## FOR THE FAIR SEX.

# Fashion Notes.

Scoop bonnets are worn. Poke bonnets are fashionable. Jabots grow longer and longer. Plush will be worn all summer. Cashmeres are very fashionable. Gilt buttons are the things on boots. Ladies wear gentlemen's scarf pins. Shoulder capes are again fashionable. Basque polonaises will be much worn Suits of two shades are out of fashion. Shirring will be much used this sum-French ladies of fashion wear only one

color. Shirred fronts are seen on new over

skirts. Large bonnets are preferred to small

Breton is the lace of the passing me

Turbans are worn both in and out

doors. The short skirt is as short behind as before

Breton lace jabots and scarfs are all the rage

There are 125 kinds of ruching in the market.

The cutaway still retains its hold on fashion.

Crystal beads will decorate summer fringes.

Steel beads are used to studblack satin slippers. The humblest flowers are preferred

this year. New walking boots are to be higher in the ankle.

The edges of bonnets are left unbound this season.

Myrtle-green is a favorite among the spring shades.

An antelope's head is the last orna ment for a fan.

Both high and low turban caps are fashionable.

Black chip is the favorite bonnet for all occasions.

Shirring is very fashionable on all summer garments. Skirts of short dresses retain their

narrow dimensions. The straw hats, in bright colors, are to

be used for traveling. Lace gloves with long fingers are com-

ing into fashion again.

Gloves are long, reaching to the elbow for full evening toilet. Suits in two shades of the same color are going out of fashion.

Waistcoats are often made to wear over the basque as under it.

New parasols have flatter tops than the canopy ones of last summer.

Postilion pleats and fan trimmings in the back of basques are revived.

Fichu collarettes and jabot collarettes give a dressy effect to plain toilet.

Panama tweeds, for light summer dresses, look like Panama cany;

The turban is the fashionable cap for young ladies and young married women. Caps made of silk handkerchiefs, in turban or Normandy form, are much worn

Panier scarfs and draperies appear all Paris dresses brought over spring.

Immense quantities of Lisle thread gloves have been imported for summer

Garnet, blue glass and crystal are com-ined in some of the new hair orna bir ments.

Dark velvet, ligh shirred satin or In-ia muslin are all used for facing spring

Graduated jet balls will be used for the face trimming of black lace bonnets this year.

Shades of yellow, from pale straw or corn, to deep tax and old gold, are very fashionable.

Very large flowers, especially roses and chrysanthemums, are used in bonnet corations.

Scarfs of fine net, edged with Breton lace are as often worn for bonnet strings as for neckties.

The beetle pins and brooches will be used on both blue, green and white bon-

nets this year. Tea rose, old gold and Prince of Wales red will be used to trim black lace bon

The marked feature in the new over-skirts are the shirred fronts and bouf-fant back draperies.

Satin folds are not stitched on dresses, but lined with wigan and caught down with blind stitches.

Underskirts have plaited ruffles of Hamburg embroidery, and are made with deep yokes at the top.

## FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS. The First Primrose.

and a bow of each is placed on the front above the face trimming. Bouffant draperies, whether on the hips or back, are placed higher and higher, the fullness more often being placed just below the waist line than lower down on the skirt. A primrose awoke from its long winter sleep And stretched out its head through its green leaves to peep;

But the air was so cold, and the wind was The newest white lawn and cambric vaists have the fronts in fichu style, keen,

And not a bright flower but itself to be seen 'Alas!" sighed the primrose, " How useles am I,

As here all alone and halt hidden I lie;

made with a separate piece in six pleats on each side, sewed in the shoulder seams, and tapering to the waist.

Small Feet.

Fashious for Children

The rightside of many of the pattern

bonnets is left almost bare. The trim-ming is massed high on the front and graduated toward the back on the left side, ending there in an elaborate bow; jo but the right frequently shows only a doubled ribbon, which passes backward and drops to form strings. But I'll strive to be cheerful, contented to be a simple wild flower growing under a

tree. naiden passed by, looking weary and

In the bright early spring-time, when all should be glad; But she spied the sweet primrose so bright and

so gay, And the sight of it charmed all her sadness

away; And the primrose gave thanks to the dear Lord

above, Who had sent it on such a sweet mission of

### A Morning Call from a Panther.

A dorning Call from a Panther. "I suppose you're wondering why I keep that ugly old chest," said Mrs.  $R \longrightarrow$ , "and I must own that its not very ornamental; but it saved my life once, for all that. I see you think I'm making fun of you, but I'm not, indeed; and when you hear the story, I think you'll agree with me that I have good reason to value it, ugly as it looks.

**Small Feet.** For the sake of having smail feet many an otherwise sensible woman will mar-tyrize herself by pinching those unlucky members of the body into boots of a size too small. As a natural and necessary result of such pinching confinement, the foot becomes deformed and larger than it would naturally grow, with large joints and toes turned fir an a line parallel with the foot, to say nothing of the trouble-some corns so annoying and crippling to a large class of young women. The worst results of this crippling custom of wearing small and narrow boots is felt by children when allowed to outgrow their boots. It is poor economy to allow the young to wear boots when the feet have become too large for them, since deformity of the feet is easily produced at this time. When the boot is too short and the heel too high, the ingrow-ing of the nails is a perfectly natural result. Children will have sufficient ills with me that 1 have good reason to value it, ugly as it looks. "This was how it happened. When we first came out to India, my husband was sent to make the survey of the Ner-budda Valley, one of the wildest bits in all Central India; and we really were, but at first the only white model within all Central India; and we really were, just at first, the only white people within forty or fifty miles. And such a time as we had of it! If my husband hadn't been as strong as he is, and a perfect miracle of patience as well, I don't know how he could have stood what he had to do. It was dreadful work for him, being m sometimes for a whole wight together. ing of the nails is a perfectly natural result. Children will have sufficient ills to contend with without this crippling from deformed feet, the most prominent cause of which is small and badly-fitting boots and shoes.

Fashious for Children. Among the latest Parisian fashions in children's suits, says a New York paper, are the following models: For a miss about twelve years of age, a pretty suit is composed of pearl-colored faille and cachemire, trimmed with seal-colored feathers. The princess dress is cut in the English style, and trimmed on the lower part of the skirt with two plaited flounces, surmounted by a band of feath-ers. The front of the dress consists of a plaited faille plastron, the one piece also forming the deep turned-down collar. This is bordered on either side with the same trimming. Down the middle of plaited faille trimming, forming two

'Sherry' in the other! "However, if the native men worr es me, the native bents were fifty times worse. It was no joke, I can assure you, to be awakened in the middle of the night by the rear of a time along under the might to be awakened in the middle of the night by the roar of a tiger close under the win-dow, or by an elephant crashing and trumpeting through the jungle with a noise like a mail coach going full gallop into a hothouse. Well, as soon as that was over, the jackals would set up a squealing and whimpering like so many frightened children; and then a dreadful native bird whose name live naver found

"One day (it will be long enough be-fore I forget it) my hushand was out as usuaf at his work, and the nurse had gone down to the other native servants at the other end of the 'compound,' as we call this big inclosure, and I was left alone in the house with my little Minnie yon-der, who was then just about a year old. By this time I had got over my first fears, and didn't mind a bit being left by myself: indeed. all the lower windows

Another combination is plain-colored faille and ivory-white cachemire de l'Inde. The faille skirt has two plaited flounces. From the neck down is a plas-tron plaited in hollow plaits, the plaits becoming much larger toward the lower part of the skirt. The cachemire tunique is cut up in the back. It is open in front over the plastron, and joined by two bands buttoning over; one is across the breast, and the other over the skirt. The deep collar has faille revers. The sleeves are trimmed with a faille plaiting, sur-mounted by a cuff of the same goods. fears, and didn't mind a bit being feft by myself; indeed, all the lower windows having bars across them. I thought that I was safe enough; but I little dreamed of what was coming. "I must have been sitting over my sewing nearly an hour, with the child playing about the floor besides me, when suddenly I heard a dull thump overhead, as if something had fallen upon the roof. I didn't think anything of it at the mo-ment, for one soon gets used to all sorts of strange sounds in the Indian jungle; Different Replies to a Green them. Statisticians usually concern them-elves with the facts of the past and pres-

ment, for one soon gets used to all sorts of strange sounds in the Indian jungle; but, presently, I thought I could hear a heavy breathing in the next room but one, and then I began to feel frightened in earnest. I rose as softly as I could, and crept to the doorway between the rooms. This doorway was only closed by a curtain, and gently pulling aside the folds, I peeped through—and found my-self within a few paces of the largest panther I had ever seen in my life. "For one moment it was just as if I had been frozen stiff, and then the thought came to me just as if somebody

"The scream was answered by a shout from just outside, in which I recognized my husband's voice The panther heard it, too, and it seemed to scare him, for he made a dash for the window, either for-getting or not noticing the iron bars; but just as he reached it, there came the crack of a rifle, and I theard the heavy brute fall suddenly upon the floor. Then all the fright seemed to come back upon me at once, and I fainted outright. "I heard afterward that Mr. R\_-had happened to want seeme Instrentum

"I heard alterward that Mr. R— had happened to want some instruction which he had left at the house; and, not wishing to trust it in the hands of any of the natives, he came back for it himself— luckly, just in time, for the bullet from his rile killed the panther. But, as you see, my hand is pretty stiff yet."—David Ker, in St. Nicholas.

### Horrors of a Prairie Fire.

A Topeka (Kan.) correspondent of the St. Louis *Democrat* writes: Another terrible prairie fire is reported from Bit-tle Creek, north of Lincoln Center, Lintle Creek, north of Lincoln Center, Lin-coln county, which destroyed everything in its path, and resulted in the death of three persons. It appears that about four o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Mont-gomery, one of the well-to-do farmers of that section of the county, and his son, a boy of about twelve, were in the field at work, when they discovered a fire com-ing from the west, and they stopped their work to keep the fire from the hedge, when the wind suddenly changed to the north, blowing very hard an and cold, and bearing before it a second fire, which came with the fleetness of a horse. It seems there were two fields and coid, and bearing before it a second fire, which came with the fleetness of a horse. It seems there were two fields mear, on either side, and seeing their danger, the boy started to one field and the father to the other. The boy was caught in the flames and fell to the ground instantly. A neighbor by the name of Isaac Pfaff, who was passing near on a mule, galloped up to Mr. Montgomery and induced him to mount the mule behind him and ride to the field. Mr. Montgomery mounted, but, seeing his boy fall, lost all presence of mind and threw his arms around Mr. Pfaff, catching the bridle reins and holding the mule still while they were enveloped in the flames. Both men dropped to the ground, and the fire passed over them. The nule ran a short distance and fe. dead. The two men arose to their feet, and the wind and the fire took their clothing from them as they waked to the nearest field about distance and fe. dead. The two men arose to their feet, and the wind and the fire took their clothing from them as they walked to the nearest field about one hundred yards distant. Mr. Pfaff's feet were so bally burned that his boots fell from him as he walked. A Mr. Manning came to them from the nearest house with a couple of quilts, which he wrapped about the two wen and carried them to the house. He wen earried the dead boy to the house. I oth men were perfectly rational, and coaversed freely with those around them up to within a few hours of their death. Mr. Mont-gomery lived about two hours, and Mr. Pfaff lived until about "seen o'clock that night. Mr. Montgon. v leaves a wife and seven children, most f whom are grown; Mr. Pfaff leaves a wife and one child, having buried two children quite recently, one just a day previous to losing his own life while attempting to save that of another. Both were well-to-do and highly-respec' d farmers. Mr. Montgomery was about forty-five or fif-ty years of age, and Pfaff about thirty The fire burned one nule, two horses, several head of hogs, about two thou-sand bushels of corn and considerable other grain belonging to Mr. Montgom-ery, and his stable and honse, with everything in them, the family barely escaping with their lives A Laughable Episode.

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A laughable episode occurred in thi A laughable episode occurred in thi city, in which the practical joker had the tables turned upon him in a manner soc casioning no end of fun to the party and his friends. A certain disciple of Escu-lapius, who loves a joke, is the owner of a fine skeleton, set up in such a manner that by opening the door of the recepta-cle and touching a spring, the bony ob-ject will walk forward several steps out of the door.

of the door. Among the many pests and detriments to study and thought which this physito study and thought which this physi-cian is daily subjected to, is the frequent intrusion of apple, orange, and other fruit venders in the shape of small boys. The other day while in close proximity to the door of the closet in which the skeleton is kept, the good doctor's reverie was broken by the entrance of one on these youthful venders with a shrill cry: "Want to buy any apples?" Thinking to have some sport at the ap-

"Want to buy any apples?" Thinking to have some sport at the ap-ple vender's expense, the worthy physi-cian suddenly threw open the closed door, and touching the spring, for the talked the skeleton in all his bony majesty. A bas-ket was instantly dropped to the floor, a half bushel of apples rolled broad-cast over the room, while a terribly-scared youth was seen disappearing through the ffice door with shrill cries. After en-ioying a quiet laugh, the physician busied himself in picking up and restoring to

# NOVEL FISHING.

# The Manner in which Cormorants Ctilized in Japan.

I was invited one evening, says a writer in the Argonaut, during my sojourn at a small town not far from Kiyoto, the old capital of Japan, to accompany some yakunins (officials), who were then traveling with me, to the neighboring river, for the purpose of witnessing the manner in which cormorants are em-ployed in the catching of fish; at the same time I was informed that a pleas-ure boat had already been engaged for the occasion. I accepted the invitation cagerly, and, lanterns being provided, together with a guide to show the way, we set out, carefully picking our way along the narrow paths dividing the rice fields, the myriads of frogs in the water all round us keeping' up a deafening roar, rendering it almost impossible to carry on conversation, while the mosquitoes were anything but friendly in their de-monstrations. When we were about five hundred yards from the place where our yane-bune (literally roof-boat) was awaiting us, we were met by one of our boatmen bearing a lantern, who at once unred and preceded us to the little pier. . On entering the boat, the bottom of I was invited one evening, says a write

of stones. On entering the boat, the bottom of On entering the boat, the bottom of which was comfortably covered with *latami* (thick mats), over which was spread a gay-colored rug, I was agree-ably surprised to find that everything requisite for spending a pleasant evening had been sent on before my hosts. My after-acquaintance with the people of this beautiful country has taught me that they never lose the opportunity to make merry, and will seize upon the most trifling excuse for organizing-a pic-nic, and thoroughly enjoying themselves when such pleasures do not interfere with the strict performance of their public when such pleasures do not interfere with the strict performance of their public luties. On the present occasion six *wisha* (female musicians) had been en-taged, who sat at one side of the bont, while we of the other sex ranged our-clves on the mats on the other. Sweet-meats of various kinds were spread out a lacquered trays, as we all settled our-elves into the most comfortable atti-udes, and the *senita* (boatmen) were told o cast off.

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After about inteen minutes sculing we ounded a bend of the river, when a significant spectacle burst on our view. he river appeared to be on fire. Near-two hundred fishing boats were in ght. At the bow of each, and attached o the end of a pole projecting over the ater, was a brazier containing burning ine wood, blazing niceos of which every ne wood, blazing pieces of which even ow and then fell through the bars in bars into w and then fell through the bars into e water, thereby multiplying the num-r of lights, real and reflected, and add-g to the general effect. Our boatmen w steered us into the midst of the sy scene, and driving the boatpole into busy scene, and driving the boatpole into the bed of the river, made fast to it, and sat, down to smoke their kisero (pipes). Each of the boats possessed from ten to twenty corinorants, which, when not en-gaged their duty of catching fish, re-mained silently perched on the gunwales awaiting their master's commands. The birds which are employed in this branch of industry are hatched from eggs ob-tained from the cliffs along the shore, and being accustomed from the first to the company of man, are very tame. Each has a name given to it, and, on its owner making a peciliar sound, will enter the water in search of the fish that would, were it free, be their natural would, were it free, be their natural prey. Large numbers of them were now swimming around the boats, their move-ments controlled by strings attached to rings around their necks, and held in the deburnmerk hend Whenever rings around their necks, and held in the fishermen's hands. Whenever a bird spied a fish attracted by the glare of the fire, it seized it with its bill, but was prevented from swallowing it by thering round its throat. The fisherman then uttered a peculiar cry, and gently drew it into the boat, where it was forced to give up the prize. Occasionally the birds are suvergled by balan compilted It into the boat, where it was forced to give up the prize. Occasionally the birds are rewarded by being permitted to swallow a fish. In some parts of Japan considerable quantities of fish are taken in this manner. One of my entertainers now hailed the permet boat and harmined for some of

The of my entertainers now halled the nearest boat and bargained for some of the fresh-caught *sakana* (fish), and hav-ing provided a griddle for the occasion, had his purchase broiled over the *hibachi* (box holding charcoal fire); and this made a repast fit for an epicure. I par-took heartily of this dish, which the Jap-nese know so well how to cook and dd ancse know so well how to cook, and did not neglect the *sake* (wine), which was passed around pretty rapidly, and which was kept hot in a *kan-dokuri* (porcelain vessel in which wine is heated by being, placed in a kettle of hot water) by one of the fair singers, who also took the fair singers, who also took care that the bottle was replenished as fast as it was emptied. During all this time the grisha had been enlivening the feast with songs, accompanying themselves on their manusconstants of the interest

My hosts now proposed to return, andt

Tobacco Poisoning.

Tobacco Poisoning. Numerous and almost endless hav been the charges brought against tobac co from the time when James I. led th van of opposition in his famous "coun terblast." But, although almost every thing has been said that could be said against the weed, as consumed in the or-dinary form of smoke, it seems that there are other and new enormities to be alleg-ed against it when differently employed. A correspondent of the London Lancet, writing from Lincoln (Eng.), declares that tobacco is not uncommonly used in neighborhood for the purpose of stopping ping wounds; and he gives a very strik-ing example of the effects that may follow from the practice. The case was that of an unfortunate woman who had inflicted a wound upon herself by knocking her leg against the sharp corner of a sewing machine. As the blocding was profing a wound upon herself by knecking her leg against the sharp corner of a sewing machine. As the bleeding was profuse and difficult to stannch, she adopted the device which is familiar in the district, with this difference, that instead of ap-plying merely a "pinch" of the tobacco, she affixed quite a large bundle of it to the wound. Having done so, she had the she affixed quite a large bundle of it to the wound. Having done so, she had the injured limb tightly bandaged up, and had no suspicion whatever until the doc-tor arrived that she had done anything foolish or rash. The man of science ac-cordingly found her in a most dangerous condition, subject to constant fainting fits, and presenting all the symptoms of a dying person. As she had no sort of idea that the wound had anything to do with her other ailments, the physician might have utterly failed to discover the rea cause of her sufferings. Fortunately he insisted upon taking off the bandage, in spite of all the assurances of the family that it had been properly put on, and then for the first time discovered the bundle of tobacco, which had in the space of less than an hour infused a viru-lent poison into the blood and reduced the patient to a state from which it was exceedingly difficult to recover her. It is to be hoped that the incident will put an end in Lincolnshire, and wherever else it prevails, to the practice of using tobacco instead of lint for bandages. *London Globe*.

## To Make a Place Prosperous.

Iondon Globe. To Make a Place Prosperous. There can hardly be a greater sign o prosperity in a community than a dis-position to assist one another—lift a lit-lit when a neighbor's wheel gets stuck in the mud. We know of a place where a man's barn, with all its winter stores of grain and hay, was consumed by fire in the night. Immediately all of the men of the country side mustered and hauled up timber for a new barn, and then a big raising came off. After that the whole was shingled and sided. But their deeds of kindness was not done yet; and one after another they offered to take a head or two of his stock and whiter them for him, thus greatly re-ducing bis loss and assuring his heart of the more durable riches of brotherly love and neighborly good-will. None ean compute in money the value of one such example of liberality in the com-munity, especially in its influence on they only and when this spirit pre-valis there is sure to be progress in a place, even if all the improvements are in their infancy. People will come and extension and the example of a little extra help. Now, if you desite to see your place proving in popularity, do all you can to show yourself a good neighbor, especial-ly to those who need a little extra help. Kowing hop in your place don't harness up and drive of five miles to buy your parks and get your horse shod, just be-cause you have been in the habit of owhen you want anything in his line. Speak encouragingly to him and well or him to your neighbors. Little words of approved and or they been in the mabit of opproving or censure go a long way; when once you have espoken them you cannot when you want anything in his line. him to your neighbors. Little words of approval or censure go a long way; when once you have spoken them you cannot recall them. Help the sick, especially when they are poor, for poverty and ill-ness are indeed a heavy burden. Per-form all acts of loving charity which fall day by day in your path, remember-ing Who it has said. "Ye shall in no wise lose your reward."-Country Gentlo-man.

French Fun. The unhappy man who had been run ver was carried into the police station, here the surgeon examined him and said

It's a mercy the wheels pass

"It's a mercy the wheels passed over him as rapidly as they did, for if the carriage had been no hope of his recovery --none whatever." "Precisely." cries the radiant hack-man, desirous of backing up this favora-ble opinion as strongly as possible; "when I saw the gentleman crossing the street a little in front of me, instead of pulling up the hore I inst cave him a

of Orleans, his thigh smashed by a gment of shell.

was emptied. During all this time the "when I saw the gentleman crossing the geiska had been enlivening the feast with street a little in front of me, instead of songs, accompanying themselves on their samisens (guitars), while in the interval jokes, purs, and repartee kept all in a continual laughter. "when I saw the gentleman crossing the guild strength to be a strength of the saw the gent there?" and that's how I saved the gen-tleman's life."

how he could have stood what he had to do. It was dreadful work for him, being up sometimes for a whole night together, or having to stand out in the burning sun, when the very ground itself was almost too hot to touch. And as for the native workmen, I never saw such a set—always doing everything wrong, and never liking anybody to put them right. When the railway was being made they used to earry the earth on their heads in baskets : and when Mr. R—served out wheel-barrows to them, they actually carried them on their heads in the same way! I could not help haughing at it, though it was terribly provoking, too. And that was just the way they all were: if there was a wrong way of using anything they'd be sure to find it out. Even our butler, or *khitmutgar*, who was much better than most of them, came one day and begged a pair of old decanter-labels that my husband was going to throw away; and when the man came in next morning, he had positively turned them into earrings, and went about quite gravely with 'Port' in one ear and 'Sherry'in the other! "However, if the native men worr es me, the native beasts were fifty times

This is bordered on either side with the same trimming. Down the middle of the back of the waist there is also a plaited faille trimming, forming two bands, which separate at the waist. These bands extend down on the skirt, forming the side trimming of plaited flounces, with which the back of the skirt is covered. On the lower part of the plaited bands is a faille pocket, trimmed with gilt buttons, and a band of feathers. On the end is a ribbon bow. The sleeves have plaited cuffs, trimmed with buttons and feathers. This feather trimming can be replaced by fringe. Green cachemire and blue faille make an excellent child's costume. A deep plait-ed flounce trims the lower part of the skirt. It is separated in the center in front by a plated piece placed crosswise. Above the plaited flounce is another narrow one placed on very full, and taken up in front above the crosswise plaited piece in a point. It is surmounted by a blue faille fold or piping. Loops of blue ribbon fall over the point. Up the front of the skirt are three bias bands of cachemire, finished with a blue faille cording. They extend up the front in curves, like the plaited trimming below. These bands are fastened down on either side by mother of pearl buckles. A faille cording is taken across the middle of the waist in a curve, and sewed in the seam under the arm. This dress opens in the back, from the neck down, only about twelve inches deep. The sleve is trimmed with a faille plaiting, surmounted by a band of the same. The deep collar is of lace applique on a blue faille collar. Another combination is plain-colored faille and ivory-white cachemire de l'Inde. The faille skirt-has two plaited frightened children; and then a dreadful native bird, whose name I've never found out (I suppose because nobody could in-vent one bad enough for it), would break out in a succession of the most horrible cries—just like somebody being murdered —until the noise fairly drove me wild. "And then the ants! but you've seen them for yourself, and I needn't tell you about them. But all this while I'm neg-lecting my story. "One day (it will be long enough be-fore I forget it) my husband was out as

Dark red and cream, pale Sevres and tea rose and gendarme-blue and red are to be fashionable combinations.

Balmoral skirts of gray mohair trimmed with one or two plaited flounces,

trimmed with one of two platted hounces, are shown for summer wear. White cambric waists are made up with ten plaits in front and eight in the back, and have plaited belts.

Princess overdresses of camel's-hair, that can be let down and worn for wrap-pers are economical novelties.

Crystal glass buttons, sometimes called Rhine pebbles, cut in facets and set in platina are shown for waistcoats.

French bunting, a fine, light wool goods, is the material in use for spring and summer half-mourning costumes.

The cashmeres in alternate glossy and watered stripes are to be used for morn-ing wrappers and dressing sacques.

selves with the facts of the past and pres-ent more than with the speculations of the future. But in gathering its figures this year relating to the condition of work-ingmen, the Massachusetts labor bureau has gone outside of the beaten path and given us a specimen of what may be called psychological statistics. Its of-ficers questioned a considerable number of workingmen as to their hopes of se-curing a living competence at the age of sixty-five, with the followingresults:

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sixty-five, with the follow ingresults: "Expect to lay by enough to support my-self after I am sixty-five". "Prospects are good, and hope to do so"... "Do not expect to lay by enough to support myself filter I am sixty-five". "As times are now, no". "Not at my present paying these times last," "Can just live now on my wages". "No prospect of saving anything now". "Can not save a dollar" "Do not pay my way now". Cannot save a dollar<sup>9</sup>...... Do not pay my way now''..... Not by day labor''. Life insurance and savings banks broke me''. With present condition of business, don't want to live to sixty-five''......

### A Singing Book.

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the basket the scattered fruit, expecting the lad would return in a moment for his stock in trade. After a brief interval the physician no-

stock in trade. After a brief interval the physician no-ticed from the window the lad standing in the street, gazing spell-bound at the office door. Seeing the lad evinced no disposition to return for his basket and fruit, the doctor carried the same to the door, which he opened, and calling to the lad, requested him to come and get it. Judge of the doctor's surprise when he was greeted with the following re-sponse to his invitation: "No you don't. "You can't fool me if you have got your clothes on." Now it happened that a friend of the physician, who is tall and thin, and not blessed with a single ounce of superflu-ous 4cst, was passing the office and heara the remark of the lad, and having ascertained the cause which called it forth, the situation was too ludicrous to keep, and the various friends enjoy many a laugh at the doctor's expense over the incident.—Syracuse Journal.

### A Story of Carlyle.

Twas hardly settled there when I heard the 'sniff-sniff' of the pather coming right up to where I hay and the rown, the hot, foul breath came steaming in upon my face, almost making me side in the part of the second to bring my heart into my mouth when I heard his great claws scraping the edge of the lid, and tryin the paw to enter. But if the paw couldn't, the tongue could; and soon he began to lick my fingers, rasping the stand to her my fingers, until the pain was so terrible arm around my neck seemed to give me course.
But there was far worse than this to come; for the panther suddenly leaped right on to po of the elest, and his weight pressed down the heavy lid upon my hagers, until the pain was so terrible are reamed with all my might.
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he boatmen having blown the remains. of the tobacco out of their little pipes as a boy would blow a pea from a pea-shoot-er, the boat was unmoored, and we dropped gently down with the stream toward our landing-place; and just as I was beginning, to cast rather tender glances (probably the effects of the fish or wine) in the direction of a very pretty *ocisha* seared opposite me we touched the

or wine) in the direction of a very pretty geisha scated opposite me we touched the pier, and, stepping ashore, took our way again through the rice fields, the scene enlivened by large numbers of *hotaro* (fire-flies) flitting hither and thither. Outside our hotel we parted with our fair musicians and retired to rest, having spent a most pleasant evening. spent a most pleasant evening.

## Tried to Save the Colors.

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fragment of shell. "Well, my poor fellow," said his cap-tain, who visited him in hospital. "you must find it pretty lonesome work, being laid up ere."

laid up ere." "Oh, no, cap-, not at all," was the reply. "I suffer a great deal, and that makes the time slip by."

A prisoner who firmly expected that he would get his deserts and be sent up for life, is astonished to hear the jury fix his term of imprisonment at two years. "Two years only!" he exclaimed in delight; "ah, then, gentlemen of the jury, may heaven do likewise unto you a thousand-fold."

Friendship. What is it? Do smiles, words of cheer and kind actions constitute it? Are those What is it? Do smiles, words of cheer and kind actions constitute it? Are those who never upbraid, but meet all our deeds with words of praise, who flatter us on every possible occasion, to be con-sidered true friends? Their attentions may be pleasant to our vanity and con-ceit, and keep us in the best of humor with ourselves, and we may think their company very desirable, yet they will not do to put faith in, for their amiable behavior is often the cloak for self-inter-est. The person who will tell us our faults-kindly, of course-who will try to teach us to see onreelves as others see us, who will show by acts rather than words that he kindly regards us, is more worthy of trust than one who agrees with all our sentiments, right or wrong, and who is equally ready to coincide with some one else, even if the subject should happen to be our short-comings. Give me the friend who has the same love for me al-ways, who is ready to "speak up" for me in the midst of enemics, and repeat what he considers my virtues as an offset to the failings they may rehearse, and who will hold fast to his faith in my truth and goodness in spite of defamation. Such friends may be searce, but when found, are priceless treasures.—National Boptist. Boptist.