HISTORY OF THE BOER-BRITISH WAR.

British Troops Engaged	240,000
Boer Troops Engaged	50,000
British Losses	30,000
Boer Losses	11,000
Cost to Britain	$260,000,000
Cost to Boers	Not Known

[illegible]

war for Britain, and soon after it the clouds began to lift. Buller's army proved still to have fight in it, and on the 8th of February it again had a foothold on the bank of the Tugela nearest to Ladysmith.

Relief, however, was not to be gained for the starved and fever-stricken defenders of Ladysmith by the direct efforts of the Buller army, but rather as the result of far off movements directed by Roberts and Kitchener, which had for their direct object the relief of Kimberley. On the 10th of February Lord Roberts arrived at the Modder river and within two days the river had been crossed at several points by Generals French and Gordon. Then came General French's [illegible] ride to Kimberley, the news of which [illegible] Britain's [illegible]

Capture of Cronje.

[illegible]

PRETORIA AND JOHANNESBURG.

[illegible]

LOST ON THE... VELDT

A STORY OF THE BOER CAMPAIGN IN NATAL

By H. B. Mackenzie

CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

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And then poor Miss Elizabeth, left to face those terrible men, with, perhaps, the dead body of her brother in the house! Bluebell felt her heart torn with anguish and anxiety as she thought of it.

Again she made violent struggles to free herself. Alas! they were worse than useless. The strong arms held her as in a vice.

At this time no word had been uttered. Suddenly Bluebell's captor paused; the next moment Bluebell heard a long, peculiar call rising on the night air. It was like the "coo-ee" of the Australian bush. After a momentary pause it was answered. Then Bluebell's captor continued his walk, jolting and stumbling at every step.

Presently there was another pause. [illegible]

"MEDIAN" IN THE CENSUS

Use of the Word Likely to Become Familiar—Its Meaning.

A new word seems destined to come into use with the census of 1900, and the discussions that will follow the interpretation of its results. The word is "median." It ought to displace average and center for the greater number of ordinary census uses, since the notion of average which most people have is really expressed by "median," while "average" means quite another thing. There is room in our terminology for both terms, just as we distinguish between plurality and majority to good advantage in discussing election returns. The average age of the population of the United States, for example, is twenty-five years; the median age is twenty-one years. The latter means the point at which there are as many people above as below; an 80-year-old man would then have no more influence in pulling up the median age of his community than a 40-year-old man, so long as both were above the average. The octogenarian would, however, have a great influence on the average age of a community, as will appear from the formula by which that result is obtained. If there are 157 persons 1 year old, 113 persons 2 years old, 95 persons 3 years old, and so on, the 157 would be multiplied by one, the 113 by 2, the 95 by 3, as far as ages go, and then the grand total would be divided by the whole number of persons. The quotient would be the number of years of life which had been enjoyed by the average person, or the "average" age. For statistical purposes median age is just as valuable, and the establishment of the [illegible]

Peabody Institute.

[illegible] The town of Peabody, Mass., which was named for the English philanthropist, was also remembered generously by him in a large building, there being provided with a well-stocked library and lecture room.

Christ taught his disciples to preach by teaching them to pray.

Gives Way to Somebody.

[illegible] and is just now in a position to render his country some valuable service. He is a member of the committee on appropriations, the best parliamentary school in America. But that is the way with the South. Just as soon as a man becomes fit for something he gives way to somebody else.—Washington Letter Louisville Courier-Journal.

Knew Stage Methods.

Mme. Patti has several pet birds at Craig-y-Nos, which she brought from New York. One is a parrot that imitates her songs, not only copying the trills and roulades of his mistress, but putting in some original touches of his own. Another of the parrots for a long time refused to make any utterances whatever, until one day a doctor appeared on the scene to attend a sore throat of his mistress, when he exclaimed, "Oh, doctor, I am so ill!"

GENESIS OF JOKES.

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Mrs. Buggins: "It looks like rain. I think you had better take your umbrella." Mr. Buggins: "My own umbrella? What nonsense! Haven't we any borrowed ones?"

Blobbs: "Has your epileptic friend gone away for his health?" Slobbs: "Not yet. You see, every time he starts to go he has a fit." Blobbs: "Sort of goes by fits and starts, eh?"

Wonderful Old Man of the Sea.

[illegible] chambers in the Albany and undertaken a voyage to British North Borneo. Fifty years ago he was chasing pirates in Bornean waters and storming their strongholds. He has ever since retained an active interest in the British possessions of the far East, and has devoted a good deal of time to his duties as a director of the British North Borneo Company.

Swapping War Stories.

Senator Shoup and Gen. Eppa Hunton were swapping war stories the other day, and the talk ran upon great losses in a single battle. "My regiment," said Gen. Hunton, "had been reduced from its full complement to [illegible] men when it participated in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. How many men of that regiment do you think came out of that charge alive?" Senator Shoup could not guess. "Only [illegible]," said Gen. Hunton.

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