The Isle of Man.

stormy Irish Sea called the Isle of to undertake a great work, which, Man, about which many travelled although not of the national imporand untravelled Americans know tance of the Suez canal, will surscarely more than its name. On a pass it in the magnitude of its prosunny day the highlands of Ulster, portions, and nearly equal it in exin Ireland, and of Galloway, in pense of construction. It has Scotland, are visible from its west- determined to connect the Caspian ern shore, and from the summit of Sea and the Sea of Azof (and con-Snaefell Mountain busy little Eng- sequently the Black Sea) by a canad land is seen fretting in the golden seven hundred and fifty miles in haze far across the sea. It is not length, and which it is estimated much greater than Staten Island in can be finished in six years, at a area, and an ambitious Californian cost of about sixty-two millions of might look upon it as a fair-sized dollars, or about three and a half ranch. But small as it is-a mere millions of dollars less than the speck on the map of Great Britain cost of the Suez canal. It will fol--it has a Government of its own, low the course of the valley be a House of Parliament, a people intween the two seas, that is supposed the hothy Lode (Eas), in O hir wining to have been the bed through which District, Tooele County, Utah Territory, fused with noble blood and a thril- to have been the bed through which ling and eventful history. Haw- flowed their intermingled waters thorne found it out while he was a before they were separated by some shall be paid by you within one hunconsulat Liverpool and has praised great convulsion of nature in the dred and eight day after the date of the it in the delicious prose of his "En- remote past. This intervening glish Note Books;" Scott gathered | tract of country is a sandy waste, material for "Peveril of the Peak" for the most part, except where it become the preperty of, mysel, by perafrom its romantic scenery and leg- is broken by a low range of mounends, and Wordsworth commemo lains, and is very sparsely inhabitrated a visit to it in a sonnet. But ed. The Caspian Sea covers an it is not in these few literary asso- area of one hundred and twenty ciations that its chief interest lies. Thousand square miles. Its length The hi tory of its varied fortunes is nearly eight hundred miles, and and the ancestry of its superstitious its depth varies from four hundred people have a peculiar interest, to four hundred and fifty feet, but dating as they do from the thrilling in some places even at two thou age when the Norsemen were sand and eight hundred feet there mighty in the West.

measures about thirty-three miles and in its greatest breadth about thirteen. Its circumference is teen feet below the Black Sea. seventy-five miles, excluding the sinuosities of the bays; and it contains a superficial area of about commercial point of view. By in 130,000 acres or 203 square miles. Enjoying the benefits of the Gulf stream, the climate is singularly mild and genial, and there are few other places in the world where the difference between winter and summer is so slight. The mean temperature of summer is usually fense. A new support to her arms about 56.17 deg.; of winter, 46.97 deg.; and of spring, 44.70 deg. There is plenty of rain, but very little snow or frost. Fuchsias sia, that while reserving to herself grow to the hight of ten or twelve the unrestricted use of its waters, feet out of doors, and are found, a she has imposed a treaty on Persia mass of crimson blossoms, in the poorest gardens. As to the healthfulness of the climate, you should upon it, notwithstanding that its see the native girls, rosy-cheeked, plump, active and gleeful, and the men, who are as stalwart, muscular and handsome a race as ever breathed sea air.

For the most part the coast is rocky and wild, hoar with the foam of the turbulent sea that surrounds it, and indented with capacious harbors and innumerable creeks, burg and the Baltic. There is an but in the north the land sinks into a low pasturage, and meets the water on the glistening pebbles of a smooth beach. The interior includes nearly every kind of natural scenery-heather clad balsamic hills, plains as richly cultivated as the downs of Surrey, wide reaches of prickly gorse as drear as Yorkshire moors, and the prettiest of cascades. The enchantment of Northern land dwells in its subdued light and on its mist crowned heights.

and all the great treasure-steamers | tically received throughout the emfrom Liverpool sail into the West pire, and there is no doubt that it without a thought or wish of evil will be successfully carried through. toward them. Sleepy villages are In addition to this undertaking, doom. In the bays where the pi- to the heart of Siberia from the exrates hid themselves fly the white isting trunk lines of the empire, maids and fairies. - William H. show that no country in the world

Rideing in Harper's Magazine.

Public Works in Russia.

There is a patch of land in the The Russian government is about In its greatest length the island measurements, instituted by the Russian government in 1836, it is found to be one hundred and six-

This work is of vast importance to Russia, both in a military and the defensive strength of the whole southern coast region will be ma terially increased, for, in a short space of time, ships will be able to penetrate from the Black Sea into the Caspian, and there unite for a combined attack or a common dewill also be gained in Central Asia. Such is the military importance of this sea, in the estimation of Ruswhich prevents that country from maintaining any vessels of war southern and southwestern shoreare part of its territory. By the conquest of Khiva, the entire eastern coast of the Caspian has fallen into the hands of Russia, so that she can now debark troops on the coasts of Turkistan and Persia, and keep up her miltary lines of operation, by rail and river, between these remote points and St. Petersactive commercial movement on the Caspian, but it is almost exclusively Russian. Over eight hundred vessels annually enter the ports of Russia on this sea; they are engaged in traffic with Persia, Tartary and Caucasus.

Hereafter, the rich caravans that traverse the Khanats of Bokhara and Khiva will be directed to the shores come possessed of the trade of almost the whole of Central Asia. The official announcement of this The vikings are fishermen now, colossal project has been enthusias-

perched on the cliffs where once nine thousand versts of new railthe beacon-fires of the wreckers al- ways are to be built by the governlured many a goodly ship to her ment or private companies, one insails of pleasure boats. So great seven in the coal basin of the Don, are the changes wrought by time which an English engineer, from a that even the spell of mist worked recent survey, reports to be one imby the wizard king has been broken mense field of coal and iron, and and the summer has its share of another from this region, called the cloudless days. The invaders are | Central Asian line. to Tashkend in not Romans, Picts, Scots or Scandi- the Khanat of Khokhan, a very navians, but aggressive tourists important commercial town, and bearing knapsacks instead of eagles | the rendezvous of the caravans of and walking-sticks instead of jave- Turkistan. This latter road will lins. These confront you in nearly closely approach the frontier of every part of the island, and the China. Railroads are extending on primitive character of the natives is all sides in Russia; a continuous fast changing under the influence line now exists from Odessa, on the of the town manners which the Black Sea, to Archangel, on the visitors bring with them. Many of White Sea, and the furthest exthe superstitions have been laughed tremities of the empire are bound away and hospitality has acquired together by these links of iron, dea fair money value. I do not mean | veloping immensely internal trade to say that there are no more gen- and productions. Nearly twelve erous hearts and simple minds in thousand miles of railroads are now Mona. An old fisherman's wife open to traffic in Russia, all of entertained me with flour-bread, which are doing a profitable busisalt fish and tea in her hut at Creg- ness. The net profits of the St. v-neesh and indignantly thrust me Petersburg Moscow line alone, in out of the only door in the house, 1870 was \$6,440,380, and that of all when the meal was ended because the railways in the empire, \$18,637,-I offered her a shilling. There are 465. Comparatively but little is not a few honest folks, too, who known of the internal affairs of yet have a steadfast faith in mer- Russia, but sufficient is known to

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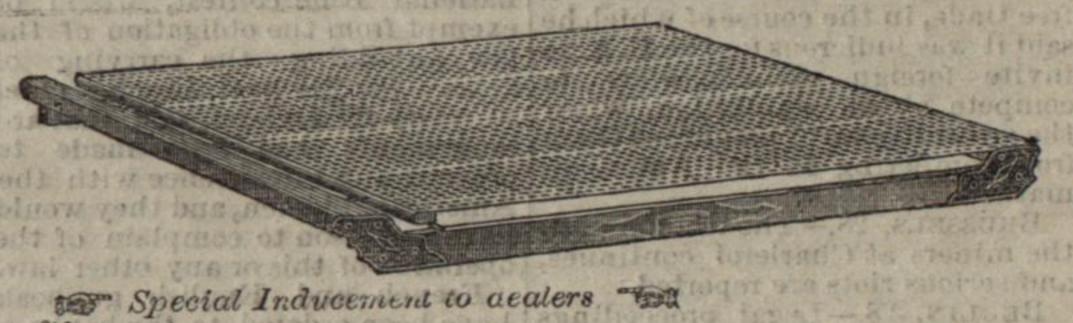
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