ng Old England. General Pillet of or of "L'angieterre vue a L ns ses Provinces." 'fe murderers a published hundred ye merally went this engaging work the author that "the murder of a married woman by her husband is hardly recognized as a crime. If by some rare chance the guilty husband is brought to justice he is bound to be acquitted. This accounts for the heavy death rate among women in England. Most Englishmen of fifty have been married at least three times." Pillet had been a prisoner of war in England and published this work in revenge. It was so full of libelous statements that its circulation was forbidden by the French government, and the few copies available brought very high

Apparently the English did not consider the work very dangerous, as a copy was secured for the British mu-

A Well Deserved Snub.

On one occasion an English gentleman called to see Lord Westmoreland on particular business. He was at breakfast and, receiving him with his usual urbanity, asked the object of his visit. The gentleman said that he felt somewhat aggrieved, as he had brought an official letter of introduction to him from the foreign office and, having learned that his lordship had given a great dinner the night before, was surprised and hurt at receiving no invitation. Lord Westmoreland exclaimed, with his usual heartiness: "God bless me, sir, I am really quite distressed. I think I received the letter of which you speak. I will send for it." Accordingly the letter was brought to him, and on reading it he said to the stranger: "Ah, I thought so! There, sir, is the letter, but there is no mention of dinner in it." On which the gentleman rose and backed out of the room in confusion.

How He Won the Votes. A physician in a small town wanted to be mayor. Politicians told him he had no chance—the machine was against him. A few days before the election be printed the following card in the paper:

"To the People of Bingtown-I am getting old and have decided that before I die I would like to be mayor of Bingtown. I have no particular platform to run on except that I want the office. I have lived here forty years, have paid my taxes without a murmur. collected what I could and forgiven and forgotten many omissions. If I am not elected I will publish in the or mistresses' good pleasure or circum-Bingtown Herald what I know about stances.-Chicago Journal. people in this community."

When the votes were counted the old loctor received all but three, and those moved into the town that spring.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Property Man Knew.

An English actor tells a good story of the old days of the touring fitup companies. They were at Oldham playing a melodrama called "Current Cash." One of the properties essential to the piece was a light rowing scull, with which the hero had to push himcesses of his room a real human skull, American. and when it was pointed out to him that it was hardly what was required he declared in haughty tones:

"If that skull's good enough for 'Hamlet' it ought to be good enough for a piece like 'Current Cash.'

Thanking the Bishop.

A vicar in England was taken suddenly ill, and his church warden was in great difficulty about getting a substitute when the bishop of the diocese, hearing of the circumstance, offered to take the Sunday services himself. The church warden, wishing "to do the right thing," at the close of the service went up to the bishop and after thanking him stammered out. "A poorer preacher would have done for us. your lordship, but we were unable to find

The American Temperament. "You observe," remarked the host, who was showing the distinguished foreign visitor around Newport, "that we Americans devote ourselves to pleasure regardless of expense."

"I'd hardly put it that way." retorted the witty foreigner. "Rather you devote yourselves to expense regardless of pleasure."-Boston Transcript.

His Comparison.

"Footlite is a good actor." said a playwright who was criticising a New York production wherein the hero's part was very badly cast, "and in this part he does his best; but, by Jove, doesn't he remind you of a man trying to play a Tschaikowsky symphony on a typewriter?"

Hopeless Case.

"Why don't you make hay while the sun shines and"-"Huh! If I tried to do that it'd just be my luck to get sunstruck."-Philadelphia Ledger.

A great man is made up of qualities

that is respected and feared throughout south Germany. It belongs to the raven tribe and is about the size of a dove, with black and white feathers and long, pointed tail. It builds its nest in orchards, and its life is sacred. If it is seen three times in succession on the same housetop in a place remote from its home it is believed to be a sure sign of death in that house. If it flies over a house where any one is ill and gives its peculiar cry the sick person is sure to die, but if it does not

A Bird That Is Feared.

scream the patient may recover. It is better for the sick person if the bird does not come near. No one could be hired to bother these birds for fear they might seek revenge. and if by andria bore the same relation to the chance one of them should die it is a sign of bad luck to the owner of the property where it is found. The bird is a valuable insect destroyer and | two cities bore to the circumference of

in this way probably more than compensates for the fear it occasions among the farmers Cursing In Korea. A strange way of cursing is that of

the Korean. His ordinary swear word

Japanese have the same partiality for

"Oenuma," or "You brute." The

this term of endearment. But according to the Oriental Economic Review the Korean considers himself especially abusive when he calls a person his child or grandchild. When he wants to call somebody down the Korean demands botly. "Are you not my child?" And the angry retort is: "What! I your child? You are my grandchild." Then the first goes a step further and cries. "You are a grandchild of my grandchild." to which the rejoinder is: "You conceited fellow: Have you forgotten that you are a grandchild of a grandchild of my grandchild?" When their vi-

grandchild of a dog!"

tuperation reaches its climax the peo-

ple of Chosen at last come to the oc-

cidental standard of exclaiming. "You

Servants In Turkey. Turkey is not nearly so benighted as we imagine, for there is no servant question there. Though slavery is still recognized, the kadun (mistress of the house is a mother to her servants. whom she treats as children, and no children in the world are better treated than Turkish children. The most painful thing the kadun can do to a maid is to say: "The master has found a good husband for thee. Thou wilt be married at such and such a time."

"Oh, mistress, what have I done to be thus abandoned?" is the usual sorrowful response.

Even after the servant's marriage the kindly relations between mistress and maid continue. There are no fixed servant wages in Turkey Faithfu! servants are rewarded from time to time in accordance with their masters'

Origin of Dukes.

The word duke comes from the Latin | head beneath it. "My hair." he added. three were cast by people who had "dux," a leader. In early Saxon times the commanders of armies were called dies, who had not known of his balddukes-i, e., the leaders of the soldiery. In other words, the first duke was the first best fighting man. No regard was had to ancestry or present attainments or any other sort of thing beyond the simple matter of warlike efficiency. Naturally the leader of the fighting would when the fighting was over come in for the lion's share of the spoils and "honors," and naturally again the rest self off into the stream. When the of the folks would "look up" to him, company reached Oldham the oar was and by degrees his superiority would missing, but the property man prom- be imparted to his family, and a "noised to have one ready for the even. bility" would spring into being. It all ing's performance, says the Pall Mall rested, to start with, on brute force and Gazette. That afternoon, with evident animal courage combined with cunning pride, he produced from the sacred re. in clubbing and thrusting .- New York

Colored Hailstones.

Red hail is not unknown, even in Great Britain, for in May of 1885 there was quite a heavy fall of it at Castlewellan, in County Down. Red and white fell together, and the red hue was not merely on the surface of the pellets, but went through and through. When one was squeezed between the fingers it stained them.

At Minsk, in Russia, an even stranger hail shower had fallen five years before. Some of the pell 's were ring shaped, and, while some were distinctly reddish, others were a bright blue Some scientists declare that the coloring is due to various mineral salts.

A Feeling Allusion.
"I heard Uncle Joe talking about something he said he saw at the horse races, but I know better," confided the recently chastised small boy to his chum. "He saw 'em right here, and

they're my ma and pa."
"What did be say?" asked the chum. "He said he saw a spanking team." -Baltimore American.

Long and Short Division. Teacher—Tommy, how many is the half of eight? Tommy-On top or sideways? Teacher-What do you mean by on top or sideways? Tommy -Why, half from the top of 8 is 0 and half of it sideways is 3.-Exchange.

Adirondack Animals. There are no venomous snakes or beasts in all of the great Adirondack forests section, although there are deer in abundance, eagles, pheasants, bears

A Smart Man. "He seems to be very clever." "Yes, indeed. He can even do the problems that his children have to work out in school." - Detroit Free

and beavers.

Temptation always gets an introduction to you under some other name.

MEASURING THE EARTH.

The elster (Pica candata) is a bird Erastosthenes Made the First Attempt and Did Fairly Well.

The earliest attempt to measure the circumference of the earth was made by a Greek, Erastosthenes, who was born 276 B. C. He found that at Syene the gnomon, or upright pillar, used by the Greeks to measure the height of the sun in the sky, showed the sun to be exactly overhead at midday at the time of the summer solstice, while at Alexandria the gnomon cast a shadow upon the same date, showing that the latter point was one-fiftieth of the earth's circumference north of Syene.

Erastosthenes reasoned correctly that the length of the shadow at Alexcircumference of the small circle described from the top of the gnomon as a center that the distance between the the globe. This latter was 5,000 stadia. or about 625 miles, which when multiplied by fifty gives 31.250 miles as the circumference of the earth. This result is not quite correct, but as nearly so as could be expected from the first rough attempt to estimate it. -New York Mail.

Mexico's Way With Women. Woman's place in Mexican life is the inevitable mingling of the Moorish ideas of the Spanish conquerors and the savage ideas of the natives, the Milwaukee Sentinel says. The Castilian hides his wife and daughters behind stone walls and the picturesque lattices of romance, and he is their lord and master. On the other hand, the Indian tribes are, of course, still bound by the spirit of the ancient savage customs. Historians tell of one of the baptismal ceremonies of the Meshic tribes, who fought their way to supremacy long before the Spanish arrived on the scene. To each boy baby the priests chanted this command: "Thy profession and faculty is war, thy obligation to give the sun to drink blood of the enemies and the earth corpses of the foes." To the girl baby they said with far less ceremonial: "You are to stay within the house, as the heart does within the body. Our Lord enshrines you in that place, and your office is to fetch and to grind

Jokai's Joke. At a banquet held in his honor in Torda, Maurus Jokai was called upon to propose the toast of "The Ladies." He made an excellent speech, during which he continually toyed with the brown curls upon his forehead. Finally he said: "I raise my glass in honor of the gracious ladies of Torda. May they all live until my hair grows gray." His audience drank to the toast, but it was easy to see by the faces of the ladies present that they did not think much of the compliment. Jokai rose again from his sent and took from his head a magnificent brown wig, showing an entirely bald

maize in the metate."

ness, were more than pacified

"will never grow gray." And the la-

Plants Without Roots. The "flower of the air" is a curious plant found in China and Japan. It is so called because it appears to have no root and is never fixed to the earth. It twines around a dry tree or sterile rock. Each shoot produces two or three flowers like a lily-white, transparent and odoriferous. It is capable of being transported 600 or 700 miles. and it grows as it travels, suspended

A Fidgety Age.

Repose of manner was considered at one time essential to the well bred woman, but this is an ideal long consigned to the past. Every one fidgets in these restless days, no one has time to sit still nor to listen for more than a minute at a time without being bored and showing it.-London Queen.

Generally. Figg (sententiously)- To him that hath shall be given, you know. Fogg

-Yes, the man who has a nead gets

ahead. I've noticed .- Boston Transcript.

"I didn't know you admired that offi-"I don't," replied the political man-

"Then why do you insist on crediting him with a presidential boom?" "Merely to make his life harder by giving him something more to worry about."—Exchange.

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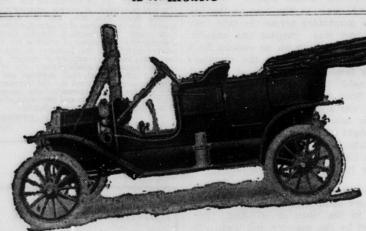
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