

WITH the aid or under the influence of "pluck," using that term in a modern sense...

It is doubtless true that no musician of prominence who has lately been before the American public has enjoyed a wider or more genuine popularity than has Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore, the conductor.

The New York Tribune exclaims: "Potent is the spell which the mystic King of the North holds over the imaginations of adventurous spirits who have been drawn into his ice-bound realm."

A recent series of letters concerning the conduct of Scottish soldiers in the last Boer war, published in London papers, has thrown the Scotch into a state of high indignation.

Began Alike. Brags—I am a self-made man, sir, I began life as a barefoot boy.

NOT OURS THE VOW.

BY BERNARD BARTON. Not ours the vows of such as plight Their troth in sunny weather.

THE KAFFIR'S BEQUEST

BY HARRY W. FRENCH. We were encamped for the night on the rugged hills above Dongola, looking down upon the distant Nile.

One instant the moonlight had disclosed this much. The next he was in the tent with me, and all was dark.

It is always astonishing, when brought to notice, what an amount of thinking the mind can do in an emergency.

He stood beside me, paused for a moment, muttering a native prayer, then slowly bent over me.

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He could not possibly have gone far, but there was not a sign of him anywhere.

When he was sullen. Indeed, I was not sure that he understood what I said.

for I spoke in Arabic, knowing very little of any South-African language.

At sunrise, however, when I placed a cup of coffee to his lips he looked up sullenly, and in excellent Arabic asked: "Is it poisoned?"

"I heard it long ago, but I did not believe. Now I know that it is true."

"Well, you are a good way from home, Gungrak," I added "if you mean to say that you came all this distance to murder me I don't wonder you are disappointed."

He did not move, even when his limbs were free, but lay looking into my face.

"By the head of your dearest child, is what you say the truth?" the savage chief asked, solemnly.

I was very curious to see what was coming to rest with him, and in true Oriental solemnity I took the Kaffir's most sacred oath, and swore that what I had told him was the truth.

It was many years ago, and to-day I fancy that some queen of wealth and beauty, adorning some grand palace of the Occident, when decked in her gorging array, outshines her rivals and dazzles her admirers with the lustre of that brilliant gem; the last bequest of the dying Kaffir, on the hills above Dongola, [Frank Leslie's.]

Man's Wonderful Stomach.

The human stomach possesses most wonderful powers of adaptation to circumstances. When Lieutenant Bligh and his eighteen men were cast off from the Bounty by the mutineers in an open boat, they subsisted for forty-one days on a daily allowance of one-twenty-fifth of a pound of biscuit per man and a quarter of a pint of water.

POPULAR SCIENCE NOTES.

Wonderous Mechanism.—At a fair in Brittany, France, a monk of the Friestine Monastery exhibited a plain-looking table with an inlaid board on its surface.

AN EMOTION INDICATOR.—The behavior of criminals, it is found, may be studied in a way likely to prove useful to medicine by means of the plethysmograph.

ATLANTIC TEMPERATURES.—The searches of many observers, as reported upon by Dr. Buchan, show that the ocean currents cause the temperature of the west side of the Atlantic to be from 100 to 500 fathoms, to be nearly 10 degrees warmer than at the same depth on the east side.

THE SCIENTIFIC AMATEUR.—In his British Association address, Prof. Schuster pointed out that each country has its peculiar share in the advancement of science.

Physical Inferiority of the London Police.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune, in England, has been much struck by the physical inferiority of the London police.

AROUND THE HOUSE.

An ingenious housekeeper has fashioned what she calls the most useful thing in her sewing-room, out of an ordinary soap box.

OM FOREIGN LANDS. Colera's Terrible Ravages at Fanchow, China.

ASTROUS CLOUDBURST IN ITALY. Storms Washed Out and Great Damages Done—Many Lives Reported Lost—Deaths in Asia May Be Settled—Col. Dodds Takes a Town.

AS FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The steamer which just arrived from Hong Kong and which brings news that cholera is spreading to an alarming extent at Fanchow. Hundreds of people are dying.

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CLOUDBURST IN ITALY.

Genoa, Oct. 15.—The province of Genoa and Porto Maurizio have been lately devastated by a cloudburst.

Col. Dodds Takes a Town. PARIS, Oct. 15.—Col. Dodds, commander of the French land force, has sent from Porto Novo a cablegram, dated Oct. 14, saying that he has taken the town of Porto Novo.

May Settle the Deacon Case.

PARIS, Oct. 15.—The "Gaulois" it is rumored that a friendly settlement will be effected between Mr. and Mrs. Deacon before the appeal taken from the decision of the Grosse Court, is decided.

British Troops in Danger.

RANGOON, Oct. 15.—The British troops are said to be in a critical condition in Tiddim. Two thousand Chinese lay in ambush for them when the last news was received. Since Oct. 8 nothing has been heard from them.

A Bishop Commits Suicide.

VIENNA, Oct. 15.—Bishop Demetrios of the Greek Church has committed suicide. He was involved in a church funds in his effort to expel himself.

THE HARRISON'S LANDING WRECK.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 15.—The freight train on the New London and Providence Railway came together at Harrison's Landing, two miles above New London, at 5:45 a. m.

Both Locomotives were badly damaged.

Both locomotives were badly damaged and three cars were smashed into kind wood. The track was blocked for hours. The train despatcher at Providence was killed by the wreck. The cause of this city was killed at Providence yesterday afternoon by the wreck of a freight train on the Providence and Worcester Railroad. He was walking on the track when some one called to get out of the way of a freight train. He was killed in front of the "Limit."