FIJI ISLANDERS.

Their Ceremonial Dances-School Geography Turned Into a Song-The Great State "Meke" -- A Flying Fox and a Club

which had been put up to screen us been more artistically carried out. from the sun. First came the schoolchildren. They passed us in single file, and passing inside the advancing file coiled themselves up in the center of the late the "meke" for you. It was "com-posed for the occasion." When they R. D. Marshall's. had come close enough, on a signal they | The back door was then broken open, all sat down and began a geography les- and the-treasurer was carried into the son. The native teacher called out the hall and requested to open the office name of a country, as "Peritania," door, but he refused, even under the (Britain), and one of the children, in a threat of torture by burning. To show low minor key, began to chant "Peri- they were in earnest, a fire was started tania as matanitu" (Britain is a king- in the narrow passageway between the dom). Then a third higher some other vaults, and Mr. Myers was held over it words, where Britain is, etc., and then, until the heat burned the legs of his with a swaying motion of their bodies pantaloons and scorched his feet. After and a rythmical clapping of hands, being nearly suffocated with the smoke, sometimes beating the ground, some he unlocked the door and admitted them. times pointing on one side, sometimes He still refused, however, to open the on the other, and sometimes joining safe, protesting that the combination to hands overhead, they all joined in a unlock the inner doors was unknown to chant descriptive of the extent, govern- him, being known only to his son. They ment, etc., of the British empire; in would not accept this, and presenting a fact, school geography turned into a cocked revolver to each temple compelled rather pretty song. In this way they him to open the safe. went through nearly all the countries in Europe.

green and colored leaves. These were train came in. Then he vanished. beautifully made, the leaves lying very At six o'clock Mr. Myers was discovbelow their knees. The men were very fine specimens of humanity; some had during the long hours of the night. their faces blackened or painted black m power. There of ne must have been over 200 men and about Mr. Myers' hat was found where it evolutions every man threw away the keep it. huge palm-leaf fan which he carried in his hand. This was the end of the first act. In the next part the flying foxes was set up in the middle of the square, square with their arms stretched out, approached the tree, and one of them arms, when another climbed after him, and they bit and scratched and squalled just as big bats do, and the first-comer about half an hour, and between each must not expect too much." figure there was a slight pause. The

was surrounded-except on one side, his secret, and for a short time supplied before to have mentioned, by plantations | the demand far exceeded the supply, and of bananas and bread-fruit; so that one other makers, discovering the means saw nothing of the preparations and used, competed with him. formation, but heard the chant of the dancers before they came in from different paths. From either side advanced never seen before) of a bright blue. They had sashes of white tappa, in thick folds, terminating sometimes in streamallowed to touch the ground, but looped weed, according to his fancy.

and flowers. First of all, they formed a but is sold every time."

long line, then breaking the line, danced forward, ten or twelve at a time, for a few steps, bend down their bodies and spreading out their hands, as the little shoots of a wave run up on the beach. Then wave after wave rolled in, and then A correspondent writes as follows at the end of the long line ran round, from Fiji, in the South Pacific ocean : first a few at a time, some falling back It was amusing in the morning to again; then more and more, as the tide watch the country people streaming runs up on the shore-side of the reef, into the town in large and small parties | and nothing but a small island of coral is -in canoes or along the paths on the left. The band kept up a sound like the nests. Under the iron cornice the spar- arms and sobbed out: banks of the river. They had their roar of the surf; and as the tide rose and smart dancing dresses tied up in bundles, the waves began to meet and battle over some with their faces already painted, the little island, the dancers threw their pleasant to see those cold walls thus more?" and their hair done up in tappa in the arms over their heads as they met, and oddest way possible. All the time the their white tappa-covered heads shook "lall" (native wooden drums) were mak- as they bounded into the air, like the ing a great row in the square, and when sprays of the breaking surf. The people

A Daring Robbery. A despatch from Wapakoneta, Ohio, says: A daring robbery, unprecedented square. Each child as it passed halted in the history of Auglaize county for and read a verse from the Bible. Then | boldness, was committed in this place. they unwound themselves, and came up Lewis Myers, the county treasurer, was in the same fashion with their writing going homeward at about ten o'clock, P. on slates. Then came a dance on the M., and just as he got opposite the first "meke." They retired a little, divided alley east of his residence three men into bands, and then came forward in a threw a heavy blanket over his head and sort of dance, turning first to the one side pressed him to the ground. Mr. Myers and then the other, moving in the most guessed their object instantaneously, perfect time, and chanting as they came. and attempted to throw away his office All their movements were graceful, and keys; but his quick-eyed captors detected the way in which the tune, if one the attempt and prevented it. They can so call it, was first of all sung by carried him back into the alley, and those in front, and then taken up, a guarded him until about eleven o'clock. third lower, by those behind, was very Then they carried him bodily to the effective. If I have time I will trans- court house, unceremoniously throwing

While two of the robbers were rifling the safe, a third stood guard at the back Then came the event of the day, the hall door, and from certain sounds Mr. great State "meke." The first was the Myers inferred that one was at the front 'Flying Fox Dance." From the half- door. At a little after midnight the robhidden roads leading out of the corners | bers departed with their booty, except of the square came two bands of men one who stood over the county treasurer, dressed in "likus" (a sort of kilt) of revolver in hand, until the three o'clock

thick one above another, and reaching ered by the janitor, gagged and tightly bound to a chair, where he had suffered The loss is between \$31,000 and \$32,-

and red, and their heads done up in the 000, wholly in greenbacks and bank most elaborate way with white tappa. notes. The robbers overlooked in their Garlands of flowers and leaves hung haste a package of \$20,000 in governround their necks, and they had garters ment bonds belonging to Samuel Bitler, and armlets of bright-colored leaves on of the Farmer's Bank. It was in an entheir arms and legs. To describe the velope, and wrapped up in an old piece

two parties approached each other in the watch was found where it was thrown usual "meke" form, an odd mixture of over the fence. The thieves took it her because she is so old. She pleaded march and dance, and after various from him, but had the discretion not to guilty when arraigned for trial, and she

A Novel Accidental Discovery.

More novelties are the result of accident proceeded to rob a banana tree. A pole than is generally supposed. The origin of blue-tinted paper came about by a and on the top of it a banana plant, with mere slip of the hand. William East, a bunch of artificial fruit made of husked an English paper-maker, once upon a a bunch of artificial fruit made of husked an Euglish paper-maker, once upon a cocoanuts full of oil. The two bands time set his men to work, and went away advanced, and seemed to consult, and on business. While the men were at then messengers were sent from either dinner, Mrs. East accidentally let a blueparty, to see, I suppose, that all was bag fall into one of the vats of pulp. safe. They went flying around the Alarmed at the occurrence, she determined to say nothing about it. Great making a noise like a flying fox. With was the astonishment of the workmen a great deal of dancing the main body when they saw the peculiar color of the paper, and the great anger of Mr. East climbed up, while the little flying foxes | whenthe returned and found that the whole circled round, and finally clustered vat of pulp had been spoiled. After under the tree, crying with delight at giving the paper made from it warehouse the sight of the fruit. The fox in the room for four years, Mr. East sent it up tree hung by his legs and flapped his to his agent in London to be sold "for what it would fetch."

"For what it will fetch!" said the agent, misunderstanding the meaning. was turned out. The whole dance lasted "Weil, it certainly is a novelty, but he

So he sold the whole at a considerable time was wonderful-every swish of their advance upon the market price, and likus was in unison, and they were most | wrote to the mills for as much more as clever in adapting themselves to any he could get. The surprise of Mr. East inequality in the ground. There was a may be imagined. He hastened to tell musical accompaniment of native drums | his wife, who found courage to confess and hollow bamboos, played by about her share in the fortunate accident and twenty gaily-dressed old gentleman. Next came a club dance: The square the shape of a new cloak. Mr. East kept where stood the great church—as I ought the market with the novel tint, until

Savings Bank Salaries. A New York correspondent says: The a party, each about eighty strong, whole amount of savings bank deposits marching three abreast, armed with in Gotham is over \$200,000,000, and the short spears made of bamboo, cut into total cost of taking care of them is \$725,fantastic shapes at the end, or with the 000. The salary list is an interesting shafts painted or covered with a matting study. It gives one an idea that the of reeds. As the two parties approached men who run the savings banks don't do each other-very, very slowly-they it out of philanthropy altogether. chanted, and swung their bodies from There's money in it for most of them, side to side, thrusting and parrying with | and quite a good deal for some. One their spears, which were held overhead; bank pays its president a salary of \$10,every hand and every foot moving exactly | 000. Another pays a treasurer \$12,000. together. When about twelve yards A third pays a secretary \$10,000. Another from each other, each body wheeled away pays \$22,000 to a president and secrefrom us, and we saw advancing between tary. It is curious how things are mixed waited to be told that her husband was his mother, who is nearly eighty years them from some distance another body as to the compensation of the officers. One of men, of about the same strength as bank pays a treasurer \$12,000, and gives barn, along with the bedding, scraped with her. He accepted and proposed to both the others, but twelve abreast, and only \$3,000 to its president. Another is armed with clubs. This "meke," in run by an actuary and an assistant, who then set fire to the barn to burn up all declined, informing him that she always which over 300 men were dancing, was toge her get \$11,500. In another there evidence. The plan, however, was not walked to church. The dutiful son could wild and picturesque, and the men fine, is neither president, secretary nor well-made fellows, as they were all chiefs, actuary, but comptroller, treasurer and by the neighbors before they had de- good mother, and so they started for the or men of high birth. The dresses in accountant gather in \$17,000 between stroyed the fatal proofs, and arrest, tria, church. After walking what seemed a this dance were even more brilliant than them. One bank employs nine book- and sentence followed. The Cargins reasonable distance and seeing no church, in the last. Each man had a liku of keepers, and another thirteen. One were sent for life, the husband going to the uneasy official asked how far the strips of pandanus leaf, dyed black, keeps an appraiser of real estate at \$3,- Jackson. Mrs. Smith, who only helped church might be, and was somewhat yellow, and red in strips. Their bodies 000, another keeps one at \$600. A bank to plan, was given a sentence of fifteen astonished to learn that it was only four and faces were elaborately painted black with deposits of nearly \$30,000,000 has years. Both women were sentenced at miles away. and red, and their heads were done up an expense account of \$93,000, and one in folds of very fine tappa, white or with deposits of \$2,000,000 expends together. Their cells are side by side, brown, or in some cases (what I have \$36,000.

A Knowing Dog. ers, and sometimes in a long train, not the fortunate owner of two dogs, one an have children. The murderess left two the long established supremacy of this country Newfourlander, and the other a lit- behind her, and the plotter three, the is easily shown to be unimpaired. In reapers, up again into the sash, something like the black-and-tan terrier. One cold night | youngest hardly three years old. They the things ladies used to wear a little last winter a friend who happened to be do not accuse each other, as one would while ago. Each man of the front rank at the gentleman house heard the little expect them to do. They never speak Gen. Walker says that "time and recent invenof the larger body had a splendid large dog barking at a furious rate, and in- of their children to each other. When don have not impaired the superiority of Ameribreast-plate of ivory and pearl-shell. quired the cause. "I'll tell you," said their eyes meet they remember the awful deed committed that night, and they maintains the positive merit of its productions, turn from pale baggard faces to walks round their necks-rather an effective house, and the big dog, on the principal turn from pale, haggard faces to walls but ships its goods to every quarter of the ornament-and armlets, garters, and that might makes right takes the inside. bracelets of shells, ivory, or black water- But here's a piece of canine strategy. The little fellow runs into the yard and The next dance was the most graceful barks and barks, till the big fellow of all. It is called "The Waves of the comes out to see what's the matter, when speak. The wife of the murdered man Sea," and represented the sea coming the black-and-tan takes the opportunity sat down and tried to tell her story, and up on the reef. The dresses of the men to slip into the kennel, and so secure it was painful to see what a wreck she were much the same as in the last, but the snug inside berth. Strange to say, had become. She could not remember (Times Building), New York. there were also a number of children in bright likus, and with garlanes of leaves the big dog, he seems to grow no wiser, witnesses against her testified, or what

LIVES THAT ARE HOPELESS.

Women who are Serving Life Sentences for Murder .-- "Ged has Forgiven Me, but Man Will Not "-- The Cargin--Smith [From the Detroit Free Press.]

rows are rearing their young and chattercovered, and yet one sighs at the rememday, as our reporter entered the women's of a life sentence. She and her hus- fully asked: band were sent to Jackson for life for attempting to poison his father, or rather for poisoning him with intent to kill. The dose was not successfully administered, and the victim was the witness to die, but the air of liberty revived him, and he mastered the disease that had or two ago he was married again, and all these facts are known to the wife, who | very soul with grief. paces up and down the corridor, and weepingly asks: "Have I not suffered enough? Have

not been here a lifetime?" She was transferred from Jackson two or three years ago, and at present is an assistant in her ward. Men have considered the life sentence too severe, and as she has been immured eleven long years, and her husband is free, her friends have hopes that she will be pardoned within another year. The tortures of conscience and the pangs of sorrow have made her look like one of sixty years. If set free to-morrow, she would shrink from the public like a frightened Interest..... child, and the merry shouts of happy children would fall upon her sore heart like clods on a coffin. It was not so hard to bear until she began to hope. For years her face was pale and resolute, and the flash of her eyes proved that she had determined to live on, and make no sign while waiting for death. Now that there is hope, she trembles like a leaf when a strange step sounds on the stairs. Hope and despair fill her heart by turns, and she is fast wearing away. Yet her cell is one of the cosiest on the corridor.

Sitting at a mending table at the head of the laundry room was Rosa Schweistahl, a woman now sixty-five years old. She was convicted of husband-poisoning, and the sentence was for life. Ten long years have rolled away since the prison door first shut behind her, and she will not have to stay another ten. Gray-haired and trembling, she knows that death will soon come to set her free. There are tears in her eyes as she looks up, but no ray of hope flashes across her face at the sound of the new footstep. She is not hoping for a pardon. If one were granted to her she might not be able to find kith or kin to give her a corner until her hours were num bered. It would give her liberty and sunshine and new scenes, but what are those privileges worth to a trembling Decrease of debt during the and penniless old woman, who might die sixty enildren taking part in it. The had been dropped in the street. His by the roadside before her pardon was a week old? There is more sympathy for neither defended nor protested. Ten dreary, dismal, slow-passing years have been tolled off on Time's far-sounding bell, and her sentence is not endedonly nearer the last day. Her heart has been pierced again and again by the stings of conscience, and many a night, when deep silence reigned throughout the corridor, the sentinel has caught her

whispered words · "God has forgiven me, but man will The end may not come this year nor next, but is not far away. Some morning when her cell door is thrown open she will seem to sleep on. Some one will call her name, and bend over her, and then the word will pass through the prison that "grandma" is dead,

Less than a year ago Julia Cargin was a contented wife and a happy mother, having all the comforts of a home and as clear a conscience as any other woman in the land. Yesterday, when our reporter saw her in the sewing room at the house of correction, her face was haggard, her eves sunken, her hair turning gray, and her forty years of life seemed to have doubled in a few brief months. She came to Michigan with her husband to visit a friend named Smith. The home of the Smiths was not pleasant. While she had considerable property in her own name, he had none, and was not

anxious to accumulate any.

Mrs. Smith had been thinking of sehouse the wife cried out :

the world!"

Before she had time to retract or rewife repented in the least, she gave her shoeing horn. victim no warning. In the dead of night she crept away from his side and retreated to a distant room, and the the same time and arrived at the prison and a hundred times a day they look into each other's face, shudder at the past, A gentleman in Westchester county is may call up it in a stronger light. Both that in several prominent mechanical specialties and bars. The Cargin woman could not answer

defense the Cargins had.

"I got up and went away from him, and then somebody killed him," she

gaspingly explained. She seemed hard and cold at first, and one would have said that she had an evil face, but the mention of her children melted her in an instant and set her to which corrective properties are combined is Over the grim stone walls of the sobbing. When asked about her two the speediest means of regulating them. Such women's ward at the Detroit house of eldest children, she gave their where- a tonic is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the correction clambers a woodbine, and abouts; but when the name of the youngbirds have been there and built their est was mentioned she threw up her

"My baby! Oh, my baby! Why ing to each other all day long. It is don't they let me see him just once

They took the little boy from her arms brance that the ward holds some of the when they led her away to jail. He saddest hearts in the world. The other | clung tightly to her neck, his innocent heart knowing nothing of her awful all the people were assembled we went sitting round screamed with delight. ward, the first person he saw was Orilla crime, and every day since her long and sat down under a canopy of mats The idea of the dance could not have Smith, a woman some thirty years of sentence began he has looked into the Messrs. Seth W. Fowle & Sons, Boston: age, who has already served eleven years | faces of strangers, and tearfully and piti-"Where's mamma? When will mam-

ma come home?" The two older ones went quietly away from her, dimly realizing that a happy home was forever broken up, and that who sent him to prison. Three or four the whispers of men and women around years ago the husband was pardoned out them of a horrible murder implicated the mother who had sung them to sleep and taught them to pray. The baby brought him near death's door. A year clung to her just the same, and its name has only to be mentioned to wring her

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Decrease of Nearly Four Million in August. The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement:

DEBT BEARING INTEREST IN COIN. Bonds at six per cent...... \$814,341,050 Bonds at five per cent. Bonds at four and a half per cent. 703, 266, 650 Total principal\$1,702,607,700 Total interest..... DEBT BEARING INTEREST IN LAWFUL MONEY. Navy pension fund, at three per\$14,000,000 70,000 DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY. nterest..... DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST. Old demand and legal tender \$358,040,096

50,430,000 Fractional currency..... 19,172,114 Coin certificates..... Total principal..... \$466,167,610 Total unclaimed interest..... 7,057 TOTAL DEBT. Principal.....\$2,202,132,97 Total\$2,228,398,665 CASH IN THE TREASURY. 11,828,507 fractional currency..... 8,265,412

Special deposit held for the redemption of certificates of de-50,430,000 posit as provided by law..... Total \$177,428,855 ess estimated due military establishments, for which no appropriations have been made ... 4,500,000 Total...... \$172,928,855

1877..... Teach the Daughters.

Decrease of debt since June 30,

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Proverbs Concerning Noses.

We have no fewer than fourteen English proverbs relating to this important feature of the human face divine. They are as follows: 1. Follow your nose. 2. He cannot see beyond his nose. curing a divorce, and had brooded over 3. An inch is a good deal on a man's her situation until it seemed far worse nose. 4. He would bite his own nose off than it really was. Soon after the to spite his face. 5. He has a nose of Cargins arrived, Smith and his wife had noses. 6. As plain as the nose on your some hard words, and as he left the face. 7. To hold one's nose to the grindstone. 8. To lead one by the nose. "I would to God that he was out of 9. To put one's nose out of joint. 10. To pay through the nose, 11. To have a good nose for a poor man's sow. 12. To pent, the Cargins offered to put her thrust one's nose into other people's busihusband out of the way. If, before the ness. 13. A nose that can smell a rat. awful crime was actually committed, the 14. Every man's nose will not make a

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