

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE.

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A correspondent of the New York Herald writes a long and interesting letter from the town of Whydah, in the Kingdom of Dahomey, West Coast of Africa. Below are some extracts. Speaking of Gobo, the negro king, the correspondent says:

"He has his court, a nobility, an army, composed partly of Amazons, (woman soldiers) and a police. His father made treaties, concluded alliances and brought himself within the vortex of European diplomacy. His son, however, unable to control his savage instincts, notwithstanding his long intercourse with the whites, is fast relapsing again into barbarism. The prices of negroes are too low to admit him much profit, and so finding his treasury almost depleted, and his coast watched by men-of-war, he has become very gloomy and taciturn. It is only on rare occasions, however, that Gobo now visits the death penalty upon any of his subjects unless for some heinous offense committed directly under his own eyes. All the ferocity of his cruel nature is then aroused, and acting upon the impulse of the moment, he either brains his victim with the blow of the war club, or else pins him to the earth with a spear. The fear of retribution being constantly in his mind, he now usually leaves all such matters as the conviction and punishment of criminals who disobey his orders and decrees to a council of chiefs, who fix the penalty without consulting his black Majesty. For slight offenses, which are amenable to the Dahomey law, a fine is imposed; a graver offense is followed by confiscation of all the prisoner's property, and if the latter is unfortunate enough not to have any, then the property of his nearest relative is condemned to pay the fine. Sometimes the prisoner is doomed to slavery and is got rid of in the same manner as a counterfeit note with some other people, by passing him off with somebody else. If a man murders a blood relation, then the next nearest of kin to the murdered man becomes his executioner. This is Dahomey law."

The slave pens of a Portuguese slave trader, named Desosa, are thus described:

"They are of immense extent, built partially below the surface of the ground, with stout timbers and stone. The doors and pigeon-hole windows face inwardly, the structure radiating from the pivot of a circle. Outside of the ring runs a palisade fence, made of stout bamboo poles, securely driven into the ground and lashed together. This fence forms the 'death line' to the human corral. Now fill these kennels with 10,000 human beings, the largest number of slaves they have ever held at any one time, and the picture of this African tenement will be complete."

The guests whom Desosa invites to his house, or castle, about sixty leagues in the interior, are carried there in hammocks swung on long poles. These are toted along at a good trot by four stout negro slaves. These are relieved by fresh relays of dandies at every two or three miles en route until the castle is reached. Horses do not thrive well in this climate, and therefore are seldom brought into requisition for long journeys. Negro labor being the cheapest, they are selected to do the work of the quadruped. It takes about forty hours from the coast to reach Desosa's."

King Gobo had recently been on a raid with his army upon some of the neighboring tribes, and, according to custom, all the prisoners were held as slaves for the market. Of these the correspondent says:

"We next looked in at the slave pen, which is directly in rear of the market. Here, in a large circular enclosure, with a high picket fence constructed of bamboo, were confined about three hundred wretched looking beings of both sexes, entirely naked. They were crouched upon the ground in every conceivable attitude, and lay there almost motionless. Their very appearance was enough to excite the pity of any but a brute. All of them seemed as if they were famished, and kept up a low moaning wail, as if the 'death song' they were said to sing, forewarned them of the unhappy fate that was in store for them. They were taken from the country back of Ebin, on the Calabar river, and were said to be cannibals. Desosa represented them as part of a very dangerous tribe, who cook and eat every Dahomeyan they capture. In other words, they were wild beasts of the human species, and but little removed from the orang-outangs and gibbons which are to be seen on all sides and around us, as part of the population. A good supply of food was furnished them, consisting of baked yams, raw fish and goats' meat uncooked and bloody, which they devoured voraciously. Three hours later not one of them was to be seen. They had all been bought by Desosa himself, and sent off to his slave pens on the confines of Whydah."

A ball, or fandango, was given by the Portuguese and Spanish traders in honor of the officers of an American and a French ship, to which the better class of natives was invited, and it is said:

"We were all somewhat surprised to see the distinctions of caste which were carried out at this fandango. The half breeds would not dance with those of a shade or two darker color, nor would the mulattoes fraternize socially at the ball with the pure blacks, although all were invited and stood upon an equal social position."

The coming of the King was looked for, and his arrival and what followed are thus described:

"The presence of the King was finally announced by the chief cannon blower and by the firing of flint lock muskets at random. His Majesty, instead of entering Whydah in royal African state, as we expected to see him, had sneaked away from his guard of honor immediately he came into the town and started for a trader's house for the purpose of getting his

morning bath. When he again made his appearance and was about to enter his pavilion in the market, the chief cannon blower fired another blast, when all present prostrated themselves full length on the ground, with the exception of the whites, until His Majesty had entered the pavilion. Here we had a good opportunity of observing him. Gobo is a man of quite six feet in height, but of rather spare proportions. His arms and chest were covered with medals, chains, bracelets and crosses of gold and precious stones, many of them heir-loom and others presented to him. He seemed to be dazzling all over with bracelets, while the ebony black skin of his arms, which had been rubbed with some kind of oil, fairly shone as if it were varnished. His only body covering was a yellow silk robe, richly embroidered with gold thread. Around his head was a gold band, with several fine rubies and emeralds in it, the whole surmounted with three beautiful plumes of pure white ostrich feathers, which were in striking contrast to his jet black complexion. His nose, lips and forehead, and, indeed, the whole face, had more of the Egyptian cast than the pure and unadorned negro of the equator. Gobo wore sandals on his feet made of hide, and ornamented like his robe, and which were fastened by clasps at his ankles and across the feet. In other respects his body was entirely bare. He has a chronic frown on his features all the time, and Desosa tells me that he was never known to laugh or even smile, which is a sure indication of the brutal nature within. Gobo is intensely dignified. He barely noticed our presence even after we had been formally presented, and refused to extend his hand to be shaken. He merely blurted out, "Unpo!" which was interpreted by one of the whites as "Enough; pass on." So we understood it, and retired to a safer distance in the rear. You can see by this the ill feeling he bears all white strangers who dare approach his sacred person. He refused to communicate with any of us, notwithstanding the importunities of his best friend, the Baron Desosa.

After all was quiet again Gobo addressed the people in the market place in Dahomey lingo, in substance as follows when rendered into English: "His Majesty of the twenty-four seasons of prosperous harvests had arrived in person to say 'All's well' to his people, and was prepared now to receive their loyalty to him in the way of tribute, to support his royal state and household." In other words, he was on nothing more than a big begging expedition.

After getting through with his speech His Majesty squatted on the ground on a tiger's skin spread in the center of the pavilion. Then several slaves, as black as himself, began to fan him with fans made of ostrich feathers, while he listened doggedly to the palaver of a number of chiefs—probably they were only making reports of the condition of the Kingdom. His son, the heir apparent, is quite ill, and if he dies we may be able to see the sacrifice of a few hundred of these savages on the occasion. None of the king's wives were present at the council."

After relating that the king offered to give him one of the Princesses of the land in exchange for a cut glass perfume bottle, which bargain was declined, the correspondent tells how they collect taxes there. The following extract indicates that the "man and brother" in Africa has been taking lessons from his brother Radicals in this country on the subject of gathering taxes:

"The Prime Minister and chief bottle washer of Dahomey had visited Whydah for the purpose of stealing all he could lay his hands on under the pretense of collecting tribute in the way of taxes. This he did by going the rounds among the native huts, attended by a few plunder carriers. Whatever pleased his fancy that was exposed to view was immediately seized in the name of the King and transferred to the bags which his followers had with them. The latter required considerable watching also, for I saw one big, ill-looking savage roll up a large piece of yellow cotton cloth into a good sized ball and conceal it under one of his armpits. This was done with all the dexterity of an apt professor of sleight-of-hand while the chief of the party stood measuring the value of an article for an instant which he had just taken from the neck of a young native woman."

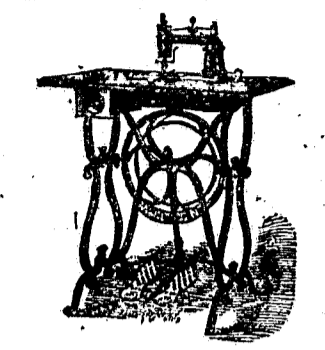
One more extract is all that we can find room for:

"Since the export demand for slaves has almost entirely ceased, by reason of the interdiction of the naval forces of the United States and Great Britain, most of the traffic in human beings is now carried on by the people of Whydah with the neighboring and interior tribes with whom they are at peace. The white traders confine themselves exclusively to the foreign market. To wage war with some of these tribes for the purpose of taking prisoners and capturing booty is one of the principal occupations in which the present King of Dahomey, Gobo II, delights to engage."

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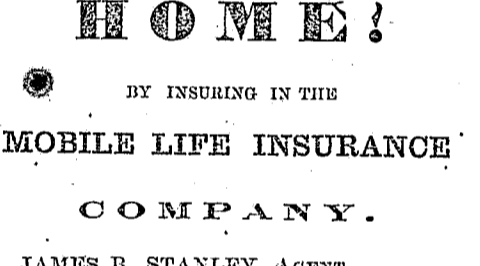
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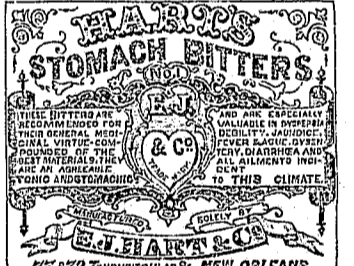
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I selected the goods myself carefully and with
an eye single to the wants of my customers in this
market. I respectfully ask the readers of this ad-
vertisement to call and examine my STOCK, and
verify by their own eyes the truth of the above.
I promise them (though it may not be quite as large
as some others claim) that I will sell at cheap as any
other house in town, and guarantee in those
who buy from me satisfaction.

Stolen!
FROM the undersigned, six miles east of Butler
Spring, on the 12th of March, a
Sorrel Horse,
blind in left eye, blazed face, saddle marks on both
sides of the back, and branded with the letters
U. S. on one shoulder; 13 or 14 years old, full
medium size. Any information of the horse's dis-
position will be given for \$100.
JACOB HARRISON.
Greenville, Ala. Post-office.
March 17.

J. T. LONG,
STAND, Greenville, Ala.
Sept. 5, 1873.

A MEDICAL TRIUMPH!
DR. D. S. PERRY'S
VEGETABLE AROMATIC
Bitters.
THESE Bitters must become the universal reme-
dy of the age. There is nothing like them
or to equal them under the sun. They restore the
weak, invigorate the feeble, and give new life and
tone to the broken down system. In pulmonary
and indurated diseases, where there is a ship-
ment of Quinine powders and pills. They are specially
adapted to persons suffering from
Dyspepsia, Liver Complaints,
Constiveness, Headache,
Neuralgia, Rheumatism,
Chills and Fever, and Piles.

To Delicate Females.
Ladies, old or young, will find these Bitters
especially adapted to diseases peculiar to their sex.
Nervousness, and the irregularities of the Menstrue,
and General Debility, all yield to the magic charm of
these inestimable Bitters.

DEAR WHAT IS SAID.
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"Wonderful effects have resulted from Dr. Per-
ry's Bitters."
"My Chills are gone. I can hardly believe it."
"Send me one case Perry's Bitters again. Noth-
ing like them here."
"I enclose a testimonial of my case. I had to do so
convince you of a wonderful cure."
"Surely they are the most delightful wine tonic
in the world."
"Dr. Wilson says that you are a public benefac-
tor."
"Hurray! No more Rheumatism."
"No more headache, thanks to you."
We could fill this paper twice over with just
such genuine extracts, but the above must suffice.
Our Bitters are prepared under the supervision of
Dr. D. S. Perry, Member of the Royal College of
Physicians and Surgeons, London, England, and of
the Medical Clinic of Glasgow.
All orders should be addressed to THE PERRY
AROMATIC BITTER CO.,
42 Courtland St.,
New York.

The Bitters are sold either by the
bottle or case at \$1 per bottle.
Parties sending letters for advice as to their
diseases will confer a favor by giving name of
County as well as Town where they reside. It
will save a considerable amount of time and
anonymity if this will be observed.
THE PERRY AROMATIC BITTER COMPANY.
March 19th.

TO THE WEST! TO THE WEST!
Before making your arrangements to follow the
advice of the thousands who have already gone,
it would be well to consider what has been done
to make the journey to your "Home in the West"
as pleasant and as free from danger as human skill
and foresight can accomplish.
By consolidation and construction a road has
been put into operation on the shortest possible
line from Nashville, Tenn., to St. Louis, Mo., the fu-
ture great City of the world. This line, the
St. Louis & Southwestern Railway,
has during the past year, earned an enviable re-
putation by its prompt, quick, and safe service,
and the magnificent quality of its passenger
equipment. Its trains are made up of new and
commanding day cars, provided with the celebrated
Miller coupler and platform, and the Westinghouse
air-brake.
It is positively the only line running Pullman
Palace Cars, sleeping Cars through-
out the route under one management from Nashville
to St. Louis, and from St. Louis to Kansas City, Omaha,
California, Texas, and all western points. It is al-
so the "Chicago Shortest Line" via Evansville.
You can secure the cheapest rates for yourselves
and your families on application, in person or by
letter, to C. S. BARNETT, Southern Passenger
Agent, Postoffice Box 232, Chattanooga, Tenn., or
to the undersigned.

W. D. DAVENPORT,
General Ticket Agent, St. Louis
May 17, 1873.