### MEXICAN POTTERY.

Primitive Methods of the Skilled Workmen of Durango.

Practically all the pottery used in the Durango section of Mexico, from the tiniest teacup to the largest flowerpot, is fashioned by hand from Durango clay. There are about twenty such factories in the city, employing from five to fifty men each. The clay used in this industry is obtained from the base of Durango's famous Iron Mountain, one mile north of the city.

The vessels are all fashioned by hand and foot power. The only instrument used is a large wooden wheel, through the axis of which passes a pole about three feet in length, terminating at the other extremity in a small wooden wheel set parallel to the big wheel. The operator sits so that he may turn the large wheel (set horizontally near the floor so that it will move freely) with his foot, which in turn causes the little wheel above, on a level with his chest, to revolve very rapidly. A convenient sized lump of the clay dough is placed upon this little wheel, and as the mass revolves by the impulse of the laborer's foot, he hollows

out and fashions the vessel. The skill and dexterity of these workmen is little short of remarkable. With only the eye to guide, he fashions with astonishing rapidity vessels which do not differ one from the other in either size or shape. A single laborer is able to complete about thirtysix dozen jars of nearly a quart capacity in a day.-Argonaut.

#### LIGHT AND THE EYES.

Glaring or Dazzling Effects May Result In Permanent Injury.

In a paper read before the International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation in New York city G. H. Stickney called attention to the fact that the most common defect in lighting is excessive glare and absence of diffusion. Glare may emanate directly from the light source or be reflected to the eye by a glossy surface; it can also be caused wherever excessive contrast of intensity appears in adjacent fields of vision. The dazzling effect is unpleasant and interferes with seeing. Under continued exposure eye strain and even permanent injury to the eye may result.

An unshielded light hung over a machine is a common source of eye fatigue. The glare may not be so evident on first glance, but when the workman's eyes have been subjected to such light for a long time discomfort and inability to see result.

Glare from glazed paper, desk tops or polished metal often induces eye trouble, headache and other indisposition, though the sufferers may not be aware of the cause. The remedy is to change the relative positions so that the reflected light is kept out of the eyes as much as possible and to enlarge the dimensions of the light source. -Engineering Record.

Popular Judgment of Genius. Fabre's first entomological work gain-

ed the honors of the Institute of France Belle leaves her husband and goes and a prize for experimental physiology. His extraordinary absorption in a moment of remorse she bends over his entomological pursuits was a source of perplexity to those among whom he taking from her neck his mother's canvas. He refused to buy the picdwelt. One morning he was passed by three women vintagers on their way to work. When they passed him again at sunset he was still seated on the same stone, with his eyes fixed on the same spot, whereupon he saw one of them tap her forehead as she whisperone country guard suspected that he was up to no good in his mysterious wanderings about the countryside. However, the sight of the little dark ribbon of the Legion of Honor, with which he had been decorated by the French government, was generally sufficient to allay suspicion.-Westminster Gazette.

Hail to the Chief!

Jones had not wanted to go to the gregarious feast where the speeches strung out endlessly. Circumstances obliged him to stay. The speeches were strung out partly because the chief and dullest orator was not expected until late. Finally he came, and there was a rush of committeemen to escort him to his place.

"Hello!" exclaimed Jones' companion, "what is that they are making such a pother about?"

"We still follow," answered Jones sourly, "the ancient custom of bringing in the bore's head."-New York Post.

A Vaishnava Love Lyric. In one of our Vaishnava lyrics the lover says to his beloved: "I feel as if I have gazed upon the beauty of thy face from my birth, yet my eyes are hungry still; as if I have kept thee pressed to my heart for millions of years, yet my heart is not satisfied."-Rabindranath Tagore.

Look Pleasant, Please. "How did you manage to quiet that ugly, howling mob so quickly?" "Got a camera man on the scene," answered the resourceful police captain. "Then every man of them perked up and tried to look handsome."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Some Heat Left. First Married Man-Is there ever an occasion when everything at your dinner table is stone cold? Second Married Man-No, not everything. We always manage to have a heated arguEver Eat It?

There is a dish of the olden time that has been crowded almost out of memory by the ruthless tide of common events. It was a cold weather food that came with the snow and hog killing time and then vanished with the angry clouds and howling winds.

When one ate it the green grass melted away the snow, the birds sang in the blossoming cherry trees and old frigid winter became the middle of May. It was so easy to eat. It melted in the mouth like ice cream, it was so soft and delicate. Let a person fully satisfy his appetite on it. and he could go out in zero weather and enjoy a tropical blessing. This food did not last long, for it was part of an event that soon hurried by, and this was a grateful dispensation, too, for a person would be apt to eat too much of it if it lasted long. But it is well it passed away. This degenerate generation, filled with caramels and angels' food, couldn't appreciate it. But in those beautiful days before the war it was a beloved diet. We refer to hogshead cheese.-Ohio State Journal.

Moods of the Bay of Fundy. The bay of Fundy is full of strange and contradictory features. Grand Manan island, which lies to the port hand of a vessel entering the bay, is one rocky graveyard-on the reef to the southeast an impaled ship is a common sight. Every indentation, nay, every rocky cranny, bears some terrible and suggestive name descriptive of some maritime tragedy. On the island, twelve miles in length and scarcely inhabited, is a graveyard filled with the bodies of unknown sailors. A little above Trinity rock the coast of Nova Scotia rises in rocky parapets from the sea and a narrow inlet admits to the Annapolis valley where, strange to say, the eye rests on a fertile valley of apple orchards which raise the highest priced fruit in the world. In this sheltered space is a climate which, owing partly to the gulf stream and partly to position. differs altogether from the arctic cold of the stormy sea without.-Westminster Gazette.

Cold and Colds.

"Without having gone anywhere near either pole." writes a correspondent of salt, Livingstone gives interesting testhe London Chronicle, "I have had my timony. Only the rich among Bakexperience of the fact that intense cold outside stops the cold in the head. poor suffered from indigestion for lack We were six men essaying the ascent of the Grand Combin in the Alps (over 14,000 feet). From our first attempt we were driven back by a thunderstorm, and a stay of some hours to dry in the hut with the stove going woke up all the microbes. When we returned to the hut next day from the valley there were at least four severe colds among us, with sneezing and sore throats. On the third morning we traversed our peak, slowly cutting snow made the same discovery."

Not on the Play Bill. Miss Mary Moran, the English actress, tells of an incident that occurred when she was playing Belle, the wicked lady in R. C. Carton's play. "The Tree of Knowledge." to a holiday audience. At the end of the fourth act away with the villain of the piece. In the would be purchaser came to inher sleeping husband, kisses him and. Henry VIII. had been cut from the chain, she places it beside him, remarking as she exits: "The best and the worst of us are fools." On this particular occasion the clasp of the chain refused to unclasp. Twice she tried to remove it, when a voice from the gallery exclaimed: "Keep it, Belle. You'll ed, "A poor innocent." But more than want something to pawn if you're going to skip out with that other bloke!"

> Prosperity Is Communistic. A man cannot prosper in any honest business without benefiting the community as well as himself, for he cannot induce men to deal with him without offering them an advantage; and, taking all the transactions of life together, the advantages which men offer to others must, on the whole, be equal to those which they receive themselves. Doing business, therefore, is a very effectual and extended mode of doing good, and the fortune which is ac-

tant sense, the measure and index of the good done.-Jacob Abbott. Out of Harm's Way. "And you say you never attend weddings any more?" asked the sweet young thing.

quired in doing it is, in a very impor-

"No, I do not," replied the bachelor. "And why not, pray?" "Why, don't you see what's happening every day to innocent bystanders?" -Yonkers Statesman.

Testing a Man. An epigram of Myrtle Reed's seems to have made a hit with New York women. In "Threads of Gray and

Gold" she writes: "The only way to test a man is to marry him. If you live, it's a mushroom. If you die, it's a toadstool."

"I try to mind my own business," said Mrs. Slothington. "I never saw any one." replied Miss Cayenne, "who endured failure with greater fortitude."-Washington Star.

Life's Little Sorrows "Rich women have no real joys." "No: the stores never have a clearance sale of diamond necklaces."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

A young man idle, an old man needy. -Italian Proverb.

A Pen Picture of Lincoln.

And now Abraham Lincoln rose from his seat, stretched his long, bony limbs upward as if to get them into working order, and stood like some solitary pine on a lonely summit, very tall, very dark, very gaunt and very rugged, his swarthy features stamped with a sad serenity, and the instant he began to speak the ungainly mouth lost its heaviness, the half listless eyes attained wondrous power, and the people stood bewildered and breathless under the natural magic of the strangest, most original personality known to the English speaking world since Robert

There were other very tall and dark men in the heterogeneous assembly, but not one who resembled the speaker. Every movement of his long, muscular frame denoted inflexible earnestness, and a something issued forth, elemental and mystical, that told what the man had been, what he was and what he would do in the future .-From "The Valley of Shadows," by Francis Grierson.

Measuring Light Speed. Even in this speed mad age we can never hope to equal the speed of light, which the scientists tell us is 186,000 miles a second. If light could not actually be measured no one would be

lieve it. There is a delicate instrument used in measuring light which throws a beam of light upon a revolving disk. There was some doubt about the figures obtained in this way until it was found that when the earth was in the part of its orbit nearest to Jupiter eclipses took place sixteen minutes earlier than when it was in the farthermost part, whereas by all rules of astronomy they should have taken place at the same minute each time. It is deduced from this that the light was not instantaneous and consequently took sixteen minutes to traverse the diameter of the earth's orbit, a distance of about 200,000,000 miles, thus giving to light a velocity of 186,000 miles a second, which was accurately shown later by other experiments .-Exchange.

The Taste For Salt.

Concerning the African craving for wanis could afford to buy it, and the of it. Native doctors accordingly made salt a usual ingredient of their medicine, and Livingstone successfully gave sufferers teaspoonfuls of neat salt. But now comes a notable point. "Either milk or meat had the same effect, though not so rapidly, as salt. Long afterward, when I was myself deprived of salt for four months at two distinct periods, I felt no desire for that condiment, but I was plagued by very great longing for the above articles of food. This continued as long as I was and ice steps in weather memorably confined to an exclusively vegetable bitter even for that height. On the diet, and when I procured a meal of other side it suddenly occurred to me flesh, though boiled in perfectly fresh that I had no 'cold' left, and the others rain water, it tasted as pleasantly saltish as if slightly impregnated with that condiment."-London Standard.

Scar of Art Theft.

There is a picture at Hampton court which bears witness to a theft that may be termed patriotic. This is Holbein's "Field of the Cloth of Gold," which after the downfall of Charles I. Cromwell proposed to sell. But when spect it he discovered that the head of ture, and it was preserved to the nation. At the restoration a nobleman confessed to having committed the crime for "love of art and country." He returned the missing head, which now occupies its original position, the circle made by the knife in the canvas being still plainly visible. - London

A Regiment of Wrestlers. Captain Holmes, a famous athlete in the Indian army, raised one of the finest regiments in the British service by the sporting method of challenging all and sundry to wrestle. Those worsted were to enlist, and in a short time the gallant captain was able to show a collection of wrestling prizes that were a credit alike to himself and the army.-London Opinion.

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One. "There never was a woman who did not gab about her neighbors," growled Mr. Gabb.

"Oh, yes, there was!" replied Mrs. Gabb. "That's right," commented Mr. Gabb. "I forgot about Eve."-Cincinnati En-

Tangible Asset. "I believe I'll promote a transportation company."

"Land or water?" "The latter, I think. For the former I'd need rails and right of way, but in a water proposition I'll have an ocean to start with."-Exchange.

In Doubt. "Is that boy of yours learning to play the piano?" "I hope he is, but from the way it sounds I don't think so."-Washington

We are very fond of reading others' characters, but we do not like to be read ourselves .- Rochefoucauld.

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Russian Ranks and Classes. There is no upper middle class in Russia: a family is either of the peasantry-although this term has now a very wide inclusion-or of the aristocracy. And at court no one has precedence according to inherited rank, only according to official position in the government.

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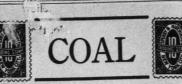
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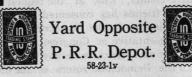
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