It is lamentable, indeed, when you come to reflect on it, how large a proportion of useful and respectable callings falls under the ban of romance. What poet or romancer ever made his first lover, for example, a baliff or a beadle? Yet bailiffs and beadles are men and brothers. They may do their oftentimes dangerous duty with the dash of a Rupert, or the cool courage of a Cromwell, says Macmillan's Magazine, yet they are frankly impossible as heroes of romance. De Quincey makes a remark somewhere to the effeet that one would not be inclined to think highly of a man who, in the absence of predisposing circumstances. deliberately and for the love of the business decided to be a butcher. Yet butchers are husbands and fathers, and have blood in their veins as well as on their aprons. As a matter of statistics. I believe hardly a day passes but some solicitor falls in love; yet no court of love or literature will give him audience as a lover, nor take cognizance of his pleadings. The breast of the stockbroker is swayed by the bears and bulls of passion no less than by the subtler influences of financia speculation. Yet his name is not hon ored in the more than royal exchange of romance. Then, with one stroke of the pen, remance rules out the whole amorous mob of retail traders. They are not altogether absent from the pages of romance, these worthy citizens. Only they have to forego the heroic parts and put up with being supernumeraries or villains or comic characters. About the butcher I am doubtful. Not even Dickens, I think found room for a butcher amid his Babylon of trades. Nor with Shakes peare is it any better. Quince the ear penter, Snug the joiner, Bottom the weaver. Flute the bellows-mender. Snout the tinker, and Starveling the tailor, are very well to play the fool, to divert the duke and ladies, but none of them, not even Bottom translated, is a fit object for a lady's love. As the democratic Whitman has complained in a Shakespeareau play the mass of industrions citizens is just a mob to throw up its sweaty night-caps in some Casar's honor at the bidding of an Antony. What is there about a trade thus to incapacitate a man for ro-Strictly speaking there are but two

normal heroes of romance, the warrior and the fairy prince. If there is no fairy prince at hand, an ordinary prince will do. The English duke is, as the American moralist rightly enough divined, only a modern variety of fairy prince. To be mistaken for a fairy prince the English duke no doubt needs to be looked at from the other side of the Atlantic. Seen at close quarters in the house of lords, on the race course or in the law courts, he is apt to appear fleshy. But he has the essen tial attribute of the fairy prince, which is rarity. There are but two dozen or so of him all told, and most of these have been bespoken or used up. He has besides, for the American girl, another of the essential secrets of romance-he is exotic. It is the good fortune and fascinating fashion of the fairy prince to descend always from some unknown upper and diviner air That it is which makes the Princ Charming of the fairy tale so irresisti ble. So it was that Cupid came to Psyche, to cherish her with his secreand invisible godhead. So Perseu floated on winged sandals through the welcoming air to Andromeda's feet to slay the monster. So Lohengrin came flashing in a swan-drawn skiff from the mysterious halls of the Holy Grail to champion maiden innocence against treachery and slander. The fairy prince, you see, commonly includes the warrior's part, and is doubly resistless coming in the nick of time to fight ; distressed damsel's battles and to slaher dragons. You may depend upon i that what tells chiefly with the girl against the eminently respectable race of bankers and brewers and doctors and lawyers is their appalling commonness, their frequency, I mean, and familiarness. What should there be in one brass plate out of a dozen in the same street to throw a romantic giri off her emotional balance? When the modern negotist would surmount the professional high hat with the aureole of romance, he tricks out his tame hero to mimic the traditional advantage:

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The name of this venerable describe dant of a famous man, says the Phila delphia Press, is Alexius Columba He is ninety-six years old. There no doubt about his age or nativi for these matters were verified by son, John Columbus, with whom the ob man makes his home, and who for tha purpose paid a visit to Quebec, near where Alexius was born and rear-The old man is in fairly good healt! His skin is swarthy and his hair snow white. His children are a lighter complexion, except one daugh ter, Mrs. Rosa Columbus Sours, of Chicago, who inherits her father's dusky skin. Since the death of his wife, lasspring, at the age of seventy, Alexius has been steadily falling in spirit.

Alexius Columbus was a ship builder by trade, as were his ancestors. He the only one of his generation wh came to the states. His sisters an brothers lived in the province of Quebec, though it is not known that more than one of them is still surviv ing. An uncle of Alexins lived to the age of one hundred and fourteen. The old man is a great lover of tobacco. He constantly chews or smokes. He has always drank, and to this day has bibottle of whisky in his room, fro which he takes a nip whenever he feel so inclined. Of late the old man ha not been regular in his drinkin habits, and will sometimes pass a day or two without taking a dram. His sons attribute this to approaching dis solution, and think the old man has not long to live.

"I have been asked several times," said John Columbus, his son, "if father would go the world's fair. Some o my sisters are very auxious that he should go, but I oppose the idea. think the old man would better pas the remainder of his days in quiet her than to be exposed to the danger of travel and the fatigue. Beside I hard ly think the old gentleman would er joy it. He is not a learned man. Its never had any schooling. He cannot read and he hardly appreciates the grificance of the Columbian exposi

His son John, it may be added, is a well-educated and prosperous man Alexius, the father is still an activ man and possessed of no mean physic d powers. The wife of Alexius wa m English woman. The grandchildre of this union retain the athletic molthough their features are American not continental

A ROYAL MOTHER-IN-LAW. A Woman Who Holds the Peace of Eu-

It is the popular idea that in the hands of the ezar of Russia lies the fate of Europe. The situation is some thing like this: One the one hand I the triple alliance tiermany, Austri Hady. On the other hand is unrestill France, and, through its natural enm to Germany. Russia for an invincially. Russia, with its begions of men machines, its cannon, its war ships, i gold ready to be thrown against the peace of Europe, is at the comman of one mind, one will-that of theezer No other such potentate exists or earth. Yet the popular idea, it seem is wrong. Not in the hands and at the will of this powerful monarch fles th peace of Europe. It rests between the gentle, frail palms of a women, the exar's mother-in-law. According to 3 de Blowitz, in an article on the situ tion in Europe in McClure's Magazine but for the queen of Denmark Europe would be a battleground, and the eigized world would resound with th groans of the wounded and the cries a the women and children who are be refi. The queen of Denmark loves til young Emperor William, whom she al feetimately calls "my angel." The coar loyes the mother of his wife. It is her gentle diplomacy that brough about the meeting of reconciliation he tween the two emperors at Kiel. It is to gratify the kindly affection and not to grieve the affectionate heart of ; woman in her declining years that the two proud young turkey-cocks : emperors are forbearing to slay oc another's subjects and dreuch. Europe in blood. Surely the power of affect tion and the influence of woman was never shown in a more interesting manner. But what is best worth r. marking is that the destiny of Europe is in the keeping of a mother-in-law

MARRIAGE IN THE ORIENT.

Wives in Turkey, in Persia and in Thibet-Pintality of Spanses. In Persia it is an almost invariable stom to choose a wife from among one's relations, such as cousins in a near or remote degree, and only among acquaintances when failure has occurred in following the old habit. The Hebrews especially sanctioned a plurality of wives according to the law of Moses, and that shows how thought ful they were of the future of their race so much so that sterility in a wife was considered a sufficient reason for contracting another marriage. The lot of a Turk who has to bear

the whims and caprices of his numerous wives is anything but an enviable one, says the Pall Mall Budget. The harem is not, as many persons suppose it is, a building wherein all a Turk's wives live together. Each legitimate wife of a pasha has a separate dwelling, her own cook, her own coachmen -in a word, her own separate household. True it is that all the dwellings are inclosed within one surrounding wall, and frequently they are beneath one roof, as is the case in our modern flats, but nevertheless the isolation is complete among the wives.

The etiquette among Turkish ladies is somewhat complicated and the system is hierarchical, the favorite exercising an undisputed authority ove the others. In the sultan's harem the supreme authority is vested in his mother, who takes the title of sultana valide, and she alone is entitled to go to and fro in the harem unveiled. It is only when she goes out that she wears the yashmak. At the present time the veil used by Turkish ladies no longer what it was. Its transparency admits of a pretty face being easily outlined. When the yashmak is very thick one may conclude that the face it hides is not very seductive In spite of the progress of civilization and the consequent transformation of habits and customs in many countries the position of woman in Turkey has only slightly changed; it is only in exceptional cases that those belonging to the higher classes are unaccompanied out of doors by eunuchs. These are the cadines, who have adopted and follow the Paris and London fashions, and it has even been whispered that there are mysterious assignations in the shops of the grand bazar at Constantinople, where some ladies spend a good deal of their time on the plea that they have numerous purchases to make. In Thibet they reverse the order of

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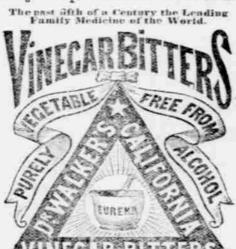
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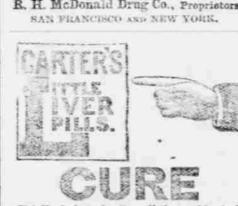
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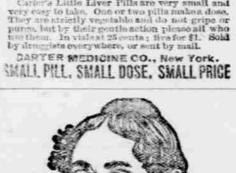
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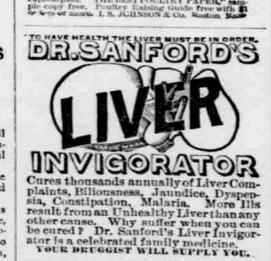
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AN UNPLEASANT COUNTRY. Some of the Objections to Living in North-

ern Borneo. The northern half of the island of Borneo is the queerest and most unsatisfactory place to live that one can imagine, thinks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is a land of constant recurring phenomena, where eyclones are frequent and deluges of water very common. The vegetation in that half is very fine, but in all probability the wildest and most tangled on earthnot even excepting that of Africa. The cause of all the trouble is the shallow condition of the sea north of it, great shoals of sand existing a few miles out which extend along its entire northern length. These shoals are covered by a depth of water not over five feet deep The constantly recurring winds that blow in that climate change to hurricanes and sweep the smaller islands of all visible life. When such a storm strikes the sand shoals north of Borneo it sweeps up the shallow salt water in its course and drenches the island with it. Often it gathers up sand, great masses of it, from the clearswept shoal and whirls it for miles high over the island, carrying it into the island and scattering it everywhere. The work of these storms does not always end with that. Entire shoals of fish, of all sizes, have been swept up time and again by the fierce wind with the water and sand and scattered about Borneo. In some places the ground would be literally covered with fish, enough to supply a heavy population for weeks. But such luck no reparation for the evil the winds do, and consequently the northern half will never be inhabited by those who

A BOY'S PLUCK. Nine-Year-Old David Captures a Thirty-Two Pound Carp.

An exciting combat between a nine year-old boy and a thirty-two-pound German carp took place on James Moore's farm, near Bristol, says the Philadelphia Record. The Neshaminy creck in rainy seasons fills the ditche of adjacent farms with water from eighteen inches to two feet deep. The other day David Cherry, the young son of John Cherry, of this place, and two small companions went fishing up the creek. In one of the open ditches on the Moore farm the lads espied three huge carp flopping about, the water being too shallow for them to swir without greatly disturbing the surface. David, pluckier than his play mates, jumped into the ditch and seized the largest of the monster fish The carp, nearly as big as the boy, had the advantage, being in its native element. Young Cherry had tight hold of it, but the carp plunged through the water and mud, dragging the lad behind. The boys on shore thought their companion would surely be drowned, for often his whole body was under water. At last the fish grew s weary in his mighty efforts to escape his captor that he could be thrown out upon the bank. Then all three boys jumped upon the carp and held him to the ground until he had gasped out his life. They lugged their trophy home and put it on the scales. The fish weighed thirty-two pounds.

UNDER THE WEATHER. A Realistic Picture of Her Majesty Queen

Anne. Those outside of a palace may feel Shakespeare's sentiment: "There's such divinity doth hedge a king;" but it is hardly possible to those inside. One of the Scotch commissioners to negotiate a union between Scotlanand England, Sir John Clerk, could no: have felt it during an official interview with Queen Anne, of whom he gives this realistic picture: "Her majesty was laboring under a

fit of the gout, and in extreme pain and agony, and on this occasion everything about her was much in the same disorder as about the meanest of her subjects. Her face, which was red and spotted, was rendered something frightful by her negligent dress, and the foot affected was tied up with a pultis and some nasty bandages. "I was much affected at this sight

and the more when she had occasion to mention her people of Scotland which she did frequently to the duke. What are you, poor mean-like mortal. thought I, who talks in the style of a

sovereign! "Nature seems to be inverted when a poor, infirm woman becomes one of the rulers of the world; but, as Tacituobserves, it is not the first time that women have governed in Britain, and indeed they have sometimes done this to better purpose than the men."-Youth's Companion.

A SMALL FAVOR.

Pat's Funny Request Put a Stop to the Duel. Although it is a familiar saying that an Irishman is always spoiling for a fight, still there is one kind of fighting to which even the brave sons of Erin are sometimes averse. This is dueling. A story well illustrating this fact has recently come to us.

A certain Irishman, having been challenged to fight a duel, accepted the conditions after much persuasion on the part of his friends, who felt confident of his success. His antagonist, a lame man, walked on crutches. When the place for the shooting had been reached the lame man's seconds asked that he be allowed to lean against a milestone which happened to stand there. The privilege was allowed, and the lame man took his

stand. The Irishman and his seconds drew off to the distance agreed upon, one hundred feet. Here Pat's courage suddenly failed him and he shouted to the lame man: "I've a small favor to ask of ye, sor!"

"What is it?" asked the cripple. Pat answered: "I tould ye that ye might lean ag'in the milepost, and now I would like the privilege of lean in' ag'in the nixt one.' The laugh that followed spoiled everybody's desire for a fight, and the whole party went home without a shot having been fired .- Youth's Companion.

People Who Fall Safely.

A fall, as a rule, injures a drunken

man much less than a sober one, because the controlling power of the mind being rendered nil through intoxication, the body falls as an inert mass. and thus the chances of injury are lessened, for, strange though it may appear, it is no less a fact that the most numerous cases of injury arising from a fall are caused by the effort, voluntary or otherwise, to avert the consequences, thus straining the muscles and tendons. Very rarely are injurious effects from a fall known in a lunatic asylum, for the same simple reason -the mind has no influence over the action of the body. And it is a remarkable and well-known fact to those who have to deal with such cases, adds the Boston Herald, that whatever injuries are so caused heal much more

rapidly than in the case of sane peo-

ple, the mind having more to do with

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than is generally known or realized.

The Rainbow as a Water Pipe. In many countries the rainbow is spoken of as a great bent pump or siphon tube, drawing water from the earth by mechanical means. In parts of Russia, in the Don country, and also in Moseow and vicinity, it is known by a name which is equivalent to "the bent water-pipe."

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DISCOVERIES OF IMPORTANCE Cotton Waste Transformed Into Nitrat of Cellulose - A New Dynamio

An interesting discovery has b made by two young chemists of La don which will doubtless have a verimportant bearing on the manuf of cotton, says a London cor dent of the New York Times waste is transformed by a new prointo nitrate of cellulose, and co fabrics can be covered with a tion of it which will add materia the weight, strength and value at material. Thin, light-weight fall can be filled up with this prepara which costs little more than ale fuller's earth. The cellulose the pared is also applicable to many

ent purposes. The cost is very

more than the raw material

cheap and the process of manufacture inexpensive, Another invention of moment is which enables waste paper to be verted into kegs, barrels and yes of every description. In making and barrels ingenious machine ployed, which enables the mo turer to turn them out with solid If desired. There will be a la mand for the product in the kegs and barrels for powder dampness can be contracted .. are water and damp proof.

The latest improvement in is one which gives a continrent without brushes and a tors. Scientists were increde pronounced this impossible proof of the pudding is in the and the new dynamo gives and continuous current notes ing it was declared an imp At least one of the first electric England, who was an unbelieved certifies that the new dynamo is a m Most important improvements has

been made by an Austrian long to

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paratus and in mashing machine appliances which promise to car ly revolutionize the manufactur spirits. The bye product which saved and utilized leave the spiri most free of cost. The still bam important invention, since it separa the fusel oil and other producthe spirits in the process of tion, giving in three separature the three distinct products, and quired, by a simple change in the a paratus, instead of getting high wi pure neutral spirits can be obe thus obviating separate rectificati produce refined alcohol. The form is made fresh for each much and the results a luxuriant crop of year which is treated and sold to baland for domestic purposes. This at is a source of large revenue to the a tillers, as the yeast is of a very an or quality and the demand for practically unlimited. The vispirits is more than one-fourth than by old processes. Green mali stead of dried malt is used, while source of considerable economy. very best Irish and Scotch whole produced and fifty per cent raw als substituted for the malted outs and fore used, which in itself effects a ver-

HOW LAKE TAHOE WAS FORMED. The Result of Volcanie Upheaval man his Long tione By.

Maj. J. W. Powell, director of di-

United States geological survey to

describes the origin of Lake Tal-

"In peographical times not long. as speaks the scientist, but very ago, as speaks the chronicler of lat follies, there was a deep valley on eastern slope of the Sierra Nevamthe headwaters of the Trucker to About this valley towered gramountains. But earthquakes to rents were opened in the rocks. from the fissures poured monstreams of lava. One of those is crossed the lower end of the valithrough it poured floods of asrocks. Stream after stream cool in solid sheets and blocks wall was built across the valleor three thousand feet in beight above it was a deep basin the hundred square miles in area storms that fell on the grain volcanic mountains rolled hir fill the basin, and Lake Taleerented. When filled at last itoverflowed the rim of lacs, as Truckee river now springs from Taboe fountain. Its deep water dark with profundity, like the of a stormy sky, but about it few shallow bays are found emerald waters, like festions of but encircle the deeper and more -lake. Back from the waters for clad slopes rise toward the house

and above are seen naked course domes of granite." FOREIGN CELEBRITIES

QUEEN VICTORIA has made her b appearance in state if her manunent is to be depended upon-It is said that the young ear ley holds the largest incurance effected, the amount being the HENRY M. STANLEY SAYS for his ntention of returning to Archiwill be a candidate for a --British parliamentat the new . -

Tax duke of Community by we

y the queen as more vinces? ding his father in personal appear and disposition than any other of MISS ANITA HALLITONI, offer of the luke of Veragua's suite, has been prownstone front in New York this gives rise to the impre the duke himself, has aspiral look Four-Hundred-Ward. DR. BUCHNER, the African broke from the highest point of he Kilimandjaro, one of the highe-

tains in Africa, a piece of rook he presented to the German who now uses a mountain summe paper weight. In the will of the late doke of Mo borough was this clause: "I par larly dislike the exclusive family pride and desire not buried in the family vaultat bless but in such convenient place as of my generation and surrou

may equally use." A Deceptive Delicary. Long years ago false become starched linen called "shirtees worn by farmers and mechanic ceal their flannel shirts when

went to church and town meeting lady of seventy years, who was in a Vermont village, save can well remember when pies" were served at nost of houses. Wheat flour was not then, and in the building of a used only for the top crust, the one being constructed of rye flow "rye an' Ir boo " Needle Making-The art of making needles wa a secret until about 1650, when i

taught to the English by Chr. Greening. Now English need sold all over the world. At R alone 20,000 people make me 100,000,000 needles a year, an are made and exported so che: England has no rival in this and practically monopolizes the Formerly needle making a killed tens of thousands by the cles of steel being inhaled, but no blast of air away from the grindston