#### MAKING PORCELAIN.

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The maker of porcelain and pottery has decidedly the most exciting and ro-

mantic trade in the world. The great factories of Sevres and Dresden were founded by Bernard Palissy. This man invented white enamel, but it took him sixteen years to make the invention-sixteen years of hunger, misery and persecution, which culminated in the episode, used in H. A. Jones' play of "The Middleman" wherein Palissy maintained his furnace fire by burning all the furniture in his house and finally opened the furnace door to find within the glaze which he had sought throughout the best years

of his life. Bottgher invented hard porcelan. He was an alchemist, and one day, chancing to discover that his powdered wig was unusually heavy, he inquired the cause and found that the weight was due to the kaolin with which the wig was powdered. This kaolin was the substance for lack of which Bott gher's investigations had for years

When Elers opened a porcelain fac tory at Burslem he employed none bu: the most stupid and illiterate workmen so that his secret processes might no become known. But Samuel Astburg resolved to learn the Elers method, and affecting ignorance and stupidity, h got a place in the factory, mastered al of Elers' secrets and eventually opened a plant of his own, wherein he duplicaed in every detail the work of Elers.

### MANY, MANY DOCTORS.

A Sixteenth Century Wager The Might Be Won Today.

The story is told in Joubert's "Poptlar Errors Concerning Medicine," put lished at Bordeaux, France, in 157, that one Gonelle, a jeste at the cout of the Duke of Ferrara, insisted one upon a time that the trade which hal the most followers was that of doctor To prove his assertion he left his hone one morning to go to the palace with his nighteap on and his jaws wrapped up. The first person he met stoppe him with the question, "What is the matter with you, Gonelle?" "A terribe toothache." "Oh, is that all? I'll tel you what will cure it." And every peson he met had some advice to gie

When the jester reached the dukes chamber, the same question and as swer were repeated. "Ah," said the prince, "I know of something that will take the pain right away." Gonele instantly threw up his kerchief, saying "And you, too, monseigneur, are a dotor? I have only passed through on street in coming from my house to you and have counted more than 200 d them. I believe I could find 10,000 i the city." Whether the story is true & false, it could be told again in our days, and Gonelle would win his wage without dispute.

The Stars Were Once Human Eyes. The most remarkable belief or superstition concerning the human eye is one that is current in Australia. Among the natives of that country it is the general belief that the left eye of every chief becomes a star the moment the chief in question is done with it. The sun, they say, is the eye of the "greater god" and the moon the eye of the "lesser god." All the stars were once the left optics of human beings of high rank. Shungle, a celebrated chef, once ate the eye of a valiant chet, thinking thereby to increase the bri-liancy of his own "eye star." But the eye burned through Shungle's belk and killed him, whereupon his own left eye became joined to the one he tad eaten, and the two may now be seen as a beautiful double star lying just to the east of the Southern Cross.

Liquid Corn.

An easterner was prospecting in the north Georgia mountains when he came on a native apparently clinging to the side of a steep hill tilling corn.

The prospector stopped for a cha; and the mountaineer, nothing loath for a rest in the shade from his fatiguing toil, was agreeable.

"Say, friend, how in the world do you get the corn down off that hillside afer it is ready for harvest?" asked the

"In jugs," was the laconic and prolably truthful reply.-Atlanta Georgian. LACE BARK TREES.

The Beautiful and Serviceable Dres Materials They Yield.

There are in all about half a dozen lace bark trees in the world, so called because the inner bark yields a natural lace in ready made sheet form, which can be made up in serviceable articles of apparel. Only four of these curious species of trees are of much practical value. Tourists who have stopped at Hawaii or Samoa may recall the lace bark clothing of the natives-clothing of a neat brown color when new, of remarkable strength and of a fragrant odor, like freshly cured tobacco leaf. The native tapa cloth, as it is called, is made from the bark of the Brusonetia papirifera, but it is not usually included among the real lace bark trees. In its natural state the real lace bark is of a delicate cream white tint. It is probably a kind of fibrous pith. When the outer bark is removed it can be unfolded and unwound in one seamless piece, having a surface of a little more than a square yard. Washing and sun bleaching give it a dazzling white appearance. The fabric is airily light. It is used in the West Indies for mantillas, cravats, collars, window curtains-in a word, for every purpose that ordinary lace is used. In making up shawls, veils and the like it is customary to piece two sheets of lace bark together. Delicate and apparently weak as it is in single mesh, a bit of lace bark if rolled into a thin string will all but resist human strength to break it.-New York World.

## UNCONGENIAL FLOWERS. Mignonette and Roses, For Instance Will Not Mix.

The florist frowned as he took up an order for a table decoration. "That will never do," he muttered. After calling up the customer and suggesting a change, he told his new clerk a

few things. "You must never take an order that calls for a mixture of mignonette and roses," he said. "A centerpiece of those two flowers wouldn't last half through the luncheon. They simply wilt one another. I don't know why, but they can't get along together.

"It is true of many flowers. Pansies, for instance, last twice as long if they are not combined with any other flower, and the same may be said of violets. Jonquils and daffodils, on the other hand, seem to get a new lease of life if you combine considerable green with them. Carnations will go all to pieces if you combine them with roses, although the roses do not seem to be affected.

"It is more striking in combinations of green with flowers. If you try to use an entirely different type of foliage from what the flower is used to, it won't last so long. So I never put feathery foliage with lilies of the valley, for you know its natural foliage is a thick leaf. I never use thick leaves with carnations, for their foliage is of the feathery type. It isn't as though the flowers fought, but they seem to grieve at being misunderstood."—New York Press.

A Lure For Cock Robin.

Two coins clinked together give so good an imitation of the robin's metallic note that this device has long been employed in England to attract the welcome "harbinger of spring." Formerly male robins were snared by the clinking of two copper pennies near a dummy bird. The dummy was perched on a twig smeared with bird lime, and cock robin, attracted by the sound and suspecting a rival, flew at him with blood in his eye. This is in violation of the bird laws in the United States, and no one who lives where robins make their home in confidence is likely to give the odd trick so unpleasant a finale. The clinking coppers serve a much more agreeable purpose as a means of rendering cock robin socia-

The Inns of Old England.

Efforts were continually being made in England to keep down the number of inns. In the reign of Edward I. there were only three in the whole of London. Even in 1552 no more than forty were legally permitted in the metropolis, now spreading out its boundaries on every side. York might have eight, Norwich, Exeter and Cambridge four, Bristol six and Oxford three. These regulations must have been set at naught in a very wholesale manner, for half a century later there were 400 "houses of call" in that part of London known as the City and no fewer than twenty-four clustered round Covent Garden. In mediaeval Oxford it was ruled that no "victualer" was eligible for the office of mayor, and this term included an innkeeper.

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most trifling question. After you have worked hard and saved your money it makes you mad to be approached by a man who has spent his and be invited to go into a scheme that is solely for his benefit.-Atchison

Queer Drummers. "There's a story," said a drummer, "about a commercial traveler whose line was tunnels and post holes for fences. Him I never met. I did meet once, though, a drummer selling iron churches and suspension bridges. Another time I met a drummer who said his line was pupils. What did he mean by pupils? He meant, I found, glass eyes for stuffed animals, for dolls and for human beings. One of this man's favorite amusements was to open his sample case and ask the people present to pick out the eye that best matched their own. The people made awful mistakes in this, for nobody, it seems, knows the color of his own eyes."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

What Father Does. Methers may talk, work, struggle to make their sons models by which to shape a new heaven and a new earth. But the boy's world is in the man who is his father, and the boy believes that whatever may be right on Sundays or at prayer times the things that are really good, that really count in life, are what father does. Moreover, it is what father does which defines the means with which the boy shall work, the sphere wherein his efforts shall be shaped. In a word, what father does is the beginning as it is the end of the boy's achievements.-Harper's Bazar.

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