We will give it in as few and lucid words as possible, in connection with a sketch of that divinely gifted heathen.

Plato, the father of true Philosophy, First we must observe that about 400 years before the Christian era, the Greeks were the most enlightened people in the world. Among them the arts and sciences flourished to a high degree and Philosophy-"Daughter of Heaven" as Burke once termed her, fasconsted all the youths of the world of which Greece was then mistress,

Among the apt pupils who listened to the wisdom of the sage Socrates, was Plato, sen of Ariston anh Pontone, born at Athens, B. C. 429, and descended from great Codus and Solon. Hehad been brought up in the schools of the time, trained in grammar, music and gymnastics and at the death of Sucretes was one of the most promising attendants, having given ear to his teachings for eight years. After his master had exchanged worlds, as he himself put it. Plato moved to Mersea, whence he traveled into Egypt, Sicily and the Greek colony in Italy, enriching his mind with observation as well as study.

Upon his return to Athena, he resolved to open a school of Philosophy in which to instruct the youth of the country. He accordingly chose a singular spot, which soon became famous for his teachings and attracted crowds from all points. So great did his reputation become that even ladies, breaking the strict rule of Athenian propriety. disguised themselves and attended his lectures which sparkled with the truths of immortality, and God, the maker and governor of the world.

The other schools were deserted while he taught, and rulers, and lawyers and judges came to hear his words, The place at which he gave his lectures was a grove which belonged to one Academus and from this slight circumstance it was called Academy and those who attended Academicians. It became the chief of all schools, of anclent simes. Hence no higher title can be given to any isstitution of learning ers chipmunks, cleared out by "Rough on Race." Whan Academy

## Droughts.

The droughts of Eastern America are reperted as follows.

"In 1621, 24 days in succession with-In 1630, 41 days in succession with-

out rain. In 1657, 75 days in succession without rain.

In 1022, 30 days in succession with-In 1074, 45 days in succession with-

In 1680, 81 days in succession without rain. In 1694, 62 days in succession with-

out rain In 1705, 40 days in succession withoutina n. In 1715, 45 days in succession with-

out rain. In 1728, 61 days in succession with-In 1730, 92 days in succession with- ant

In 1741, 52 days in succession with-In 1740, 108 days in succession with-

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In 1762, 123 days in succession without rain. In 1773, 80 days in succession with-

In 1791, 82 days in succession with-In 1802, 23 days in succession without rain.

In 1812, 28 days in succession without rain. In 1856, 24 days in succession with-

out rain. In 1871, 42 days in succession without rain. In 1875, 27 days in succession with-

out rain. In 1885, 20 days in succession without rain.

The longest drought reported in America was in the summer of 1762, no rain fell from the first of May to the first of September, making in all 123 days without frain. There are seven droughts reported in the seventeenth century averaging 51 days each, ten in the eighteenth century averaging nearly 75 days each, and up to the present time six in the ninetsenti; century aver-

### aging 27 days each. Hints to Sportsmen.

The sporting season is now at hand and a few hints to amateurs will not be out of place.

First, get your gun and load it. Put the powder in first and the shot on top. of course, when you have emptied your gun and are in a hurry to load up lend it vice versa.

Take three or four fellows along with you so that if one of you is shot there will be enough left to carry him home. This will also render the accident less difficult.

In climbing over a fence hunters should be very careful. When you come to a fence, set your gun down and get over yourself. Then reach through, Stocking, Abdominal, and Catame get the gun by the muzzle and pull it through the fence.

It your dog should refuse to tree pheasants, and persist in chasing rabbits, shoot bim.

By a continuation of this process old dogs may become so full of shot that they couldn't chase a rabbit if they

wished. Should you fall down and jam about two inches of mud into the muzzle of your gun fire it off immediately. It would be advisable to do this by means of a forty-foot string, but on such an occasion you must be in a hurry.

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Stub your right toe, you are going where you are wanted; your left, where you are not wanted, weather will be fair; if on the doorstep,

he will bring company. If the first Sunday in the month is unpleasant, there will be but one pleasant Sunday during the month.

If by any chance a mourning hat or bonnet is placed upon your head, you will need one of your own soon, If your right ear purns, some one is

praising you; if your left, your friends are raking you over the coals. Returning to the house for a moment after having once started out will bring

yon bad luck unless you sit down. When, in dropping a fork, it strikes the floor and stands upright, it will bring a gentleman visitor; a knife, a

While at the washboard, if the suds splash and wet the clothes you are wearirg, you will have a drunken husband. If you drop your disheloth you will have company; also if you sweep a black mark, or if two chairs stand accidentally back to back.

If a baby sees his face in the glass, it will be the death of him. If his nails are cut, he will be a thief. If he tumbles out of bed, it will save him brom being a fool.

To break a mirror is a sign of death. Death is also foretold by a dog howling under a window; bearing a mourning dove, a strange dove hovering about, or dreaming of a white horse.

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"Which one ?" was the query, after a half minute spent in reflection. "Why, I didn't know there was but one

"Didn't you? There's one in South Carolina, another in Kansas, a third in Ohio, and a fourth in Iowa. Which one do you want to go to?" "The nearest one."

"Well, that's about seven miles; off .-Next time you inquire for Greenville you'd better name the state, Have you any tobacco?" "What kind of tobacco do you want?"

"Why, I didn't know as there was more's one tobacco." "Oh, yes, there is. There is plug tobacco, finecut, shorts and smoking .-Which do you want?"

"Well, I'll take plug." "I haven't got any. Next time you nquire for tobacco, you'd better mention

The two looked at each other for over minute, and then separated for life.

## Water Spouts.

Rain, hail and snow are caused by ascending vapors. A water-spout is a diminutive whirlwind, lasting from a few seconds to an hour, and reaching down from the under surface of a cloud to or nearly to the surface of the earth. In the centre of this whirlwind appears a slender column of water or dense vapor, constituting the water-spout proper. This column often descends but a short distance, like a pouch, but in its complete stages reaches to within from ten to fifty feet of the earth or sea, and is accompanied by a cloud of whirling dust or spray raised from the ground or sea. The column is probably hollow and the air whirling around it is sometimes an ascending current, but more frequently a descending current: the latter apparently is the cause in the "Cloud bursts" that occasionally desplate limited regions. In the waterspout the whirling movement of the air is generally distinctly recognized, but in the hurricane and typhoon this move ment takes place on so grand a scale that it can only be demonstrated by collecting and platting upon charts the 40 Randolph St., Chicago, keep this paper on file observations made at widely separated



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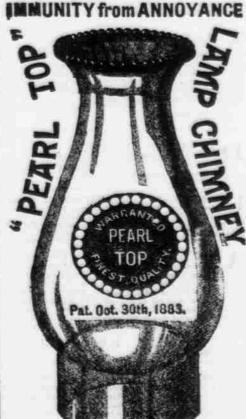
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We have only to look at Shakespeare's characters-nay let us be thorough and go back to the time of the patriarchs-to discover the skirts of men. And easily enough we trace them down through the ages. In the inventory of the effects of Henry V appears "a petticoat of red damask with open sleeves," and altho' it was a question whether this had been fashioned for a man or woman, it would be, if a woman's, the only instance known before Elizabeth's time of a woman using such a garment. Thus we hear nothing of women's petticoats before the Tudor period. "Good Queen Bess," with all her learning, which was essentially masculine in her age and time, had the true instincts of womanliness, as regards personal adornment, and even though we find her deficient in taste, and heartily wish she had not made such a guy of berself in her old age, yet as a woman we have to thank her for stockings and petticoats and many other luxurles which have become necessities and which we now appropriate with as true a belief in inalienable right to their sole possession as though the legacy had fallen to us from Mother Eve instead of Maiden Elizabeth.

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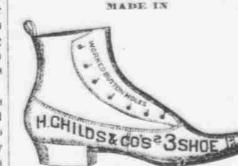
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and with ease. The feathers then take six menths to grow before they can again to cut. Three pluckings are obtainably in two years' time. The process of plucking continues for many years, but it requires the greatest cars to prevent the feathers from deteriors. ling. The feathers from the wild hird are the longest and finest, but rarely more than three on one bird are sum. ciently perfect to render them 62 for commerce. Hence the necessity of the A male bird turns black at about the age of eighteeen months. The black and black-and white feathers are pulled from different parts of the body; the white feathers come from one row only in the wing ; tall feathers are never as white as those in the wing. and are usually bleached for "per So little is known about the babits of the ostrich that people are surrised to find how the health of the bird affects its feathers. In many of the best feathers is what appears to be a line running across the feather. This may be, is not caused by the packing string being too tightly tied, but by a day's illness. So idelicate are the feathers and so intimately and so wonderfully connected with the organization of the bird that a day's dyspepsia from Dvst. feeding or underfeeding will leave this mark. A delicate bird has its feathers. more or less marked throughout, Ox. triches are not camped out for breeding until the male bird is four and the ben three years of age. They by from ten to lifteen eggs and incubate forty-two days. The male bird is a pattern bus. band and father; if accident should overtake his mate it is most ownal for him to continue the sitting, as he has been frequently known to bring off the brood successfully, "mothering" then with the greatest care until they san peck, which is not until three days after hatching. The nest of the ostrich is always in the sond, and is scratched out by the male bird ; the ben forms a perfect wall of sand round her with her wings before the eggs are hatched The ostrich knows no fear, and is a most formidable and dangerous opponent. Their cry, which answers to cock crowing, is a deep bellow that can be heard for a couple of miles, and h called "bromming." The depressing in ostrich farming has been caused by an overstocked market. Naturalis those in climates suited to the bod inported them from the Cape. When WAR- the steed was stolen, the Cape Govern. RANTED ment locked the stable door ; but also the one hundred pound prem'um m every bird exported was too late a missiure to prevent thriving farms growing In Australia and India, and it is wife chagtin bordering on despair that the Cape farmers find the retail trade gleaning the profits.

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