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least one hundred dollars each. Of course, they are not made so much to please the wearer as to satisfy the requirements of the occasion and the taste of the bride. It can hardly be expected that a bridesmaid shall go to such expense for a frock to be worn

dulgence seems to be a kind of dissipation with her, like whisky and tobacco with human beings. Unlike the latter, she never gets full but once. Her sting consists of five extremely sharp needles, two of which are barbed. They unite and form an awl, which, having in-

These difficulties were overcome by using quartz instead of glass, with which it was possible to obtain a very pure spectrum sufficiently rich in blue and violet rays to kill the spores in a few hours. The author found it easy to obtain satisfactory results in the

a paroxysm of hatred toward your victim, and you must sandwich the sacramental words with the most horrible imprecations. Then you inflict upon the toad all the tortures that your imagination can suggest, for your enemy is bound to suffer correspondingly. If

To our horror we saw Will catch his foot in something and go down at full length. F--- groaned with despair, and dropping on my knee 1 fired two baarels uselessly into the brute's hindquarters.

Then came the miracle. Whether the blood from half a dozen wounds had the elephant, or Will's sudder disappearance into the long grass had deceived him. I cannot say, but half stopping, he turned and made off into the jungle, where we lost him, after

are the constitutionally indolent-those who, like Dr. Johnson, are never, physically, ready to get up in the morning, but who, like him, are possessed of a conscience which compels them now and again to face the reflection of what they have -- compared with what they might have-done, and to stand aghast at the comparison. There are those, says Chambers' Journal, whom circumstances have made idle-riches, absence of motive for exertion; ill-health, real or fancied; indulgent friends, and much more often by self-indulgence. That idleness is one of the seven deadly sins gives them no sort of concerni it is of the essence of their complaint to have no feeling of their own infirmity. They are asleep: they cannot tell their dreams, for they do not even know that they are dreaming. Giving up, nerveless relaxation, has become a habit, and to them - as to the immortal Mr. Toots, though from a different motive-nothing is of any consequence But whereas it was his own convenience, his own feelings, his own comfort, that never were of consequence to the unselfish Toots, it is precisely your convenience, your feelings, your comfort, that are, to the idle man, of no consequence. Floating idly about "on the great Pacific ocean of indolence" he makes first one compromise, then another, with self-respect, until he ends by sacrificing the esteem of his fellow-men on the private altar of his own sloth. His affairs get first mudlied, then embarrassed, then decaying, then desperate, and he feebly flatters himself with an idea of repose, now, that all is gone.

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chaps only once, and which is for the benefit of somebody else. Thus, as a mere matter of common sense, it has come to be regarded as the proper thing that these toilets shall be supplied. Necessarily, they are all alike. theory. If there is a maid of honor she must

have a dress, too. A bride may be married in a travel ing dress, but for a really swell wedding she must have a special gown. which will hardly cost less than two hundred and fifty dollars. Dressmakers charge extra prices for articles of cosaume furnished for weddings, by the way. Of incidental expenses there is no end. In New York there is only one woman who knows how to arrange a bride's veil properly. It is her special ty, and she charges accordingly. In fact, she does very little else beside go ing from one house to another and pin ning brides' veils. It is a business that requires a high degree of skill. Unless tulle is handled by skillful fingers, it is very unbecoming. To adjust the

wreath of orange blossoms-always artificial, because real orange blossom quickly fade and have too strong an odor-is an art in itself. It must be put on just so, else it is ugly. Fashion requires that the bridegroom

shall give to each bridesmaid a pin or bracelet, and to each usher a scarf-pin or some such remembrance. It goes without saying that the best man and the maid of honor are not left out These must be handsome, and fifty dol lars each is not too much to pay for them. When he was married to Miss Gould, Count Castellane gave to each of the ushers and bridesmaids a pin the design of which was a C and G tied together in a true lover's knot. The G was in rubies, the knot was of diamonds and the C was in sapphires Thus were united the national colors of France-red, white and blue. In the above account no mention has been made of the cost of the reception at the house of the bride. It is expected that the drawing-rooms and dining-room shall be profusely decorated with flowers, and in this way five hundred dollars does not go very far. Then there s the "spread," which may run up to dmost any price. Among the inci dentals are invitations, which are not cheap when one thousand or so of them have to be sent out. On the whole, it is a costly business to get married in these days.

An Ancient Mortgage.

"Speaking about mortgages," said a well-known Minneapolis banker the other day in the midst of a conversation on the eating-up powers of interest, "I was shown a mortgage some time ago down in New York by a banker friend that had a history. It had been in existence just two hundred years, having been given in the year 1695. It was on a piece of property lying in the farming region outside of New York. 1 don't remember just where. The amount was not large some six or eight hundred dollars, but it had been kept precisely as it was given in the old Dutch days. The interest had been at 6 per cent, from the very beginning, and it had always been kept up. The document had been in the same family, too, all these many years, and for some reason or other it had never been thought worth while to pay it off. Oddly enough, the present mortgageor had the very same name of the original grantor of the mortgage The original document was very odd as to form and makeup, but it was sound and staple, and would hold water in the courts to-day as well as the most approved document of the

She Was Complimented.

flicted the puncture, serves as a tube for sucking the blood of the victim. The suggestion that poisonous fluid is introduced into the wound for the purpose of making the blood more liquid is mere

The female mosquito lays her eggs in a boat-shaped mass on the surface of still water. From these the larvae. called "wrigglers," are hatched. When the wriggler considers that he has wriggled long enough he comes to the surface and carefully extricates himself from his skin, which serves as a raft for him to stand upon. This is the danger point of his life, for the least breath of wind may upset the raft and drown him. Happily escaping this fate, he flies away as soon as his wings are dry. If a "she," the insect loses no time in seeking for some animal or person to torture. It has been contended that the larval mosquito has some usefulness, consuming miasmatic germs in the water; but this is more than doubtful.

A POOR OPINION OF US.

An Egyptian Thinks Americans Live in a Fifthy Manner.

A communication received from Sheik Dirdari, an Egyptian commissioner to the recent United Presbyterian general assembly, gives various views formed of Pittsburgh and of the assembly, says the United Presbyterian. He says Americans, and especially Pittsburghers, live in a filthy manner. Our hands and faces are quite dirty, he says, but this is because the air is contaminated with a fine black dust. The sheik found it difficult to keep himself clean. He says: "The pavements are very filthy, owing to the habit all the people, men and women. have of expectorating. I think most of the people must be of a class about equal to the Berbers, used in Cairo and Alexandria as doorkeepers and servants. I don't know, though, for many of these people seem to be very rich." Of the trolley cars, the sheik declares: "It is very strange to see the people riding about in wagons that look like the railroad cars of Egypt, but they run without either steam or horses. They run with a buzzing sound, and I think must be possessed of demons. In the assembly sessions the sheik says he saw commissioners at times

reverently bow their heads low. He discovered a sort of vessel in front of them on the floor, which they guarded carefully with their feet. This was strange to Dirdari, but he found that "the people regard these vessels with the same reverence that the Italians manifest toward the pictures of the Virgin. I learned that this particular idol, the like of which I never saw in my travels, is called 'cuspidor,' but my limited knowledge of English has made it difficult to learn what peculiar traditions are associated with him."

The sheik expressed thankfulness that his people will never take into an Egyptian church this "cuspidor god."

WHY ICE FLOATS. It Is Specifically Lighter Than Water Just

About to Freeze. Ice is specifically "lighter" than water just about to freeze, and, therefore. floats upon it, says an exchange. There is one reason why the formation of ice usually, but not always, begins at the surface. Another reason is because of its peculiar law of expansion. The general law is that cold induces contraction. This holds good in the case of water only to a certain point. When water has cooled down to within 7.4 degrees of freezing it ceases to contract as before, and, with increased cold,

with solar rays, even with glass lenses, mirrors, etc., and exposures of five or six hours, but in winter the exposures required to be so long as to be almost impracticable.

QUEER USE OF A CIGAR. Story Which Shows, a Sea Captain's Pres-

ence of Mind. A good story is told of a sea captain who died not long ago and who was formerly in command of a ship in which passengers were carried from London to Lisbon. On one occasion, says Tit-Bits, the ship caught fire and the passengers and erew were compelled to take hurriedly to the boats. The captain remained perfectly cool through out all the confusion and fright of the debarkation, and at last everyone except himself was got safely into the boats. By the time he was ready to follow

the passengers were almost wild with fear and excitement. Instead of hurrying down the ladder the captain called out to the sailors to hold on a minute, and, taking a cigar from his pocket, coolly lighted it with a bit of burning rope which had fallen from the rigging at his feet. Then he deseended with deliberation and gave the

order to push off. "How could you stop to light a cigar at such a moment?" he was asked afterward, when some of the passengers were talking over their escape.

"Because," he answered, "I saw that if I did not do something to divert the minds of those in the boat there was likely to be a panie, and overcrowded as it was, there was danger of the boat being upset. The act took but a moment, but it attracted the attention of everybody. I was not nearly so unconcerned as I seemed to be, but was in reality in a fever of excitement. My little plan succeeded. You all forgot yourselves because you were thinking of my curious behavior, and we got off safely."

WAYS OF NOTED MEN.

GARRICK was generally so quiet that he often created the impression of diffidence.

HENRY CLAY was said to make the most engaging bow of any gentleman of his time. MARCUS AURELIUS was said to be the

politest Roman emperor who ever sat on the throne. DANTE was solitary in his habits, and, by his austerity, chilled most of

those whom he met. MILTON was quiet and reserved in conversation, but thoroughly refined and well bred.

SYDNEY said that the soul of polite ness lay in preferring the happiness of others to your own.

PHILIP of Macedon was courteous to all who approached him, even the humblest being sure of a hearing. PIUS IX., both before and after his

elevation to the pontifical chair, was a model of studied politeness. MOHAMMED inculcated politeness in

the Koran. He himself was one of the most courteous of men.

ANDREW JACKSON was rough in his manners, but could be polite when he pleased. He was alwars courteous to ladies.

Curious Custom in Holland.

When young Queen Wilhelmina visited the other day the marvelous vaults at Maestriche, which are one of the sights of the place, she was requested by the authorities to inscribe her name upon a marble slab in the wall, which bears the signatures of many other sovereigns, Dutch and foreign, prominent among them being the autograph of the first Napoleon. Just at the very moment when she was about to comply with the request three tiny gnomes sprang out from behind a pillar and exclaimed in accordance with the time-honored custom: "Who are you that dares add your name to that of William the Silent and of the many illustrious rulers of the Netherlands?" Oneen Wilhelmina, who had been prepared for this little piece of pantomine, replied: "I am the daughter of this King William III, whose signature you see here, and his successor to the throne of Holland," whereupon the gnomesthree small boys dressed up for the occasion-bowed low, received some coin,

you take an eve out of the toad enemy will lose an eye, etc. In America, according to the Revue, the Black Crooks have recourse to a more summary expedient. They bury the toad at the threshold of the residence of the person selected for a victim, with the result that he dies as if suffocated.

The doll method is the most ancient and the most classic. It requires a wax figure called a "manie," resembling the victim as much as possible. It is also necessary to have some little objects that belonged to the victim, or better yet, one of his teeth, portions of his mails, or one or two hairs of his head. You mix these things in with the wax. of the doll and baptize it. Then, just like the poisoner of Catherine de Medicis, you stick a pin into the figure. If at that moment your enemy is even flirting with a young woman, he immediately begins to suffer from palpitation of the heart (naturally enough) if he does not die from suffocation.

The proceeding a l'esprit volant is the latest improvement in this science, and it is the child of hypnotism. In order to execute it you must have a subject whose astral body, which we are told is of a fluid nature, will abandon the material body on your order and transport itself toward your victimn. It slips into his veins the poisons which you have learned how to-volatilize. The operation terminated, you return the astral body to its carnal dwelling, and you arouse the subject. The crime is committed without anybody in the world being able to accuse you, and you are left alone with your conscience. But the conscience of a Black Crook is particularly elastic.

Now, that is the way they work the machine, and the Revue refuses to reyeal the places where the ceremonies are performed, for fear of leading its readers into temptation. It is better, it says, to let them believe that the business of casting spells belongs to the domain of fables. But the surprising thing about it is that men of learning and apparently endowed with common sense indulge in this kind of rubbish. Witnesses well worthy of belief have told extraordinary stories of a certain Col. de Rochas, stories that outdo the wildest inventions of the "Devil on Two Sticks." Col. de Rochas, we are told, has discovered a method of "exteriorizing the sensations of individuals." Asmodeus used to put the souls of Christians who died impenitent into bottles; but M. de Rochas, more ingenious than Asmodeus, concentrates and dissolves in a glass of water the sense of enjoyment and of suffering of a subject previously magnetized. If this water is boiled, the subject writhes like St. Laurent on his gridiron; and if, on the contrary, the water freezes, the unfortunate victim becomes blizzardly old.

Like the story of "Jack and the Bean Stalk," all this may not be as true as the Bible, but in these days of advancement why shouldn't the black art be reformed and rejuvenated just like our own ever glorious city government?

Protecting His Chickens.

A Sangerville (Mc.) man has baffled the hen hawks, and so far the laugh is all on his side. He makes a large yard for his chicken coop, putting boards around the sides to prevent escape from the inclosure, and over this he stretches wire netting with coarse meshes. Inside the hen and chickens run at will free from attacks of every sort. A number of times since he made this arrangement his family have been entertained by the antics of the hawks who swoop down upon their supposed prey all unaware of the interposed netting. Fetching up against it has seemed a great puzzle to to them, for they flutter around on it so greedy for their prey that they can scarcely believe the chicks beyond their reach.

following him for hours. DWARFING DOGS. Taken from Their Mothers in Infancy

They Are Bred to Lilliputian Size. Specialists and doctors who take an interest in the progress of alcoholism its injurious action on generation and the part it plays in degeneracy will be glad to add another branch to their study in the shape of the falsification of dogs, says the New York World. For falsification of dogs exists in Paris and thrives, just as well as the imitators of Japan ware, old furniture and pictures of Corot. Teniers and Rubens. Ask for a bottle of Chartrense in any grocery store of Paris and you will be served with a bottle of Charmeuse, and as to truffles, diamonds, champagne and coffee, imitators of these have obtained too lofty a station for them to care for

criticism of their products. It was generally supposed that the animal reign had not yet been tampered with so that most persons will be surprised that the French have recently discovered a method of producing tiny dogs, which, when offered for sale on the boulevards or in the Bois de Boulogne, fetch good prices on account of their rarity. Like all other callings. competition is about to cut down the profits of the originators of the idea and next summer visitors are promised any number of lilliputian dogs at an insignificant price.

This is how the diminutive animal is produced: Snatched from its mother's breast when it is but a few hours old. it is put on an alcoholic diet instead of a lacteal diet. When it reaches a certain age alcohol under different form constitutes almost the sole dict of the animal. The young dogs do not die. but, what is far more important, they do not develop and appear to be wasting away continually. They soon cease to grow entirely. By coupling these products the lilliputian animal is obtained after two or three generations. What a terrible lesson for drunkards and absinthe consumers!

SPARKS FROM THE CABLE.

ENDEAVORS are now being made in England to establish the Sabbatica year, one year's rest in seven, for school-teachers.

LISBON will have a great festival next June to commemorate the seven hundredth anniversary of Saint Anthony, of Padua, who was born there in 1195. ABBEYLEIX, in Leinster, is troubled over a venerable pauper of 105, who, having been a Protestant all his life, has now concluded to become a Cathe-

THE Berlin Street Car company paid \$250,000 into the treasury of the city for the privilege of crossing the principal avenue, Unter den Linden, at one point.

FROM Venice comes the announcement that the bodies in the old Protestant cemetery, where many Americans and Englishmen are buried, are to be removed to the new municipal cemetery. POET'S CORNER in Westminster Abbey s hidden from the outside by a block of old houses. These are to be torn down next summer as a precaution against fire, thus allowing the architecture of the chapel of Henry VII. and the old Chapter House to be seen from that

On Mrs. Lang's showing in the Hu there is everything in the point of view neither our ambition nor our uncom ence realized her ideal of happiness.

OLD WORLD AND NEW. Asia Stands Still While Europe and Amer-

ica Push Forward. The common phrases, the old world and the new world, have gained an application which would hardly have been given them had men known in the past what they know now, that America is, geologically considered, probably the oldest of the continents and that man perhaps inhabited the western hemisphere as barly as he did the eastern. In view of this fact, says Lippincott's Magazine, it might not be amiss to suggest a different application of

these phrases by giving to Asia the title of the old world and to Europe and America that of the new world, leaving the remaining sections of the earth to fit into the division to which they logically belong.

For Asia is the static realm of mankind; Europe and America are the dynamic. Asia is at rest with the dead past; Europe and America are pushing forward into the living future. Asia, in its political conditions, its religions, its learning and its literature, its seience and industry, remains in close touch with the world of three thousand years ago; Europe and America in all these conditions have left the old world ages behind them and are building for themselves a new world vitally distinct from that of ancient days.

He Will Succeed.

Like his brother of the north, the southern small boy is capable of much. A writer in the New York Home Journal says that upon her arrival in a southern town her cabman was a small boy, aged about nine. The cab had two seats, and the boy told her that if during her stay she wanted a carriage, she could get him any time by inquiring for Jackson's express-price six bits an hour.

"Are you Jackson?" I asked.

"Yes, ma'am," said the expressman, politely, and with great dignity. Then, lasping into boyishness, he added: You see, this used to be our carriage. But papa died, and mamma isn't strong -and there isn't much money-and-" Something certainly filled the boy's throat, for his voice broke, and, hastily becoming a cabman again, he tightened

manitarian the life of a Spanish woman must be dull enough. But of course the reins and indulged in a flourish of The Spanish woman evidently has fortably developed sense of tedium. She has no aspirations for a wider horizon, she has no desire for a university education, or a parliamentary vote or a profession to render her independent. She is perfectly satisfied with life as it is; she has no responsibilities, money affairs being attended to by her male relatives and housekeeping being looked after by the servants; she has plenty of dancing, flirtation and intrigue, which is carried to a science and is her chief amusement in life. What more can she possibly want? would be her answer to your query as to whether her exist-

The Women of Spain.

side.



Tie yer shoe, miss "Yes," hesitatingly; the time of dragging shoe strings had come, but she hated to be reminded of it. "Put yer foot right thar." W000 dropped on one knee, and placed his kit to receive the foot, and in a twinkling the strings were tied. Then the young woman fumbled in her purse and produced a nickel. "I'd ruther not," said the boy, 'cause yer see we want yer for a mascot." "Oh!" "We're going into pardnership, me

an' Jim-that's my brother-and Crippled Mike, and we agreed that the prettiest young lady we could find should be our mascot-an' you jest filled the bill."-Detroit Free Press. dom see it.

retually begins to expand, and continues to do so until it freezes. This expansion causes the colder portions of the water to rise to the surface. Above we have said that lice does not always begin to form at the surface of the water. The exception is in the case of what is known as "ground" or "anchor ice." In this case the whole body of the water is cooled at the same time to below the freezing point, and the substances at the bottom, such as the stones and pebbles of river or lake beds. serve as a nucleus or point of congelation and crystallization for the water. This rare species of ice is formed under such peculiar circumstances that others than students and experimenters seland retired.

Bailed Up.

Lawyers are not more free than other public speakers from slips of the tongue. Mr. Asquith, of the English cabinet, in a recent speech in parliament, said: "Let it be known, gentlemen, that of those just demands we abate not one jit or tottle!" A few days later an English judge, after a policeman had testified that he had found the prisoners in bed with their clothes on, asked, in amazement: "Do you mean to say that they had gone to boot with their beds on?"

the whip. But after a little he turned about and added:

"It's a real comfort, I think, to earn your living."

A Great Lighthouse

On the Pointe de Penmarch, in Brittany, the southwestern point of the Finisterre promontory, midway between Brest and L'Orient, a new lighthouse is being crected whose light will be seen one hundred miles in clear weather, and from twenty-five to twenty-eight miles when the weather is hazy. It will be an electric light of ten million candle power, and will rise one hundred and eighty-five feet above the sea level, and is to be ready by the beginning of 1897.

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