Homeless Girls Exported from England to Fill the Demand of Bachelors for Wives - Short Courtships Were the Rule.

"Not many years ago I was in the wholesale matchmaking business," said an ex-officer of the army, according to the Elmira (N. Y.) Telegram. "It was matchmaking of the matrimonial kind. At that time-in 1879 and 1880-Manitoba was being opened to settlement, and there was a rush of colonists thither from Ontario and Quebec and from Great Britain. The settlers were mostly men. Some of them had families and would send for them as soon as they had got somewhat fixed, but very many of them were bachelors. They were making homes for themselves, and naturally they found that they needed wives. Not a few of them were sons of English farmers, and nearly all were respectable and hard-working fellows. They could not afford to go and get wives, and so helpmates had to be imported for them. Young women, guaranteed as to respectability, were brought over from England in great numbers, and the business rapidly grew to be an important branch of the immigration traffic. One philanthropic lady in England devoted her attention to exporting homeless but worthy girls by the shipload to Quebec, whence they were forwarded to Manitoba. Trains would come into St. Boniface, across the river from Winnipeg, bringing two or three carloads of available wives at a time. They were chaperoned with due regard to propriety and were con-signed to the land and mining agents, who conveyed them to Winnipeg, where suitable quarters were provided for their temporary accommodation. The accommodation was very temporary because they were soon posed of. The settlers, who

were bachelors, applied for the girls as fast as they were brought in Their applications were not considered unless they were properly guaranteed as to their character and ability to support a wife. Few of them came to Winnipeg from a shorter distance than two hundred and fifty miles. Most commonly they were certified by letters from land agents, stating that John Smith, for example, was located on such and such a tract of land, was the owner of fifteen hundred horses, was sound and kind and so forth. On making formal application for a wife John Smith was asked what sort of a woman he preferred-whether blonde or brunette, tail or short, plump or thin, etc. Having stated his preferences he was introduced to one of the awaiting ladies, whereupon matters were quickly arranged. A remarkable point was that no suitor had ever to be introduced to a second girl. Invariably he was content with the first one and immediately married her. Apparently the men considered that when they had gone so far as an introduction they had committed themselves irretrievably. In this way, by a process of artificial selection, my self and other persons officially in charge at Winnipeg made matches by wholesale. The young women were given free transportation, of course, the object being to make homes in Manitoba and thus secure the permanent settlement of the country. Incidentally the natural increase of the population was provided for. I remember one man who drove seven hundred miles to get a wife. He was present when a train load of girls arrived and spotted the young woman he wanted off-hand. Within seven minutes after the train

A Texas Woman's First Attempt at Making the Delicious Beverage.

came in the pair were united in matri-

mony, and the bridegroom started away

with his bride in a buckboard wagon.'

ICE TEA.

There is a certain good woman, the wife of a prominent lawyer of Texas, who has never lived out of the county in which she was born. Her husband attended court at the different towns of the state, and his wife listened to his experiences with wonder and surprise. The Saturday Gazette gives this story: He never grew tired of extolling the virtues of "a big glass of iced tea when a man is warm and tired;" and when a new railroad line was laid out to his native town his first commission was for a quantity of ice.

The wife was neither surprised nor displeased to have a well-filled ice-chest, and on the morning after the arrival of the ice the lawyer requested her to have iced tea for supper. It was an extremely warm day, and

when he took his seat at the table he was hot, tired and thirsty.

What was his surprise to see, instead of the refreshing, amber beverage of his soul's desire, the same old steaming Brown Betty teapot, and the cups and saucers of former days. "Where is the iced tea, Mary?" he

"There 'tis," she answered, laying her forefinger on the hissing lid of Brown Betty; "and if you can tell any difference betwixt it and plain well water tea, you're smarter than I be." She had boiled the ice.

A MUSICAL CRAB. An Indian Sand Crab Which Can Eastly

Among the animals Dr. Alcock, according to Nature, has specially observed is the red ocypode crab which swarms on all the sandy shores of India. The bigger of its two chelæ, or nippers, bears across the "palm" a long, finely-toothed ridge, and on one of the basat joints of the "arm" against which the "palm" can be tightly closed, there is a second similar ridge. When the "palm" is so folded against the base of the "arm" the first ridge can be worked across the second like a bow across a fiddle, only in this case the bow is several times larger than the fiddle.

And now as to the way these crabs play their fiddles. A robber crab enters the burrow of another. When the rightful owner discovers the intruder he utters a few broken tones of remonstrance, on hearing which the intruder. if permitted, will at once leave the burrow. If the intruder be prevented from making his escape the low and broken tones of the rightful owner gradually rise in loudness and shrillness and frequency until they become a continuous low-pitched whir or high-pitched growl, the burrow acting as a resonator.

Extraordinary Surgery. The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian tells the following story: "An interesting and curious case, illustrating the recuperative power of nature, has just been recorded by a surgeon. A workman while attending a machine used for cutting blocks of tin had the tips of two of the fingers of his left hand clean cut off with the knife. Seven hours afterward the man went to the hospital for treatment. The surgeon determined to attempt to replace the missing portion of the fingers, although the prospects of getting them to unite seemed to be most remote. The wounds were carefully cleansed and the ends of the fingers were restored to their places and fixed by sutures. In a fortnight firm union was found to have occurred, and when the patient was next seen, motion and sensation were perfect in the ends of the fingers."

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A Defaication Case in Louisville and Its Remarkable Sequel. "That was a queer story Henry Watterson told in his lecture about a defalcation case at Louisville," said a gentleman who heard the eloquent journalist to The Man About Town of the St. Louis Republic. "He said that several years ago a gentleman holding a commanding commercial and social position in the Kentucky metropolis had used the funds of the corporation of which he was the trusted financial head, and when the day of accounting came he found he was short in his necounts. The time was too brief to make the deficit good and his own funds were in such shape that he was inextricably entangled. He was an honest man, but in a moment of overconfidence had permitted himself to deviate from the narrow path just enough to use the firm's cash as a temporary loan, promising to return it at once and promptly. As is always the case he **HEART DISEASE 20 YEARS.** failed to keep his promise, and the delay was dangerous-when the time came Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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Elkhart, Ind. 1888. Mrs. Elmira Harch.

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May 29th, 1892. Mrs. Elmira Harch. himself to pay every dollar if he were not exposed and prosecuted. An animated discussion followed, and a large majority were in favor of giving the delinquent a chance. His hitherto high standing and undoubted business ability were in his favor, not to mention that he might have skipped if he had desired. Two of the directors held out. They thought it would be comounding a felony, and it was an awful thing to let such a man loose upon the unsuspecting community. But they were outvoted, and the defaulter was given another chance. He is now a prosperous and wealthy business man DR. MILES' PILLS, 50 Doses 25 CTS. of Louisville. Two years after his misfortune one of the two men who had objected to his release was a fugitive n Texas charged with embezzlement. and at the end of another year the other fled to Canada to escape arrest on the same charge. In the whirligin of time Cures Sick Headache this prosperous merchant, whose early misfortune these two men had endeavored to turn into disgrace and calamity.

> RUNNING THE GAUNTLET. A Young American torr's Footbardy Feat

the benefit of the doubt."

said Col. Watterson, was the foreman of

the grand jury that indicted the two

fugitives. Beware the false step, con-

tinued Col. Watterson, but don't always

condemn the victim without giving him

in ht. Petersburg. A military punishment once prevalent in Europe consisted in compelling the offender to run between two files of men who stood facing each other, and who were privileged to strike him as he passed. The gauntlets upon the men's hands being bullet-proof, of copper or steel, often made the punishment very

Whenever a girl voluntarily places herself in a position to draw forth unfavorable comment, she may be said to run the gauntlet. Seldom does she es-

A few years ago, according to Youth's Companion, an uninitiated American girl, walking in St. Petersburg, wished to pass down a certain street. The gentleman with her objected, saying it would be necessary to pass a certain famous clubhouse where all the diplomatic corps and young guardsmen spent the morning, and that she would not enjoy their silly and often indecent

"Indecent!" was her reply. "I think I can stand these gentlemen. My actions can bear the light; we will not retreat before the enemy."

"As you like," was the vexed reply The words were hardly uttered before a party of young men, talking loudly and smoking their eigarettes, came triding out of the club. They parted to let the couple pass, indulging meanwhile in bold staring and comments in a language which happily the girl did not understand.

"I said I would do it," she cried exultingly when the two were alone, Was it not amusing "It is a form of amusement, mademoiselle, which I confess does not com-

mend itself to my taste," was the stiff reply. And the gentleman, who had ssiduously sought her friendship hitherto, dropped her acquaintance from

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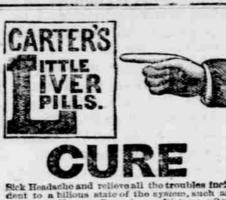
singularly beautiful effect. These stones, says an exchange, are very valuable, the best specimens being, it is said, worth as much as diamonds of the same weight," Burton, the great Oriental traveler, had a star sapphire, which he always carried on his person; and in the heart of Arabia. or in the deserts of Africa, the sight of this wonderful gem always inspired a respect that was akin to reverence. The wild Arabs and negroes would gaze at the stone, then at its possessor, and, concluding that he had a talisman of unexampled power, would render him all possible assistance for fear of incurring his vengeance.

PUNISHMENT FOR A KING. The Little Spanish Ruler Is Laid Across

His Mother's Knee. The king of Spain is a more or less naughty boy, and he does not always treat his subjects with that gracious courtesy which is expected from monarchs in these times. The other day, says Harper's Young People, when he was driving with his nurse, the boy king is said to have put out his tongue at the world in general, and the residents of Madrid in particular. The editor of a republican newspaper thereupon proceeded to make a political capital out of the event, and drew a moral that kings are not needed in this age. When the news of the king's behavior reached Queen Christina through the newspapers, it is said that she first lectured her son on his duties and responsibilities, and then laying him across her royal knee administered a vigorous spanking. This may not be the touch that makes the whole world kin, but a great many little American democrats will know hereafter how to sympathize with this son of royalty.

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NERVE-JARRING JOCULARITIES. The Silly Sla g with Which Too Many People Interiard Their Talk.

There is nothing in the world which produces the sense of mental nausea more completely or is more certain to turn the intellectual stomach than the ase of certain jocularities of speech with which many people think fit to adorn their conversation, says the London Spectator. The people who seem to find it impossible to speak of an unmarried man except as "a gay buchclor," with whom the sea is always "the briny" or the "herring pond," and a norse "a fiery steed," who eternally tail: about "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes, and who have such phrases as "no extra charge," "agitate the tintinnabulator," "the noxious weed," "the pipe of peace," "forty winks" and "braving the elements" forever on their lips, are capable of producing a sense of disgust in those who care to see language kept bright and clean which is absolutely intolerable. It is difficult to say whether these cant phrases—that is a perfectly proper description of them - are more odious when used consciously or unconsciously-that is, by people who believe them to be funny and intend that their hearers should consider them funny, or by those who have merely caught them up and repeat them like parrots, and without any intention, good or bad. In our own opinion the use of "common-form" jocularities is most offensive in those who think of them as wit, though most painful in persons who use them unconsciously and as mere methods of expressing their meaning. We feel that those who try to force a laugh out of such expressions as "my downy couch" or "committing matrimony," who squirm into a smile as they ask if "there isn't room for a little one," or who speak of "jappanning their trottercases," might fairly be shot at sight When some excellent mother of a large and heavily facetious family catches up and uses almost unconsciously such phrases as "getting outside a square meal," "the clerk of the weather," 'she's no chicken," or "put on your war paint," and when even the father me chanically talks of "performing his ablutions," the sense of pathos overcome all others.

GIRLS DO NOT KNOW.

They Sometimes Reject the Most Bril liant and Best of Suitors. Rejected lovers may find consolation from the knowledge that some of the eleverest and handsomest men have been refused, and that they have nevertheless managed to live on and win fame and fortune, says the Brandon Banner. Shakespeare is credited with considerable knowledge of humanity and its ways, and he describes Romeo the prince of lovers, as being rejected by the fair Rosalind only just before Juliet fell in love with him.

A certain John Scott once proposed to a Miss Allgood. While smarting from her disdain he happened to enter a village church during divine service and there, for the first time, he saw the pretty Miss Surtees. He wooed her and, as the father would have nothing to say to him, he induced her to elope, and this though three wealthy suitors were already at her feet. John Scott lived to be the earl of Eldon and lord high chancellor and never regretted the day Miss Allgood rejected him.

Byron was refused several times. He proposed to Miss Millbanke, a great ciress, and was rejected, though the lady expressed a wish to correspond with him. He then proposed to another lady and his suit was rejected, too. Nothing daunted, he renewed his proposal to Miss Millbanke, and this time received a very flattering acceptance. They lived together, however, very unhappily.

One of the most persistent suitors who ever proposed and was rejected was the eccentric Cruden, compiler of the concordance to the Bible, Miss Abney, who had inherited a large fortune, was the subject of his attentions. For months and months he pestered her with calls and letters. When she left home he had papers printed, which he distributed in various places of worship. asking the congregation to pray for her safe return, and when she returned kome he issued others asking the worshipers to return thanks. Miss Abner never became Mrs. Cruden.

BIG PRAIRIES IN MANITOBA. One Thousand Miles of Level Land Lies

Straight West of Winnipeg. "If the horse could stand it," said a well-known resident of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to a Washington Star reporter, 'a man could leave Winnipeg and ride one thousand miles west and northwest over a level prairie before he would be obstructed by the mountains. This gives an idea of the great territory lying west of Winnipeg, which, to the eastern man, seems way out of the world. The soil of this prairie produces the finest spring wheat grown anywhere and this enormous plain I've just mentioned will in a few years be the great granary of the world. Eastern people have a misty idea of our expansive territory. We are just commencing to grow wheat compared to a decade hence, though our crop two years ago was thirty million bushels. We have but little snow, and the many years I reside in Manitoba I never saw the tops of the bright prairie grass covered. Cattle fairly roll in fat and we are becoming a great cattle country. While most of our settlers are from across the water, yet the number from the western states is yearly increasing. We have no wild west frontier scenes. There are no settlers killed over disputed claims, as has been an everyday story in the west for years. Our homestead laws require a three years' residence of six months each. Land may be preempted, too. Gold has been discovered in wonderfully rich quartz deposits a few miles east of Winnipeg, and paying mills have just been creeted by Minneapolis capitalists. I predict a 'rush' to the Lake of the Woods district next year. Winnipeg has thirty-five thousand inhabitants and is a thriving city. Our winters are cold. but we do not mind them. The atmosphere is dry and the days are clear, fresh and sunny, murky weather being almost unknown."

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make a two-legged animal a man with

out it.

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Mr. Charles Hose, the British resident of the Basam district in Borneo, has just sent to the royal geographical No. ciety an interesting account of some of the native customs which he learned his journey in Saramat. After sleepin in a chief's house one evening he form at the head of his bed a box containing the dead body of his host's wife appears, says the Chicago Inter Occur. that the natives always keep corpses for three months. The body is then removed from the house and conveyed with much ceremony to the tomb Every one present sends one or nuceigarettes made of tobacco, wrappel is the dry leaves of the wild banana t his dead relatives in "Apo Leggar (hades). These eigarettes are placed on top of and around the coffin; and should the body be that of a man his weapons, tools and a quantity of rice, with his "prod (cooking pot), are deposited in the tomb with him that he may be able to continue his daily pursuits in the other world. But if of a woman, her large sun-hat, her little hoe-used for weed ing in the paddy-fields-her beads ear rings and other finery are placed win her body, that she may not be found wanting on her arrival on the other side of the grave. Mr. Hose once was present when the corpse of a box was blaced in the coffin, and he watched the proceedings from a short distance. the lid of the coffin was closed an old man came out on the veranda of the house with a large gong and scheming beat it for several seconds. The chief said that this was always done before losing the lid, that the relations of the dead who had already passed out of this world might know that the spiral was coming to join them. There was another strange ceremony called "Dayong Janoi," in which the dead are supposed to send messages to the living, and which proved that spiritual ism" was of very ancient practice among them. HEAT AND LIFE.

The Application of Thermo - Dynamic

Laws to Physical Growth. We often speak of our bodies as machines or engines working upon prociples similar to those employed in me hanies. The idea that the food we cat resembles in its action the fuel supplied to a furnace is familiar, and yet one can hardly avoid a little start of surprise upon finding the laws of heat engines so berly applied to explain the growth of plant and animal life.

This has recently been done, says the Youth's Companion, by Mr. J. Parker before the Philosophical society in London. He points out, for instance, that the increase of available energy resulting from the building up of a plant out of inorganic materials can only be explained, in accordance with thermadynamic laws, by differences of temperature during the growth of the plant and his calculations show that the difference between day and night is quite sufficient to account for the differences of temperature required.

Similar principles apply to the of animals Nature gives nothing to nothing, and demands an exact conivalent for every expenditure of her energies, whether she is aiding man to drive an engine, causing an oak to grow, or building up the muscles of an athlete or the brain of a philosopher. And as far as her work upon our planet is concerned, the source of her supplies in all these cases is the sun.

A GREAT HORSE RACE.

An Exciting Contest Between the North and South. A great horse race-probably the greatest match race ever run in this country-was, according to a St. Louis horseman, that known as the test event of sectional superiority, the north against the south, in 1845. The horses were Peytona, owned by Messrs. Kirkman, of Alabama, and Fashion, owned by Messrs, Gibbons, of New Jersey, The race was run at a track on Jersey Heights, now a fashionable suburb of Jersey City, overlooking the Hudson river, and near the present American summer home of Mrs. Paran Stevens, a great society queen of the present day in Paris, London and New York. The match was for twenty thousand dollars a side, and created intense interest in all northern and southern communities There was an immense crowd present distinguished men and women from all over the country being among the spectators. The spirit of local and sectional pride was a great deal stronger in those days than it is now, and it was strung up to the highest letsion. Peytona won the match, and the entire south appeared to be as a unit in demonstrations of joy and enthusiasu:

the north was correspondingly crestfallen. Odd Statistics About Thunder Thunderstorms are more frequent in Java than in any other part of the world, there being an average of 95 days in each year upon which they or cur. Next to Java comes Sumatra. which never has less than 86 "thunder days" per year. Then comes Hindaystan with 56, Borneo with 54, the African Gold Coast with 52, and the region around Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with al-The European list is headed by Italy with 38 thunder days out of the Buy, on an average. Austria has 22: Baden-Wortemburg and Hungary each averag. 22; Silesia, Bavaria and Belgium have 21; Holland and Saxony, 15 France, Austria and South Russia, 16 Great Britain and Switzerland only ? At Cairo, Egypt and in North Russia and in Sweden and Norway the average is only 4 per year. In Finland and had

Artzona Jasper. The jasperized wood of Arizona has become well known by reason of the many cabinet specimens, paper weights and decorative slabs of it that are sent to the eastern cities, but this is by her means the only petrified forest in this country. In the Hindoo district of the Yellowstone many stumps of trees are found converted to stone, some of them showing knots, grain of the wood, and bark as plainly as the living tree, and the pebbly beaches of the Yellowstone river are strewn with tons of fragments of fossil wood. In the dreary desert of the Dakota Bad Lands leaf impressions are frequently found in the hardened elay, and at Little Missouri, at the point known as the Burning Mountain, where a coal seam has been on fire since the body knows when, there are half a dozen tree tranks about thirty feet long This is remarkable on account of the almost total lack of tree life in this

Turkestan thunderstorms are wholly

unknown.

There is a little reptile belonging to Madagascar known as the scimitar snake, that is the curling sword. Euro ning along the back from head to tail is a blackish, horny substance, which bends with the convulsions of the snake's body as readily as would a welltempered steel spring, and throughout its entire length it bears an edge as hard as flint and as sharp as a razor. They are not poisonous, but when one of them springs on a man, which he likes very well to do, he will soon have a leg off unless cracked on the pate. Some snake specialists claim that the presence of this reptile on the island is the reason there are no large quadrupeds there at present, the curling sword in back ages having taken off legs faster than they could be created.

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