Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., January 28, 1910. BUZINO RUGS IN CAIRO.

Writing of "The Passing of the Antique Rug" in the Century, John Kimberly Mumford tells this story:

It is beyond question cheaper to buy in America your rug and the ingenious tale that goes with it than to wait until you visit Constantinople or Smyrna or Cairo or Tiffis. They are much more skillful and insinuating over fourth. If horses are rolling on slopthere. They have the advantage of local color and environment, and your common sense is under the ., well of the east to begin with.

Here is an incident to illustrate. A party of rich Americans arrived in Cairo one day several winters ago on a yachting trip and passed a week or more in sightseeing. One of them had just finished a palatial house not far from New York and throughout Europe had bought marbles and bronzes. woodwork and velvets for it with a lavish hand. The journey to Cairo was made in order to secure rugs. What happened is best told in the words of a dealer in the bazaar, from whom I had it

change.

Diseases of Fear.

If you are afflicted with an unreason-

able fear of anything do not waste

"There was a fellow in our concern," he said. "who was always buying nightmares, and 1 had to work myself black in the face to get rid of them. The week before the Americans came this chap had taken in a shockingly bad pair of Kirmans, enormously big, new and, to my mind, utterly unsalable. When the head of the house saw them he held up his with aquaphobia and sapophobia, hands and shouted. 'Get rid of those things for a hundred pounds to the first person who'll buy them."

"So I rolled them up and put them one side, intending to send them to a commission man in the bazaar to unload. Next morning in came Moneybags from New York with his whole company. He said he wanted to see the best carpets I had, and he saw them. I turned the place inside out. human weakness except the actress' Nothing pleased him. for the reason horror of publicity. that I made the common mistake of showing him too much. He thought 1 had something hidden away, so he winked me over into one corner and told me who he was. 'Now.' said he. 'I want you to limber up. I want the hest, and I don't mind price if I get what suits me."

"I was in despair, for I had actually shown the man every carpet I had. All of a sudden I thought of these two freaks baled away the day before. 1 almost laughed in his face, but finally I pulled my mouth down and began salaaming and asked him why in the world he hadn't told me who he was in the beginning, then I shouldn't have wasted his time and abused his pa-

"He grianed triumphantly. "I thought you had them.' he sail. Bull, said I. it will take a little time to get at them, and I must ask you and your friends to wait patiently.' "They waited, and I tell you for the next half hour the men around that shop earned their pay. We went upstairs and unrolled those two rugs. We had a great big curtain of green plush, which we hung against the wall. Then we pressed the carpets out and put them up against the curtain. That, you know, is worth 50 per cent to the looks. Then we adjusted the lights and stationed men all around to look as soleum as worshipers. Nobedy was to speak above a whisper, and every man was to mur mur 'Mashallah!' at appropriate intervals. "When everything was ready I usb-

Fast Train That Carries the Raw Ma-Count the Times a Horse Rolls. terial Across the Continent. To see a horse when out at pasture When a fast mail steamer from Yokorolling on the ground and endeavoring to turn over on his back is a common hama, Shanghai or Canton, the great sight, but how many people have no- silk ports of the orient, docks at Vanticed that in doing this he observes couver. Tacoma, Seattle or San Franan invariable rule? The rule is that cisco a special train stands ready on he always rolls over either at the first the pier awaiting her arrival. It is not or third attempt-never at the second the private conveyance of some trans--and more than three attempts are portation king or multimilionaire or never made. In other words, if the of any of the passengers who throng the decks, nor does it tarry for the horse succeeds in rolling over at the sacks of letters from the far. east. Its ärst try, well and good-that satisfies him. But if the first attempt is a fail- coaches do not shine with the refuiure the second one always is. Then gence of varnish and plate glass. Their he either rolls quite over at the third paint is dull, and they are windowless. or gives it up. He never makes a like express cars. The side doors toward the ship are open. This special ing ground they usually roll uphill. is the emperor of trains. It is reserved This is more easy of explanation than for the costliest of all freight-raw the strange custom regulating the silk. When it starts eastward its ladnumber of attempts. As to this no ing will be worth a fortune-a million adequate reason has ever been offered, and a half, perhaps two millions, of Will those ingenious people who tell us dollars. why a dog turns around befsre lying A giant locomotive, built for speed, down and why ducks walk behind each other in a string instead of

with driving wheels greater in diameter than the beight of a tall man. abreast explain why a horse never backs down and is coupled on to the cars, now sealed and locked and ready. makes four attempts to roll over and never succeeds at the second?-Ex-With clauging bell and hissing steam the train glides out and, with a burst of speed that seems almost exuitant,

takes the main line rails for the long journey. The silk must be landed in New York in five days. Even the

time being ashamed of yourself; hurry United States mails will not travel at once to a doctor, advises a writer faster across the continent. Day and in Success Magazine. A writer in the night the silk train rushes eastward Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette has over mountains and plains, across descompiled a list of fear diseases from erts and through great cities. It never which it appears that everything, from stops except to change engines. Then screaming at mice to being afraid to it halts only for a moment. Another go home in the dark, is a well recog- giant locomotive, oiled and groomed nized mental ailment. The tramp is and fit, is always waiting to take up in reality a sufferer from ergophobia, the race.

or fear of work, often complicated The silk train is run as a special. If a limited loses time and gets in the which make him shun the bathtub. way the limited has to fret on a sid-Siderophobia and astrophobia cause ing while the silk train roars by in a timid ladies to go into the closet when whirlwind of dust. The silk special it thunders and lightens. Any number runs on no schedule except that of the of people have cat and dog phobias. greatest speed consistent with safety. Phantophobia is what you would have The chief dispatcher of each division if you were afraid of your shadow, listens watchfully to the news of its while an all around unqualified cowprogress coming in over the wires and might be called a phantophobiac. from one signal tower and station after The list is long and includes every another. While the silk train is yet a thousand miles away it is being prepared for. The capabilities of engineers and engines are thoughtfully discussed by division dispatchers and Despite the fact that the spider, next trainmasters, and the men and mato the mouse, is most violently stimuchines with the bighest capacity for lating to feminine sensitiveness, it is speed are picked. Tracks are cleared an insect of a very good character. It and a thousand details arranged so feeds exclusively upon other freshly that there shall be no delay in nurikilled insects, and they are the kinds ing this huge projectile across the condenounced by sanitary authorities, the tinent .-- Harper's Weekly.

Protecting Himself.

His service in reducing the numbers of this pest is considerable, because "Prisoper at the bar." said the portthe spider is always busy, and he is |ly, pompous and florid magistrate, acpresent in countless numbers, says cording to the London News, "you are Leslie's Weekly. The reason why he charged with stealing a pig. a very is not more frequently seen is that he serious offense in this district. There is retiring in his habits and shuns hu- has been a great deal of pig stealing. man society quite as much as that and I shall make an example of you shuns him. He seldom bites anything or none of us will be safe."

but food, and even when in self defense he does assert himself the result

Claster's Clothing Store.

A STORY TOLD IN FIGURES.

Why Claster's store is the store for thrifty people. The economy store. The sale of Kline's shoes still going on.

Kline's \$4 Just Right Shoes, in all leathers\$3.19 Kline's \$4 Dolly Madison Shoes for Women\$3.19 Kline's \$2.50 rolled edge, snag proof Lumber- mans Gums\$1.95	Heavy 50c fleece lined Men's Shirts and Drawers
Kline's \$1.50 1-buckle Artics\$1.19	Men's 18 cent Dress Sox 11c
Kline's \$2 Boys' Gum Boots, size 11 to 2\$1.48	Men's 50 cent Neckwear
Heavy 50 cent all-wool Sox	Men's \$2 Coat Sweaters 98c

Claster's Underselling Store,

Crider's Exchange,

Allegheny Street.

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Afghans Use Cobblestones, While Turcomans Like Sand.

The bread of the Afghan caravan was cooked by heating small round cobblestones in the fire and then poking them out and wrapping dough an inch thick about them. The balls thus formed were again thrown into the fire, to be poked out again when cooked. The bread tasted well there in the desert, although in civilized communities the grit and ashes would have seemed unendurable. After good fellowship had been es-

tablished the Afghans actually sold us some flour, says a writer in the National Geographical Magazine. The camp where we used it a little later happened to be beside the sandy bed of a trickling salt stream, which was drinkable in winter, but absolutely unusable in summer, when evaporation is at its height and the salt is concentrated.

"See," said one of our Turcomans as we dismounted; "here is some sand. Tonight we can have some good bread."

When some dry twigs had been gathered he proceeded to smooth off a bit of the cleanest sand and built upon it a hot fire. When the sand was thoroughly hot he raked off most of the coals and smoothed the sand very neatly. Meanwhile one of the other men had made two large sheets of dough about three-quarters of an inch thick

and eighteen inches in diameter. Between these he placed a layer of lumps of sheep's tail fat, making a huge round sandwich. This was now spread on the hot saud, coals mixed with sand

were placed completely over it, and it was left to bake. Now and then an edge was uncovered, and a Turcoman smelled it appreciatively and rapped on it to see if it was yet cooked. When the top was thoroughly baked the bread was turned over and covered up again. It tasted even better than the Afghan bread after it was cooled

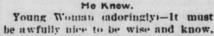
a little and the sand and ashes had been whisked off with a girdle. The Turcomans are so accustomed to life in the sandy desert that they think it impossible to make the best kind of bread without sand, while the Afghans, who live in the stony mountains, think that cobblestones are a requisite.

Fooling the Boy. "Why did the cow jump over the moon, pa?"

"I suppose it was a sort of early experiment in aerial navigation."-New York Press

Almond Oil. One hundred pounds of almonds yield forty-eight pounds of oil.

Careworn man has in all ages sown vanity to reap despair.-Goethe.



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ph. everything: Yale Senior-It is. Yale Courant. Down on Rival Plants.

Bellefonte. Pa.

Wife-John, the hens have scratched up that eggplant seed you sowed. Hub -Darn 'em! Jealousy, I suppose .-Boston Transcript.

A Mean Hint

Miss Oldgirl-1 have been studying with Professor Plump, and he gave me a few wrinkles. Miss Pert-Do you think you need any more, dear?-**Baltimore** American

The Refined Style. Tenderfor' (aghast) - You're not lynching that man? Arizona Ike-Well-er-we don't refer to it in that unrefined way. We call it showin' 'im the ropes .- Judge.

Varied Formula.

"Did he tall the whole truth?" "Practically. He told the truth with a hole just large enough for him to trawl out of it."-Puck.

An Example. "Pa, what's a cynical smile?" "Your mother will show yow, my son, the next time I tell her I an't spare all the money she wants."

ered the customers up and on tiptoe led them in. There is no doubt about it, the effect was fine. At first everybody was still. It was like a church. "'Ah,' said the great man. 'that is what I came for. I knew you had them. You needn't tell me the price. Just send them to the yacht at Alexandria.'

"That night I went up to the hotel where they were stopping and got his check for 60,000 francs for the pair. And that wasn't the best of it. I had got into my stride then, and while he was busy annexing the Kirmans I had the porters bring up seven of the carpets he had refused downstairs and showed them in that dim religious light, unrolling them as if they had been sacred and sighing soulfully every now and then. He bought the whole seven and to the day of his death fully believed that I was the original wizard of the east."

Etiquette of Letters. Eighty years ago the etiquette of letters was far more rigid than now.

Even the twopenny post was not considered good enough for correspondence addressed to persons of any standing. In her "Reminiscences of an Octogenarian" Miss Louisa Packe tells us that when her father had occasion to write to Londoners in his own class of life the letter was always conveyed by a servant not for any reasons of urgency, but because the post was considered a vulgar medium of communication for persons residing in the same city and or ly to be used for the conveyance of letters to the country .- London Chronicle.

A hopeless man is deserted by himself, and he who deserts himself is soon deserted by his friends.

The Editor Won. A London paper described a children's excursion as a "long white scream of joy" and was called to account by a correspondent, who said that a scream could be long. but not white, whereupon the editor justified himself by urging that "a hue is often associated with a cry."

is no worse than a mosquito bite or a bee sting. The touching story of "The Spider and the Fly" was evidently intended to invite sympathy for the fly.

A Useful Pest.

housefly being its favorite quarry.

Buttered Side Up.

One of the stories which Levi Hutchins, the old time clockmaker of Concord, N. H., delighted to tell related to the youth of Daniel Webster.

"One day," said the old man, "while I was taking breakfast at the tavern kept by Daniel's father. Daniel and his brother Ezekiel, who were little boys with dirty faces and snarly hair, came to the table and asked me for bread and butter. I complied with their request, little thinking that they would become very distinguished men. Daniel dropped his piece of bread on the sana; floor, and the buttered side, of course, was down. He looked at it a moment, then picked it up and showed it to me, saying:

"'What a pity! Please give me a piece of bread buttered on both sides; then if I let it fall one of the buttered sides will be up.""

Comets of the Past Century. During the nineteenth century 235

new comets were discovered as against sixty-two in the eighteenth century. The nineteenth century also beheld a greater number of large and brilliant comets than did its predecessor. The finest of these were the comets of 1811, 1843, 1858, 1881 and 1882. In the year 1800 only one periodical comet was known, Halley's. Now many are known, of which at least seventeen have been seen at more than one return to perihelion.

Alabama's Capitals.

When Alabama was a territory Its capital was at St. Stephens, in Washington county. The convention that framed the constitution under which it was admitted into the Union was held in Huntsville, where the first legislature met in October, 1819, and the first governor was inaugurated. Cahaba became the seat of government in 1820. In 1825 the capital was removed to Tuscalocsa, and in 1846 it was again removed, this time to Montgomery.

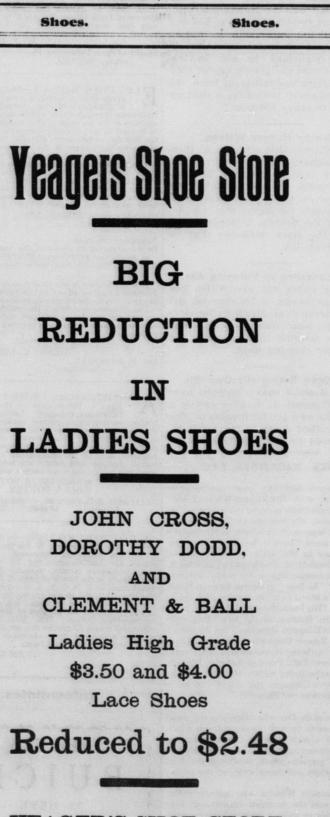
Didn't Want to See Much. "What are you wearing that monocle for?" asked the theatrical man-

ager. "You paid to see the show?" "Yes," replied the young man, "but I can see all I want of this show with the monocle."- Yonkers Statesman.

Caustic.

Sapleigh-The doctor says there's something the matter with my head. Sharp-You surely didn't pay a doctor to tell you that!-Boston Transcript.

How Good He Was. George-Do you think I'm good enough for you, darling? Darling-No, George, but you're too good for any other girl .- Illustrated Bits.



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