owns large stores on the Marquesas and Dominique islands, lately arrived here says the San Francisco Chroniele Every two or three months Mr. Hoffner was in the habit of cruising in a boat around these islands, making numerous landings. This has made him exceedingly familiar with the islands and their inhabitants. He says that the natives are dying off very rapidly by reason of the use of opium and that in a short time there will be none left The past year has made fearful inroad

"Tffe deaths have been so frequent, said Mr. Hoffner, "that lately the French government has been doing all it could to suppress the opium habit, but with meagre success. It hinders it in some ways, but in the main it is carried on as before. The French government introduced opium into the islands about twenty year ago, and now a vain effort is being made to stamp out the evil. It is however, too late to remedy the

"The natives are dying off like flies. In ten years, if the present rate of mortality keeps up, there will not be one of them left. The last few years have been especially severe and made terrible inroads on the population. Where the natives cannot get opium to satisfy their cravings, they substitute a brandy obtained from the cococoanut tree, which is even worse than the product of the poppy juice. The liquor is nothing, in fact, but the natural sap of the cocoanut tree. The islanders bore holes in the tree, and the sap almost immediately begins to run This process kills the tree, but they do not care for that. The liquor is stronger than opium, and I have seen the poor native drunk on it and lying about like dead men for three or four

"They do not smoke the opium, but eat it, and in enormous quantities They eat so much of it and have such abnormal cravings for it to the exclusion of almost every other desire, that they do not buy the amount of general merchandise they ordinarily would. As a result, business is had in the islands Trade, outside of opium, has fallen off a great deal, and the people seem to have lost the energy and desire to ad vance that they once had. It is so quiet there now that I think I shall return to Chili, where I was before. When the native population is wiped out altogether, as now seems to be its fate, the islands will be an excellent field for emigration. I am not sure that at present the French government would encourage immigration.

Mr. Hoffner says there are now very few Americans on the islands.

Escorts Always at Hand. In London, when a lady wearing a tiny silver star meets a man with a silver star, she will say: "How d've do. brother?" and he replies: "How d'ye do. sister?" Either is then privileged to extend any courtesy or ask any favor of the other, without the act being misapprehended. If, for example, she desires an escort to the theater, she can ask a man to go with her withou his thinking she is expressing a toflattering preference for his society. If he wishes her companionship on any occasion, she accepts it in the spirit it arises out of the necessities of

is offered. "The order of the Sil ver star," says the Evening Sun social civilization, in which men an women are more and more indispens able to one another. For this the new organization provides. Otherwise it is called the "Anti-Matrimonia league." This by no means prohibit marriage. 'In fact, it has been called the "Ante-Matrimonial league." But this was by persons ineligible to mem bership. Neither widows nor widow ers are admitted.

Remnants of a Famous Indian Tribe.

A meeting of the surviving members of the Narragansett tribe of Indian has just been called. There are about one hundred persons to answer. All the New England tribes who, with those of New York state were the noblest of the red men on the continent, are fast dwindling away, and only a few pure-blooded braves and squaws yet survive. These illustrion nations in New England are the Penob scots of Maine, the Mohegans and Pequods of Connecticut and the Nacragansetts of Rhode Island. The Penobscots retain their tribal organization intact at Indian island, in the Penobscot river, in the woods, near Old Town; the Mohegans at Mohegan vil lage, on the river bank of the Thameriver, in the woods, three miles south of Norwich; the Pequods along the rough hills of North Stonington and Ledyard, and the shores of Lantern Hill pond, in southeastern Connecticut, and the Narragausetts at Charlestown. on the shore of the open ocean in Rhode Island.

MARRIAGE LAWS.

THE laws of most of our states appear to show that the responsibility for the marriage contracts rests on the parties themselves. MARRIAGE is a contract, but differs from all others in that it is the only

court of law will be held good. EMPEROR TIBERIUS made an edict against the marriage of men over sixty and women over fifty, but so strenuous were the objections of widows and widowers that the law was soon re-

contract minors can make which in a

pealed. For a clergyman or regsitrar in England to celebrate a marriage in a private house, except by private license

from the archbishop of Canterbury, is a felony, and punishable by severe penalties. The Scottish marriage law is so loose

that if a lady living with John Smith is addressed in the presence of Smith as Mrs. Smith, and answers to the name, the courts have decided that she

is legally his wife. Optom Smoking in China.

"Seven-tenths of the people of Chin: are opium smokers, and two million die annually from its effects," said a Chinese missionary recently, who has spent twenty-two years of his life in the flowery kingdom. "This habit i rapidly growing," he went on, "and it is confined to no class or sect, but men and women, officials and coolies, use it alike. As soon as opium smoking be comes a confirmed habit with a Chinese -coolie he knows that he has about ten years to live. That seems to be the average. I consider it easier to refor a sot in the gutter, one of your lowes type of drunkards, than an opium

MESSAGES 10 THEIR DEAD.

Beautiful Custom in Slam of Sending Candles Out to Sea. At full moon in October and again at full moon in November the three days' show is held, says the Saturday Review, and for some time previously the houses of grandees and peasants, the markets and bazars show signs of preparation for the coming event. The humblest style in which the ceremony can be performed is yet pretty enough. The broad, strong leaf of a plantain is bent or folded into the shape of a boat or raft. In the middle of this simple structure a tiny taper is fixed upright VOLCANOES IN ALASKA.

More Than Two Score of Them Have Been Active in the Present Century. Recently I read an account of a bona fide advertisement in a Scandinavian paper of stupendous volcanoes for sale for about four hundred dollars, says a writer in the Christian Advocate. They are located in Iceland. Alaska might glut the market in this asthetic article if it were to put all its stock on sale. The number which have been active within one hundred years is variously estimated by the authorities I have consulted as all the way from forty-five to sixty-one. More than twelve have been active within twenty years and five at least within four ears. Among the most | markable is Bogorlof, one hundred miles west of Unalaska. This, about six hundred eet high, together with the part of the island from which it rises, has come up out of the sea within a few years. and constantly sends out steam and smoke. Makushin, on Unalaska, though snow-covered, pours out immense volumes of steam and milkwhite smoke, visible on a clear day nearly sixty miles at sea. Akutan acts like a geyser, puffing at intervals of a few seconds. Shishaldin, on Cunimak island, a perfect cone 8,755 feet above the sea, snow-covered, but washed by the ocean at its base, striped down its sidds with ashes and condensed smoke, was still smoking. It has no foot hills, and its precipi-

tous slopes fall into the great Pacific ocean on the south and Bering sea on the north. Elliott says: "It is wholly safe to say that Shishaldin is the most beautiful peak of vast altitude upon the North American continent. Paylof, on the Alaska peninsula, sends out from the side huge clouds of pitchblack smoke hot enough to melt two feet of snowfall in a few minutes. It puffs at intervals like a locomotive. Inamna, on the shore of Cook's in t. is 12,066 feet high, and constantly sends out ashes and smoke of brimstone. In 1883 Mount St. Augustine. 150 miles north of Kadiak island, was active, and, according to the official report of Gov. Knapp, "covered the decks of ships hundreds of miles at sea with ashes." In 1874 Capt. Lennan was sent to the islands of the Four Mountains, west of Umnak, to explore a cave said to contain mummies tof which he brought seventeen bodies. now in different museums). While on this trip he discovered on Kagamil island a volcanic mountain of low altitude, from which issued jets of sulphurous steam, smoke and noxious gases of such horrible stench as to compel him to stand off from shore. Mount St. Elias sent out smoke and capor in 1839, and in 1847, when "the earthquake occurred which shook the whole Sitka region, flame and ashes came from its summit."

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Sir Walter Scott's Waverley Novels for Vacation Reading. Robert Chambers, publisher, one night appeared at his club, after a short absence, and there delighted at least one member J. C. Jeaffreson-by a deliciously frank expression of opinion says Youth's Companion. Jeaffreson began the conversation by asking: "What have you been doing since I

saw you last "I have joost been spending the time in Scotland with my ain people, and for my diversion I have been reading vet again Scott's novels. I went de liberately through the whole lot o' them. What do you think of a mon o' my years spending the greater part of the long holidays in sic a way?" "It was in that way that I first made acquaintance with the Waverley novels," was the enthusiastic reply, "in a

broiling hot summer and autumn. How you must have enjoyed yourself!" "Weel, weel, I canna say," returned the Scottish publisher and man of let-ters. Then he looked warily up and down the room to make sure of not being heard by any brother Scotsman,

and continued: "I canna say I enjoyed the buiks so much as I did in my younger time. I would not say it aloud in Adinbro, but weel you believe me when I say that Sir Walter isn't what he used to be to me? To tale you the truth," he added. lowering his voice almost to a whisper, "to tale you the truth, I found him rather prosy! Ay, but dinna be laughing, or the lads there will be asking what I said to you. It is the truth that I tale you; I moost conface I fund him at times a leetle prosy!"

CODFISH GALORE.

Portland Boasts a Single Pile of One Hun dred and Thirteen Cords. Imagine 4,500 quintals, or 504,000 pounds, or 352 tons, or 113 cords of salted cod and pollock, all neatly piled up in one building, and you will have. says the Lewiston Journal, before you the largest stock of fish in the city of Portland at the present time. It has all been brought from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland since the 19th of October. There is one pile of fourteen tons of speciall, selected codfish. They were big feliows when taken from the water and weighed then from 40 to 80 pounds each. Now they weigh from 25 to 35 pounds apiece. When they have been stripped of the skin, carefully boned, trimmed into slices of faultles: flesh like so much clean, clear bread or cheese, and packed in boxes marked "boneless fish," they will weigh from 12 to 15 pounds apiece. Such is the shrinkage of an 80-pound codfi-h into the perfect food product. In the trimming process about 20 pounds of "scrap" are removed to every 100 pounds of the boneless slices. This is, of course, good food tissue, though it ooks decidedly like "leavings." It is sold for about 8 cents a pound. Country fish peddlers buy it, sometimes in 100 and 150 pound lots, and sell it to farmers and villagers, to make into hash, for about 10 cents a pound. The skins are packed in barrels and sent away to Gloncester, Mass., where they are made into glue. They bring about a cent and a half a pound. The bones sell for two or three dollars a ton and are hauled over to Cape Elizabeth to be utilized as a fertilizer for cabbages.

REFORM MOVEMENTS.

In Connecticut 60,000 people have signed the pledge. THE pope has been requested to

Carlo. THE anti-race track organization of New Jersey routed the gamblers of that state in the late election. his command in India 14,000 British

take steps to stop gambling at Monte

LORD ROBERTS rays he has under soldiers pledged to total abstinence. THE Indians of the Omaha reservation, it is stated, have put aside \$2,000 from their "pasture money" to be used in temperance work.

The Golden Rose of Virtue. The "golden rose of virtue" presented by his holiness the pope each female member of some of the ruling families of Europe will be received this year, it is said, by Archduchess Margaret of Austria, daughter of Archduke Charles Louis and niece of the emperor. The young princess was born in 1870 and is abbess of the convent on the Hradselini, near Prague, to which only members of noble families are admitted. The archduchess is exceedingly clever and is popular in Vienna. Last year the "golden rose" was given to the queen of Portugal. The jewel is valued at fifty thousand dollars and is always made in Rome by a famous goldsmith ..

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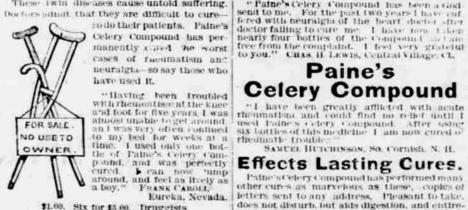
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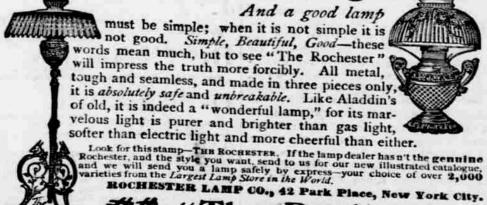
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FAME OF FRENCH ARTISTS.

diameter and eighteen and one-half

It Is Increased by the Reproduction of Their Paintings. The proportion of artists in France of wide fame, whose work is frequently seen in print, is undoubtedly greater than in any other country; and one of many good reasons for this is certainly the exceptional skill and experience of processes, and especially those which inal, but the color as well, says Scribner's Magazine. These color reproduc-

the French in their use of reproductive not only translate the form of the origtions, printed from metal relief plates and not from Lithographic stones-the method usually resorted to by the rest of the world-are unique. The secret of securing, with but few impressions, the marvelous combinations of color, the effects of washes, tones and lines, combined with a verve and character quite indescribable, is one of which only the French printer artist is complete master. Just across the border the German printer has developed lithography with something of the same enthusiasm which the Frenchman has devoted to the relief plate, each practieally making few excursions into the other's methods of accomplishing the

A still further reason for this great superiority is the innate artistic sense of the French printer, or, more properly, the pressman. In other countries. where engraver and printer are looked upon by the illustrator as his natural enemies, into whose hands a drawing is given grudgingly, the statement, which is not infrequently made by the French artist, that the reproduction or translation of the original into printed form is as effective in its way as the drawing itself, calculated to excite de-

WHEN SMILES ARE IMPOSSIBLE. Woman's Pitiable Plight on a Wet and

Windy Day. The utter absence of a sense of humor from the average feminine composition is never more clearly visible, says the Pall Mall Budget, than in a busy thoroughfare on a wet and windy day. A woman may be a philosopher, she may have original ideas and brilliant theories on the fundamental questions of morality and ethics, but she rarely rises superior to a muddy boot or a draggled petticoat. The woman is an exception indeed who manages to preserve a smiling face in the teeth of an east wind which plays shuttlecock with her umbrella, and a dreary sleet which bespatters her clothes and freezes her fingers; young or old, fair or plain-scarcely one of them who does not frown ominously as she hurries along, forgetful of other people's feelings and umbrellas and toes hustling and jostling, with never a glance for the absurdity of the situation. For there is something unmitigatingly ridiculous about pedestrians on a really bad day; nobody wants to walk on the outside of the pavement because of the splashing omnibuses and cabs; everybody wants to pass everybody else, regardless of the limited space afforded by the conglomeration of umbrellas; everybody pushes and elbows and shoulders, and when an umbrella appears in sight all considerations of gallantry or politeness or sex or age are forgotten-it becomes an object lesson in "the survival of the fittest" and a free fight or something near it ensues, in which the fair sex undoubtedly manage to bear their

part with more than a tolerable grace. PUNISHMENTS FOR CRIME.

THERE are three ordinary modes of execution in China-slicing to pieces, decapitation and strangulation. PRISONERS when arrested in Morocco

are obliged to pay the policeman for his trouble in taking them to jail. THE regular employment of Hawaiian prisoners for many years has been the making of a road up the volcano of Kilanea.

THE most common offense in Jamaica is obscene and abusive language. Over one-fourth of the arrests last year were for that offense.

The Guy Fawkes Ceremonial. About ten o'clock the picturesque ald pageant of the search for Guy Fawkes was carried out. A party of beefeaters in their quaint uniforms and still quainter hats, marched up the floor of the house with lanterns and descended solemnly by a staircase behind the speaker's chair into the bowels of the earth, there to search for the shade of Guy Fawkes or for his successor, if any. It was a striking scene, full of color and old world associations. A few members asked to be permitted to descend and take part in the search, but their assistance was politely but firmly declined by the courteous police officer who acted as a sort of stage manager of this dramatic little ceremony

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hundred and seventy thousand says the London Dispatch. In land the mortality has fallen per thousand. The towns who scourge is most intense are Paris the mortality from it is one deaths: Dijon and Nancy. one out of seven, and Marse it is one out of six. At the Pro congress at Havre, held to cial questions in a practica Dr. Gilbert, who is a cor cialist, said that drunkards ularly subject to it. Thereard's phthisis. Now, the of inebriates are dirty an and cleanliness is a great of the spread of contagions La Cite Havraise, or mansion working class tenants, the from consumption is very withstanding the hygienic according to which the worked. There were five out deaths from consumption. be explained from the tenar of spitting about. A wone that swept the spuma of a con un on the stairs picked up the which she inhaled when begarment. Dr. Gilbert is, for the son, against tenement houses or sions for the poor. The shall clothes and bedding from the wiand balconies was another contagion. The subject of dogs means of propagating const was also gone into. A report of Cadiot, of the veterinary who Alfort, shows that they must of a vehicle for spreading it. He long treated dogs suffering from t culosis for cancer, but latterly to croscope showed him what the ease was. Between the 14th of 1 March and the 7th of April eight died at Alfort of tuberculosis. the 1st of October, 1891, to the August, 1803, he made forty post a ems out of nine thousand, and the in all the forty cases tuberculos the cause of death. The disease very catching from a dog. It original ates in the intestinal mucus. dogs eat bones picked by tuber patients and lick up what they le on plates. They also keep about the if attached to them and in this a some get affected through the bu If the dog is often contaminated the human patient he in turn spre-

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There is a trick in the champag and in fact in all wine and lin trades, known as "pushing." A Free house which casts envious eyes on American market has to "push" wine to get it sold here. The agen resort to all manner of expedients sell their wine. They give prizes bartenders, stewards, etc. The

the disease to other human beings.

a fictitious demand by asking for a certain brand in botels and r taurants where that particular bran is not in stock. They employ men to "make the rounds" and do t same thing. When they are wi for it and make the rest of the pa drink it. Then, of course, the ne man who orders calls for the san wine. This "pushing" of wines made it impossible to judge of the America taste for any one particular pagne. One brand may be "pagne. into demand one year and allow fall from grace in the next. The according to the New York Tribs is to spend a great deal of mone year in getting a wine before the lic and then to make a large prof succeeding years. It is living on reputation. So that if the sale ew brands increases from year to that is not a fair estimate from to draw conclusions, and the holds true if the sale of a few bram decreases. But when we take twent bree American agents and cotheir sales for two years we get a g idea of the whole trade in this count Outside of those twenty-three hou all other agents in this countr brought here in 1892 only 9,866 case Last year "all other agents" import 9,227. The imports for 1892 of twent: three agents and all others were 622 cases, but last year they fell off 278,520. This is a decrease of 72. cases, representing wine which won cost the consumer over \$3,000,000. Ex consumption of 278,520 cases, most people will say who have not the financial taste for champagne, is a very great deal.

NOW A DESERTED VILLAGE.

perons, Rapidly Falling to Ruins. "A poet could write on 'The be serted Village' with Virginia City as a subject and surpass Goldsmith's immortal production on the same topic said a resident of San Francisco to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat man "The first time that I was ever there the population of Virginia City was greater than that of the entire state now. Everything ran wide open. Magnificent hotels and opera halls, palatial resi dences, stores that would have done credit to New York, millionaires who spent money freely, maintaining a so ety that for brilliancy and gave could not be equaled in the luited States. I was there a short time ago The hotels and opera houses are closed. the residences empty, the stores re moved to other and more properate places. Dwellings that cost hundred of thousands of dollars are given ever to the bats, and the broken panes of glass, the shutters hanging upon a single hinge or flagging in the wind give a grewsome sense of loneliness in years to come it will afford magnificent spectacles of ruins, and even may in some sections of the town there is a sense to the beholder of being in a city of the past. Millions were made and lost, and the history of Virginia (ii) would be one of the most thrilling stor-

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

He who forgets his own friends meanly to follow those of a higher degree is a snob. Thackeray. THE devil knew not what he did when he made man politic; he crossed himself by it. Shakespeare.

Do not accustom yourself to consider debt only as an inconvenience; you will find it a calamity. -Johnson. No TRUE and permanent fame can be founded except in labors for the happiness and good of mankind. - Charles

IF your eye is on the Eternal your intellect will grow, and your opinions and actions have a beauty which no learning or combined advantages of other men can rival - Emerson

In troubled water you can scarce see your face, or see it very little till the water be quiet and stand still; so in troubled times you can see little trull; when times are quiet and settled, then with appears. - Selden.

ornament their favorite volumes. Propertius speaks of tablets with gold borders. Ovid mentions manuscripts with red titles, and other authors mention presentation of copies of which the cover was overlaid with precious stones.

Virginia City, Nev., Once Gay and Pros-

ries ever written."

Summer.

-The ancients took great pains to