DUDES OF OTHER TIMES.

Dress of a Dandy of the Early Nine-

teenth Century. A cure for the confirmed railer against modern dress might be a course of inspection through a file of old fashion magazines or the perusal of such accounts as are given by the author of "Sketches of Lynn." The description is that of a suit worn in the first part of the nineteenth century.

The boots were an important article of dress. The toes were made as broad | So any mischief resulting from cutting as the ball of the foot, with the cor- the lashes will be remedied by time. ners well rounded, giving the shoe the Opinions differ as to whether lash cutresemblance to the snout of a shovel ting promotes growth. That it renders posed shark. They were very snug and the lashes unsightly is very certain. required strong straps. In order to get into a fashionable pair the heel of the stocking was well soaped and some pulverized soap sprinkled into the boot. The length of time it took to get one on depended on the strength of the

owner and the strap. The stylish overcoat displayed five capes, one above the other. The trousers were expected to fit as tight as the skin. Just how they were put on is a mystery. The coat was especially snug under the sleeves, and the velvet collar scraped up the back of the head. The camlet overcoats after a little wear, became as stiff as birch bark.

The thing worn about the neck was called a stock. This name was appropriate in its suggestion of an instrument of punishment. The stock was from three to six inches high, and was made stiff. A man was forced to look straight ahead. Only by careful management could be see a little on either side. About halfway between his eyes and ears two little points of collar stuck up like toothpicks.

Ruffled bosoms and wristbands finished the costume, with the addition of a tall silk hat. When inclosed in this manner, with a dash of attar of roses on his handkerchief, the man of the period was considered irresistible.

TOO HUMBLE A HUSBAND.

Position of Prince Albert, Royal Consort of Queen Victoria.

A woman looked up with a laugh from a heavy volume she was reading. "Now I know," she said, "why Queen Victoria was so fond of the prince consort. This husband did not merely regard his wife as his equal; he regarded her as immeasurably his superior, saying that it was his duty to sink his own individual existence in her. Listen to this letter that Prince Albert wrote to the Duke of Wellington. Here is a champion of woman's rights indeed. Don't you think, though, it is going too far for a man to humble

himself so low as this?" She then read from her book in a

My Dear Duke—In the question whether it is advisable that I should take the command of the army I have come to the conclusion that my decision ought entire-ly to be guided by the consideration whether it would interfere with or assist my position of consort to the sovereign. This position is a most peculiar and deli-This position is a most peculiar and deli-cate one. While a female sovereign has a great many disadvantages in compari-son with a king, yet if she is married and her husband understands and does his duty her position, on the other hand, has many compensatory advantages and in the long run will be found to be stronger even than that of the male sovereign. But this requires that the husband should entirely sink his own individual existence in that of his wife and that he should aim at no power by himself or for himself, being content to be the husband of the queen, the private secretary of the sov-ereign and the tutor of the royal chil-

Reading on a Train.

If you travel back and forth into town every day you no doubt read your paper or a magazine on the train. While this is not, indeed, the best practice for the eyes, it seems a pity to waste so much time which might be turned to good account. Much of the annoyance which comes from train reading is due to the jolting of the cars, which continually knocks the printed line out of focus with the eye. This can be in some degree obviated by laying a card or some other object below the line to be read and moving it steadily downward while reading. This acts as a guide to the eye and helps to keep the sight fixed. Those who have tried it say that it wonderfully assists to decrease the difficulty of reading while in motion.

Trade Emblems on Tombstones. In Scotland it was for a long time usual to place on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. Especially its hole with such swiftness as in an was this the case at Dunblane, where, instant to place it out of danger.

in the burial ground of the abbey, it has been found that of those tombstones which are from 100 to 200 years old about one-fourth are thus marked, the symbols being in low relief. A sugar cane may be seen as showing the grave of a grocer; an ax and saw, with hammer and nails, occur on the grave of a carpenter; an awl and a hammer on that of a shoemaker. There are many other graves similarly marked.-London Answers.

Cutting Eyelashes. An eyelash is pointed. A cut lash is blunt. A lash once cut never again becomes pointed. Every lash lives a variable time and then falls out to be replaced by a fresh one. When a cut lash so falls the newcomer is pointed.

A Lengthy Drop. Mrs. Portly-Puffington (proudly)-We can trace our ancestry back to one of

the Saxon kings. Visitor-Indeed? Mrs. Portly-Puffington - Oh, dear, yes! We have been descending for

generations.-Puck.

I don't want to brag, but I've got my health and my friends, so what on earth more do I want?-Deland.

STAG LEGENDS.

Ancient Stories of the Animal's An-

tipathy to Snakes. There is no beast in the world to which more legendary virtues are attributed than the stag, partly owing to the tale of St. Hubert, partly to a supposed antipathy of stags toward serpents, partly to a peculiar mass of gristle in the shape of a cross which is found in the animal's heart. A whole book might be written on the miraculous power of the heart and the efficacy of different parts of him against the troubles of this evil world. Fouilloux, in the sixteenth century, gives a long list, and Master Robert Topsel fills page upon page with them, but our author in his solid English fashion is chary of accepting such stories.

Men say, he admits, that when a stag is right old he beateth a serpent with his foot till she be wroth, and then eateth her, and then goeth to drink, and then runneth hither and thither till the water and venom be meddled together, and maketh him cast all his evil humors that he had in his body, and maketh his flesh come all anew. But, he adds, with the solemnity of Herodotus himself, "Thereof make I none affirmation." And this phrase occurs again and again, for the Comte de Foix is too great and noble a hunter that any assertion of his should be laughed at.-Macmillan's Magazine.

Gambling a Religious Duty. "Speaking of gambling," a missionary said, "I know of a sect that re-They one day in each year gamble like mad from sunrise till sunset. The day is the festival of the lamps, a day sacred to Lakshun, the goddess of wealth. A tremendous lot of money changes hands in Lakshun's honor. All this gambling is done to test the financial success that will attend on each person throughout the year. If a gambler loses he knows a year of hard luck is ahead of him. If he wins be knows he may expect a twelvemonth of prosperity. Strange to say, a good deal of cheating accompanies this re-

ligious gambling." Champion Divers.

"Larry Donovan," said a professional swimmer, "made the highest dive on record. It was 210 feet-a dive from the Brooklyn bridge. Donovan also took a dive from Niagara bridge, a good 200 feet. There are no other divers in the same class with Larry. Jack Burns made a dive of 150 feet from the topmost yardarm of the Three Brothers, the largest sailing ship of its time, and Jim O'Rourke and Julius Gautier have done some good diving, too-100 feet, 125 feet, and so on-but it is doubtful if Donovan's record will ever be broken.'

The Crawfish's Tail.

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est in his work doesn't have to spend much time looking for a job.

Vegetable Gluttons. Sundews, common in English marshes, are sufficiently knowing to distinguish between various substances presented to them. Offer them a nice scrap of tender beef, and in a couple of hours they will have concealed it from sight. Try them with a piece of chalk or a tiny pebble, and they remain stolidly immovable. Wet the chalk and offer it again, and the plant apparently mistakes it for meat, the bristles gradually closing round it; then, discovering the deception, they gradually relax and return the chalk without thanks. These vegetable gluttons will absorb morsels of poached eggs and mutton chops, but cheese turns the leaves quite black and finally kills them.

Saluting the Flag. Army regulations prescribe in detail what honors shall be paid to the flag, and these regulations are implicitly and gladly observed. No matter how little one may relish the duty of showing the respect due to some military superior, he is always ready and glad to do honor to his flag. Whenever any one in the military service of the United States passes near the unfurled colors or whenever the flag passes before him, he is required to remove his cap in salute, and if sitting he is required to rise and stand at "attention" until the flag has passed.—St. Nicholas.

Rome's Great Fire.

In A. D. 64 ten of the fourteen municipal districts of Rome were destroyed by a conflagration instigated, it is said, by the Emperor Nero. The number of lives lost is known to amount up into the hundreds, but the value of the property destroyed cannot be estimated. By the emperor's command thousands of Romans rendered homeless and destitute were employed in removing the debris and rebuilding the burned city. Nero, to divert the odium of the crime from himself, charged it upon the Christians, and thus began one of the greatest persecutions in the history of the early Christian church.

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