The Making of Diamonds. It is quite possible to manufacture diamonds. Indeed a famous Frenchman of science, Moissan, made very large numbers by means of his electric furnace. His process was to dissolve lumps of sugar in moiten iron, subjecting the solution to enormous pressure. Lump sugar may be said to consist simply of water and diamond. It is the case that the diamond is mereby crystallized carbon. There are three kinds of carbon-plumbago, graphite and diamond—the composition of all of which is identical. When charcoal is dissolved in molten iron, graphite is formed. All the diamonds found in Borneo, Brazil, India and South Africa are made in much the same mannerthat is, by the action of great heat and enormous pressure. Charcoal formed from wood has been baked into diamonds, the enormous heat and pressure of the earth's interior causing the beautiful white stone to crystallize out. Although artificial (distinct from imitation) diamonds have been made for some time, the cost has been prohibitive, while the stones have been of but insignificant size and value.

Fastidious Smokers.

"Did you know," asked one member of a group in the hotel lobby, "that an Indian is much more fastidious than a white man in the matter of smoking? I saw when I was in Montana several of their war dances and the councils afterward. You know, they sit in a circle on the ground and pass the pipe of good fellowship around in silence. Each man takes two or three puffs and then hands the pipe to his next neighbor. But if you notice you will see that in the whole circuit which it makes the mouthpiece is never wet. The red man merely lays the end of the stem against his lower lip and, keeping his mouth partly open, draws a deep breath. Removing the pipe, he exhales the smoke and then perhaps repeats the process, but he never puts the mouthpiece into his mouth in the common 'paleface' fashion. If he is asked to smoke a peace pipe after a white man, he first wipes off the end of the pipestem where it has been in the previous smoker's mouth."-New York Times.

The Lecturer's Subject.

"I call my lecture 'Glass.' " said the lecturer, "not because it says anything about that subject, but because of the nature of it. To begin with, it is the sort of lecture that anybody can see through. Then I am liable to make a number of breaks in its delivery, after which it will be full of funny cracks. In addition, it requires a lot of sand to produce it, to say nothing of the hot air employed. The agents have blown it pretty much to the commit-

"Another point of resemblance between my lecture and glass is that shan't refer to the subject any more, though it is not a safe one to drop. The principal reason for my selection of this name anyway is my knowledge of the fascination foreign titles have for the American people.'

But noticing that the audience had hurried away the lecturer desisted .-Chicago News.

A Mercenary Boy.
"When I was a boy," said the man who insisted that men were more mercenary than women, "I had a little friend named Willie. Willie appeared one day with a fine apple. "'I'll give you this apple,' he said to

a little girl, 'for twenty kisses.' "The little girl was amazed. That was not at all like Willie. Nevertheless she consented.

"'Shut your eyes,' said Willie, 'Sit down here and shut your eyes. And, mind you, if you open them the bargain is off.

"The little girl obeyed, and slowly, very slowly, the kisses began to fall upon her lips. One, two, three, four (a long pause), five, six (another long pause), seven (pause), eight, nine, ten (intolerable pause).

"'Oh, Willie, hurry!" "'I'm not Willie."

"The little girl opened her eyes in astonishment and drew back her pretty mouth from the advancing lips of a strange boy, a very common, shabby sort of boy, whom she had never seen

"'Why, where's Willie?' she cried. "'He's down the street,' was the re-ply, 'sellin' yer kisses for two apples apiece. Better shut yer eyes again. The next three boys is terrible ugly." -St. Louis Republic.

On the Verge. He considered it a parental duty to

see that his daughter kept only the very best marriageable company. "Mary." said her father, "you have been going with that Mitchell fellow for more than a year now. This courtship must come to a termination."

"Oh, pa, how can you talk so? He is, oh, so sweet and nice!" "Ah!" And the fond father arched his eyebrows. "Sweet and nice, eh? Has he proposed?"

"Well, pa, not exactly." And the girl hung her head and fingered the drapery of her dress. "He hasn't exactly proposed; but, then, last evening, when we were out walking, we passed by a nice little house, and he said, 'That's the kind of cottage I am going to live in some day,' and I said 'Yes,' and then he glanced at me and squeezed my hand. Then, just as we got by. I glanced back at the cottage, and-and I squeezed his hand, pa."

"Oh, ah, I see! Well, we'll try him another week or two." - London Tit-

An English Turf Tragedy.

Half an hour before the race for the Two Thousand Guineas of 1883 Prince Batthyany, who bred St. Simon and who was one of the most popular racing men of any time, was talking with times of his presence of mind and his Lord Cadogan in the luncheon room of the Jockey club stand at Newmarket, when he suddenly reeled and fell.

He was carried to Weatherby's office, and doctors were summoned, but the prince was beyond all human aid, and just before the bell rang for the race for which his colt, Galliard, brother of sician was supposed to confirm his St. Simon, was first favorite he breathed his last.

A few minutes later "the clear blue sky rang with cheers and shouts as the the noose had deprived the man of horses came thundering along, which consciousness. It had not killed him. rose into a roar as Galliard won by a head," while behind the drawn blinds said Rohren. "The doctor told me the of Weatherby's office Galliard's own- Jew would come back to life in five er, who had been looking forward so minutes. What was I to do? To hang eagerly to this moment, was lying him a second time I held to be imposdead. It was owing to the death of sible, and yet I had to execute the his owner that Galopin's great son death sentence." "But what did you could not run in the Derby of 1884, do. then?" I asked and received the which he would almost certainly have won.—St. James' Gazette.

Curing Snake Bites.

Considerable difference of opinion exists with regard to a trustworthy remedy for snake bites. Dr. Lauder Brunton advocates the use of permanganate of potash applied immediately. Mr. Greengrass of North Arcot district, Madras, however, as the result of various experiments states that acetic acid, even in the diluted form of vinegar, is an important and effectual remedy, and it can be applied effectually as long as an hour or an hour and a half after the bite. Cases of recovery from snake bites have followed the application of vinegar after such intervals. An incision must be made over the bite, as much of the poison as possible squeezed out, and then vinegar is to be injected. If the bite is on a limb, a ligature must be placed above it. Mr. Greengrass records twenty-nine cases of recovery from cobra bites by such a use of vinegar. The one failure which occurred was due to the fact that no incision had been made over the bite. A similar treatment is recommended for the stings of scorpions .- London Standard.

Downing Street, London.

The greatest street in the world is one of the smallest. This is Downing ghost, every one who is asleep sleeps street, a dark little alley in the west of London. Here is the real center of the British empire, for it is at 10 Downing street that the premier has his official residence. Ever since Robert Walpole was the prime minister, 200 years ago, the heads of the government have made their homes in this "alley." American tourists usually go out of their way to gaze upon the dingy, almost repellent exterior of this lodge of diplomacy and national ambition, because Sir George Downing, who laid out the street and built the house therein, was of American ancestry. his mother belonging to the Winthrops of Massachusetts Bay Colony, and stands as the second graduate on the roster of Harvard college. After getwhen cut it is much more valuable. I | ting an American education he went to England and, seizing opportunity when it offered, became Oliver Cromwell's ambassador at The Hague.-Exchange.

Feeding the Stock.

The victim of the following story, if he is well behaved, he can rise from told in Mrs. Henry W. Cole's "A Lady's Tour Around Monte Rosa," was possessed of a keen sense of humor. Otherwise his dignity might have been ruffled by the unconscious revelation which came to his ears. In the course of Mrs. Cole's travels she met the Rev. Robert Montgomery, the poet, who told her an incident of his early career in the pulpit. When he was first admitted to holy orders he was appointed curate in a rural Scotch district and lodged in the house of a small tenant farmer. Notwithstanding his office of clergyman the family did not appear to hold their boarder in high veneration, for one day he heard high veneration, for one day he heard the woman servant call out to her

"Missis, shall I feed the pigs first or gie the mon his dinner?"

An Erratic Echo.

The late Sir John Leng had traveled in most quarters of the globe. On one occasion when visiting Spain he was asked at a certain spot by a traveling companion to test the powers of what was declared to be a wonderful echo. Sir John, slowly and deliberately, in rounded tones uttered the words, "Dun-dee Ad-ver-ti-ser," the name of the paper he owned. "Dundee Cou-rier and Argus," the name of the opposition paper, came back as the echo! Sir John's friends had played him a

Tea Drinking. Tea drinking was regarded as one of the feminine vices of a hundred years ago. The Female Spectator of that period observes: "The tea table costs more to support than would maintain two children at nurse. It is the utter destruction of all economy, the bane of good housewifery and the source of idleness."-London Mail.

Vanishing France. Old France is slowly disappearing. and its local customs, picturesque costumes and the language peculiar to its ancient provinces will very soon become nothing more than precious souvenirs preserved in faithful memories or related in works of tradition, which will charm our descendants.-Petit Pa-

A Slight Difference.
What is the difference between a jeweler and a jailer? One sells watches and the other watches cells.

It takes two to make a quarrel, but some folks don't have much trouble finding the other one .- Puck.

Coal and Wood.

Prince Urussov writes in his "Memoirs of a Russian Governor" of an acquaintance, one Von Rohren, a very kindly man, who liked to tell some police ability as demonstrated on one occasion at his former post. He was once called upon to be present at the execution of a Jewish criminal. The condemned man hung the required number of minutes and was taken flown from the gallows, when the phydeath. But it appeared that they had forgotten to cut off the Jew's long. thick beard, thanks to which, although "Imagine yourself in my position." memorable answer. "I had him buried quickly before he regained conscious-

Executing a Death Sentence.

Two Clever Answers. A pretty southern girl recently showed herself a match for the curious minded women in her boarding house who were bent on knowing what her

father's business was. As a matter of fact, he was an undertaker, but the girl was a bit sensitive on this point, so she made up her mind not to gratify their curiosity. When unduly pressed on the point she answered:

"He's a southern planter." This was quite within the bounds of truth and completely threw the inquis-

itive one off the track. The retort of a well known actress to a similar question about the occupation of her father, who was a letter carrier in her old home, was not inferior in finesse to that of the Dixle girl.

It was when she first began playing in London. Some one asking what business her father was engaged in she sweetly replied that he was "a man of letters."-Pittsburg Leader.

At 4 In the Morning. The hour of 4 a. m. has something mysterious about it. Cocks crow, peo ple on the brink of death give up the sounder, and even the watchful sentry can't always keep his eyes open. At this hour people are in their weakest state, and if life is just on the flicker it is not surprising that it goes out. Many a man's life has been saved by a spoonful of ammonia administered just when the clock strikes 4. The period of deepest sleep varies from 3 to 5 o'clock. An hour or two after going to bed you sleep very soundly, then your slumber grows gradually lighter, and it is easy enough to waken you at 1 or 2 o'clock. But when 4 o'clock comes you are in such a state of somnolence that you would take no notice of the end of the world.

Criminals In New South Wales. New South Wales has a novel system of dealing with habitual criminals. A man is sentenced to a term for his particular offense and to an indeterminate term because he is an "habitual." When he has served the definite term, grade to grade, each step being accompanied by various concessions. One feature is that he may earn wages. which may be sent to his family, spent on luxuries or credited to him for the day of release. A committee examines his progress from time to time, advising the minister when he may be released. No release is absolute till after a year's probation under modified restraint.

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