#### EYEGLASSES AND WHY.

#### The Increase in the Number Worn Not an Evidence of Degeneration of the Eyes.

The question is often asked, particularly by those who can recall the customs and experiences of 25 years ago: "Why do so many persons nowadays wear glasses?" The answer is casy: "The increase in the number of spectacles worn is not to be regarded as an evidence of modern degeneration of the eyes, but rather that a long-felt pe-cessity has been met." For it should be remembered that within the past quarter of a century much has been learned about the value of glasses, and the range of their application and usefulness has been enormously extended. Of course, the eyes need more help now than formerly, as the amount of work they are required to do is much greater than at any previous period in the world's history. The sewing machine and many other inventions of its class save the labor of the hands only to add to that required of the cycs, says Lippincott's.

New employments, new amusements and new fashions are continually being introduced to increase the exactions laid upon these sensitive and delicate organs. The steady decrease of illiteracy, together with the general cheapness of hterature and a spread of a taste for it, the enormous circulation of novels, magazines and newspapers, the ever-increasing use of artificial illumination. all combine to overtax the eyes and to weaken or possibly destroy the sight unless the required aid and protection be supplied through every means at our disposal. Thus it happens that the sometime luxury of properly adjusted glasses has come to be recognized and understood by very many of the present generation as one of the real necessities of their lives.

#### THE CHILDREN OF DREYFUS.

#### Singular Manner in Which They Discovered the Truth About

Their Father.

A pathetic incident connected with the Dreyfus trial is given by the Paris correspondent of London Truth.

Among the anxieties of the wife of you know."-Chicago Times-Herald. the persecuted man not the least was her fear that her children should learn the terrible fate of their father. To pre- | The only thing that worries me is the vent this, during all the years of his imprisonment, she kept them under her horrible to have people knowown eye, not allowing them to go to school or play with other children, worry. They'll think you're his mothteaching them herself and going with er .- Tit-Bits. them in their walks. The oldest boy, who was nine years of age, never saw a newspaper.

But while they were at the seaside the boy found on the beach a torn kite made of old newspapers. He read them and went to his nurse.

"Ah, now I know why my papa is so long gone!" he said, showing them an article headed: "Facts of the Dreyfus Affair."

"There are many Dreyfuses in Paris," the woman stammered.

"But not many Capt. Alfred Dreyfuses whose wives are named Lucie. I know now why she cries at night!" cried the boy, sobbing. "She should have told me so that I could go to help my father."

In the sufferings of this man, so great that the world has stood aghast before them as at a new horror in history, God gave him the steady, faithful love of

# PHARAOHNIC MUMMIES.

No Reason to Specify.

skirts was delightful. The fragrance

of the roses upon her bosom was al-

"Ah," she said, looking up into his

A sudden dizzlaces seemed to selze him. It was as if he were floating

"Oh, any one," she replied. "The

feet are all mixed up in all of them."

Benighted Superstition,

Longhead, who talked about taling

board here, is just about the most

superstitious man I ever did hear of.

Mrs. Slimdlet-Yes; he writes that

he has changed his mind about com-

ing, because he's been told that half

a dozen people have starved to death

Up and Doing.

Mack O'Rell-How is that eldest

Luke Warme-He's in New York,

Mack O'Rell-Well, how about the

Luke Warme-He's in Chicago, sell-

ing quack medicines and "doing" sick.

Faith in Superstition.

is the result of chemicals," said young

Mrs. Torkins in a tone of mystery and

"What makes you think so?"

est in yachting, doesn't she?"

"I'm just sure that her auburn hair

"When I met her the other day I

looked all around and I didn't see a

white horse anywhere."-Washington

Inherited.

"Mabel seems to take a deep inter-

"Yes, she is quite carired away

"And she knows all those nautical

"Well, why shouldn't she? Her fa-

ther started in life as a deckhand,

No Cause for Worry.

Miss Million (of uncertain age)-

wedding tour. It will be perfectly

Miss Rosebud (viciously)-Oh, don't

What She Needed.

have no bad habits; he must be hand-

some, manly, loving, generous, liberal, thoughtful--" "Miss Frieze," he in-

terrupted coldly, "you should marry a department store."-Philadelphia

Meandering Mike's Request.

WHAT DID HE MEANT

If as a here I loom up One t'ing I want to beg; Don't offer me no lovin' cup. I'd ruther have a keg.

-Washington Star.

North American.

"The man I marry," she said, "must

running a hotel and doing well.

He's actually afraid of ghosts.

Maid-Ghosts, is it?

here .- N. Y. Weekly.

brother coming on?

youngest brother?

confidence.

Star.

with it."

terms, too."

-Chicago Daily News.

Mrs. Slimdiet-Well, that fellow

face and smiling sweetly, "you re-

mind me of one of Whitman's poems."

nlong in a dream. When he could

eatch his breath to speak he asked:

most intoxicating.

"Which one?"

-Chicago Times-Herald.

They were dancing. The music was heavenly. The swish of her silken

Discovery of the Remains of the Great Egyptian Magician of the Time of Rameses II.

Prof. Groff, the Egyptologist, writes from Ghizeh to the Paris Messenger about Pharaohule mummles at the Ghis zeh museum, confirming the tradition that the scenes described in the first chapters of the Book of Exodus took place under the reign of Rameses II. and his son, Merenptah. The Pharoah's daughter of the Bible was Princess Bent Anta, and the great magleian of that time Hamus, another son of Rameses II. The mummy of the last had been discovered, but it was thought that of Hamus was missing. Mr. Groff has identified one of the mummies as that of the prince and magician Hamus and verified the writing on the shroud as "Ra-Ha-mus."

"After having opened the case in which the mummy is kept," he says, "and carefully removing the outer cloth covering there appeared written on the shroud, just over the breast of the mummy: 'His majesty commanded in the seventh year, third month of the season of planting, sixth day, to be put in order the mummy of Prince Hamus.' This note proves that the object of my research was correct; that the name is not Rahamus, as hereto fore supposed, but Hamus, that of the great magician with whom I had already identified my mummy."

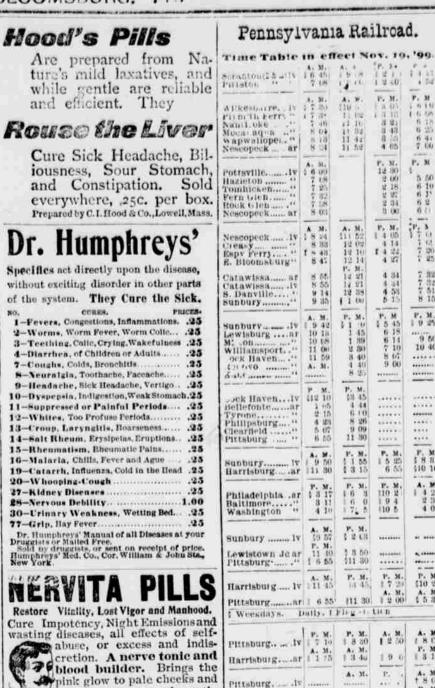
There still lacks the mummy of Princess Bent Anta, Pharoah's daughter, the foster-mother of Moses. Certain indications on her sarcophagus might lead one to suppose that the mummy has been destroyed, but it is probably in some tomb in the valley near Thebes. hidden with other princesses and queens.

#### FRIENDS AFTER BATTLE.

#### The British and Boer Soldiers Joined Hands in Caring for the Wounded.

As the fighting did not finish until after nightfall, it was necessary for the men to bivouae on the field, says the London Mail. This they did cheerfully and in an orderly manner, despite a soaking downfall and the chilling cold From the moment of the "Cease firing' both British and Boers fraternized in the care of the wounded. The stretchers were found to be missing in the confusion necessarily consequent on an attack against modern weapons, and great labor was experienced in moving the wounded men from among and behind the rocks and down the slippery hillsides. But everyone worked loyally, and the staff in Ladysmith worked so effectively that, though the first doolies, or native stretchers, only arrived at midnight, special trains were ready throughout the night to convey the wounded to the hospital, and with the first stroke of dawn sufficient doolles were waiting to convey every man. The Red Cross workers attached to

the Boer force were equally ready, and it was pleasant to see the mutual good feeling. The British soldiers treated the Boer wounded as solicitously as their own, and round one of the few camp fires which were lighted I saw all SUBSCRIBE FOR the best places occupied by the enemy's wounded prisoners. Armed Boers even appeared with the object of searching for their wounded. They were allowed to pass freely about the hill, and gave no sign of any desire to abuse the privilege. They talked freely and goodhumoredly with our soldiers, and then having fulfilled their mission, disappeared in the darkness.



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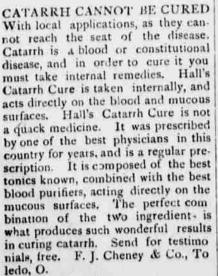


his brothers, his wife and his children.

# POLISHING PETRIFACTIONS. Solidified Wood Being Prepared for

### the Paris Exposition in South Dakota.

The polishing works of this city are now engaged on the stupendous job of getting out \$1,000,000 worth of polished chalcedony, or petrified wood, to be taken to the Paris exposition, says the Sioux Falls (S. D.) Journal. This petrified wood is hauled from its native heath in Arizona, a distance of 65 miles, to a railroad and then shipped to this city to be cut and polished, this being the only place in the world having facilities for treating the petrifaction, which is seven-tenths as hard as diamond. It is shipped here in great logs and stumps weighing many tons each, just as they have lain for many ages during the process required by nature to ture the wood into beautiful and variegated colors of stone. The process of sawing the stone up in shape for pollshing is most tedious, the huge machinery used for the purpose being able to saw only from an inch to three inches a day into it. After being cut and polished the stone is worked up into every conceivable shape, from cuff buttons to tops for center tables and great columns which cost a great fortune. All kinds of jewelry are made from it. as well as trinkets and handsome articles suitable for souvenirs.



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#### Old Letters.

I cannot read his letters o'er. 'Twould wake my heart to pain once more; His words of love would make me sad-And then his writing was so bad. -Chicago Record.

#### The Question.

"Pa," said Willie, "may I ask you just one more question before I go to bed.'

"Yes, my boy. What is it?" "If I'd been your brother, would I have been my own uncle?"-Harper's Bazar.

#### The Renson-

Mr. Jones-Here is a man who tried to kill himself by eating the heads off of phosphorus matches. What an insame idea!

Mr. Sharpe-Not at all. Very logical. He wanted to light out, you know .- N. Y. World.

His Way,

Young Mother-Arthur Oldbeau is always paying queer compliments. Friend-What's his latest? Young Mother-To-day he congratulated the baby on having such a pretty mother to look like .- Puck.

#### The Cart Before the Horse. Cox-What does Enniston have in that trailer behind his automobile? Nixon-A reserve power.

Cox-Some electrical contrivance? Nixon-No. It's a good, old-fashioned horse.-Harlem Life.

#### They All Preach.

"And why shouldn't there be women preachers?" she asked.

"No reason at all," he replied, feelingly. "I never knew a woman who couldn't preach."-Chicago Post.

#### Imitating Mamma,

"Why, Daisy, what on earth ails you? Your tongue has been going like a bell slapper for an hour!" "Why, we're playing house, mamma, and I'm you."-Yonkers Statesman.

# NO ONE FEARS DEATH.

#### An Experienced Physician of Long Practice Tells of a Popular Fallacy.

"I have seen thousands of persons dia under all sorts of circumstances, and never yet have I seen one display the slightest fear of death." This remarkable statement was made the other day. according to the Philadelphia Record, by a physician who has practiced many years in Philadelphia, and who has seen a great deal of hospital service.

"It is a popular fallacy," he went on, "to imagine that a deathbed scene is ever terrible, other than as a parting between loved ones. The fear of the unknown is never present at the last. Even amid ignorance and vice I have never experienced such scenes as a novelist, who strives after realism, will sometimes picture.

"When a patient is told that he caunot recover and the end is near, he invariably seems resigned to his fate, and his only thought seems to be of those who are to be left behind. This is true alike of men and women.

"Those who become hysterical and declare they are not fit to dle are the ones who are not as ill as they think they are. These always get well, A psychological reason? Oh, I don't know that there is any. It's just a human trait."

First Flag Pole on the Const. On the highest ground of a long, low hill distant about one mile to the westward of the little town of Bodega, in Western Sonoma county, Cal., there stands a tall, somewhat decrepit redwood flagstaff. This ancient-looking pole is about 60 feet in height, says the San Francisco Bulletin, is bent with age and exposure, and is slowly decaying. That plain, warped old redwood flagpole is the patriarch of all flagpoles. not only in California, but on the entire Pacific slope. For it was the first erected to fly the banner of the union when California and all other territory in the same latitude from the Paeifle to the Rockies were taken possession of by the United States.

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