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How many times has it been asked, and in what diverse fashions has it been answered, that question as to other worlds than ours! In our own days, M Flammarion, has mingled a great deal of imagination with his astronomical knowledge, Mr Wells has mingled a very little science with his imagination, and each has dealt with the problem after his fashion. Now it is the turn of a scientist who has tried to restraiu his imagination and keep it within legitimate bounds, M Edmond Perrier, of the 'Academie des Sciences.' M. Perrier has had the curiosity to work out the problem of planetary zoology on scientific lines, utilizing all the material that modern science has placed at his disposal. Allowing a generous margin for the uncertainty of many details, he considers that he has established the validity of the same biological laws throughout the solar system,

and that by taking the forms of life obtaining on our globe as a starting point he can calculate, at least approximately, those which exist on this or the other of the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are probably sterile These giants are but of feeble density, and have not yet cooled to the point of habitability by any organic life we can conceive Their waters are too salt, their atmosphere too poor in oxygen. They may be ruled out of court as possible abodes, whether of bliss or otherwise. This leaves us with four planets: Mars, the Earth, Venus and Mercury. The last, nearest of all to the sun,

### SOME PRIZE HOWLERS. (From the University Correspondent)

The feminine of fox is foxhen.

John Burns was the name of one of the claiments to the throne of Scot land in the reign of Edward I Panama is a town of Columbo, where they are trying to make an is thmus

The three highest mountains in Scotland are Ben Nevis, Ben Lomond and Ben Jonson

Tennyson wrote a poem called Graves Energy.

The Rump Parliament consisted en tirely of Cromwells stalactites

The plural of spouse is spice Queen Elizabeth rode a white horse from Kennilworth through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak

King John was surnamed Black land because he died of the Black Death

Those molodious bursts that fill the spacious days of great Elizabeth refers to the songs that Queen Eliza beth used to write in her spare time Wolsey saved his life by dying on

the way irom York to London An interjection is a sudden explosion of the mind

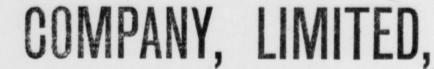
Monsoons are fertile gorges between the Himalayas

When the English first landed in Australia the only four-footed animal in the country was a rat

## THE FAR EAST

In a recent article the well known war correspondment, Mr William Maxwell, throws considerable light on the diff erences that have arisen between Russia and China regarding the treaty of 1881, and points out that although open con flict has been temporarily averted, there is every indication of a renewal of the trouble in August next when the disput The circumstances that led up to



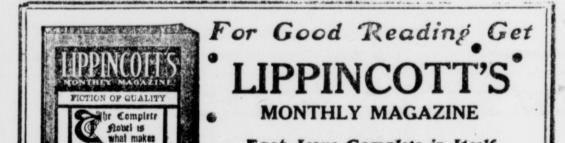


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A professor of dentistry, lecturing at Columbia University, said that Americans had poor teeth be-