-CITY OF PANAMA.

SIR LAURENCE ALMA-TADEMA. Among the recipients of knightly

A SNOWSHED AFTER THE SNOW HAS BEEN SHED. It may be a merciful dispensation that the average snowsheds on the rail-

If an excuse were needed for presenting the portrait of De Wet, the brave Beer leader, which appears in the accompanying illustration. It might easily be found in the fact that he has protracted the defense of his cause in South Africa beyond the expectations of both friends and foes. Nimble, agile and full of expedients, he is yet well aware that he is pitted against an implacable and



Rentless foe in the person of the British commander, Lord Kitchener. Great than crushed all opposition before by the massing of her troops under Lord leris, and the little Irishman went home to receive the plaudits of the mulutades, but the guerrilla warfare conducted since by General De Wet has tuted all the resources of the great conqueror of the Sudan and would doubtas have been equally successful if Roberts had remained in command. As this portrait shows and his recent gallant fights have amply proved. De Wet is a man of determination, of dogged obstinacy and heedless of sacrifices so long as results are obtained which inflict injury upon the British.

A TRIBUTE TO MME, CRONJE.



the famous Boer general, now in very comforting to the illustrious exiles captivity at St. Helena, a beautiful or- at St. Helena.

nament which is at once a tribute of The women of France have just for- their esteem and a symbol of the heroic earded to Mme. Cronje, the heroic wife virtues of that estimable lady. It is intended as a "pectoral," or breast ornament. It is about 4 inches long by 21% broad and consists of a golden heart as the chief figure, surrounded by an aureole of glory represented by rays of gold, emblematical of the heart of gold possessed by the brave woman who not only accompanied her husband everywhere in the field, but insisted upon sharing his captivity.

This unique and beautiful Parisian production, costly and elegant, was obained by subscriptions from women all over France, 51,000 having contributed 1 sou each. This fact is set forth in a beautiful book which accompanies the jewel, and doubtless the gift will be

BITS OF INFORMATION.

The outdoor sporting tastes of the eral supply of sweetmeats. "When you amperor of Japan range from lawn ten- give the boys candy," says he, "they his to foother! his to football.

Glasgow has a smallpox scare, and saw an old toper eating candy. I think of its 600,000 inhabitants have the men now in the Philippines should con vaccinated already.

reneral of the army, is a strong believ- ing them."

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The report recently promulgated during the latest of Colombia's revolutions that in case the state government could not protect the city of Panama United States warships would exerted a beneficial influence on the isthmus, but gave rise to a variety of emotions. The city of Panama, shown in the illustration, important strategically as the Pacific terminus of the Panama railway and as commanding one entrance to the French transisthmian canal, has been a hotbed of revolutionary disturbance almost ever since it was founded in 1518. It was an important place while the conquest of Peru by Pizarro was going on, and in 1670 was so wealthy that it was sacked and half destroyed by the celebrated British buccaneer, Morgan, afterward governor of Jamaica. It was then transferred to its present site, but has always borne a turbulent existence, particularly attracting the attention of revolutionsts, who, though often starting their disturbances in the thinly settled interior of Colombia, usually end up at Panama, on account of its being the chief port and center of wealth.

MEXICO TO HAVE A MAGNIFICENT ACROPOLIS.

ionors at the hand of the late queen of Great Britain was the eminent artist, Alma-Tadema, whose latest portrait accompanies this article. This artist with



ago, son of Pieter Tadema, the Alma and the hyphen having been added when he made hishome in England, 31 years ago, His classical paintings and his preferences for historical and archaological subjects are wellknown, His

home in St. John's Wood is said to be the most artistic residence in London, a perfect paradise of art, in which dwell with him a talented wife and two charming daughters, all of whom have achieved more or less distinction in elther art or literature.

It is related of Alma-Tadema that he assumed the prefix in order to be among the A's in the art catalogues and thereby more prominent than he would be among the T's. However this may be he has made the name a famous one and still keeps on painting, notwithstanding the remark of a well meaning old lady when she heard of his being knighted that she supposed he would now "give it up and live like a gentleman

road lines where they are in use are hidden beneath a covering of snow a good portion of the year, inasouch as their naked agliness is thereby concealed. But they serve a useful purpose, all the same, even if they appear at the the hyphenated name was born Hollander about 61 years



end of the season rather the worse for wear; otherwise there would not be such a vast expenditure for sheds, one railroad alone having built more than 32 miles at a cost of nearly \$11,000,000, besides an entailed annual outlay of over a million for repairs.

Every road that crosses a high range of mountains must of necessity be equipped with its snowsheds, which are dark tunnels in summer and winter alike, some of them with doors to keep out the drifting snows and prevent the formation of icicles at the entrances and to assist in raising the temperature a little by keeping in a portion of the steam. Even after a great outlay the snowshed does not always afford the required protection, and there is a disposition to plant windbreaks of trees, after the Russian fashion in Siberia.

ALPINE CLIMBERS OVERWHELMED BY AN AVALANCHE.

The perils of mountain climbing were never more forcibly illustrated than in a very recent accident to the members of an Alpine club who were overwhelmed by an avalanche and perished in the snow. The altitudes of the dif-



ferent Aipine peaks are not so great as those of many a mountain in North and South America, but the difficulties of reaching them are greater.

This illustration shows the rescue party sent out after it was surmised the Alpinists had been lost. The photograph was taken as they returned over the snows with the bodies of the unfortunate men.

King William IV's coronation cost The neat little city of Osage, Kan., the nation about \$200,000. The ex-

broken up. Lieutenant Fred R. Payne, commanding the United States gunboat Like Copais, in Bæotia, famous in maker, will present £100,000 to the Vic-

lucky number. They say no monarch has seized and destroyed 300 vessels of completely drained and turned into been finished because of a lack of and a man of ordinary muscular power

funds. The following Americans have been

The strongest paper yet produced is federal employees are likely to find

cannot tear it across. Owing to American competition the appointed chevaliers of the Legion of Northeastern Steel works of Middles-

position: Colonel Charles Chaille Long, dividend for the first time in 16 years. James Deering, Humphreys, the artist, | As a result of the lifting of the revenue stamp act on bank checks many

Colonel Sharpe, assistant commissary month each. That's what we are sendhave three-quarters of a pound per

A day has been set aside throughout The rebel trading operations in the en of the place.

and the United States,

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tied to "2" in any way has been a suc-cess. ' various sizes, mostly native craft, con-structed to assist the insurgents. King William IV's co

beautiful and maintained by the wom- tion, it is expected, will be much heav. Visayan Islands have been effectually The consumption of beer in Germany

which the acropolis is to be situated will be ascended by means of double ramps, from terrace to terrace, and there

will be a peristyle," below which a spirited "quadriga" will prance in the waters of a gushing cascade. This glorious creation, which it is estimated will occupy two years in construction, will belong to Mrs. Eugene

all Italy for the planting of trees by the has three preity little parks. They are penses of King Edward VII's corona- Honor in connection with the Paris ex. boro. England, is unable to declare a

Watson Armstrong, heir of the late and Mr. Puig, an engineer.

Kelly, one of the beautiful Milmo sisters, who is a native of Mexico and already owns handsome homes in England

