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NELLE GYWNNE NOT ALL BAD

Good Qualities of Famous Personage Shone in a Circle and Age Notoriously immoral.

Nelle Gywnne, orange girl, tavern singer, successful actress, and later mistress of Charles II, the "restored Stuart" to the throne of England, is a character in English history. She used improper language, had taverntainted manners, and lack of early training till the last showed in her exterior, but her nature was not permanently corrupted or tainted. Terrible stories have always been afloat of her coarseness, plebian birth (she was born in a coal cellar) and corrupt life, but her later biographers prove that she was not entirely good for nothing. She is said to have been the only human being in England that exercised anything like a good influence over the wayward, frivolous Charles Her acts of charity were substantial and much needed, and as the years passed on, and the opportunities for wrongdoing increased, and her beauty and personal charms increased, her behavior became more and more prudent and her character

more and more circumspect. Pepys' diary describes Nelle Gwynne as a good actress and a pretty one, a charming wit, and universally popular. She pleased every one, from the king to the charcoal seller. Songs were written about her, styles of dress were named for her, and her portraits were

GREEK PERFECTION IN ART

Infinite Labor and Patience Expended on Even the Most Insignificant Coins and Gems.

The delicacy and minuteness of Greek work is of course most obvious in the reliefs of coins and gems. The coins were not primarily meant to please the eye, but to circulate in the fish-market; yet a multitude of the dies are so exquisitely finished that they lose little when magnified to many diameters, and will bear the most critical examination. The intaglio gems were meant for the sealing of documents, the seal taking the place of the modern signature; but the figures upon seals are in their way as finished as great works of sculpture. Seals even more usually than coins gain rather than lose if they are enlarged. Yet they were executed without the help of magnifying glasses. Their subjects are taken from the widest field, the figures of deities, tales from mythology, portraits, animal forms; like the coins they introduced as an undercurrent to the pronot conquer. The beast's attitude of poetry and imagination.-Fercy Gardner, in "The Lamps of Greek Art."

India's Sacred River.

The Ganges is the sacred river of the Hindus. On its banks are many temples and holy places such as Benares, Allahabad, Hardwar and Gangotri. According to the legend Princess Ganda, a Hindu goddess, of long ago, turned herself into this great river, that she might enrich and purify the country. Devout Hindus bathe themselves in its sacred waters and pray to die beside it. It is heir desire that their bodies may be burned upon its waters and allowed to float on down to the sea. The length of the main stream of the Ganges is 1,557 miles, and its every bend is sacred. back again, taking six months or more for the pilgrimage. Before the Juggernaut car which rolled in the procession along its banks fanatics used to throw themselves, to be crushed to death amid the applause of the worshipers. This is now forbidden by law as is also the burning of widows on the funeral pyre of their husbands, and the casting of babes into the sacred river.

Ancients Knew of Asbestos.

It is said to have been established that the ancient Greeks and Romans were aware of the fireproof properties of asbestos and made use of it in wore asbestos cloaks. According to fire and then withdrawing it undam-

Marco Polo, in 1250 A. D., visited the Great Khan of Tartary and found which is probably a salt of meta-arable a fireproof material being manufactured from what he believed was the fodder, is about 11 per cent of the skin of the salamander—an animal popularly supposed to be immune from | Engineering and Industrial Chemistry. fire. It has been established that it was really asbestos fabric.

Commoner Who Made Many Lords. William Pitt, the younger, when he first became prime minister of England,

found 250 peers in the house of lords. In nineteen years he created 140 more. "He made peers of second-rate counting houses of Cornhill and caught merce bureau.

them in the alleys of Lombard street." Pitt rarely rose before noon and it is per cent of the balance required, to said that he often did not work after be reimbursed within forty years, at | those days. dinner, because he was intoxicated. He an annual interest of 21/2 per cent on arrived at the house of commons drunk the amount borrowed. These societies on the day when war was declared be- are increasing, but not in sufficient their independence in order to benefit tween England and France in 1793. number to meet the existing demand. 'munkind.

DADUT WAS NUT CONCERNED

Information Must Have Been of Considerable Importance to Woman Who Was Returning Home.

The woman was evidently returning from a trip away from home. When she came into the waiting room at the station three youngsters swooped down upon her and all but smothered

her with hugs and kisses. "My, I'm glad to get home!" the mother exclaimed. "And how is Harry?" she asked.

"Oh, Harry did just fine while you were gone!" Virginia put in. didn't tease me a bit, and he helped with the work, and he took his music lesson, and he practiced every day, and-and everything."

"That was fine, Harry!" mother praised. "And you, Virginia; how did

Of course it was up to Harry to do

his part here. "Say, mamma, Virginia's a brick!" he exclaimed. "She can cook 'most as good as you can, and sweep-say, mamma, you ought to see her sweep!" "Well, I'm certainly glad to bear that," mother told them. "And little Rosemary, of course she was all right

"I helped Virginia cook!" Rosemary told her mamma, with evident pride. "Well, you all did just fine, I can see that," mother repeated. "And, now, what about daddy? You haven't told me a thing about him!"

-but how mamma did miss her!"

"Oh, daddy's all right," Harry assured her. "Why only last night dad said you needn't come back for three months as far as he was concerned."-Kansas City Star.

LAST ANALYSIS OF SUCCESS

Some Worth-While Thoughts That It May Pay the Busy Man to Ponder Over.

It isn't success if it costs you the companionship and chumminess and love of your children. Very often busy, wealthy men of momentous affairs discover too late that they have sacrificed the finest thing in life, the affection of their family. Let me relate an incident recently told me which contains a priceless suggestion for many ultra-busy business men. A prominent public utility executive of Illinois told a friend that he was going to give his young son an unusual Christmas present. "I'm going," he said, "to write my boy a letter telling him that, as a Christmas present, I'm going to give him an hour of my time every day." He added that he had been doing a lot of thinking on the subject. and felt that he owed this to his son.

Alas, he died two weeks later. I work at least an average of twelve hours a day, but I never fail to find time to romp with my little fellows or to tell them stories-"grand new ones" -after they are ready for bed. I wouldn't forego this pleasure for the sake of any amount of money. Wealth earned honestly and utilized sensibly. But wealth won at the expense of health or family affection isn't wealth, but poverty, poverty of heart, poverty of soul.-Baltimore American.

Rat Campaigns Successful.

The biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture conducted an anti-rat campaign in Georgia during December, and followed it with a similar campaign which is in progress in Virginia. In co-operation with the extension service of the Georgia Agricultural college, preliminary organization work was done, and a statewide publicity campaign was put on. The campaign attained its greatest efficiency at Atlanta when the chamber of commerce purchased and Pilgrims walk from its source and distributed free of charge two and three-quarter tons of barium carbonate for poisoned baits for rats. Satisfactory results are reported both in the number of rats killed and in the interest aroused in making conditions less favorable for these pests by eliminating sources of food and harborage, and by the rat-proof construction or repair of buildings. It is planned to follow up the drives from time to time as required to control the rats effec-

Cactus as a Fodder. The cactus is first exposed to a torch which burns away the thorns, and is then carried to the slicing maburying their kings. During the chine, of the type that is used in sugar height of the Roman empire native works. The machine is provided with kings and members of the nobility specially formed knives and the caccus is cut up into slices, which are an old legend, Charlemagne had his then dried and if desired ground into cloak and table covers made from the form of a fine powder. During the this mineral, and mystified his guests slicing operation part of the juice, by throwing the strange fabric on a which is exuded from the cactus, may be pressed out and collected separately. The juice can then be converted into a substitute for gum arabic, result would be about the nearest posacid. The yield of dry material, the weight of the raw cactus.-Journal of

French Workmen's Houses. French workmen's building and loan societies, "Habitations a bon Marche," have been started to help the construction of buildings for the working classes and to improve the sanitary conditions of those already existing in France. The state has granted a subsquires and fat graziers," Disraeli said vention of one-third of the cost of the of him. "He clutched them from the construction, according to the com-

OLDEST ARTICLES IN WORLD

Chipped Stones, Found in England, Believed to Be Most Ancient of Made Implements.

According to an English antiquary, the oldest manufactured articles in the world are probably some chipped stones found on the Kentish Weald,

Far back, countless centuries before any attempt at civilization, men were chipping stones into tools and weapons.

Knives, axes, hammers, scrapers, spearheads, arrowheads, even awls for piercing skins, and roughly notched saws for cutting bone were made of flint or chert or obsidian-any stone that would chip to a cutting edge and hard enough to stand wear.

Some are clumsy things, some beautiful in design and finish, and their varying workmanship indicates far greater differences between the men who made them than exists between an Egyptian king of 1400 B. C. and

an English citizen of this age. Solutrean "laurel leaves," or "shouldered points"-spearheads from Soultre, in France-are exquisite things, graceful in shape and finished in a manner which would be a credit to any modern craftwork. Yet they were made, according to some assertions, over 20,000 years ago.

Earlier still, Mousterian implements from the cave of Le Moustier, varying in shape and size, all have the businesslike wavy cutting edge distinctive of their period. Centuries before these the ruder Chellean and Strepyan implements were made, their unworked butts still showing the natural surface of the stone. And away back beyond them, thousands and thousands of years ago, in the very dawn of human life, were made the "Eoliths" of the Kentish Weald.

"CANNON" PROVED A FAILURE

Indian War Party Suffered Through the Inventive Genius of One of Their Number.

One of the most peculiar pieces of ordnance ever invented was that which was tried for its sole occasion at the storming of Fort Henry, in what is now West Virginia, by Simon Girty, the famous renegade, and his several hundred Indian followers, on September 1, 1777.

All day long, without success and with considerable loss, the savages and their still more savage leader had been attempting to carry the little stockade with its nandful of defenders. Night had settled down and their patience was short, when some inventive genius amongst them suggested the making of artillery with which to batter down the stubborn walls.

A maple log, already hollowed by the process of time, was bound with chains, plugged at the breech with wood, filled the hem. to the muzzle with stones, pieces of Manly chest development is not to iron and other missiles. It was then be advertised by the wasp-waisted, gate and discharged. The log burst into a thousand pieces, its fragments scattering in all directions and killing several of the attackers. And not a picket of the fort was injured.

What and Where Kent's Hole Is. A cavern in the vicinity of Torquay, England, famous not only for its relics of primative man, but also for its remains of extinct animals, is known as Kent's Hole. Although the existence of this cave had been known from time immemorial, it did not attract the attention of scientists until 1825. Excavations were carried on by Pengelly from 1865 to 1880, at a cost of nearly £2,000 and yielded results of the highest importance to the science of anthropology.

There were found flint tools of the Paleolithic age and implements of bone, such as needles, awls and harpoons. The animal remains discovered comprised those of the lion, hyena, bear, wolf, fox, rhinoceros, mammoth, Irish elk and reindeer. showing that those animals once lived in Britain and were co-temporaneous with men of the Stone age.

Battle for Fruit of Durian Tree. Desperate fights over the ownership of durian trees are of yearly occurrence in the Malay peninsula. Sometimes, when a tree has been found near a borderline, entire villages have been wiped out in the struggle to possess it.

It is impossible to compare the fruit of the durian tree with its extraordinary odor and flavor, to any other. The fruit is creamlike in substance. If the meat of a banana were squashed and mixed with an equal quantity of rich cream, a small quantity of chocolate and enough garlic to lend a strong taste to the whole, the sible approach to the flavor and consistency of the durian. At the same time, the flavor is extremely deficate and, of course, indescribably rich.

Origin of the Ring. In the course of a lecture on "Precious Stones," Professor Gordon said that early jewelry did not seem to

have been set in rings. One of the earliest examples of the use of rings in statuary was in the statues of Prometheus, who, when released from bondage on the intercession of Venus, wore a ring with a small piece of the Caucasus in it to show that he was still chained to the In addition, the state will lend 75 | Caucasus. The idea of a ring being a sign of bondage has continued since

> Bishops and doctors were rings by right because they had signed away

EVEN PERSIA SEES THE LIGHT

Frightful Conditions of Child Labor in That Country Have Been Greatly Ameliorated.

Child carpet weavers of Persia are to have an easier life hereafter. According to the London Daily News, by un agreement between the carpet trading companies and the Union of Master Weavers in Kerman, no boy may now work in a factory before eight years of age or a girl before ten. An eight-hour day is the maximum for children under fourteen.

In addition, not only must the sheds be properly heated, but the little workers are to be given seats with backs on which to sit as they work, singing the song which tells of the pattern they are making; they are often too young to remember it by any other method.

Bishop Linton of the Church Missionary society, in his "Sketches on Persia," tells how in low, unheated sheds the children from four or five upward have hitherto sat knotting threads all day and every day.

As the pattern climbs the loom the rough beam on which the children sit is raised. To prevent themselves falling to the ground they cross their legs underneath, and at the end of the day's work they have to be lifted down, as they are too cramped to walk. Many are permanently crippled and can never support themselves on their

More horrible still is the custom of marriage at eight or nine years. Motherhood for these little cripples means certain death.

Fire Truck Has Four-Wheel Drive. Fire-fighting apparatus has been improved upon to the extent of equipping large trucks with individual motor drives in each wheel and raising or lowering the ladders by air and hydraulic pressure, says an illustrated article in Popular Mechanics Magazine. The current for the driving motors is supplied from powerful storage batteries which are suspended beneath the frame of the vehicle. An air compressor, driven by a gasoline engine, is incorporated in the outfit and furnishes the necessary elevating power for the heavy ladders, the lowering of these being accomplished with the aid of oil brakes, or compression cylinders. The action of the ladders is so simple that but one man is required to operate them.

What Men Will Wear.

Waistcoats exposing a smaller expanse of shirt and the passing of the permanent turned-up trouser ends are the principal feature of the new spring suit styles for men.

Sartorial experts have decreed that jackets shall be a trifle longer, but the increase in length will be made with due regard to the perils of sitting on

sake of any amount of money. Wealth is an excellent thing to possess if conveyed to within 60 yards of the conveyed to within 60 yards of the and easier fitting are promised.

Another season of sober grey promised, but the old business style of striped trousers and black coat and vest is said to have definitely return-

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