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Largest growers of fresh,
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Seeds in the world—
are now in stock. You
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CONSUMPTION



AFRICAN KINGS.

What a French Traveler Saw in Dahomey and Porto Nova. M. Paul Mimande has recently paid a visit to two dusky potentates ruling under French control, in West Africa, and gives a description of his experiences in L'Illustration. Ago-li-Aqbo, the King of Dahomey, according to the writer, is a decided antipathetic personage. His majesty is large, stout negro, with a broad, flat nose, and a sly, treacherous expression. On ceremonial occasions he wears a sort of toga covered with some spangled material. This costume, although sufficiently absurd, has the advantage of being simple and inexpensive. Ago-li-Aqbo is vain and fond of display, but unhappily the royal purse is depleted, and he cannot gratify his luxurious tastes. Too poor to maintain the royal stables, he has been obliged to abandon driving about in the berlins which his predecessor enjoyed, and in his exorbitant hit upon a highly expedient which is characteristic. He caused a small vehicle to be built, something like the wagons in which peddlers hawk their goods to country fairs, and in deficiency of horses, conferred upon his ministers the honor of dragging it. The ministers play their part to perfection; they trot along rapidly at even pace, and the drive over, sum up their posts as the confidential friends and advisers of their sovereign. Ago-li-Aqbo has had the honor. M. Paul Mimande declares, of realizing practically for the first time the conception of the chariot of state, which has hitherto been regarded as merely an abstraction.

The King of Dahomey has 300 wives, and lives in the old palace of Sambouji, which formerly witnessed so many human sacrifices, the very walls only a short time ago being garnished with skulls. He has no longer any power either to behead or crucify, and confines himself with smoking, drinking, and cupidity.

Toffa, the King of Porto Nova, is a much more wealthy and powerful monarch. Indeed, since Solomon, it is a question whether he has had his peer. Toffa has a full treasury, 500 wives, and concubines ad libitum, whom he never addresses than on their knees, subjects who prostrate themselves at his approach, and children more numerous than those of Priam. He is a man of about 50, black as the ace of spades, with small, but keen, piercing eyes, and is very subtle and intelligent. When he appears in his royal costume, a splendid robe embroidered with gold, a helmet with a tufted plume, his arms loaded with bracelets and his breasts starred with amulets, he produces an extraordinary and very contradictory impression—that of grotesqueness combined with real dignity.

Toffa's palace is a handsome wooden structure not unlike the country seat of a well-to-do middle-class Englishman. A long avenue of trees leads up to it, and the inclosure in which it stands is surrounded by a wall, with an immense entrance gate, which, for the most part, is hospitably open. It is evident that the King is beloved by his subjects and is in no fear of anarchists and dynamiters. His manner of receiving European visitors is novel. Toffa sits upon his throne in the reception hall, surrounded by his counselors and members of the household. The foreigners are introduced. A bottle of champagne is brought, and the three principal officials of the kingdom come forward to open it. One takes the cork, the second the corkscrew, and the third the glasses. Their faces are grave; they feel the responsibility of their important office. When the glasses are filled the King rises. This is the supreme moment. The courtiers prostrate themselves face downward; his majesty clicks his glass with those of his guests, and they drink in silence. The ceremony over, Toffa resumes his seat and strikes the floor with his cane, the signal for the courtiers to rise. On hearing it they start up, snapping their fingers like castanets.—Public Opinion.

REFLECTIONS OF A SPINSTER. A man whom a dog will trust is never wholly bad.

Woman has three weapons—flattery, food and flattery.

At 20 men love a woman; at 30, women.

A woman who can keep her lover as a friend never believes in his love.

People who consider love a dream usually grow to think marriage as the cold breakfast.

Anger is a better weapon than tears; a bad command more respect than a sensitive plant.

It isn't what he doesn't know that troubles a man, but what he knows he doesn't know.

It's a foolish wife who fears her husband's old flames. Let her look out for the new ones.—Judge.

NEWS FOR THE WHEELMEN. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

The United States arsenal at Philadelphia was established in 1816. The Allegheny arsenal was established in 1814.

A copy of the new edition of Miss Parlor's Choice Receipts will be sent postpaid to any of our readers who will make application by postal card or note to Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass.

The readiest and surest way to get rid of censures is to correct ourselves.—Frank—How's that?

Ned—In suspense.

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Virtue is every man's friend; pure sentiments are his best companions.

Still in Doubt. Frank—So you proposed to Miss Cashel last night, eh? Well, what was the result?

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CAUTION.

Consumers in buying Alabastine should

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he can sell you the same thing as Alabastine, or something just as good, he either is not

posted or is trying to deceive you, offering something that he has bought cheap and is trying to sell at a profit.

Both to Blame. It is well to be always ready to apologize for real or fancied injuries, but strict consciousness in this regard led one man into trouble.

"My dear," said Mr. Kerjones, as he sat down one morning to breakfast, "I came near owing you an apology just now."

"How is that?" asked Mrs. Kerjones.

"This way: The postman came a few minutes ago and left a circular.

I glanced hastily at the superscription and said to myself, 'That's for my wife, but it's nothing but some printed stuff, and I'll open it.' I opened it and read the contents.

It was a communication calling attention to the 'very desirable suitings' for gentlemen's wear at a downtown tailor shop.

Then I looked at the envelope again and saw I had been mistaken. It was not addressed to you, but to me—and there was no harm done."

There was an ominous silence of a few moments, and then Mrs. Kerjones spoke.

"Hiram," she said, "do I ever open any mail addressed to you?"

"No, of course not, but—"

"When you opened that circular you thought it was for me, didn't you?"

"Yes, but—"

"And just because you found out afterward that it wasn't, and you had been guilty only in intention of meddling with mail matter addressed to me personally you think you haven't done anything wrong, and don't owe me an apology, do you?"

It is that you idea of right and justice, Hiram Kerjones? It's something to joke about, is it, that you only meant to commit an uncivil and disreputable act, and did not actually do it? That will make an amusing story to tell at the club, won't it? Suppose you hadn't looked again at the envelope? Then it would have been still funnier, wouldn't it? You could have told how your wife was a regular purchaser of 'desirable suitings' for gentlemen at down-tailor shops! You came near owing me an apology, didn't you? The intention doesn't constitute the crime when it comes to opening your wife's mail!" Hiram Kerjones.

But Hiram hastily seized his hat, and fled from the storm. Who shall say he did not deserve it?—Youth's Companion.

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"**5 Drops**" is the name of a powerful remedy which is guaranteed to cure rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, asthma, & the like.

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Large bottle, 300 doses, \$1.

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Those suffering should write to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, 167-169 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., and take advantage of this generous offer. This company is reliable and promptly fill every order.

Sentenced for 200 Years.

William Palmer is the name of a white man against whom there are sentences of 200 years in the Georgia penitentiary. Palmer was originally sent up for eleven years from South Georgia for burglary. Shortly afterward, while working in the mines of Dade County, he attempted with other convicts to escape, and in the melee that followed he killed two of the guards. He was tried some time ago for the killing of the first guard and got ninety-nine years. He was then put on trial for the killing of the other man and got ninety-nine years more.

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