

## Notes and Gleanings.

More than \$100,000 worth of frogs' legs are exported from Minnesota every year. A great business has grown up there within a few years, and many frog catchers make \$10 a day at their interesting occupation. It is great fun for everybody but the frogs.

An officer of the German army says that the army is full of Socialists and that Germany will have a revolution unless something is done. Russia is in the same peril. Absolutism always reacts to the other extreme. There is no way to hold men in subjection forever.

In 1811 the sale of horse meat for consumption was forbidden in Paris by a special ordinance. During the siege by the German army a taste for such meat was developed. In 1890 the number of horses eaten by Parisians was 20,000; in 1891 it was 25,000, and the following year nearly 30,000.

Corn, being the staple food of the population of British Honduras, occupies the largest area, and though the planting consists merely of making a hole in the ground and dropping the seed therein, the average return is over fifty bushels to the acre.

The mineral resources of Manchuria—as shown even by the surface scratching that has been done—are simply stupendous. As a wealth-giver, it may send more to St. Petersburg for the next half-century than India will to London.

There are 19,027 professional beggars in Spain, of whom 51,948 are women. In some of the cities beggars are licensed to carry on their "trade." Seeking alms is recognized as a legitimate business, and the municipality demands a percentage upon the collections. Seville is the only city in the kingdom which forbids begging upon the streets.

A strange romance of real life recently came to the notice of *Harper's Weekly* in a most interesting manner. It seems that in the illustration showing a detachment of United-States mariners at Panama, published not long ago in the *Weekly*, a woman in Ohio thought she detected a likeness to a son of hers who had been missing for years. She wrote to the publishers requesting that the original photograph of the cut be sent to her, so that she might make sure of the identification. This was forwarded to her, and within a few days another letter came to the office of the *Weekly* announcing that the mother's identification from the picture was correct, and that her long-lost son had really been found.

Members of the various orders expelled from France have settled in Switzerland. The Swiss government, however, has provided that only members of those orders which already had settlement in that country could avail themselves of Switzerland as a place of residence. Lazarists from Lyons attempted to open a school at Geneva, but under this law were not allowed to do so, and a body of Carmelites who settled a few months ago in the Canton of Freyburg have been ordered to leave the country. What corresponds to our provinces in Switzerland are Cantons.

Is a man's moustache part and parcel of the worldly goods with which he endows his wife in marriage? The question is to come before a German court for solution. Herr Rottger, of Breslau, offered to shave off his beautiful moustache if certain of his friends would give \$25 to a charity in which he was interested. The friends agreed, if he would put the contract in writing. Rottger signed the paper disposing of his hirsute adornment. At this point Frau Rottger steps in and says the moustache is hers; that she married it and that her spouse had no right to dispose of it without her consent, which she re-

fuses. The aforesaid friends have determined to take the matter to court to determine whether Rottger can be made to live up to his contract.

"MODERN SECRET SOCIETIES." By Rev. Charles A. Blanchard, President of the National Christian Association, 221 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill. 320 pages, cloth, postpaid 75 cents. We called attention to this book a few months ago. Some 5,000 copies have been sold, and a third edition has been printed. A German edition is being gotten out, and negotiations are under way for an edition in Swedish, and for another in Portuguese.



### Mr. Chamberlain as a Visionary.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at Birmingham, said: "Yes, gentlemen, Sir Oliver Lodge was right. I am a political visionary. (Laughter). Yes; I dream dreams of Empire. (Cheers). My waking thoughts are taken up with it. I see this great country of ours following what has been the natural progress of events arriving at its apogee, and then sinking gradually into a fifth-rate place. (No). Descending from—again I am afraid I am venturing beyond my depth (laughter)—but I was going to say descending from a planet to an asteroid. (Laughter and cheers). That is one alternative. I see it, on the other hand, breathing a new youth as a part of the Empire, of which it will always be the most important part. (Cheers). I see it carrying on the traditions of the old into the great future. I see the possibility of an accomplished ideal which was forbidden to our ancestors, although they also lived by faith, and believed that in the great sacrifices they made they would be rewarded by the respect and the admiration of future generations. (Cheers). If to be a visionary of that kind is to be banned and condemned, I must take the consequences of my temperament. (Laughter). I am taunted for holding these views with unrestricted ambition, and with a genius for political intrigue. By whom? (Here, here). By the distinguished statesman, that unselfish patriot, Mr. Winston Churchill. (Laughter). Intrigue which gives up place and power—and ambition which is fully satisfied by the support and sympathy of every man who loves his country and who scorns the craven fear of being great." (Cheers).



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### HOW WOMEN VOTE.

The recent elections in Australia were of special interest because the newly enfranchised women of the commonwealth exercised the right suffrage for the first time.

A careful analysis is to be made of the entire vote to determine just how many of the newly 700,000 women registered, went to the polls, and for whom they voted.

It is said that the women's vote, so far as Melbourne was concerned, was cast largely for the labor nominees. It is equally probable that the women of Sydney cast their votes largely against labor candidates.

In Melbourne the women voters were divided by the politicians into "women" and "ladies." The "women" are said to have gone to the polls almost to a woman, while the "ladies" are accused of having shown less enthusiasm and less interest; and as a corollary there were fewer "lady" voters than there should have been.

The "lady" electors waited, so anti-labor committees say, for vehicles to carry them to the polls, and wherever these failed to put in an appearance, there was a corresponding falling off in the expected anti-labor vote. On the other hand, these same committeemen aver, labor's "women" supporters went to the polls on foot and voted in big bunches in every electorate.

There were four women candidates—three senatorial and one for the House of Representatives. Miss Vida Goldstein, who ran for the senate in this state, polled some 50,000 votes out of about 90,000.

Of course there were many funny incidents when the women went to the polls, for it was their first time. Hundreds of mothers here and in Sydney brought their offspring to the polls, including, in many instances, offspring in arms. Policemen were asked by some of these mothers to hold their infants.

### CHASING AND CAPTURING LIES.

Lies have the devil for their father. He that utters them is only spreading abroad the offspring of the old serpent. Of them, Horace L. Hastings once wrote very sensibly, as follows: "A lie is a bad thing to run at large. It damages, ravages, and devours. More poisonous than a serpent, it often ruins not only health, but reputation and usefulness. Every lie should be stopped. But whose business is it to chase a lie? Who let it loose? The man who let it loose is bound to catch it again; but a man of truth is under no obligation to chase and catch other people's lies. Suppose some man or a dozen men send forth a falsehood about me, am I obliged to spend my days and years chasing it and contradicting it? By no means. Let those that made it attend to their own work or meet the responsibility of it in the reckoning day. Every man concerned in sending forth a false statement must purge himself of it or give account to God for what he has done. God holds men to very strict accountability in these respects, and every man who thinks to dwell in God's tabernacle must look well to do his words and refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."

### Deaths.

WATSON.—At Lower Millstream, K. Co., Jan. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, in the 82nd year of her age. Sister Watson professed religion in her girlhood, and was baptized by Elder Hart's sixty years ago, and until the end she "kept the faith." Of her brothers and sisters all have preceded her but one. She was buried from the home of her nephew, Benjamin Lester, by whom she was tenderly cared for during her declining years. A. W. C.

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