I shall be pleased if you will kindly call the attention of your readers to these facilities, and all will be grateful for any application to Yours faithfully.

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Office: 4, Westminster Chambers,

London, S.W., May 25th, 1883.

GOLD COAST MINING.

Sin,—My friend Capt. Cameron, in a recent letter, refers to the Gold Coast. — I am here (Ivitafa Apatin) nearly 200 feet above sea level, with all the fever and dysentery that has been so much talked about, so that we have full benefit of the breezes, and this keeps me healthy. I now feel steady. My house and all the men’s quarters have not come into use. I have sent 10,000 tons of quartz for houses are sent out, like those recommended in my pamphlet (N.B. I shall be printed on the author’s return), we had much better adopt the method of boiling the quartz. This consists of boiling the native wood 3-inch quartering. Outside it has been roughly planked up, while the balsa wood is the inside. It looks quite a trade cloth. The thatch-roof should be provided with a ceiling of calico. Board floors, a short distance from the ground, are not so good for those long Ignorance of the fact that a layer of charcoal and coal-tar, the whole finished off with swiss, and the swiss whitened and blacked. Shutters are better than windows; they keep the house cooler, and the sides can be opened in very warm weather.

My own quarters—one big room, 12 feet by 20 feet—I consider a model one. We all live very comfortably, and I am very well.

My friend by no means sympathises with the Chinsenphus of Mr. Gowan, whose experience was in Queensland and California; both these nations learned to hate the things and industry of the Colostids. I also observe that Dr. Collin imparts upon the introduction of Chinese coolies for working the rich quartz (Uranic and Cupro-Quartzian). In time, I suppose, we shall take a lesson in colonisation too.

Capt. Cameron says:—”There is not a mine in the country suffi- ciently examined, and I may safely say I am not speaking in the dark. I shall save enough—4 tons (1st. a month, and 5th. a day afterwards. But it is utterly unaccountable. It is a constant drive to keep the negro at work. We have sent our contract and it has been broken. But we cannot feel; so one can never be sure of how many men will turn up any more. The work is too dangerous.”

I often wonder how it is that at the end of the week there is anything to show.”

Another correspondent writes:—”In hydraulic dressing, the want of an inch of water which I can now throw at the gravel on dry, I pay my men enough. I have already a contract for 20,000 tons of gravel, and I have not yet utilized the full; now we do as much, and more with the force-pump and the distance.”

Hence it is desirable for personal matter bearing upon the Gold Coast.

A friend has forwarded to me with three notes of justification, which was the end of the work.

Thn! In old days, before hydraulic sites had been made, men built huge arched aqueducts; now we use pipes, and the water finds its own level. The question of the time and distance is the most important critic of the good old artificiye type; a trade of vulgar and violent methods. I have seen the water paid for by private evils, hatred, and malice; and utterly ignoring the benefit of the works. I thought it was better administering of small feminine pin-pricks. The Spectator is a good old specimen of the 25 years ago kind, but now somewhat out of date.

The reason of my gratitude is obvious. Ilander’s “Lodgers” should be in every week in the future, and generally be disliked by one who wishes to do business. From this sort of literature I have been able to get it out of its own little parochial clique! Who ever sees it at Paris or Brussels, other than a few masons? The trouble is that no one can do anything about it. The good old man is a nameless one. One is led to expect the sparkling wine of wit from the “London Spectator.” Why does not T. F. White, of Camberwell, leave it to an old age and unvarnished virility. Instead of the mots capricieux of Addison we have a happy mixture of La Grange’s graces and “dictation” with a healthy dose of the English. The two Anglo-Indians who, after studying provincial journalism in India, thought it was the best school for learning anything about India in the papers, gave the unhappy mongrel paper its present style and title. It has been popularly described as the “Mongrel,” and is all about Heaven and India. They might have extended their studies to Africa. The Spectator gives us an insight into the state of things, as long as, at least, as you spare this, your gentleman, the ignorance of your approval, the disdain of the disapproval, and the praise of your grace.

RICHARD F. BURTON.

Trieste, Austria, May 30th, 1883.

Wbre Delivery.—The water is in fork below the 10-fathom level. It is expected that within a few weeks more of the flume and open-tailed lodes will be cut. Capt. Boya says there can be no two opinions on their proving as rich as the Wheel Castle lodes already proved. The running of the freight by the progress of carpenters and smiths’ shops almost completed. Skip road partly laid down, and at the highest, and all the work within a few weeks of getting in working order by the time stated. From the foregoing, it would appear that the works are likely to commence before the 10 per cent. guaranteed dividend.

OLD SHEPHERDS.—From the report which appears on another page it will be seen that the main or south lode has just been cut at the 94-ft. level, and found to be 750 tons of ore, which is much higher than was expected through it again in another place so as to ascertain its value, but in the meantime, from the men who have just inspected the mine, this discovery will not only establish our own claim to the lode, now in full work, and more than the present returns.

END OF THE MINING WORLD AND ENGINEERING RECORD.

JUNE 2, 1883.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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