

FROM THE RANKS.

By CAPTAIN CHARLES KING.

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He had received the "present" of his guard and verified the presence of all his prisoners when he saw Major Sloat still standing out in the middle of the parade, where the adjutant usually received the reports of the roll call.

white shirt, had stopped short at his bedroom door, and with features that grew paler every second and a dark scowl on his brow was glowering at Chester.

last night. I don't believe you know the faintest thing about it.

A LIGHT CONTINENT.

WHAT HENRY M. STANLEY CALLS THIS HEMISPHERE.

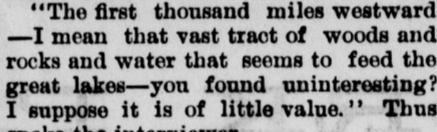
Proud of Being an M. P.—His First Period of Real Rest—Canada Redeveloped. Finds Fault With Our Railroads—Our Splendid Buildings.

Henry M. Stanley, once the greatest of newspaper correspondents, then first among explorers and now a member of parliament in England, is now on a visit to America exploring the "light continent," as he calls it.



HENRY M. STANLEY.

over here on a vacation. He has just finished a trip to the Pacific and back and is resting in New York among his old friends.



"Merrick, I want a note taken to town at once."

and get it to its address before 8 o'clock. I want you to say no word to a soul. Here's \$10.

years in the same way as in the past 25, constantly improving, vying with one another in producing these costly structures.

A PROPHECY WELL. Mr. Wheat Says It Always Warns Him of a Coming Storm.

I have been able to forecast the weather during the past season from 12 to 24 hours in advance very accurately, by means of a well which I put down two years since and which has proved phenomenal in this respect.

As to its reliability and accuracy as a weather forecaster for western New York, I consider it correct from observations of the past summer and fall.

THEY BAR KODAKS.

But a Snap Shot Was Taken of Justice Gray While Dosing.

Visitors and tourists to Washington are not allowed to take kodaks into the supreme court room.

Declined a Renomination. Mrs. Mary J. R. N. Strang, who for the past 15 years has served as school trustee in Long Island City, N. Y., declined a renomination.

COONS AND CIDER.

John Davis, one of the largest cider-makers in Indiana, killed thirteen coons one morning recently, the result of very peculiar circumstances.

INITIALS.

It is now optional with a widow if she keep her husband's initials or not.

FIVE TIMES A WIDOW.

And Every One of Her Husbands Met a Violent Death.

There was released from the Cincinnati workhouse the other day a woman whose blanched cheeks and decrepit gait told plainly the rapidly approaching end of her career.

Her history is a strange one. She has been married five times, and each of her husbands had met with a violent death.

She was born in New Castle, Pa., in 1852, and was the daughter of Samuel Trax, of that city.

BUST OF VICTORIA.

Has a Place Among the Statuary in Osborne Castle.

From the beginning of her reign until the death of the prince consort Osborne castle was the favorite retreat of Queen Victoria when she was in search of rest.



BUST OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

reaction or rest. It is not surprising, therefore, that its decorations and art furnishings should be of the most exquisite type and the stately the best work of the greatest artists.

LONGFELLOW'S "HIAWATHA."

The Indian epic of "Hiawatha" took the world by surprise, writes Ezekiel Butterworth in an article "How Longfellow Wrote His Best-Known Poems" in Ladies' Home Journal.

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