THE WRITERS.

James Lane Allen, the novelist, will soon visit England.

The London World reports that Rudyard Kipling, who has been cycling in Dorsetshire with Thomas Hardy, is negotiating for the purchase of a house and grounds at Rodwell, near Dorchester.

Sir Edwin Arnold has further cemented his marriage with his Japanese wife by having the marriage ceremony performed in English, according to the English law. The Japanese rite consists of the two people drinking a cup of tea.

W. S. Gilbert, the noted humorist, is the possessor of one of the most beautiful houses near London. The author of "Pinafore" always works in his library seated not at a desk, but in a comfortable armchair, with a writing pad on his knee.

Maurus Jokai has gifts of the tongue as well as of the pen. He was introduced to Kaiser Wilhelm when the latter visited Budapest, but was called away to speak to the Archduchess Maria Josef. Returning, he said in apology, "Your majesty must excuse me, but my allegiance to ladies comes even before my allegiance to monarchs."

PROGRESS.

A new wagon wrench has a screw clamp on one side, by which it is attached to the hub of the wheel, the wheel being turned around to unscrew the nut.

To assist in building wire fences a new device has a frame mounted on a wheel, with spindles to carry three or more reels of wire, so that all the wires can be strung at the same time.

A compound called naphthocaliein has been patented in France, intended as a disinfectant in laundries. It consists of naphthol and salicylic acid, rendered soluble in boiling water by borax.

To assist persons in escaping from a building on fire a chair is fitted with two frictional bearing plates operated by a hand lever to grip a rope as it slides through guides attached to the chair.

A recently patented water motor has an endless upright chain of buckets mounted on two axles, with a stream of water at the top to fill the buckets as they start down, the length of the chain determining the power of the motor.

Dr. Henry G. Carroll, M. P., Kamouraska, Que., is One of Fifty Members of Parliament Who Have Successfully Used and Endorsed Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

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Wales and Lady Romney.

Wales gets huffy with women on account of the slightest trifles. Though on the most familiar terms with them, he will turn them down remorselessly. It is a shame that he should possess the power. Here is an instance: One night he was talking to Lady Romney at a ball. "I hear, Lady Romney," he leered, "that Lord Romney has a nickname. What is it?"

Instead of answering the question, Lady Romney said, "Sir, I hear that you are called 'Tummy.' Is it true?"

Without a word he turned with a scowl and walked away, leaving her an object of rude attention.—New York Press.

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STAGE GLINTS.

Alexis Gissiko, professionally known as Markham, has retired from the stage and is interested in the publication of a magazine in New York city.

W. S. Gilbert is suing the London Era for an alleged libel contained in an article criticising Mr. Gilbert for his criticisms of leading English actors.

Andrew Mack will play Sir Lucius O'Trigger to Nat C. Goodwin's Bob Acres in a scene from "The Rivals" at the Actors' fund benefit in New York.

Paul Gilmore is negotiating with Mrs. Alexander Salvini with a view to securing her late husband's repertory and paraphernalia, and it is very likely that he will star.

E. H. Sothern will not attempt a revival of "'Change Alley," but will rely upon his repertory for the present season. Next autumn he will produce a new play by Anthony Hope.

Julia Arthur has received a fragment of the sword she carried in the initial performance of "A Lady of Quality," which has been recovered from the ruins of the burned Detroit theater.

Judith Berolde, who has been absent from the stage for several years, will reappear in the New York Independent theater's production of the one act Italian tragedy "The Rights of the Soul."

D'Oyley Carte has recovered his health, and while he has not yet assumed the burden of business cares he is present every day at rehearsals of "The Grand Duchess" at the Savoy theater, London.

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TURF TOPICS.

Antoco, 2:16½, once sold for $52,000, is dead.

The Hartford meeting developed few sensations.

Little Dan Q is giving a good account of himself this year.

It is stated that Alix will be started in some specials this month.

The Medina (N. Y.) meeting was declared off on account of bad weather.

Bouncer is in good racing form again, thanks to Lapham's careful handling.

William Johnston, one of the oldest members of the New York Driving club, is dead.

Ed Lock will race no more this season, Mr. Hughes having decided to turn him out.

H. H. Longstreet, Matawan, N. J., recently sold the pacer Allen Lowe, 2:12, to Lynn Bros., Canfield, O.

W. J. Andrews, who has been seriously ill at Poughkeepsie for several weeks, is reported as much improved.

George H. Huber secured first money with Ti Point Mary and Little Glen at the White River Junction (Vt.) meeting.

The filly Queen Lil, 2:24¼, by Heir at Law is out of a mare by Mars, the stallion once owned by Byron Newton, Buffalo.

Edward G, a 3-year-old brother to Bumps, took a pacing record of 2:16¾ in a winning race over a half mile track recently.

Queen Ethel, the dam of Bumps, 2:04¾, has been bred to Allie Wilkes, 2:15. She is owned by L. V. Harkness, Lexington, Ky.

Johnson & Clark, Oneida, N. Y., recently sold the mare Senatress, 2:22, to Frank Jewell, Syracuse. The reported price was $500.

Town Lady, 2:13½, by Wilton, cost her owner, E. H. Shults, Brooklyn, $250 a year ago. At that time she had never started in a race.

Half the turf writers insist upon writing it "The Abbott." It would be just as well to call the other Hamlin gelding "The Monkk."

Knapsack McCarthy is deserving of not a little of the credit for Star Pointer's great mile. He drove the runner with excellent judgment.—Horseman.

ORIGIN OF NATIONS.

The Arabs claim that they are directly descended from Ishmael, the son of Abraham and Hagar, born 1810 B. C.

The Bohemians were originally the Boii, who, 283 B. C., attempted a conquest of northern Italy, but were driven back by the Romans and settled in Bohemia.

The Sardinians are descended from the Phœnicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Vandals, Saracens, Genoese, Pisans, Arganese and Spaniards, who, at one time or another, inhabited the island.

The Swedes first appeared in history as the Suevi in the fourth century. This warlike German tribe spread its conquests in several directions, one expedition penetrating Spain, another Sweden and a third the country now known as Servia.

The Germans were repeatedly mentioned in early Roman history as invaders of the country south of the Alps. In 113 B. C. the Teutons and the Cymry inflicted a great defeat upon the Romans in Illyria, and, in turn, were defeated by Marius, B. C. 102. The first historical treatise dealing with the Germans was written by Tacitus.

It is believed by some critics that the name Hebrew was more ancient than the time of Abraham. Before this "father of the race" had founded a family he is spoken of as "Abram, the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eschol and brother of Aner." His descendants are mentioned as "children of Israel" in Genesis i. 25.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Wilmer McLean's Two Historic Houses.

General Horace Porter describes the surrender of Lee in his "Campaigning With Grant" in The Century. The surrender took place in the house of Wilmer McLean, it will be remembered. General Porter says: It is a singular historical coincidence that McLean's former home was upon a Virginia farm near the battleground of the first Bull Run, and his house was used for a time as the headquarters of General Beauregard. When it was found that this fight was so popular that it was given an encore and a second battle of Bull Run was fought the next year on the same ground, Mr. McLean became convinced that the place was altogether lacking in repose, and, to avoid the active theater of war, he removed to the quiet village of Appomattox, only to find himself again surrounded by contending armies. Thus the first and last scenes of the war drama in Virginia were enacted upon his property.

The Spanish Main.

The Spanish main is the circular bank of islands forming the northern and eastern boundaries of the Caribbean sea, beginning at Mosquito and including Jamaica, Santo Domingo, the Leeward islands and the Windward islands, with the coast of Venezuela, in South America. The word "main" has no affinity with the English word as in mainland, but comes from the Spanish word manea, shackles, given in reference to the imaginary resemblance of the broken chain of islands to that (in early days) familiar article.—Boston Transcript.

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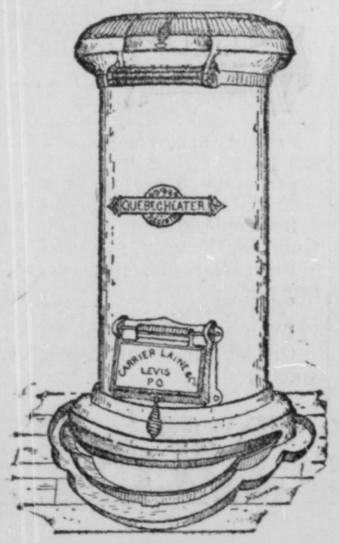

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OFFICIAL RECORD BLUNDER.

The Date of Hamilton's Duel and Death Entered Erroneously.

It is a curious fact that the only official record of the death of Alexander Hamilton on file in the bureau of vital statistics is erroneous and gives the date of his death as July 11 and the date of his duel with Aaron Burr as July 9. All histories give the date of the duel as July 11 and the date of Hamilton's death as July 12. The latter date is inscribed on Hamilton's monument in Trinity churchyard and on the church record.

The record perpetuating this blunder is in an old volume now in the custody of the registrar of vital statistics in the board of health. This volume is one that was handed down from the old city inspector's office, and until recently was supposed to be trustworthy, although not consecutive entries, for the years of 1800 and 1802 follow the record of Hamilton's death in 1804. All the entries except that of Hamilton appear to have been written by the same hand. His is written with much greater care and heads the list of H's. It is "Alexander Hamilton, born in Santa Cruz, W. I., died July 11; disease, casualty; buried Trinity church cemetery, Thomas Collister, sexton." Under the head of "remarks" in the margin is written "Fell in a duel with Col. Aaron Burr, near Weehawk, N. Jersey, on the morning of the 9th of July. Interred at the expense of the city of New York."—New York Commercial.

Letters Sent Up Stairs In Flats.

An ingenious letter lift is to be found in some of the larger buildings in Geneva. The lift has a compartment for each of the stories. The deposit of a single letter makes an electric contact, which does not cease ringing until the letter is taken out. At the same time it opens the faucet of a tank on the roof of the house, which causes water to flow into the cylinder forming the counterweight of the letter carrier until the weight is heavier than the box, when the box ascends and the flow of water ceases simultaneously. As the box passes each story the correspondence intended for it—letters, papers and small packages—falls into boxes on the corridor of that floor. The ejection is performed by a small spring at the bottom of each compartment in the elevator, which causes the bottom of the compartment to catch for a moment, and the release throws out even a single piece of paper thinner than a post card into the stationary box provided for its reception. When the box has passed the uppermost floor, the cylinder filled with water strikes a bolt provided at the bottom, which allows the water to flow out and by its own weight the box descends to its place on the ground floor. Should by any mischance a single piece of paper have remained in the elevator upon striking the bottom it will at once go through the same series of movements as before.—Invention.

When they read about the Peasant-women of Europe who labor in the fields, Americans are prone to condemn the political conditions that cause this state of affairs, and to lavish a great deal of pity on these poor abused women. Our condemnation of some European institutions is doubtless all right, but we had better save a little of our pity and lavish it right here at home. The American wife and mother who labors morning, noon and night, in the close confinement of the home is in some respects worse off than the abused Peasant-woman. The latter enjoys fresh air, sun-light and out-door exercise and retains that most precious endowment, her health.

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How to Take Moonlight Photographs.

Moonlight effects in photographs have long been admired by the uninitiated and fully appreciated by both amateur and professional photographers for their beauty, and many plates, too, have been spoiled by snap shotters who have accepted moonlight as the real illuminator of these views and accordingly focused directly on this beautiful orb of night. Moonlights with the moon herself in evidence are really sun photographs—that is, pictures taken with a rapid exposure, the camera pointed toward the sun generally in the late afternoon or early morning and with clouds between the lens and the direct rays.

Many charming so called night pictures are taken by making two exposures, a short one in the rapidly diminishing afternoon sunlight, to get an impression of buildings and other dark objects and another longer one after dark to print in the gas and electric lights that line the long street or mark out the roads and winding pathways of a city park.—James B. Carrington in Scribner's.

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