

FOREIGN NOTES.

John Russell Young wasn't driven out of New York for nothing. The King of Sweden has made him a Knight of the Order of the White Elephant.

Prussian sharpshooters are practicing with the rifle. Swiftly swimming bladders with fatigue caps are shot at as imaginary Frenchmen seeking revenge for Sedan.

The British and Foreign Bible Society collects and expends about one million dollars a year. Last year it circulated no less than 2,590,936 copies of the Bible, New Testament, and parts of each.

Colonel Hay, a candidate for Parliament from a Scotch borough, recently speaking of the family of his contestant, Lord Douglass, said: "They are the most infernal vulpines that were ever foaled."

Colonel Colin, a brave officer, who commanded one of the best regiments in the service of France, has been cashiered for expressing republican sentiments and being friendly toward persons known to be earnest democrats.

Victor Emmanuel, it is reported, is to be excommunicated by the next encyclical of the Pope. The Papal edict will be read in St. Peter's amid the greatest solemnity; the Cathedral will be draped with black, and yellow tapers will burn on the altar.

Mark Twain says of Baron Reuter's contract with the Shah of Persia: "One's first impulse is to envy the Baron; but, after all, I do not know. Some day, if things do not go to suit the Shah he may say: 'There is no head I admire so much as the Baron's; bring it to me on a plate.'"

A recent article on "Bath" in the Cornhill Magazine, having coarsely assumed that the relations between the poet Pope and Martha Blount were immoral, a writer in the Athenæum points out the fact that "the story that Martha Blount was Pope's mistress is rejected by all the poets, critics, biographers and editors," and was indignantly denied by Pope himself.

Captain Hunt, Secretary of the Tichborne Defence Fund, having sued the London Times for declaring that he had never been a captain in the royal artillery, was nonsuited. He was shown to have been a paymaster in the royal artillery, with the honorary rank of captain, which Chief Justice Boville announced entitled him only to that grade in the army, and in no special branch of the forces.

Professor Tyndall's admission to the degree of D.C.L. at Oxford has been protested against by zealous churchmen on the ground that he has impugned the credibility of miracles and the efficacy of prayer. The London Times thinks that it does not follow, even if this be true, that Tyndall's works have a direct tendency to subvert the Christian faith; or that it is right or wise to withhold from him a degree in civil law.

The convents are abolished, says the Rome correspondent of the New York Times, but let no one suppose that the religious orders are dead. It is foolish to say it, and an error to think it; for we have too many examples here in Italy of vigorous sprouts from the old roots, which have sprung up since the tree was cut down. The monastic communities exist as private associations, and, as such, enjoy protection as in the United States or other countries. We have seen what an enormous increase of monks and nuns there has been in Belgium in the past twenty or thirty years. In an industrious country, such as that of the Flemish Provinces, this state of things is surprising. In Italy, where a love of labor has not been a habit of the population, the lazy life of the convents has been more naturally sought, and in this single Province of Rome 8,000 monks and nuns will soon be turned out of doors.

Mrs. Eliza Colbron, of Elmira, has given birth to twenty-one children in the last eighteen years. She might be called literally a fertile Lizer.

No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him; there are always work and tools to work with for all those who will, and blessed are the heavy hands of all toil.—Lowell.

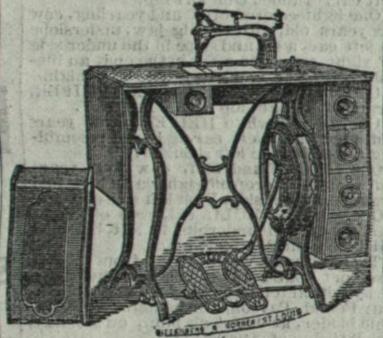
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