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The lady is Irish born, and she looks it in her strong, fine face. Her native place was County Galway, Ireland. She is 39 years old. She is a good deal of a woman all around. She has had twelve children, nine of whom are living. She organized the first working woman's union in Chicago over ten years ago, and was for two years president of that body.

She takes a warm interest in the freedom of Ireland, and was president of the Eighth ward Loyal League of Chicago. She presided at the memorial meeting in Chicago at the death of Fanny Parnell. She is a personal friend of Mrs. Parnell. She has been delegate to the State Trades assembly of Illinois for seven years, and the delegate from Local Assembly 1,789 of Chicago to District Assembly 24 for four years. All this time she was master workman of Local Assembly 1,789.

THE PRESIDENT OF HAYTI.

Under Whose Government Cannibalism is Said to be Practiced.

The island of Hayti, of the Bahama group, is poetically termed the Queen of the Antilles. It is second to Cuba in size, and is situated but 1,200 miles from the United States. It is a republic with a population of 1,500,000 people. These people are yet to a great extent Voodoo or snake worshippers. Their religion formerly demanded the sacrificing of young children to the god Voodoo and the eating of their child flesh. Through the teachings of Christian missionaries among these people and the appeals of the same missionaries to European governments, pressure was brought to bear on the authorities in Hayti sufficient to stamp out for a time the practice of cannibalism. A recent exposure in a New York newspaper by two gentlemen leads to the belief that savage practices are yet connected with the Voodoo religion. These gentlemen claim to have disguised themselves and were witnesses of the murder of two children as offerings to the god Voodoo, and were afterward eaten by the worshippers. Such a sensation has been created by this statement that it is likely the civilized governments will again take action in the matter.



LOUIS ETIENNE FELICITE SALOMON. The president of Hayti is Gen. Salomon, a colored man of 70 years. He was elected last summer president for a second term, which is seven years. Salomon is a native of Hayti, and has been a leader among the people throughout the greater portion of his life. For eighteen years he was an exile in Europe, and a student of European customs. That he does not stamp out cannibalism effectually among his people is due, it is said, to the fact that his government is feeble, and he is a Voodoo worshipper himself.

It was always a lucky day for anybody who could do a favor for President Arthur. He was a patient and polite listener. I never heard that he ever interrupted a narrator or cut off another's story. Once in awhile he was a little impatient with his clerks, but only for a moment. Then he would find a way to show them, without acknowledging it, that he was sorry. No man ever saw him annoyed or irritated or heard him say a careless word in public. He controlled himself wonderfully at times. He was not what may be called a hard worker, like Mr. Cleveland. He was a clear and quick thinker and saw what was to be seen at once. He made others do his work. If he wanted to write a letter to a person or an association wherein he wanted to give his views, he merely gave his views to his secretary and the latter prepared the letter, which the president revised and signed. To newspaper men he was ever considerate, and so were those about him. Sometimes the local reporters and the correspondents were not given what they wanted, but they were always cordially treated.—Washington Cor. Philadelphia Press.

The Work of Digestion. The evening meal is not a favorable time for repletion, nor is the early morning, when the energies of the system should be usually monopolized by the work of digestion. A heavy breakfast handicaps a worker for the rest of the forenoon. Of all the wretched slaves of conventional abuse, the most to be pitied are those who have to bolt their dinner in a minimum of time, and hasten back to their drudgery, and often to a temperature that must tempt them to harbor a week of their lives for one hour of undisturbed sleep. A light breakfast and late dinner surprisingly ease the burden of the hottest working day.—Dr. Felix L. Oswald

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