## The Suez Canal--Its Presont $\begin{gathered}\text { dition. }\end{gathered}$

A correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin gives the following account of the Red Sea and Mediterranean canal "Having landed at a little stone pier opposite Suez and on the Asiatic side, a walk of 15 minutes brought us to the bank of the canal. This is an enterprise undertaken and carried on by a French company, and is intended to connect the Red Sea with the Mediterranean and to be large and deep enough to permit the largest class of vessels to pass through into the Indian ocean. Though the distance is only about 70 miles, this is undoubtedly one of the most formidable civil undertakings of modern times. And, con sidering the admitted doubt of its feasibility this is eve more daring attempt than the Pacific Railroad. The build ing of the Pacific Railroad was never a question other than of money and time. But after cutting this canal about 20 miles of the line to the requisite width an obstacle, thought by many to be unsurmountable, has been met with. It passes through a shallow lake for a considerable distance, and it is in this that the trouble has developed. The bottom is a quagmire, and as fast as it is thrown out fills up again by oozing in from the bottom and sides. A difficulty under which the railroad company labor, has also been found to threaten the canal builders even more formidably than it has that enterprise. It is the drifting sand of the desert that constantly moves with the wind, filling up and covering over every obstacle in its path. The railroad managers are obliged to be at work constantly to keep their track above ground. And it $1 s$ claimed by many engineers to be practic ably impossible to keep the canal open, even ifit ever is finished. The original capital of the company was $400,000,000$ francs. They had also an extensive grant of land along the line of the route from the late Viceroy of Egypt. But the present Viceroy Ishmael Pacha, is rather unfriendly to French influence and inolines to the English. This is encouraged and urged on by the diplomats of that nation, who see pretty plainly the plans of France to get possession of all northern Africa. The Order of the Bath has just been conferred upon the Egyptian with appropriate ceremonies. He has therefore withdrawn the grant of land and compromised with the company by a subsidy of money instead, amounting to about $80,000,000$ francs. The original capital had been well invested, and the management has been able to report to the company that while an amount bas already been expended in the prosecu tion of the enterprise nearly equal to the oxiginal capital stock, still a sum remains in the treasury of about the same amount for future operations. The report which has re cently appeared claims that the work is going on in a suc censful manner, and that in sis years the whole will be complete."

Though began long before the Paclfic Railroad, unless the Frenchmen are wide awake, the American road to India will be completed ahead of them. The canal is intended to be 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep. That part near to Suez and which we visited, is being executed in the best possible manner, and if it all shall be finished equal to this section the Suez Canal will be a work in the engineering line never before approached in the history of that science. But when it is finished the power of the Turk in Africa will have passed away and one more step toward making the Mediterranean a French lake will have been taken. The line of the canal runs almost due north from a point opposite Suez debouch ing at Port Said in the Mediterranean. The Russian line of steamers from Alexandria to Odessa on the Black Sea ouch at this port once in a fortnight. It is about 50 miles east of the Damietta mouth of the Nile. The canal is already cut to a width and depth sufficient to permit the assage of boats from Suez to Port Said. From Suez north o a distance of 20 miles barges are towed by men or horses and from that point to the sea small screw steamers ply back and forth. This is done by means of a small channel or ditch cut in the middle of the intended canal, and is abou 25 feet wide. The ship canal is being down on each side of this to the requisite width, but in no place has it reache a sufficient depth. The depth is to be obtained by excava tions to a point where the water shall prevent this class of operations, and after that by dredging. The great cana has one feeder from this branch of the Nile to supply it with water, the balance coming from the lake and the two seas that it is intended to connect. The steamers of the Peninsula and Oriental Company do not come up to Suez ut anchor in harbor about five miles further down. In act the little verels that an the town do high tide, and for a great part of the 24 hours in the day lay high and dry in the mud and sand."

Artificial Digestion.-A London physician, Dr. Marcet has announced a process by which natural digestion is simi lated by artificial means, and solid food may thereby be pre pared for invalids. Dr. Marcet takes fifty-eight grains of muriatic acid having a specific gravity of $1 \cdot 1496$; fifteen grains of pepsine-the organic principle procured from the stomach of a pig or other animal. Diluted in a pint of wate and added to a pound of raw meat, the whole is allowed to immer over a water bath at about the temperature of th ody, $98^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. When the meat is by this means sufficiently broken ap, it is strained and the acid neutralized by eighty one grains of bioarbonate of soda. The product is of a mos greeable character, easily digested and vastly more nutritious than beef tea. Where pepsine cannot be obtained, th doctor has found strips of calves' stomachs answer very well
Mowing Machines are not very generally used in England and the chief obstacle to their introduction has been the land lord's dread of the destruction of game, as the machines show no mercy to sitting pheasants and partridges.

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 67,901.-Machine for Cleaning Wool.-S. R. Parkhurst,







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67,926.-Medicine.-Louis Stroever, Philadelphia, Pa I'claim a medicine for the cure of fevers, when the said medicine is made ot
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67,952.-Attachment for Preventing Hogs from Root-


67,953.-Centrifugal Machine or Hydro Extractor.-E.

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 67,963.-SLATE CUTTER.-T. R. Drummond, Hartford, Ct

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67,994.-Water Wheel-O. W. Ludlow, Dayton, Ohio






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 68,003.-Wagon Jack.-R. B. Prindle, Norwich N.

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68,016.-APARATS FoR PREPARING PEAT FOR FOEL.-




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 68,021.-Rocking Chair.-Daniel Witt, Hubbardston, Mass.




 68, 123.3 - BEDSTEAP - R . F. Woodside, Atlanta, Ga
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2,737. MACHINE FOR AFFINN POST OFFICE SAMPS TO
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 2,738.- METHOD OF H H ANGING Doors.-George W. Holly, Low
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 2,751,-Elevator-N. D. Hinman, Stepney Depot, Conn.








2,751.-Trade Mark.-George Brett, North Easton, Mass. 2,752.-Plates of a Stove.-David Hathaway (assignor to 2,753.- INK BotTle.-B. P. Holmes, Philadelphia, Pa.
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46,075.-Tool For Painting Pails.- Jonathan Carter, Win-



 14,201.-LANTERN.-Francis Morandi, Boston, Mass. Pat
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41,097 - PUTTNG UP PowDERS, ETC.-Henry Sawyer, Rox-






















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