Marriages Which Seem But Fashionable Exhibitions.

Some of the Features of the Society Affair Which Make It Appear More of a Mockery Than Anything Else.

To the thoughtful observer who finds himself one of many impatiently expectant of the bride's appearance through the church door the ceremony, which of all others should be the most impressive, loses much of its solemnity. The feeling that prompts the earliest possible arrival on the scene in order to secure an advantageous position for secing and hearing, and if late the crowding into the overfilled ediffee on tiptoe to eatch a glimpse of the heads of the wedding party, can only be one of sheer euriosity. What, asks the San Francisco News Letter, is the motive which causes the girl about to face the most serious problem of her life to make a public spectacle of herself to which she bids the public, as far as she knows it, to "come and see?" Gazedat by merciless eyes, quick to notice the slightest deflection from the proper thing, she offers herself as a target for comment and often ridicule. Only a few of the curious throng are so tilled with friendly interest in the participants of the ceremonial that they are oblivious to the bride's expression or of the tone of the groom's responses. A marriage should, by virtue of all it signifies, be considered as something apart from other festivities. It is an occasion when those chiefly interested should be surrounded by only their nearest and dearest friends. Then the entrance into "the holy bond of matrimony" seems holy, and not an opportunity for the display of toilets and new and original ideas concerning bridesmaids.

Another mockery attendant upon the fashionable wedding is the promiseuous sending of gifts. How many there are to whom the arrival of that bit of pasteboard with its summons is anything but a pleasure, because of the equivalent present which must be sent. For often the obligation is felt by those who can ill afford the necessary sum required for the purchase of a wedding gift, which must be "as good as anyone's." Others, with no thought or interest in the matter, will carelessly select something or anything, so long as it makes a goodly showing, because it is supposed to be the correct thing to do. With neither gift goes the loving thought, the kindly wish, which makes the value of the article, if the recipient is not placing the market valuation on her presents and appraising each one as it is un folded from its wrappings. In France the sending of a wedding gift is con sidered as a favor, and only the privileged few who have some claim on the bridal couple are permitted to send gifts-a custom worthy of imitation. Of course, to the young couple whose new home depends largely for its ornamentation on the generous rememes of their friends the gifts are highly prized, and, as a rule, are sent by those whose kindly interest in the young people leads them to select such articles as will be just the thing. But for the girl, whose future is amply provided for, and whose home will know no deprivation of any desired article the miscellaneous collection gathered in from the dear five hundred or more has no sentiment or value. Why will not some independent spirit take the initiative, and when she announces to the world at large her coming nuptials. state at the same time that she wishes only the presence of her friends, and nothing more tangible?

ARTIFICIAL NOSES AND EARS.

Aluminum Now Taking the Place of Wax Celluloid, Porcelain and Wood. It is quite the fashion to attribute to aluminum adaptability for every conceivable purpose. In the majority of cases there is some warrant for doing so, as the metal lends itself kindly to all kinds of conditions and uses, and among these is the manufacture of artificial noses and ears. Wonderfully good imitations of these members were made in wax, celluloid, wood, porcelain or vulcanite. Vulcanite was the substance most in favor, from its lightness strength and small liability to injury After being vulcanized, the piece was painted by an artist in oil colors, as near the color of the skin of the in tended wearer as possible. For attaching it the face springs were at first tried, but the New York Com . reial Advertiser says there was a strong prejudice against them on account of their supposed tendency to interfere with the circulation and cause irritation and possibly inflammation or absorption of the tissue. Finally it be came customary to keep the nose in the required position by fixing it to eyeglasses, and in this way the wearer could almost defy detection. For this purpose aluminum is now in vogue. It is strong and light and is easily covered with muslin, which is afterward painted. It has thus become a matter of even greater ease to adjust a portion of the nose or ear with perfect nicety and have it painted to so nearly resemble the skin that covers other portions of the face that the fact would remain un known if you met the wearer a dozen times in a week. Scores of people are daily met on the streets who are wearing some such appliance, and many of them have been doing so so long that they have almost forgotten the fact themselves. Five times out of seven the loss of the nose is caused by abseess centrals which break just inside the nostrils. The disease then attacks the bone, which decays very rapidly Sometimes a portion of it is saved, but this is the exception and not the rule.

FROM THE MINES' DEPTHS.

In England there are almost 6,000 women employed in and about the coal mines, but it is said that none of the number works below the surface. THE Sheffield cutlery firms, whose

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Dog Fare. "In the matter of food many dog owners make grievous errors and are therefore remiss in their duty," writes Dr. Gordon Stables in the new volume of the Dog Owners' Annual, "toward our friend the dog. I think the rule of a light breakfast at eight p. m., and a good, nutritious dinner at five p. m. is a good bue, but we should never neglect to give some mashed greens twice or thrice a week, nor forget that change does good. An occasional dinner of well-boiled tripe is a great treat to almost any dog; so is a bit of liver lightly boiled. As to bones, young dogs may have safe ones, but old dogs are better without; a handful of bone meal must do

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PORTRAYED IN LARD.

Busts of Famous Personages from the Chisei of the Center Market Sculptor. The sculptors in Greece are celebrated, but a "sculptor in grease" is something of a novelty in the art World. Nevertheless, Washington possesses such a phenomenal artist, who finds scope for the exhibition of his genius, not in classic marble or plastic clay, says the Washington Post, but models bas-reliefs in lard and busts in butterine. His name is B. C. Ford, and his studio is at the west of Center market.

The way Mr. Ford entered upon his artistic career was entirely by accident. It is his custom to pile fifty or sixty pounds of lard upon his counter, and one day he carclessly picked up a knife and earved a bas-relief portrait in the side. It was merely an ideal head, drawn at random, but possessed such merit as to attract considerable attention and custom from the marketers. Senator Manderson, who happened along, was particularly struck with the portrait, which he declared to be a remarkable likeness of Sir Walter

Raleigh.

Since then Mr. Ford has continued his experiments, and developed considerable skill in manipulating his novel material for modeling. His tools are ordinary earving knives, with which he chisels out in rough some ideal face. The features are afterward molded and smoothed by the fingers, the warmth of which renders the lard plastic. When this has been done to he artist's satisfaction he dips his ingers in ice-water, which chills and fixes the features, at the same time imparting a marble-like gloss to the bust, and showing almost translucent in the electric light.

Among the subjects he has treated, in addition to a number of ideal heads, are portrait busts of Walt Whitman, Mrs. Morrell and Sitting Bull, the latter of which, being artistically decorated with urkey-feather plumes, attracted great attention. Indeed, a crowd always surcounds the sculptor as he works, and his productions have become a standard attraction to the market.

The last bust he made was that of a seautiful girl. The modeling of this piece was of really high artistic merit. and it was considered by connoisseurs as worthy of a place in the Corcoran gallery. But a sad fate overtook the fair lady of lard. As the weather grew warmer she visibly drooped and sickened. Great, greasy tears gathered in her downcast eyes, and her head bowed gracefully as if in deep grief. The sword of impending calamity hung over her; one day it dropped and off went her fair head, so Mr. Ford named her after the unfortunate Mary Queen of Scotts.

Mr. Ford is considering an offer to exhibit some of his work at the world's fair, the pieces being protected in glass refrigerators from the effects of heat.

WAR ON ARAB SLAVERS. Breaking Up the Eusiness of Raiders

from Khartoum. igo Free State has received a report from Capt. Ponthier, who has been stationed about a year between the Mobangi-Makua and the Congo rivers. with regard to his fights with the Arab slave dealers from Khartoum and his successful efforts to defeat their atempts to ravage the country south of

He found in September last, says the New York Sun, that large bands of these Arabs had established themselves in strongly-fortified towns on islands in the Makua river, that they had laid waste large districts north of the river. and that prompt measures must be taken or they would extend their murderous raids to the tribes further south. The chiefs all through the southern part of his district were terribly frightened by the news that reached them of Arab atrocities in the northern districts. They eagerly welcomed the news that Capt. Ponthier was about to lead an expedition against the Arabs, and decided to help him with a considerable force of native warriors.

The captain was therefore able to set out for the Arab towns late in October, with about two hundred well-armed soldiers of the state and upward of one thousand natives armed with spears. His march was so rapid that he took the Arabs by surprise, and after a hard battle, in which about one hundred of the enemy were killed, they fled from their strongest village, and crossing to the north shore of the river scattered in all directions. Night came too soon to permit Ponthier to follow up his vicory, but the next day and for three days after he attacked the towns on other islands with similar success, driving all the Arabs across the river and getting possession of two hundred and fifty slaves whom they had recently

A great number of these unfortunates had been fastened together by iron chains attached to rings that had been placed around their necks. They told ad stories of their terrible sufferings. As usual, the Arabs had killed or driven into the jungle to perish about five persons for every one they captured. Their fortifications were found to be of unusual strength. Several rows of palisades surrounded each village. Capt. Ponthier thinks that he has stopped the progress of the Arabs in this direction.

VALUE OF EVEN TEETH. Public Speaking Interfered with by Irregular Molars Dentistry's Progress. Speaking with distinctness and comfort depends much upon a full and even set of teeth. If they are crowded and rregular, or if there is now and then one missing, it affects the voice at once and is very annoying to others who are obliged to listen to it. Public speakers often fail to produce the effect they desire upon their hearers from this cause and are not conscious of it themselves. Nothing contributes more to the beauty of the features than a perfect, regular, lean set of teeth, while a neglected, seased mouth disgusts every beholder. Such things are noticed nowadays much more than formerly and good teeth and a sweet breath are considered indispensable to every lady and gentleman. Filling the teeth is the only means of preserving them when decay comnences. The science of dentistry is ow so far advanced that the skillful operator can save and restore the teeth even where they have been badly decayed and abcessed. Some wonderful cases have been presented in the last few years of teeth seemingly beyond the hope of saving, where the science and skill of modern dentistry has restored them again to usefulness, much to the joy and surprise of the patients. Fifty years ago the great study of the dentist was how to make artificial teeth; now, according to the Domestic Monthly, all the resources of science and art are brought to bear, and the whole force of dental education at the present day is centering upon, the one great work of saving the natural teeth.

Lassoing an Eagle.

Antone Nelson, a Colorado cowboy, assoed an eagle a few days ago. Nelon was riding over the prairie on his little cow pony with a lasso tied to his saddle, when he saw the eagle flying ahead of him, quite close to the ground. He started his pony on a run toward the bird, and when a short distance away threw his rope, which settled over the eagle's neck and under one wing, and he succeeded in getting the bird to the ranch house alive. The eagle measured eight feet from tip to

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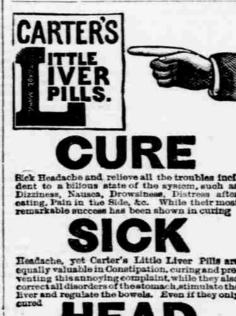
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or by evaporation, the surplus snow

gradually collects in the valleys and

gorges, and slowly-almost imperceptibly-moves down the slope far below the usual limit. Thus are formed the well-known "rivers of ice," or glaciers. The best-known glaciers are in Switzerland, where some four hundred, varying in length from five to fourteen miles, are scattered through the Alpine valleys. Their width varies from half a mile to one mile, and their greatest thickness, it is estimated, is somewhere about one thousand feet. But these, when compared to some of our Greenland or Alaska glaciers, become very insignificant. Muir glacier, for instance, occupies a tract some thirty or forty miles wide, from which nine main streams and seventeen branches unite to form a grand trunk, that pushes a mighty wall of solid ice, 5,000 feet wide and 700 feet deep, into Glacier bay. The great Humboldt far outstrips this, being fully 115 miles wide and some 2,000 feet in thickness. Nordenskjold, who penetrated 123 miles inland, was unable to find its end. Goldthwaite's Geographal Magazine thinks that in all probbility it is an arm of one gigantic field of ice, capping the interior of Greenland, and moving gradually but ceaselessly toward the sec.

These monsters, however, are much more difficult to study than their smaller brothers in Switzerland, so we will leave them and see what there is to be seen on and about one of the latter. Beginning with his bleak, dreary birthplace, some two or three thousand feet above the snow line, and following t to the point where it is transformed nto a muddy torrent, we will first seect some summit having about that elevation. Here the light, powdery snow, which is but slightly affected by the heat of the sun, is blown hither and thither by the winds, and finally deposited in the gulches and ravines. There it accumulates until, principally by its own weight, it begins to creep down the slope to the virlleys below. As it gradually approaches the snow line it is more and more affected by solar heat, which every day converts the surface snow into myriads of tiny rills. These trickle into every possible crack and cranny and, during the night, are frozen solid again. Thus, through a succession of freezing and thawing, the entire mass acquires a coarse, granular omposition, quite unlike the soft, owdery substance which it was farther up the slope.

But all this time fresh deposits of snow are being piled on top. These naturally tend to compress it, and of course are in their turn compressed by still more recent falls. In this manner, with the aid of radiation, the neve, as it s called, passes, by insensible gradatiens, into clear, solid ice-the glacier proper. This ends its formation.

WOULDN'T TAKE PAY.

A Bootblack's Neat Reply to the Remark of a One-Legged Veteran. Two men stood on a New York street corner chatting, one having his boots blacked the while, the other trying to keep a poor eigar burning. The latter, says the New York Herald, had but one leg. When the ragged little bootblack had got through with the one and colected a nickel he tapped his box smartwith his brush and looked up at the ne-legged man: "Shine 'em up, sir?"

"Why, I've only got one foot, young

"Well, I don't know-you charge a nickel for two feet. I s'pose you'll do nine for two and a half cents, eh?" "Yes," said the boy, "if you'll furnish the change." He went industriously to work polishing up the lonely foot. while the two men continued joking. The one-legged man was telling the other fellow about leaving his deg on the slope of Lookout mountain. He had pulled out a ten-cent piece mechanically, as be talked, and the boy was a long time on the job. When the lad had put an extra fine polish on the broad buttoned shoe, the one-legged customer cheerily tendered the dime. "I always pay double," said he, laughing patronizingly, "on account of the vear and tear on the boy's feelings." "An' I allus don't take nothing"." retorted the dirty little fellow, shouldering his box with the conventional wing. "My grandpa left a leg in the war an' I don't take nothin' fur a one leg job, see?-on account o' de wear an'

tear on me feelings-see?" he added, And he swaggered away with an air of independence that struck the two men speechless with amazement.

MEN OF DISTINCTION.

GARFIELD lacked the statesman's gift of remembering faces, and Secretary Foster says that after all his years in congress he did not know more than fifty men personally. SECRETARY RUSK is credited with

having been able to reduce the amount of deaths among cattle at sea resulting from cruel treatment from 16 per cent. to 1 per cent. on the \$25,000,000 worth annually exported. The friends of the late Harry Edwards

subscribed \$10,000 dollars and the Ameriean Museum of Natural History \$5,000 towards the purchase for the museum of the Edwards Entomological Collec-The people of Galveston are endeav-

oring to raise money to build a monument to the memory of Gen. Bank head Magruder. The remains of that distinguished confederate chief now lie in the Galveston cemetery without even a marble headstone to mark the grave. THE late Dr. Walter Channing, one of the leading physicians of Boston, who lived to be 90 years of age, once told Col. Higginson that in all of his wide experience he had never seen anyone afraid to die when the last moment drew near.

SCRAPS OF LITERATURE.

LITERARY ladies in England have chieved a great step in progress. They dined last year together as the "Literary Ladies." This year they have modified their title to that of "Literary MARIE CORELLI is only the pen name

of the writer whose works have won the approval of Queen Victoria. She is daughter of the late Dr. Charles Mackey and her name is Marion A Norwegian professor has come to the defense of Mary Queen of Scots by publishing a book designed to prove

that the luckless queen has been

blamed for many things of which she was innocent. TENNYSON will soon be 83 years old. Various biographies of him put 1810 and 1811 as the year of his birth, yet the parish registers of Somersby record 1809 as the year, and the entry is made in the handwriting of his father.

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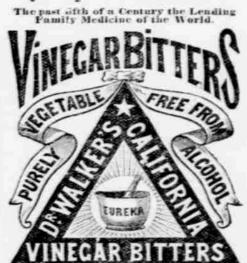
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er flesh is worth good five dollar to "Plowin'in de entton putch nin't care.

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Mony of their aphorisms embode that anny co-lucky carelessness that has chia part of the negrocharacter You can't in tilly year work puras ncia gold in yo' perket as de man La at in despelouse of a yaller comme

The laziest man kin make a bigger Tarryin' ain't carryin' an' bita bean poier work; of sie rabbit despris hance ter stop in de race, and has ha are foot, den de dog sho' en thataever burny in dat day's ruce. "Wenther signs good for some follow but when de corn silks, den door, and me in de midst of de night tertel me

commission of a morace.

"Little sense or pilenee"! down by ass; stiele a straw in de ear of de billio of and 't won't life over." Martia Young, in Chantauquan.

"A pack or lies is like a pack even

ogs; dec don't excite nor disturba-

outy but dem what sicks 'em and senda

Jeff Bidn't Go Back on His Word. He Sorw a Sedier Way. Jeff Regant and his brother Abe each world large tracts of land near-Roson, and they were buchelors

catted at Jeff's bottle "Good morning, Jeff." "How d'ye do, my boy," answered "Jeff, you remember that marriage agreement we made?" usked Abe. "Well, I recken I do," said Jeff.

"I'm coing to be married Wests Are you ready to keep the agreemen "Sure as you're alive," answered Jeff "I hain't got no use for a man as will "Well, you are right. Jeff, and you So the compact was sealed, but left did not intend to give up his elever hundred neres so easily. He just foole Abe. Instead of waiting for Abeget married on Wednesday, Jeff hitches op and called on a neighbor's daugite

"You see, I was married this more ng and want to know if you allow t "Well, this is a little suddent like but I reckon it's all right. I'll keep my And he did. Abe transferred in

to live on a rented tract of land. Singularly enough, the brothers law been good friends all these years. - Co-

in a Cup of Tea. Coming in tired from a long walk. went to my room to lie down, says writer in Harper's Razar, and on w way left a message for Mary Te Mary to make me a cup of tea-strong and bring it upstairs." In the course of time there appear at my door Mary's round, smiling to

reen and gold metal barterfly wh "It's an trish cup of tea I'm brings su, ma'am," she said. "An 'Irish cup of tea,' Mary' And what is that?"

I laughed as I fook the Trish cup "Wait and take down the Mary." And Mary stood beaming? side me while I drank the tea. ... the kind of cup you get at home." "Oh, yes, ma'am," she said. ye give a cup of tea to a friend. not givin plenty unless it's flowing the saucer. We'd not be insult! friend wid a cup that wasn't full.

up rumain over It is the fashion to-day to prefer to man, Swede or Danish servants to Iri-The Irish have, indeed, many far and those of us who daily bear t ome of the most obvious of them only too apt to be blind to the acvirtues of these Irish peasant They have many a virtue. The cup of ten is not a bad exponent of national character as we see it played in our kitchens. Generol Havishness, careless to sloppiness. tempered, but kind-hearted, and as an Irish cup of tea is warm, and

something of a more substantial nat does not go with it. But an Irish cup of tea is a good gro ing to one who is tired or end, at we drain it, we find in the bottom cup the pretty bit of Irish poetry

time, has stolen seventeen minute from old Father Time. WEAVING Was practiced more than 1,000 years before known elsewhere. Ix South America, there is a race of

children under ten years of age in the United Kingdom are Insured in one form or another. THE Red Sea is for the most part bit It gets its name from the fact that he tions of it are covered by minute malculæ which dye the surface of the THE longest canal in the world is !

water red where they float. one which extends from the frontier China to St. Petersburg. It measure in all 4,472 miles. There is unother canal running from Astrachan to 8 Petersburg which is 1,434 miles long Both of these were begun by Peter the Great.

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lor without de swing of de helpe by

A MAN OF HONOR.

One day the brothers served that the me that married first should have the ther's land in modition to his own-One Sunday, about nine years ago, Abe

go back on his word." shall be my best man."

and proposed that very Sunday night He was accepted, and they were may ed Monday. Then be went to Abe, saying "Abe, that little agreement of our ou remember—

Yes: well?

property to Jeff! On Wednesday Ab was married as per contract, and we

cago Tribune. IRISH HOSPITALITY. The Peculiar Truit of a Peasant Show

surrounded by its curly kinks of ha int, in turn, was surmounted by

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home it's mane ye are if ye don't fill

about as much to be depended up

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cats to which 'meowing" is an uslearned accomplishment. Two-rmans of the total number of

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