HOMES OF THE CLY-EAATERS A Peculiar Class of People Who Live in

Wellow clay as a daily food is what many of the people of Winston county, Ala., live and thrive on. The county of Winston is in the northwestern portion of the state and is sparsely settled, its population being poor and appearing to be eking out a mere existence. It is only within the past few years that the amount of taxes collected from the entire county amounted to \$1,000. Until 1818 Winstead was forty miles from the nearest railroad and the county court house twenty miles further. Houses for worship and those for educational purposes are few and far between. A majority of Winstead's population live in small log cabins of the rudest kind and eke out a miserable existence by farming, hunting and fishing.

Their farms, or patches, as they call them, are small clearings around their cabins, and are seldom more than a few acres in extent. Their crap (as they invariably say) consists of corn, pens, potatoes and a few who are fortunate enough to own a horse attempt to raise a little cotton. The land is very poor, and, as the crops receive little work, the yield is always small. A few hogs are raised, but the majority depend on the country stores for the few strips of bacon they eat during the year. Here in this county, though, the moonshine stills flourish as the green bay tree. In almost every cave and on every little brook among the hills may be found a still whose undertaker's delight is produced by the soft light of the moon and where Uncle Sam fails to get his pull-down of 90 cents on the gallon. These people are too far from market to sell their corn for money, but they can convert it into good, straight liquor, carry it in kegs or jugs to the more thickly settled neighborhoods a few miles away and obtain a few dollars in money, some tobacco, coffee, and snuff for the women folks. Men, women and children are all slaves to the tobacco habit. The women chew, smoke, and dip snuff, but "dipping" is generally a Sunday luxury, as snuff is hard for them to get.

The clay eaten by these people is found along the banks of the small mountain stream in inexhaustible quantities, and is of a dirty white color usually, sometimes a pale yellow. It has a peculiar oily appearance, and the oil keeps it from sticking to the hands or mouth." When dry it does not crumble, and a few drops of water will easily soften it until it can be rolled into any shape desired. The clay is almost without taste, but evidently possesses some nourishment, as these people declare they can subsist upon it for days without any other food whatever. They place a small piece in the mouth and hold it there until it dissolves, and is awallowed in small quantities at a time. The quantities eaten at one time varies from one lump as large as a pea for a child or beginner to a temp as large as a man's fist for those who have eaten it for years. These people eat the clay with a ravenous relish, and the only bad effect seems to be the bad appearance it gives the akin of those who become addicted to the habit. The skin turns pale, so honor manes? pale, in fact, as to give the face the turns a sickly pale yellow, a color closely resembling some of the clay eaten. Children who become addicted to day eating grow old, at least in appearance, prematurely, and their faces lose forever the bright glow of youth and health. Strange as it may appear, 'time. there is little sickness among the clay eaters, and they live as long as the average of mankind, this proving that clay eating is not fatal in its effect.

# Muscular Balance.

In an actor's face the muscles are exercised as thoroughly as are the body muscles of an athlete who is undergoing a systematic course in a gymnasium. Hence, in a typical acter's face, when seen at rest, no one group of expression muscles outpulls the others; and, as a consequence of this state of muscular balance, there is about it a peculiar aspect, suggestive of a mask.

# Primitive Sounds.

The sounds most easily produced in infancy, such as pa, ma, da, and the like, are generally used to signify father and mother; but it is a singular fact that what signifies father in one language means mother in another. In the Georgian language, for instance, spoken in the mountains between the Casplan and Black seas, dada means mother, and mamma father.

# Not a Success in Politics.

Citizen-"Mr. Greatmann, I heard a curious debate the other evening. The subject was 'Can a politician be a Christian? What is your opinion? Mr. Greatmann-"He kin, but he'll git licked."-New York Weekly.

# An Unkind Conclusion.

Sauso-"Something was running through my mind a few moments

Rodd-"I suppose it was running for fear it might be asked to stay in such cramped quarters."-New York Her-

# Sent Her Out of Hearing.

Hostess-"Don't you think my daughter has a fine voice, Mr. Bronson, and that I ought to send her to Paris to have it cultivated?"

Broncon-"Yes, if I were you I would send her at least as far as

"Aunt Lucy, what is eccentricity?" "It is the queer things that other people do. - Chicago Record.

HIS WIFE'S RELATIVES.

A Stratagem that Saved Blueton from

"Mrs. Blueton," began her liege lord when he got her alone, "just how many of your relatives do you figure that I have married?"

"What can you mean, dearle?" "None of that, now. I'm not here to spoon, but to talk business, hot from the bat. The house is packed from cellar to garret with your people, and they're coming at excursion rates on every train. I've been stumbling over brats and running against new faces all morning. Your motherin law sails around like the flagship of a squadron. Your male relatives smoke a box of my cigars every day, kick on the quality, and telephone for more at my expense. When we ent the dining room looks like a banquet hall, seven or eight babies squall all night, and I receive about as much consideration as a bound boy at a husking."

"But, darling-" "Don't cut in, Mrs. Blueton. Walt you get my bill of particulars. You asked me to sleep on a cot tonight. Not on your life. I'm going to have at least half a bed, or I'll turn myself loose. You'll be assigning me to the hay loft next or hanging me in a hammock on the back porch. You'll have relatives roosting in the trees and bunking on the roof, if you keep You and I have run up against a crisis, madam. If I'm going to conduct a hotel for your multifarious kinship I'll hire clerks, bell boys, cooks, waiters, chambermaids and a couple of detectives, put in an elevator and open up a licensed bar. Then we'll advertise for such remote branches of your relatives as may not be here. The other horns of the dilemma, Mrs. Blueton, are a divorce or an assignment."

But the next day the diplomatic little Mrs. Blueton was so ill that absolute quiet in the house was impera-Blueton watched the exodus with ghoulish glee, and when a procession of twenty-two, followed by seven stragglers, had pased out, he double-bolted the door to join Mrs. Blueton in a high-step walk-around.

#### Before the Bar.

The other day an Irishman, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly, nearly drove a magistrate mad. The following colloquy took place between the two:

Magistrate-Will you sign the pledge if I let you off this time? Prisoner-Shure, Oi can't wroite, yer

Magistrate-But you can make a Prisoner-Phwat koind av a mark,

yer honor? Magistrate (testily)-A cross, man-

Prisoner-Across phwat, yer honor? Magistrate- (out of all patience)-Ten shillings and costs, or seven days' hard labor!

Prisoner (aghast)-Tin shillins an' costs! Shure, Oi haven't cost anywan anything, yer honor; Oi paid fer all me drinks.

Magistrate (severely)-Stand down, sir-stand down!

Prisoner-Oi always shtand up whin Oi shtand at all. Is it sit down yer

Then the jailer took the prisoner in pallor of death, and then later on it hand, and the magistrate mopped his

# Outdoor Work Preferred.

Some years ago a young Irishman was hunting for work among the farmers of a western town at harvest

He made his application to a benevolent looking farmer, who was attracted by the young man's frank, merry face, but who was not really in need of extra help.

"Can you cradle?" he asked, after a moment's hesitation.

"Cradle is it?" 'repeated the young Irishman in bewilderment. "That Oi can, sorr, bein' the owldest of elivin childer; but," he added, persuasively, "can't yez give me a job out av dures,

# One Unsettled Point.

An old man who bore evidence of more work than culture approached a representative of a free silver paper the other day in the State Li-

"Can I ask you a question?" "Certainly."

"Well, if we have free silver coinage, we'll all have more money, won't

"Why, yes, certainly; that's easy to answer.

"Well, what I want to know," said the old father, earnestly, " is whether they will bring it to me or whether I'll have to go after it."

# The Costly Lot.

Gadsby-"Those three dude sons of Van Nostrand cost him about \$5,000 a year."

Miss Caustique-"Then he has been putting a good deal of money into real

"How's that?" "He is spending \$5,000 a year on a vacant lot."—Brooklyn Life.

Our Great Impressionist. "What do you suppose impressed Li Hung Chang more than anything else in America, Mr. Pilcher?"

"The fact that American wives are so lively that a man can't undertake to manage but one at a time."-Chicago Record.

"Tell me," said the young man, passionately, "is my answer to be spelled with three letters or two?" "Three," said the summer girl, shy

"Darling!"

"That is to say, it is 'nit."

#### Hold Your Temper.

Good temper ministers to success in all understandings much more largely than we imagine. It gives a quiet and undisturbed mind favorable to concentration of energy. How can one whose feelings are continually ruffled and whose temper is roused to irritability or anger pursue his work with the attention it de-mands, or make decisions which require the undivided and earnest use of all his faculties? Nothing can be more essential to success than the full command of the powers; but ill-tem refuse to acknowledge with contrite per in all its forms makes this im-

A drowning man would have little use for a method of rescue which would require days. A dyspeptic be quickened, it is fitting that on a doesn't want to bother with a remedy day especially appointed we should that is going to take weeks to show its beneficial effects.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers are offering a product under the name of Shaker Digestive Cordial which yields immediate relief. The very first dose it is owing to their unbounded confidsample bottles on the market. These and prayer throughout our land. can be had through any druggist; and trifling sum necessary to make a trial.

ing the digestion of food.

of Castor Oil.

#### She Felt Insulted.

A good story is told on a prominent English woman who went into a store to buy a bicycle. She was shown a fine machine-it is needless to remark what make it was-and decided to take it. Then the dealer handed her a little pamphlet, saying, "You will find here, madam, a few simple instructions in the matter of tire mend-For a second the lady stared at him in amazement, and then, saying haughtily, "Do you imagine that I am a seamstress, sir?" walked out of the shop without taking the machine. -New York Telegram.

## When a Man Weighs Less.

A man weighs less when the barometer is high, notwithstanding the fact that the atmospheric pressure on is low. As the pressure of air on an ordinary sized man is about fifteen first. tons, the rise of the mercury from 29 to 31 inches adds about one ton to the load he has to carry.

Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers is the best, handiest, safest, surest, cleanest, most economical and satisfactory dye ever invented. It is the gentlemen's favorite.

to his birthday dinner, and when the guests uncovered their plates each one was favored with ten crisp one thousand dollar bills as a birthday present. Who can say that this is not throwing money to the "birds?"

A Ku Klux Clan are doing deadly work all through Susquehanna County, burning houses and barns, killing the stock and warning the residents of several towns "to prepare to meet their God." They post their warnings on the doors at night, telling the victims how long they have to live and sign the papers with six crosses.

The bloomer girl was rather proud of herself and the progress made by her sex.

"Women are becoming very suc-cessful, don't you think?" she ask-

"In what way?" he returned

"They can't be men, and they

won't be women, and there you are.

readers that Mrs. William McKinley cooler. Many of them have their was called to the American bar in 1893, and that she enjoyed for a long ation before they will drink it. Others while the unique distinction of being have in their private offices jars of the only lady of the legal profession who pleaded in behalf of clients before her own husband, who was the Judge of the circuit in which she practised."

Prevent sickness and save doctors' bills at this season by keeping your blood rich and pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Philadelphia people who are very enthusiastic over the election of Mr. Crow, say their new Sheriff is a bird.

# A Present for Your Pastor.

Your pastor would be delighted with a Clergyman's Case of Humphreys' Specifics; it is made to fit the pocket and contains the ten numbers most needed by a clergyman. Cures for Fevers, Coughs, Clergyman's Sore faith in God and earnest striving,-Throat, La Grippe, Catarrh, Brain Fag, Dyspepsia, Malaria, Kidney Diseases, etc. They are sent prepaid on receipt of price. \$2.60. Humphreys' Medicine Company, New York.

## PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

What the People of the Country Should Give Thanks For.

The President has issued the following proclamation:

By the President of the United States. The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe the God of nations for his watchful care which has shielded them from dire disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness. Nor should they ever hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings, and to follow with sinful pride after their own de-

To the end that these thoughts may join together in approaching the Throne of Grace with praise and supplication.

Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursproves beneficial in most cases; and day, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept and ence in it, that they have put 10 cent observed as a day of Thanksgiving

On that day let our people forego it will repay the afflicted to invest the their usual work and occupation, and, assembled in their accustomed places The Shaker Digestive Cordial re- of worship, let them with one accord lieves by resting the stomach and aid- render thanks to the Ruler of the universe for our preservation as a nation and our deliverance from every Laxol is the best medicine for child- threatened danger; for the peace that ren. Doctors recommend it in place has dwelt within our boundaries; for our defense against disease and pestilence during the year that has passed; for the plenteous rewards that have followed the labors of our husbandmen, and for all the other blessings that have been vouchsafed to us.

And let us through the mediation of Him who has taught us how to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuation of Heavenly

Let us not forget on this day of Thanksgiving the poor and needy; and, by deeds of charity, let our offerings of praise be made more acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States, which I have caused to be hereunto affixed.

(Seal) Done at the City of Washington, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the him is more than when the barometer independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND. By the President:

RICHARD OLNEY, Secretary of State.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY,

of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,

SEAL) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrn Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood

and mucous surfaces of the system.

Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

# Rich Men and Ice Water.

The question of purity of drinking have invaded the business office. Rich men who are vexed by slight physical ailments or who are the victims of nervous troubles find it the easiest thing imaginable to believe The London Chronicle informs its that there is danger in the water croton boiled and chilled by refrigermild mineral waters, from which they quench their thirst. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew is one of the latter kind. He does not believe in drinking ice water, and is very particular about having the water that he drinks perfectly free from deleterious matter. Mr. C. P. Huntington and Mr. Jay Goold are both anti-ice water men, and Mr. Gould seldom drinks water that bas not been specially prepared for his use.

# Heaven.

Heaven is for the heavenly mind, It is the blossoming and fulfillment of the heavenly life, begun here in sorrow and weakness and conflict with doubts and fears and temptations, but sought and won by the way of Philip Moxam.

the State are complaining that they did not get out the "full" vote.



"A handful of dirt may be a houseful of shame." Keep your house clean with

# SAPOLIO

NOT TO THE SWIFT.

A Novel Race That Is Now Popular With French Cyclists.

A story of a genuine novelty in the cycle racing line comes from France. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that The course lay down a steep hill with he is the senior partner of the firm of a sharp bend, and the object of the Arthur Bird, of New York, was F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business contest was to determine which of seventy-four years old last week. He in the City of Toledo, County and the riders entered could make the had his eleven children invited home State aforesaid, and that said firm will slowest descent without zigzagging or through this sort of thing before pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED using any speed checking mechanism. DOLLARS for each and every case Here is an idea which we believe has never been introduced in this country.

> We have had slow races since the beginning of cycling. but we do not remember of a slow race down hill. The promotion of events of the kind is undoubtedly worth the attention of wheel clubs. Aside from the interest which such races would attract because of their novelty, there would be other excellent incentives for ambitious riders to enter them. The ability to win a down hill slow race would demonstrate the rider's thorough command of the wheel perhaps better than anything ever devised in the way of competition. The winner would have to show not only the quality of the muscle, but the alertness of his mental powers, and the contest would thus call for more all round ability than any race where the prize is given for speed only. And we should say that the quality of the machines ridden would be put to quite as thorough a test as may be found under the conditions of regular track racing. Contests of the kind might be opposed because of danger, but the skillful rider would be perfectly safe. No trouble could ensue unless control of the wheel were lost, and there would be small danger of this among the class of riders who would naturally enter .- American Cyclist.

# Catarrh in the Head

Is a dangerous disease. It may lead directly to consumption. Catarrh is caused by impure blood, and the true way to cure it is by purifying the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh because it removes the cause of it by purifying the blood. Thousands testify that they have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c.

Courage can only rise into truth and true manliness when the will is surrendered; and the more absolute the surrender of the will, the more The Prohibitionists throughout perfect will be the temper of our true If the promised prosperity comes let courage and the strength or our manliness look.

# The Host Who Tires Bis Guesta.

The most trying of hosts is the man who shows you over his property. You are taken to the stable-it looks much like any other stable; then you are trotted off to the home farm; after this you are dragged up a hill to look at the view. And everything you have, in common civility, to praise as though you had never gone

And the host, strangely enough, really seems to enjoy converting himself into a valet de place. While he is showing me off his possessions I am always wondering how many times he has said before what he is saying to me. The fact is that the country house, like the yule log at Christmas, is played out .- London Truth.

# Catarrh Means Danger,

Because if unchecked it may lead directly to consumption. Catarrh is caused by impure blood. This fact is fully established. Therefore, it is useless to try to cure catarrh by outward applications or inhalants. The true way to cure catarrh is to purify the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, cures catarrh by its power to drive out all impurities from the blood. Thousands of people testify that they have been perfectly and permanently cured of catarrh by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

# Pithy Sayings.

Knowing Christ well is bound to

make us generous. Don't run from a shadow. It means that there is light close by. Faith is always a giant killer, no matter how humble it may look.

The devil will not leave the man who never says no with all his his heart. Every step a good man takes, tells

some sinner that he ought to behave himself.

A good man will not camp all night on ground that he does not know to be safe.

"Prepare for the worst, but hope for the best," says the old proverb. Hope for health, but be prepared for colds, coughs, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, or any other throat or lung difficulty by having Ayer's Cherry Pectoral always at hand. It is prompt to act, sure to cure.

The great political struggle is over-Now let every one settle down and work for the best interest of the townevery one, irrespective of party,