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influence of the Imperial family.

which, being Tartar and not Chinese,

for the origin of the custom, but the

most probable is that it was introduced

with a view to keep women at home.

The gait of a small-footed woman is

exactly that of persons walking on

tiptoe, and those who have the

smallest, most fashionable feet, can

only move about with the ald of a

cane or some other support. Yet

Chinese poets speak of such distor-

tions of a part of the body as "golden

lilies," and liken the staggering walk

produced therefrom to "the swnying

The first duty of a Chinese girl,

when she is old enough to walk, is to

look after her brothers. She is then

weight of some fusty boy as large as

or larger than she is. She may get

a certain amount of pleasure from his

games and amusements, but the poor

She is never allowed on the streets

vals she goes out in company with her

parents, she can not run and frolic.

watchful supervision. She may

neither look to the right nor left, nor

exchange word or giance with any

no acquaintances among the male

sex, excepting her father and brothers,

at, much less speak to, a young man.

She is early taught to sow and to

perform the simple round of Chinese

dice, superstition and cruelty.

nese girl is, of course, her marriage.

tennor stateen. Sometimes even enr-

This generally occurs at the age of lif-

ment describer.

She is married to a man whom, the-

riage is a mere bargain and dicker be-

tween the parents, to determine how

much the father of the girl shall give

in the way of furniture and outfit, and

how much the parents of the young

man are willing to spend for wedding

These arrangements being com-

pleted, on the day fixed she is placed

in the red bridal chair. Her head and

face are tied up in a bag so closely

are not rare in which she has died

She is borne in the bridal chair,

preceded by a band of music, to the

iome of the groom. Her girl life

In the majority of cases she has

only changed the place, not the

nature, of her life. She has ceased to

be the drudge under her father's

roof only to become the slave of her

husband's mother. Suicide is often

sought by young wives in China as

the only means of escape from the

band can have no affection for his

wife unless it may develop after

marriage. She has no rights the law

protects. She may be divorced by a

single scrap of paper written by her

He never says "my wife" with the

glad, proud tone common to Christian

lands. It is always "The contemptible

Should she die childless he does not

"I once remarked to a Minister of

the Chinese Government that as the

wife of the Prince Regent was just

dead he would probably go into re-

"Oh. no," was the reply; "that is

nothing. Why should be, when he

The only pleasant outlook for a

woman in China is when she has be-

come the mother of sons. Then she

has a future before her, and is treated

kindly and respectfully. They are

bound by the laws of filial piety to

love, honor and care for her. She has

a share in all their successes in life,

and sometimes comes to high honor

A lady recently died who was known

and praised throughout the Empire as

being the mother of seven sons, each

one of whom had risen to the highest

official rank. And because of this

fact the Emperor ordered an orna-

mental arch to be crected in her honor.

It is only through their sons that

women in China can prove their right

A Great Undertaking.

"What under the sun are you com-

ing around this way asking people all

these questions about their ages, and

such things that ain't nobody's busi-

ness?" inquired the woman with a

baby in her arms of the census taker.

"you remember, no doubt, last election

"You know how the whole country

"Well, madam, I am helping' the

country to night census."-Merchant

was topsy-turvy, and seemed to have

time, and the consequent inaugura-

tion."

"To be sure."

lost all rationality."

"Yes."

Traveler.

to exist. -Youth's Companion.

female who presides in the kitchen.'

husband and scaled with the impres-

sion of his thumb in ink.

can get plenty more?"

and fame through them.

mourn for her.

tirement."

tyranny of mothers-in-law. The hus-

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from suffocation.

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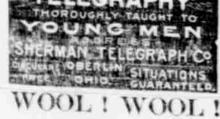
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- An' ye think the world a sandy desert witherness of woel An' the wind is full my grounds' an' the air is And there ain't no blessed star uv hope peops
- An' the purty-smellin' roses look like tossels An' the joys uv this probation you are findin'
- an' the birds song funeral dirges to the cors uv An' the universe is lyin' ready for the under-
- Cyrus Boker, yer a flat, sir, an' you couldn't well be fixter; The why to so the gul yer love is jest by keep-
- All the purty dears are cur'us-this is jest the way f view it-That the gals would like ter luv yer, but ye've got to make em do it. Don't hang roun' a-lookin' lonesome as an An' go u langlin' thro' the worl', a fiddle out uv
- An' call an' see her now an' then, but don't get But drop in once or twice a month as if 'twas But don't do reg'lar courtin' an' don't hang
- room' an' hagat her, an' den't my any words uv luv, however much ver want ter. in' ten to one she'll sweeten up, for Nancy can't stay soured. An' nex' time she'll say "Yes" so quick that you'll be everpowered.
- an' then the universe'll be brim full uv song The sky will be a flower patch stuck full of star The word'll be a fiddler playin' tones upon the
- An' he'll play his jolliest music w'en you an' Nancy pass.

 —S. W. Foss, in Yankee Blade.

AN OLD-TIME WEDDING.

The Story of a Love Affair of Many Years Ago.

At this time heart and brain are moved by the pictures, by brush and pencil, of long ago. We are thrilled with the politics of the infant nation; And either Frest Class Companies. Table unsurpassed. Remodel- brick and mortar fade away, and fields and woodland stand unmelested recent danger, present fears, and | ding festivities. future hopes made men at heart finances, has hidden the homes of this period, and it is almost with surprise that we turn over the annals of a hundred years ngo to find that men loved. married, died; that, whatever has hanged of customs or of thought, we moved men's hearts even in these husy limes to brave, to dane, in Copid's army A letter written in 1828 by an old weatlernin eighty years of age, to nices about to be married, gives a pleture of a love affair of long ago that would arouse the sentiment and sympathy of a stoic. After giving a description of a sleigh-ride where "Brother Jack" lost his heart to Prudence B

our appallat goes on to describe the effect of this meeting: "But, Bess. I have not spun out this long story about the sleigh-ride for nothing. The pith of the matter is to come now. On this eventful eve your grandfather was shot indeed by Dan Cupid, or rather by Prudence B-s eyes. He came home sighing and simpering, and looking very much like a fool. He dreamed all night of that taper arm so closely confined in tight brown silk, of that slender waist, with the broidered stomacher; and, oh! more than all, of that sweet blue cen,' and that auturn ringlet which the gypsy had allowed to escape un-powdered. The next day he went about sighing like a blacksmith's bellows. And Sunday after Sunday he traveled down to the North Church, rigged out in his best attire, with his cornelian brooch, paste buckles, Ince frill-worked erayat, and all, to get a peop at the blooming Prudence. And, verity, I fear that her sylph-like form obtained more of John's attention than Dr. B 's sermon. Thus he went on, until he thought his circumstances would allow him to offer his heart and

hand to the fair damsel. "New, Betsey, I suppose you are all on tip-toe expecting to hear of a moonlight walk, a stolen kiss, a stammered confession, and a blushing answer. But you will be disappointed. Love had a much greater sense of propriety in those days. His votaries then had to deal with rigid old fathers and prodential mothers instead of thoughtless girls. Your grandfather set himself down one morning at his desk, mended his pen, spread out a broad sheet of paper, and, after various trials, indited, in a hand like copper-plate, an humble letter to the purent of his beloved Prudence, stating the amount of his property, his yearly profits, etc., and requesting permission to pay his addresses to his daughter. John was, as I have already said, esteemed a very prudent young man, so that Mr. B- felt no hesitation in returning an affirmative answer, and, probably, moreover, he chuckled a little at the idea that Prudence was to make out

so well. "Fortune had smiled kindly on brother Jack's love thus far, and now was coming the trying, interesting hour when he was to make his first official visit. He shut up his shop full five minutes before dark. He swallowed his tea in such haste as almost to exceriate his tengue. His cravat was tied and retied twenty General Insurance Agent, times, his hair as often touched with pomatum and powder; and his three- her head, and then plastered over with ornered scraper was sleeked down pomatum, and sprinkled with a showlike a well-curried pony. In a word, he spent more time at his tollet on that eventful evening than during his whole life previous. At last he started for the house of his fair charmer. Thrice he essayed to knock, and thrice he essayed in valu. I verily believe he would have spent half the night in mustering up the requisite courage for a gentle love-tap had I not helped his modesty with a thundering jerk at the knocker, and then

himself.

run away and left him to answer for

layed a bevy of Prudence's maiden aunts, bristling in all the frigidity of single blessedness, knitting most vehemently, and casting, every time a new row was to be begun, sharp and serutinizing glances at the young spark over their round-eyed spectacles. On the other side was Mr. B ..., stretched at his ease in an arm-chair, in a black cap instead of his wig, wrapped in a blue gown, with his breeches unbuttoned at his knees, quietly smoking his pipe. Mrs. B-, in her chintz dress and mob cap, was at his side, engaged in making patchwork, a alist he levely Prudence sat quite erect by her mamma, with her pincushion and housewife dangling from her waist. and her eye cast down, diligently pricking her fingers instead of her sampler. Courting was a sober business in old times. Your grandfather seated himself much nearer the spinsters than his deary. He showed his affection very properly by keeping at a respectful distance. He passed the evening in talking politics and the scarcity of money with his future father-in-law; in assisting his future mother-in-law to acrange her particolored squares; in picking up the salls of yarn as they were respectively dropped by the maiden aunts, and now and then casting sly sheep's eyes familiarity the aforesaid maiden ladies dropped a stitch! As soon as the bell rung nine he gave one tender squint at your grandmother, and took his cave.

The winter passes on, each evening vitnessing the same assembly in Mr. -'s sitting-room, except the rare occasion when Mr. Jack and Miss Prulence attended a tea-party, when he Prudence home, who made record of | grinned slightly. maiden aunts. At last comes the wedby the hand of man; we walk with | ding, when we, by the magic of the | whole company danced and romped stately step through the city where | writer's pen, became part of the wed-"Presently the company began to

assemble. There were then no hack-

ney conches. Ladius and gentlemen

both made use of nature's carriages;

and cousin after cousin, belle after belle came trotting along to Mr. Ein their pattons with as much glod as if they had been drawn by four royal grays. All at last were collected, and waiting only for the parson. Old Mr. B——. In his full-bottomed wig, velvet coat and brooches, gold buckles, waistcoat reaching to his knees, conversed with his brother merchants on the usual topics. Mrs. B---, in her plain brocade and snowy cap, only rivalled by her neck-handkerchief, was seen ever and anon to wipe away a truant tear. The muiden nunts, stiff as pokers, were giving to sister spinsters most minute accounts of Prudeace's demostic arrangements, and were particularly cloquent in relating to them the many wonderful bargains they had made in conducting the purchases. The young men, to their Sunday suits, throwing off clouds of flour every time they moved their heads, stood dangling their steel watchchains and making formal speeches to the young ladies who sat, with their cushloned head-gear, bolt upright, flirting their two-foot fans and blushing and simpering with maiden propriety. At last Dr. B -- appeared. full dressed with gown, casseck and bands, with a wig that seemed to consist of a whole unsheared sheep-skin. For a parson to have attended a wedding in a simple black coat and pantaloons sixty years ago, Betsy, would have been deemed rank heresy; indeed, I have been inclined to think that half the power of ministers in my

day lay in their wigs. "The presence of the divine was a signal for the appearance of Casar, in a green coat beautifully studded with steel buttons (probably the courting coat of Mr. B ---, for the coats lasted one generation in old times), bright red breeches, blue stockings and yellow vest; followed by Cleepatra and her flaming copper-plate gown and hoop to imitate the ladies. The former sustained a mahogany tray, shining like his face, sprinkled all over with those very little teacups which I believe made their last appearance in your baby-house, Betsy; the latter bore a twin waiter loaded with nutcakes, symbols and bread and butter. This ebony procession appeared and disappeared three several times; and then the bridal party entered. First came two pretty maidens who longed, I dare say, to be in Prudence's shoes, in white dimity, with the eternal upheaved top-boots, escorted by another gentleman and myself, in blazing scarlet. Next came the happy pair; Prudence slightly suffused, with her eyes bent toward the ground-not her head, for, loaded as it was, the slightest inclination of it might have produced a motion somewhat like that of a top-heavy cornstalk witch: John moving and looking as awkward as a boy whose free limbs have been shaken for the first time into jacket and trowsers. But stop. I am too general. It will never do not to be particular on

such a subject as wedding dresses. "To begin with the lady: her locks were strained upward over an immense cushion, that sat like an incubus on er of white powder. The height of this tower was somewhat over a foot. One single white resebud lay on its top like an eagle on a haystack. Over her neck and bosom was folded a lace handkerchief, fastened in front by a bosom pin rather larger than a dollar, consisting of your grandfather's miniature set in virgin gold. Her airy form was braced up in a satin dress, the sleeves tight as the natural skin of the arm, with a waist formed by a bodice, worn omside, from whence the skirt flowed off, "John was ushered up-stairs into a | and was distended at the ankles by an fearful circle, to begin his courtship. | ample hoop. Shoes of white kid, When the door of the parlor was | with peaked toes, and heels of two or

opened oreside of the fireplace dis- | three inches' elevation, inclosed her feet, and glittered with spangles, as her little pedal members peeped curiously out.

"There, Betsey, a London milliner could not have described a bridal garment more accurately. Now for the swain: Your grandfath a slept in an arm-chair the night before his wedding, lest the arrangements of his pericranium, which had been under the hands of a barber the whole afternoon, should be disturbed. His hair was sleeked back and plentifully befloured, while his queue projected like the handle of a skillet. His coat was of a sky-blue silk lined with vellow; his long vest of white satin embroidered with gold lace; his breeches of the same material, and tied at the knee with pink ribbon. White silk stockings and pumps, with locks and ties of the same hue completed the habiliments of his nether limbs. Lace ruffles clustered around his wrists; a portentous frill worked in correspondence, and bearing the miniature of his beloved, finished his truly genteel ap-

"The party soon arranged themselves, and Dr. B -- , with a dreadful solemn air, united the lovers in the hely bonds of matrimony. The three maiden aunts, probably reflecting upon their lonely state, sniveled andibly. at Prudence, at every instance of which | Mrs. B -- put her handkerchief to her eyes, and Mr. B --- gave a loud hem as if to clear his throat. After the ceremony the parson made a long and serious address to the young couple, during which the old ladies looked meaningly at the young damsels, who pertly pouted with their pretty lips, and played with their pretty feet rather impatiently upon the floor; whilst the young beaux hunched had the privilege of escorting Miss each other with their elbows and

the tender sighs, the gentle hand- | "The speech over, and when all the pressures, of the stolen kiss. The im- company had saluted the bride with portant question was asked and an- loud and hearty kisses, which sounded swered; then began preparations for like the irregular discharge of small housekeeping; the young people es- arms, Cresar's fiddle began to speak corted by Mrs. B .- and the three audibly. The newly-married pair slided through a minuet, and then the until supper was announced.

"And such a suppor. I might as well attenual to give an idea of the flavor of venison on paper as of this supper. At each end of the table, attended by a pair of ducks, lay a glorious turkey, flat on his back as if inviling dissection. Next came two juscious hams, with graceful overshadowing box; then sausages garnished with fried apples; then smaked two tender sirloins of beef; then the golden salmon; in short, the table greaned under a load of flesh, fish and fowl of all sorts and kinds.

"At each corner rested a huge pumpkin pudding surrounded with numerous satellites of tarts, and in the very center of the board stood jellies, and the wedding cake, with its snowy covering of sugar, studded with flowers and ginger, full as large round as a bushel basket. Strict justice was love the repast. The ladies ate as though they lived by cating, the genlemen as though they were hungry, the parson as if he loved it. Many jokes were eracked. Many a good wish to the new married pair was drank, and the company departed in high spirits. Casar drove the bride and bridegroom in Mr. B--'s onehorse square-topped chaise to their own dwelling, where they lived long and happy, although Prudence neither played upon the plane nor read Italian. "P. S.-Your grandmother spoke out the obey so as to be distinctly

POISONS IN MILK.

heard all over the room."-Christian

Simple Measures to Prevent the Forma-tion of Tyrotoxicon.

According to Prof. Vaughan, tyrotoxicon does not develop below sixty degrees Fahr., and is anaerobicgrows when air is excluded. Some very simple measures, then, are pre-

1. Scrupulous cleanliness. A little dry milk on the rim of a can or vessel may breed the germ which will find n culture-ground in fresh milk. 2. A low temperature-below sixty degrees Fahr.

3. Ventilation in an untainted at-

mosphere. It is but just to say that these precautions are generally observed by careful dairymen and cream manufacturers. There is grave reason to fear, however, that they are not generally observed after the milk reaches the consumer's | hands. Also, the slightest carelessness may affect seriously that class of the community which does not speak for itself-the

very youngest Statistics prove with increasing testimony that all artificial feeding is not only unnatural but hazardous, and to be successful requires the most intelligent attention. However, if all mothers and nurses could learn that milk exposed to foul or warm air for any length of time may not only sour, but become the vehicle of virulent poison, perhaps the summer months would bear a better health record.

One word of warning may not be amiss. Whenever a young child is fed upon cow's milk, and this causes symptoms of disagreement, the diet should be changed at once either to meat or rice; for, if the chief mischief-maker be at work, the best milk will only furnish it with the medium in which it flourishes, and, deprived of this, it will inevitably perish .- Alice B. Tweedy, in Popular Science Month-

F-The Society for the Suppression of Vice last year secured 101 convictions, made 94 arrests, seized over 45,-000 pounds of bad books and papers and caused the destruction of an immense amount of vile matter of various sorts. All this was done at an expenditure of only \$9,522.78. "

-A fund is being raised in San Francisco to found a Memorial Garibaldi School, where Italian history can be faught to young Italian Americans. . creasing in North China through the

ONE LIFE.

Her little hand is resting On the arm that held it of old, And he thinks it is only the night-breeze

That makes it so soft and cold. Her eyes into his are gazing-And he thinks it the shadowy twillight That makes them so strange and dim.

MUUMMAN.

Her pretty face turns toward him-Ah, when did her face turn away? And he thinks it the silvery mosalight That mukes it so faint and gray.

O spirit that lingers and faiters Take courage and whisper "Good-bye," Alticl Why, a life is noth; When millions each minute die,

With millions each minute dying, What matters one life or d-uth? --One fragile and tender existence?-One tremulous, passing breath?

A life! Why, a life is nothing! What matters though one turn dim! Alas! for the folly of reason, One life is the world to him. -Leslie's Newspaper

GIRLHOOD IN CHINA. It Is a Dreary Round of Drudgery

and Neglect. Some of the Hardships Daughters in the Flowery Kingdom Have to Endurg-

Forced Into Early Marriages-Sulcide Often Ends the Honeymoon. The lot of a Chinese girl is, on the whole, a very hard one. From the cradle to the grave her life is full of

drudgery and hardship, without variety or relief. The student of the Chinese people is surprised at the low estate of the mothers, wives and daughters. "She can not be either evil or good"-this

idea forms the basis of the treatment of the female sex. It is generally true that the religion of any country rather than its civilization determines the position of the women in it. The only native religion of China - Confuelantsm - organized and developed more than two thousand years ago, recognizes only the male

Another reason for the small esteem found in the social customs of the people. In their boys the parents see the comfort and support of old age, and what is even of more importance, the performance of the sacrifice at their graves which shail secure them a happy future after death.

But when a daughter marries she parts from her parents and family foreven. No klaship with them is thereafter recognized, and beyond one or two formal visits all intercourse with them is at an end.

Under this heathenish custom it is small wonder that a Chinese mother and father should feel that in rearing a daughter every thing done for her is really wasted, or at least done for the benefit of strangers. She must marry, because it is disreputable to remain single; and in marriage they are forced

Allowed no place or part in the religion of her country, and forced to desert her own home for one chosen by others, without the least reference to her own feelings, the Chinese girl seems to be but a stray in her own land and among her own people.

Dark as the picture seems in reality, some writers have represented the condition of females in China as worse than it is, and quite wrong opinions are the result. For instance, in North China, at least, there is no such extensive murder of female infants as has been asserted. Cases doubtless do occur in which mothers destroy their children, as they do in America, but the crime is rare, and is regarded as a crime, as it is in other countries.

The birth of a daughter is not made the occasion of rejoicing as is the birth of a son. It is regarded as a calamity in any family to have many daughters and no sons. It is even allowed as a ground for divorce. But when there is one or more sens in a family the coming of a daughter is regarded with satisfaction and even with joy. She can help the mother look after the children and be a maid-of-all-work about the house.

The Chinese, as a people, have strong natural affections. They love all their children, and while not daring to set aside and defy long-established customs and prejudices, many of them nourish and care for their daughters as tenderly as their sons.

A high Chinese official once said to me that in his opinion one of the best things about Western nations was the care and kindness shown to girls by their parents and friends; and that China's greatest shame was in her treatment of females. For his part he had always made it a rule to treat his wife as his equal, and his daughters with the same care and affection shown his sons.

The first event in the life of a Chinese girl is the binding of her feet, which is done at two or three years of age. The four smaller toes are doubled in under the great toe and against the ball of the foot and bound tightly in that position. The heel is also forced up against the back of the ankle and held there by bandages. These bandages are never removed until the foot has become distorted into the new unnatural shape, and but seldom afterward. Of course the process causes the

most intense pain, and sometimes results in mortification of the feet and death. People in America often refuse to believe that Chinese women, even with bound feet, can wear the tiny shoes that are sometimes shown as curiosities. They, however, do wear just such tiny shoes. The apparent impossibility is explained away by the fact that only the large toe, with the smaller doubled underneath, is put within the shoe, the heel of which comes just underneath the ball of the foot. The shoe of a full grown woman may have a sole only three and a balf inches long.

Sometimes not only the small toes, but the entire ball of the foot is twisted and doubled into the arch of the foot.

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CROWNS AND CRAZINESS. Some of the Maindies That Affect Royal

A quick, uneasy denial has been made by authority in Vienna of a report that the Empress Elizabeth is ill and deranged. Similar reports concerning her husband, the Emperor Francis Joseph, have also been denied. But there is an impression that in both cases the rumors are correct. The unfortunate pair have had enough to deprive them of health, and even of reason in the deplorable death of their son and heir, and in the scandals of his life that were then made the subject of public com-

Insanity in royal families is, however, becoming so common that something more than a special cause for it may be looked for. Rudolph was not the first Austrian Prince who became erazy. There have been many mad Hapsburgs, Hehenzellerns, Romanoffs and Guelphs. The actual King of Bayaria has for years been a lunatic, and so was his b other, whom he succoeded. The King of Hotland, who-is slone, and when at very rare interdying, has long been more or less of a monine and latterly has been an imbecile. There are and have been With downcast eyes and rigid agure | manines in the royal family of she must walk in front, under their Belgium, and the list might easily be extended. Among the causes of this tendency to mental alienation in royal lines intermarriage is prominent. person. The Chinese girl must have | This is a cause either of imbediity or mulness, recognized by physiciogists among people of all ranks. It is and must under no circumstances look more frequent in the royal rank because the number of partis allowed by law or etiquette is limited; a Prince of one crazy family has often wed a cooking and the drudgery of the Princess of another, and the chances of household. Here her education ends. transmitting feeble intellect to off-She is never taught to read, yet she is spring are thus continually aug-

not lacking in native intelligence and | mented. Physical maladies are also among Such is girlhood in China; pathetic | the results of the frequent intermarin its dreary round of drudgery and in | riages in royal families. Scrofula, the absence of all brightness and va- which often affects the mind injuriousriety which make girl life with us so | ly, is promoted by the conjugal union happy. Yet Chinese girls are often of consins or other relatives, and tionate. There is no reason to believe | of Europe have scrofnlous maladies, them to be naturally inferior in any of | developing sometimes in cancers, these qualities to their brothers. But | lameness, consumption and other malshe can not be either evil or good" agree, "he boulthiest royal families is the senseless verdict, and so she are these of modern origin, like the lives her weary life a victim to preju- Swedish, which began in Bonaparte's times, and the Bonapartes themselves, who, though not over-wise, are at The great event in the life of a Chileast not maniacs or invalids. But the great Napoleon's son by his Austrian wife was weak in body and mind, inier. But even in this crisis in her existheriting some of the tendency that ence her sad fate does not for a mohas appeared among the Hapsburgs of this time in Vienna. Had he lived to be the father of children they would probably have inherited that tendency oretically, at least, she has never seen. Generally the arrangement of the mar-

in an increased degree. These are physiological points only, but they show that the limited matrimonial field for royalty leads to impairment of body and mind. The Princes brought in luxury, idie-ness and selfish indulgence are apt to become feeble intellectually and physically, and when one of them succeeds to a throne and has the burden of State affairs thrown upon him, he is not likely to be able to that she can see nothing, and cases endure the labor or to withstand the shocks to which he is as liable as any humble man. Francis Joseph and his wife were apparently as healthy as most people, but the catastrophe of Rudolph's death was crushing, and has ended. Her life as a woman has there is no improbability in the reports of their mental and physical condition which are so strenuously denied. The poorest pair of peasants among their subjects might have been as much grieved by a similar affliction, but they could have borne it more patiently and bra dy. They are not descended from a long line of intermarrying relatives; they have had no notorious and shameful scandals in their family; they have not been worried by State affines and heavy responsibilities, and they are of a sturdy stock that can endure the

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A lumber pile made of boards each 100 feet long and six feet in width would be an unprecedented sight in the East, but a gentleman recently returned from a visit to the coast of the North Pacific Ocean says that piles of lumber such as that are common to the mills on Puget sound. "Boards 100 feet long and six feet wide, without a knot in them," he said, "are common cuts from the gigantic fir trees of the Puget sound forests. These trees grow to the enormous height of 250 feet, and the forests are so vast that although the saw-mills have been ripping 500,000,000 feet of lumber out of them every year for ten years, the spaces made by these tremendous inroads seem no more than garden patches. Puget sound has 1,800 miles of shere line, and all along this line, and extending thence on both sides miles and miles further than the eye can see, is one vast and almost unproken forest of these enormous trees. There is nothing like it anywhere on the Pacific coast. An official estimate places the amount of standing timber in that area at 500,000,000,000 feet, or a thousand years' supply, even at the enormous rate the timber is now being felled and sawed. The timber belt covers 30,000,000 acres in Washington Territory, an area equal to the States of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. The markets for the Puget sound lumber are entirely foreign, being South America, Australia, Central America and the Pacific Ocean Islands."-"Madam," said that official, politely, Toledo Blade.

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