Reign of the Great Irish Actor In the Eighteenth Century.

The son of an Irish barrister, himself intended for the bar, lack of means and consciousness of ability sent Quin on to the stage. He made his first success in 1720, when he persuaded Christopher Rich to allow him to appear as Falstaff in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." After Booth's death he advanced still further in public esteem by what he modestly described on the playbill as "his attempt" to follow that tragedian in his greatest part of Cato. He so delighted the audience by his attempt that after his delivery of the line "Thanks to the gods, my boy has done his duty!" they cried: "Booth outdone! Booth outdone!" And after he had spoken the then famous soliloquy on the immortality of the soul the enthusiasm reached such a pitch that in answer to a vociferous demand for an encore Quin was obliged to repeat the speech.

From this night Quin as an actor reigned supreme for ten years. It was a solemn reign, dignified, weighty, traditional. He was unsupassed in such characters as Falstaff and Sir John Brute, but in tragedy he did no more than uphold with fine elecution, ponderous majesty and rugged independence that solemn unreality of speech and action which both in England and France was then considered the appropriate expression of tragic sentiment. As in France Le Kain was the first to restore nature to tragic acting, so did Garrick in England by a similar return to nature expose the duliness, the lifelessness of the settled methods of the actors of the type of Quin. And Quin had too much good sense not to see it himself, for as a man he was the rather coarse embodiment of that rough but ready witted, prejudiced but generous and warm hearted disposition, which we admire and respect in Dr. Johnson

The few of Quin's sayings preserved to us almost make one regret that he had no Boswell by his side. Lords and bishops, clergy and gentry, all were represented in the circles of Quin's many friends, who delighted in his wit and conversation. He could hold his own in an argument with any man. One instance must suffice. At some gathering Bishop Warburton, dictatorial and overbearing, was arguing in support of royal prerogative. Quin said he was a republican and thought that perhaps even the execution of Charles I. by his subjects might be justified. "Aye," asked the indignant Warburton. "by what law?" "By all the laws he had left them," answered Quin. The shocked bishop then cited the wrath of the divine judgment as visited upon the regicides; they all, he said (though it is not strictly true), had come to violent ends. "I would not advise your lordship," said Quin, "to make use of that inference, for if I am not mistaken that was the case with the twelve apostles.' Horace Walpole greatly admired this instance of the player's readiness and aptness of retort.-H. B. Irving in Fortnightly Review.

Collecting Old China.

Old china ornaments, such as are often to be purchased from country people, are very salable. Particularly those funny old jugs known to collectors as "Toby jugs" are in demand. The buyer should make sure that he is purchasing the genuine old articles, as there are many forgeries about. The old jugs have been copied so exactly in design and markings that it is extremely difficult even for experts to tell the real thing. If the jug looks very old and the owner can give it a history extending some time back, the purchaser will be fairly safe in laying out anything under \$3. In out of the way places jugs and plates are still to be found made in one time fashionable "luster" ware. Of late years these have been in demand among collectors. and the amateur will easily recognize them from the metallic appearance of the surface. In conclusion, it may be said that the general rule of the treasure hunter must be not to pay any big prices at all. At the best the buying of such articles as mentioned above is very speculative in that the purchaser may be able to realize a good price, or, on the other hand, he may not do more than cover his expenses, so that the conscience of the amateur purchaser may be quite easy in buying at a low price, and if he can sell at a large profit he deserves all he gets for the risk he is willing to run.-New York

Brown Leather Bags.

The salesman brought out a superb kit bag of cowhide, a rich brown bag, hand sewed, as big as a trunk.

"This," he said, "is \$40." "I'd take it." said the patron, "only brown leather lugging gets so dirty and shabby after a few months' use. I have a letther steamer trunk I paid \$75 for, and it is scratched and stained and discolored so I am ashamed of it."

The salesman frowned, "Haven't you sense enough," he said, "to clean your brown leather luggage with a tan dressing, the same as you clean your brown leather shoes? As brown shoes, uncleaned, become unsightly, so brown harrage does, but this luggage, cleaned whenever it is used, is the most imposing and the most beautiful you can have.

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PICTURE ON A HILL

The Long Man of Wilmington, Eng-

land, Measures 240 Feet.

the surrounding country and appearing to watch as guardian over the little must have tramped when they came hither on the occasion of some great religious festival. Seen from afar, the figure does not appear to be of remarkproaches the hill it assumes an impos-

ing and definite shape. The figure, about 240 feet in height, was merely shaped in the turf so as to allow the chair to appear through. In the course of time these depressions in the surface became almost imperceptible, and to such an extent was the figare neglected that at last it was only possible to make out the form at a distance when the slight hollows were marked by drifted snow or when the blique rays of the rising or setting sun hrew them into a deep shadow. In orler to preserve the form of the Long Man, and to render it at the same time easily distinguishable at a distance the utline was marked by a single line of white bricks placed closely together. The effect has been to produce a somewhat startling figure, which is plainly visible in fine weather from a great

listance. There are in different parts of the centry other examples of extremely rude and early hillside figures, and, alhough the very fact of their great aniquity renders it unlikely that historcal or documentary evidence will be forthcoming as to their design or precise purpose, it is very satisfactory to find that an explanation has been found which will at once account for many of their peculiarities.

The theory is that these are sacrificial figures. We learn from the writings of Caesar that the Gauls (and the Britons were doubtless included) had figures of vast size, the limbs of which, formed of oslers, they filled with living men. The figure was ultimately fired, and the miserable victims perished in the flames.

There is a local saying in Sussex, probably of great antiquity, in which the Long Man is mentioned in reference to the weather. It runs: When Firlie hill and Long Man has a cap

We at A'ston gets a drap. -London Standard.

Football In Burma.

"Chinlon," the Burmese form of football, is the national game. The name means "round basket," writes Mr. Kelly in his book on Burma, and the chinlon is really a ball about six inches in diameter formed of platted rattans. The game is played by several youths or men, who stand in a circle a few feet apart. The ball baving been thrown into play, the one nearest to whom it falls kicks it up into the air with the instep, knee or side of the foot. The effort is to keep it in the air as long as possible and without losing possession of the ball. A fancy stroke is to turn about face as the ball falls and kick it with the sole of the foot, although the elbows, head or any part of the body except hand and toes may be used. While playing no one leaves his place, but waits until the ball falls within his reach, when he in turn endeavors to retain its possession. It is a very pretty game to watch, and the skill of the performers is often surprising.

The Smallest Screws.

The smallest screws ever made are used in the manufacture of the miniature watches which are sometimes fitted in rings, shirt studs, bracelets, etc. visible to the naked eye, looking like glass, however, it may be plainly seen that each is a perfect screw, having a number of threads equal to 1,260 to the inch. These tiny screws are four onethousandths of an inch in diameter and seven one-thousandths of an inch in made to count these "tiny triumphs of mechanical ingenulty" other than to get usually pursued in determining their number is to carefully count 100 and then place them on a delicate balance, the number of a given amount being determined by the weight of these,

Cars For Man and Beast.

From Salzburg you go to Munich. of Bavaria you drop suddenly from the Captain-Yes. That was just the sublime to the ridiculous by catching a glimpse of a car bearing a label of which this is the translation:

"For thirty-two men or six horses." On inquiry you learn that the Bavarian railroads run fourth class cars, on which the very poor may travel for a trifle or which may be used at the option of the railroad to transport equine freight. Later you have an opportunity to inspect some of these fourth class cars, and you find them to be right plano? Pop-One that plays only similar to our own freight cars, although much smaller. Plain wooden Companion. benches form the seats, which may be removed to accommodate the live stock. Most of the European freight cars and many of the passenger cars have only four wheels and look like toy affairs compared to our own,-Chicago Post.

It's all right to be attentive to business if the business is your own.

Earthquakes.

Among the many strange relationships which earthquakes hold to various natural phenomena there is possi-About midway between Berwick and bly one between the times of their oc-Polegate stations, at a point where the currence and of irregularities in the side of the hill is very precipitous, those revolution of the world. For many who know exactly the spot where to years it has been observed that there look will be able to see from the rail- are slight but irregular changes in latiway carriage windows a sort of rude tude, or, in other words, the axis of our imitation of the human form outlined earth does not always point in the in white. The figure, which is between same direction. The pole wanders about in a mean position, sometimes staff in each hand. This is the "Long in a path that is nearly circular, while Man of Wilmington," once the center at others it appears to be exceedingly of profound veneration and worship, irregular and even retrograde. The but now merely an object of interest to world top is not spinning truly, but it slightly wabbles. When the change in In order to obtain an adequate idea direction of its axis is sharp large of this great hillside figure, dominating earthquakes have been frequent. If a swiftly moving body is, so to speak, compelled to turn a corner, that it village below, it is desirable to ap- should be subjected to strains which proach it afoot, tramping along the might result in yielding is easily conwinding lanes, as the pilgrims of old celvable. Regarded from this point of view, the times at which strata in seismic strain give way are to some extent governed by erratic movements in the rotation of our sphere. The able size, but gradually as one ap- earthquake and the wabble may, however, be due to a common cause, and the question therefore is one which requires closer examination .- John Milne in National Review.

A Good Horse's Color.

A good horse cannot be a bad color, it is said. It is certain that Derby winners are not drawn from certain colors. Has a gray ever won the race, or a dun or a skewbald or a plebald? Has there ever been a thoroughbred of the latter type? Quite black thoroughbreds are rare, white still more so, gray uncommon even among the less exalted of public performers. The "Stud Book" would not bear out these statements where colors uncommon on the race course are described. The explanation is, of course, that the horse is there described as he appeared as a foal. An owner of a bay thoroughbred looked up the "Stud Book" to find his purchase pictured as a chestnut and complained to the men of whom he had bought the horse. The former owner assured him that the description was correct at the time it was entered. Other owners, less certain as to what color may appear when the first coat has been cast, have before now made such singular entries as "gray, roan or chestnut."-St. James' Gazette.

The Porcupine's Quills.

The spines are very loosely attached to the porcupine, and they are very sharp-as sharp as a needle at the outer end. At almost the slightest touch they penetrate the nose of a dog or the clothing or flesh of a person touching the porcupine and stick there, coming away from the animal without any pull being required. The facility in catching hold with one end and leting go with the other has sometimes caused people to think that the spines had been thrown at them. The outer end of the spines, for some distance down, is covered with small barbs. These barbs cause a spine once imbedded in a living antmal to keep working farther in with every movement of the muscles, so that it is not a pleasant thing to get stuck full of them.

A Sad Picture.

At Varzin once, after sitting for some time sunk in profound reflection, Bismarck lamented that he had derived but small pleasure or satisfaction from his political activity, but, on the other hand, much vexation, anxiety and trouble. He had, he said, made no one happy by it, neither himself, his family nor any one else, "but probably," he continued, "many unhappy. Had it not been for me there would have been three great wars the less, the lives of 80,000 men would not have been sacrificed and many parents, brothers, sisters and widows would not now be mourners."-"Bismarck's Table Talk."

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"Yes," said the college student, "dad got the idea that I was cutting up too much, and so he cut in and threatened length. It is estimated that a lady's to cut down my allowance unless I thimble of average size would hold took a brace. I felt all cut up at first, 100,000 of them. No attempt is ever but I didn't want my allowance cut off or cut into just for a little funny business, and so I cut it out." And a basis for estimation. The method the listening foreigner remarked, "What did the young man say?"-Somerville Journal.

Breaking It Gently.

Captain of Steamer-Madam, it gives me great pain to be obliged to tell you that your little boy's hat has blown overboard. Fond Mother-Why, I While traveling through the mountains thought it was tied on with a string! trouble. The string did not break.

> Corrected. "Miss Isabel, you are not at all like

other girls." "That is not a compliment, Mr. Spooner. You should say that other girls are not at all like me.'

Little Rollo-Pop, what is an upsacred music, my son .- Woman's Home

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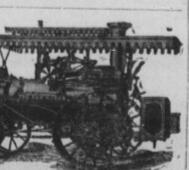
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