

Niger, over a 500 miles course, to Kano, the capital of Hausaland, which was taken by Sir F. Lugard four years ago. Entrusted to the trained supervision of Sir Percy Girouard, the High Commissioner, it is expected to reach Kano four years hence. Its value in securing and solidifying British influence among the emirates, which naturally still entertain some regrets for their former condition of slave holding anarchy, will be naturally very great. Even greater, it may be hoped, will be its commercial value in opening up the vast interior to trade, and in exporting to the Lancashire market the wealth of that Nigerian cotton crop to which experts are confidently looking to supply the Manchester mills from Imperial sources, which will be immune from the interference of speculation in markets which we cannot control.

TWELVE MONTHS FOR 2s.

"Let the magistrate please himself. It makes no difference to me," said an old man of sixty-two when asked on Monday if the Guildhall magistrate should deal with a charge of theft against him.

He had only been out of prison for a few days when he stole a florin from the pocket of a man in the Smithfield Market.

He was sent back again for a year.

MOZART'S BURIAL-PLACE.

There is not a music-lover who would not gladly walk barefooted across Europe could he at the end of his pilgrimage find the tomb of Mozart, and lay a tribute on it. But until the grave gives up its dead that last secret will never be known. The most wonderful of all musical geniuses went to his pauper's grave in St. Marx Churchyard, Vienna, without a friend to breathe a blessing over his poor bones. And no man knows the place of his burying. Two savages, the assistant gravedigger and his mendicant mother, received the news and its burden. Two paupers had been buried that day, and the pair were in ill-humour; ups had been few, and slush and sleet made the way to the graveside horrible. "Whom have you got there?" asked the dame. "A bandmaster," said the driver. "Umph, no money there, then; musicians are a poor lot," quoth she. He agreed, adding, "I'm devilish thirsty, too—not a kreuzer of drink money have I had." They dumped the coffin down, and shovelled in the earth, and when twenty-four hours later, friends came to seek the grave, none could point out the place.

THE GERMAN EMPRESS'S INJURY

The King having telegraphed to the German Empress his sympathy on her Majesty's accident, received an extremely cordial reply from Wilhelmsbohe, expressing thanks for his Majesty's kind inquiries, and giving a favourable account of her Majesty's condition. It appears, however, doubtful if the Empress will accompany the Emperor to England in November, because if the injury itself has healed, great care will be necessary for some time.

of China tea and a slice of lemon" is the order given many times in the course of an afternoon. Dainty little Russian tea sets have been provided to meet the new taste. The china is of egg-shell thickness, and the cups are very wide at the top to accommodate the slice of lemon, and they taper off at the base.

STRAW HATS.

The sailor shape is a very popular one, and, this year is no exception to the rule, writes "Pepita" in the *Mark Lane Express*. For boating, tennis, golf, &c., no style of hat is better than a plain sailor of rough straw, and black and white are about equally fashionable. White sailors change in size and height of crown and width of brim in accordance with the prevailing mode, still there is always enough variety in the shapes for one and all to be suited. It is true that the Panama hats, with their soft, wide brims and crush crowns, are so much more comfortable to wear than the sailors that they are perhaps more fashionable at present, but still the stiff brim looks so neat and trim that there is much to be said in its favour. For town, however, and for all times when a Panama cannot be worn—and the Panama and plain sailors are only appropriate with a shirt blouse and skirt costume—the so-called trimmed sailor is most useful. This sailor is often a decidedly elaborate affair, trimmed with flowers, ribbons, and wings, but its lines are kept severe, and the general style of the hat denotes that it is for a simple morning gown. The brim is not necessarily of even width, but at present is a trifle wider in the back and on the left side, and is worn tilted up slightly on the left. The large cachepeigne of tulle or ribbon has disappeared, and frequently one sees this style of hat fitting down close to the hair, the brim not filled in at all.

MADAME KUBELIK.

The great musicians of the world have often been singularly unfortunate in their matrimonial relations; a brilliant exception to the rule is the famous Kubelik, whose young wife seems to have absolutely fulfilled his ideal. Madame Kubelik belongs to the great Hungarian nobility, for she was the Countess Marianne von Czaky Szell. She is very beautiful, and seems to have fallen in love with her talented husband at first sight during a concert at which he was playing. Strangely enough, Kubelik, very shortly before his engagement, met a fortune-teller, who informed him that he would be married within a year, and that the first arrival in his family would take the form of a double event! This actually came to pass, and Kubelik's twin daughters, who are said already to show signs of musical talent, divide their lovely mother's name between them, one being called Mary, and the other Anne. Last March, another little daughter was born to the great musician. Kubelik and his wife have a delightful country home near Kolin, in Bohemia, and when there Madame Kubelik devotes much of her time to gardening. She is, of course, a musical enthusiast, her favourite among her husband's pieces being Paganini's "Witches' Dance."

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CO. LIMERICK FARMER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

On Saturday a farmer named Maurice Meany, who resided at Cusb, Kilfinane, met with a tragic and awfully sudden death. The details go to show that while engaged in the erection of a hay barn a piece of metal fell on his head, inflicting such serious injuries that he died very soon after.

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