Polish Wedding Customs.

According to the Polish custom, the marriage ceremony usually occurs on a Sunday, this being done to permit the men to attend without losing any time from their employment, while the bride is supposed to maintain the greatest secrecy concerning her wedding until she is actually clad in her wedding garments of thin white and bridal veil. Then she goes from house to house, regardless of the conditions of the weather, and invites her friends to her wedding, which, of course, is pay-ing them a very pretty compliment. Again, according to custom, and during the course of the reception, a china bowl is placed in the center of the table upon which the feast is spread, and each man whom the bride honors with a waltz understands that he is to throw with all his might and main a silver piece into this bowl, the idea being to break it, and the man who is so fortunate as to shatter the vessel is entitled to the farewell dance and a kiss from the bride. While the custom is curious it is none the less practical, as it is not an infrequent thing for the newly married couple to re-ceive three or more hundred dollars at their wedding feast.

A Dog and a Song.

During one of the last birthday celebrations of the poet Whittier he was visited by a celebrated oratorio singer The lady was asked to sing, and, seating herself at the piano, she began the beautiful ballad, "Robin Adalr." She She had hardly begun before Mr. Whittier's pet dog came into the room and, seating himself by her side, watched her as if fascinated, listening with a delight unusual in an animal. When she finished he came and put his paw very gravely into her hand and licked her cheek. "Robin takes that as a tribute to himself," said Mr. Whittier. "He also is Robin Adair." hearing his own name, evidently considered that he was the hero of the song. From that moment during the lady's visit he was her devoted attendant. He kept by her side when she was indoors and accompanied her when she went to walk. When she went away he carried her satchel in his mouth to the gate and watched her departure with every evidence of

Sorry He Sued.

A stranger admitted below the bar of the British house of lords was required to deposit his umbrella with one of the attendants. The umbrella was not to be found afterward, and the owner brought an action in court to recover its value. He was successful and was awarded \$5. But this was a violation of sanctuary which the lord chancellor would not tolerate. Summoning the plaintiff and his attorney to the bar of the house, he only refrained from committing them both to prison on their making a humble apology and refunding the amount they had gained.

The Small Grains.

A man recently made a fortune by picking out specks of gold from the heaps which the miners had cast up and abandoned. They were in search of nuggets and despised the smaller grains which rewarded their persever-And how frequently the richest findings of philosophy are in the commonplace incidents of life! In circumstances and places that seem wholly uncongenial to it the poet's heaven-ly attuned ear discerns a sweet underne of harmony which all the burly burly of sin and misery cannot down.

No Difference.

Young Criminal Lawyer—I have arranged to have the prisoner's wife and babies sit in front of the jury and weep all through the trial. Do you think it advisable to pick baehelors or married men for the jury?

Old Criminal Lawyer-Oh, it doesn't make a particle of difference. If bachelors they will sympathize with the woman and babies, and if married men they will sympathize with the prisoner.

Butler's Actress Wife.

General Butler deprived the stage of one of its great beauties and a most talented and popular actress. It is a bit of forgotten biography that he fell in love with Sally Hildreth when she was twenty-one years old and had been on the stage five years. She capitulated to the young lawyer and retired from the histrionic field.

Did Not Mean It. "Honesty is the best policy," sapient

ly said the commuter. "My dear sir, you're wrong!" ex-claimed the suddenly awakened insurance agent who had been dozing in the opposite seat. "My company has the best policy. We long ago aban-doned the other as out of date."

Showing the Way "Whose little boy is this, I wonder?"

asked the old gentleman. "There is two ways you could find out," said the small boy. "How so, my son?"

"You might guess, or you might in quire," replied the small boy.

Aunt—Your bride, my dear boy, is de-lightfully rich and all that, but I don't think she will make much of a beauty show at the altar.

Nephew-You don't, eh? Just wait till you see her with the bridesmaids that she has selected.

"Why, Sharpe, I'm glad to see you so lively again. You were quite lame when I last met you."

"Oh, yes; I was awfully lame then But that was before I got a verdict of \$5,000 against the railway company."

New York's High Cende Teachers "At a recent teachers' meeting," said a visitor who just "happened in," "one of the speakers made the statement city public schools were all specialists of exceptional ability; that they were just such men as one finds outside of the city in the positions of superintendents and principals of high schools. This statement seemed to me to be worthy of verification by something more reliable than the words of an en thuslastic partisan, so I set to work making inquiries about those male teachers in the school nearest my home The following are the data given me by the principal of this school, which, am told, is by no means more favored in the way of appointments than the others in the system: 'Out of ten male teachers all but three could boast, if they desired to do so, the possession of a bachelor's degree. Two of the seven are masters, with some work done to-ward a Ph. D., and nearly all are doing some postgraduate work either at Columbia or at the State university. The three spoken of are ex-high school principals from up state cities.' My respect for the New York city school-teacher has been wonderfully in-

Marriage Performed by Signature There are always a number of mar ringes on board the cooly ships which ply between Calcutta and the West Indies. The coolies are very fond of marrying before entering on their period of servitude. Sometimes as many as a hundred of them will want the nuptial knot tied.

creased."-New York Times.

The captain of any British ship has legal power to marry people, but the master of one of these cooly vessels has grown tired of reading the Angli-can service fifty or sixty times a voyage. So he has had a number of forms printed with the essential parts of the service. The bride and bridegroom step into the cabin, sign one of these forms, have it witnessed and become man and wife. No questions are

asked. They simply sign their names. It is the quickest kind of marriage on record, but the British authorities have declared it to be perfectly valid.

Hearts and Heels.

Many good stories have from time to time been told of Rev. Thomas Hunt the temperance orator who was a well known figure in the early history of Wyoming valley.

During the civil war he enlisted and served as chaplain in one of the regi ments of infantry raised in the valley One day, in the midst of a fierce bat tle, the major rode up in front of the regiment and to his amazement found Father Hunt at the head of the ranks "Chaplain, what are you doing

here?" he asked. "Doing?" echoed the old minister riskly. "I am trying to cheer the briskly. "I am trying to cheer the hearts of the brave and look out for the heels of the cowards."

The Sen Cook's Trick.
"Having tried every kind of female cook, I determined to get a man," said a portly millionaire. "It very naturally occurred to me that an ocean lines was the best place to find him. Every thing is so clean about a ship's kitchen you know. Well, I found a fine look ing Swede and established him in my kitchen at \$25 a week. He seemed to be all right, but presently my neigh-bors complained that he was throwing all the refuse out of the window. Old habit! He thought the window was a porthole on a ship. I could never break him of the trick and had to let him go."-New York Press

A Faithful Servant. Carlyle told once of a lawsuit pend

ing in Scotland affecting the succession to a great estate of which he had known something. The case depended on a family secret known only to one old servant, who refused to reveal it A kirk minister was sent to tell he she must speak on peril of her soul. "Peril of my saul!" she said. "And would ye put the honor of an auld saul of a poor creature like me?"

Theory Versus Practice

"Medical science has reached the point," boasted the optimistic young doctor, "that for a patient to die must take out his heart and kill it with

On his way home he caught a cold and for the next three weeks made ev ery one miserable listening to his symp

An Easy Order. Shopkeeper-What can I show you

Absent Minded Professor-I wantlet me see, what do I want? Dear me I can't for the life of me remember what it is. Well, well, it doesn't mat-ter. Give me the nearest thing you have to it.

Extinguished.
Bookseller—I have a very interesting work by a favorite author-"The Las Days of Pompeii."
Customer—Pompeii? I don't know an author of that name. What did he

die of? Bookseller-Of an eruption

Too Accommodating. Stranger (gallantly, to woman who is eating a tough piece of beef)-Mad am, I envy you your teeth if you can

eat that meat. Her Bitterest Friend-Elsie, why don't you give the gentleman the ad

A Bad Spett.
"Poor Jack! He never could spell and it rutned hlm."

"He wrote a verse to an heiress he was in love with, and he wrote bony for bonny." FLEET MANEUVERS.

North Atlantic Squadron Will As semble Off New England Coast in August.

Washington, July 29.—An elaborat€ programme for the maneuvers of the combined North Atlantic fleet off the coast of New England and Long Island sound during the month of August has been prepared at the navy department.

From August 3 to 10 the search problem will be developed between Eastport and Cape Ann. This will include an effort on the part of a pre-sumably hostile squadron to enter an anchorage ground in the face of the defending fleet.

The combined fleet will proceed to Oyster Bay on the night of Saturday August 15, remaining Sunday and Monday. The fleet will be reviewed by President Roosevelt.

From about the 22nd to the 29th of August there will be joint demonstra tions by the combined fleet against the batteries at Portland, Me. Umpires will decide the contest. Target practice at Gay Head will fol-

PEOPLE'S PARTY.

ticipate in the maneuvers.

More than 30 vessels will par

Amalgamation Effected and Outline of Principles Announced.

Denver, Col., July 29.-Amalgama tion into one party was effected by the two factions of the People's party national conference

An address was adopted declaring for a unification of reform forces in the country and opposition to affiliation with either Democratic or Republican parties.

The address declares for money is sued exclusively by the government whether gold, silver or paper, public ownership of a system of transportation and the transmission of intelli gence, land for use rather than for speculation, and abolition of alien ownership of land, and American ships for American foreign commerce, with out a cent of subsidy

FATAL LIGHTNING BOLT.

Struck a Tree, Glanced and Killed Nelson S. Anderson.

Washington, N. J., July 29.-Early Sunday night in a severe thunder shower lightning struck and killed Nelson S. Anderson, a successful con-tractor and builder of Port Murray. Anderson's wife and her sister were knocked down.

To escape the intense heat Ander

son and his family were sitting under a large pine tree in front of his house. house a bolt struck the tree top, de scended to within 18 feet ground, struck a knot and glanced off and hit Anderson on the breast. The fluid ran down his left side and burned a deep furrow in his foot. His shoe was torn off.

Three Boys and a Girl Drowned. Pittsburg, Pa., July 29.-Following the formal opening of Dam No. 1 in the Allegheny river last night. Joseph

Brown, aged 19; Henry Brown, aged 14; Frederick Bulger, Jr., and Edna Shipley, aged 13, were drowned. The three boys were rowing below the dam in a skiff and invited three girl friends to join them. Within short distance of the dam the suction from the "Bear trap" drew the boat under water. Two of the girls were rescued in an unconscious condition

Bodies of Morton House Victims.

New York, July 29 .- The body of Bertha Quitner, one of the victims of the Morton House tragedy, was removed by the Hebrew Charity Organization society and buried in Silver Lake cemetery, Staten Island. The husband of the dead woman said he had no funds to pay the interment of his wife. The body of Christopher the other victim, is still at the undertaker's. If the lodge of Elks to which the dead man belonged is not heard from today the city will take charge of the burial.

Reported Massacre of Jews.

London, July 29 .- Nothing is known here of the report to the effect that massacre of Jews has occurred at Of ran, near Tangier, Morocco. The Morning Leader of this city in a dispatch from Tangier publishes a report that the Jewish quarter of Ofran was looted by Arabs July 17, that a build ing was destroyed, that a girl was abducted and that in a quarrel among her abductors six Arabs were killed This is doubtless the basis of the re port.

In Favor of a Barge Canal.

Utica, N. Y., July 29 .- Hon, Horatic Seymour, ex-state engineer and vevor, presided at a banquet held here last night in favor of the thousand ton barge canal, at which upward of 300 were present. The speakers in cluded Senator William Townsend, P Casler of Little Falls, a leading member of the Grange, and Gustav H Schwab of New York

British Schooner Wrecked.

Halifax, N. S., July 29 .- A Char lottetown, P. E. I., dispatch says the British schooner Laurel, Captain Dou rette, was totally wrecked near Tra tadie, during a violent northerly gale The captain and crew of five men es

Killed by Natural Gas Explosion.

Columbus, O., July 29 .- An explos ion of natural gas in the rear of Cor dell's saloon killed two women and in jured half a dozen men.

The most wonderful temple in the world is built on a rocking stone the summit of a mountain in northern India which is over 20,000 feet high The rock weighs many thousands of tons, but is balanced on so fine a point that a comparatively light pressure is sufficient to make it sway. Hindoo priests teach their followers that this rock was placed in position by the help of the gods, and thus they add considerably to the feeling of awe which they desire to create.

Worshipers at this shrine must first make a perilous ascent of the mountain. Then they spend seven days of preparation in a temple built on the solid mountain before they are permitted to make the final passage to the mysterious rocking stone. To reach this it is necessary to cross a bridge over a great chasm, for nature and man have combined to make this Hindoo shrine difficult of access. After crossing the bridge the pilgrim mounts a ladder to which he clings in terror for his life here and in the hereafter The temple on the rock is necessarily small. Three priests officiate there, but its mysteries no man is permitted to reveal. Europeans have seen it only from a distance.

The Human Body.

The blood, muscles, bones and other parts of the human body are composed of many chemical constituents, and correct chemical analysis would be long and tedious. The specific gravity of the blood is 1.028, and 779 parts of every 1,000 are water. Of the other parts chloride of sodium, chloride potassium, carbonate magnesia, calcium phosphate, calcium lactate, potassium phosphate, sodium carbonate and other constituents are found. This is generally true, with variations also, tissues and bone. The fundamen The fundamental substance of bone is composed of organic matter, combined with various inorganic salts, in which calcium phos phate largely predominates. In addition the bones contain calcium carbon ate, calcium fluoride, magnesium phos phate, sodium phosphate and sodium chloride.

Buttoning a man's coat from right to left was the original way, when our ancestors, wrapped in skins, held the right edge with the left hand and naturally inserted a fastening thorn with the right hand. This right to left custom has been retained by the He brew priests in their garb to this day When fighting men became necessary and swords and knives had to be drawn by the right hand from the left side, the edge of the coat, buttoned from right to left, was found to be in the way, and men began buttoning from the left. Nonfighting women and priests continue to follow the old

Jewels on an Idol.

The jewels of an Indian idol must be worth stealing if many of those remarkably hideous images possess such valuable head ornaments as one made for the idol Parthasathy, in the Tripli-cane temple at Madras. The ornament is worth some 50,000 rupees and is made of sovereign gold, studded with diamonds, emeralds and rubies, the largest emerald being valued at 1,000 rupees and the biggest ruby and diamond at 300 rupees apiece.

Keep Moving.

The heavens themselves run contin-ually round; the world is never still; the sun travels to the east and to the west; the moon is ever changing in its course; the stars and planets have their constant motions; the air we breathe is continually agitated by the wind, and the waters never cease to ebb and flow, doubtless for the purpose of their conservation and to teach us that we should ever be in action. Burton.

A Contrast In Lungs Three human lungs lie next one another in the anatomical museum at Edinburgh university. The first is that of an Eskimo and is snow white. In life this would, of course, be ruddy from the presence of blood. The third is that of a coal miner and is black. The intermediate one is that of a town dweller and is a dirty slate gray, as are the lungs of all dwellers

in cities at this moment

An III Chosen Song. In order to make him forget his domestic troubles, which were driving him to suicide, some friends of Herr Gustav Krautwinkel arranged a cheer ful evening at a restaurant in Berlin Unfortunately, one of the party began song entitled "Lost Happi Hardly was the first verse fin ished when Herr Krautwinkel jumped up, pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot himself.

Festal Gifts In Spain

It is the custom in Madrid for friends and acquaintances to send presents of bonbons on birthdays, name days and festivals. A large silver tray is piled with sweets of various kinds, with a cake made of eggs in the cen This is often surmounted with a silk flag or a pretty porcelain figure. Well known people receive as many as fifty of these trays on their birth and name days.

The First Ship Monopoly.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "a man gits abused jes' foh habbin' mo' prudence dan yuthuh folks. I specks dat Noah's wicked neighbors had a heap to say agin his ship monopoly aftuh de rain sot in good an' steady." -Washington Star.

Some people are so conscientions about loving their enemies that if they haven't any they are perfectly willing to make a few.—Philadelphia Record.

To Judge a River's Breadth. It is necessary to make use only of the eyes and the brim of a hat to measure the width of any ordinary stream or even of a good sized river, and here

is the way to do it:

Select a part of the river bank where
the grounds run back level and, standing at the water's edge, fix your eyes
on the opposite bank. Now, move your
hat down over your brow until the
edge of the brim is exactly on a line
with the water line on the other side. This will give you a visual angle that may be used on any level surface, and if, as has been suggested, the ground on your side of the river be flat you may "lay off" a corresponding distance on it. To do this you have only to hold your head perfectly steady, after get ting the angle with your hat brim, supporting your chin with your hand, if necessary, and turn slowly around until your back is toward the river. Now, take careful note of where your hat brim cuts the level surface of the ground as you look over the latter, and from where you stand to that point will be the width of the river, a distance that may readily be measured by stepping. If you are careful in all these details, you can come within a few feet of the river's width.-Detroit

Her Latest Brenk.

"My six-year-old girl is an awful chatterbox," said a broker, "and the worst of it is that when we have guests at the house she is continually making breaks of the worst sort-breaks that tend to rattle the dry bones of the fam ily skeleton in the closet. Recently when we had company at dinner sh allowed her tongue to run away with ner, as usual, the result of which was that she very much embarrassed both her father and mother, although the guests. I am free to say, seemed delighted. I had a very serious talk with her and impressed upon her, or tried to, that she must not tell any family se cret. The next time we had company she was permitted to come to the table only by promising that she wouldn't ut word. She behaved beautifully and had nothing to say until the des sert was about to be taken away. Then her lips began to quiver, and finally she burst into tears. 'Why, what's the mat-ter, darling?' her mother asked. 'I—I want some more ice cream, if that isn't a family secret!' she wailed between sobs."-Philadelphia Record.

The Two Classes. Old Dr. Grimshaw (to medical student)-And now, remember that to a physician humanity is divided into two

Student-And what are they, doctor? Old Grimshaw-The poor whom he cures and the rich whom he doctors.

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