Or sunset's flu-h and glow; the spires high, That rose sharp upward earlier—now so nigh
To heaven, they touch it imperceptibly:
A wan, fair moon, and o'er you darksome

One dim star shines. All bushed is earth and

O morning freshoe s! Heat and glow of O sunset dyes! Between you all and this What change must come, abrupt and great and soon,
Or long, slow fadings out, that scarcely

The glow till gone. So, calm age cometh When Heart fires die out; but ah! till then-till

#### MANUFACTURE OF GLASS BEADS.

The Various Processes as Conducted in European Countries.

[Journal of the Society of Art.] This manufacture includes turned massive beads, pressed, drawn, and blown descriptions. The first named kind was manufactured in Venice, and about 200 years ago was introduced into the Fightely burge district of Bavaria. At first the beads for tosaries were the principal articles made, and they are still produced in Bavaria, whence they are exported in quantities to Spain, Portugal, etc. The manufacture is, however, less important than formerly. As an illustration of the scale of production it is remarked that a workman can make of some kinds of beads as many as

In contrast to the heavier Bavarian descriptions come the Venetian productions. These are mostly for embroidery. The process of manufacture is a curious one. The glass is drawn | coods;" into thin tubes, and then cut up. The beads are afterward placed in heated drums, where sharp corners are rounded of. After being rubbed in chalk and charcoal they are strung together. In Bohemia a kind of bead for trimming is made in a similar manner.

In making the blown or so-called lamp beads a bellows is employed, with which a parafin or gas flame is brought to a gas-pipe flame. In this process as carried out in Venice and Thuringia, drawings are made on the glass balls or beads with pointed instruments made of glass and their designs are burnt in by the flame. The deadening process, so extensively employed is both chemical and mechanical in its character. In the chemical operation hydrofluoric acid is used, by means of which the surface of the glass is removed. There was formerly another process used in France, which was a secret. A German workman, however, found it out by accident. This is the sand process, which is now used in Thuringia for the operation of

The manufacture of pressed beads is effected by pinchers of suitable form. The glass is heated on a moderate fire and brought into the mold. In this manner beads and buttons are produced in very effective styles, both plain and colored. Of course, the beads have to pass many times through the workmen's hands before completion. To this branch belong the amulets finding of such things as cuff and collar which are sent to the gold coast, and buttons, shirt studs, earrings, rings, are used in various sizes, according to and business papers was exceedingly the rank of the wearer. Originally common. He had himself once found these amulets were made of agate, but as a cluster diamond ring in an old glove. this substance is eight or ten times dearer than glass the latter material has been adopted.

#### Stone and Clay Builders of Arabia. [Exchange.]

The aspect of Arabia is that of a decayed country. While the ancient Arabians bored deep wells in the rock, walled them with stone, and built stone houses, their Moslem successors were clay builders, and now the Bedouins only dig shallow pits with their hands and a stick. Among the oldest Arabian residents are huge erect stones such as would be called Druidical in Britain, and buildings of huge irregular blocks, such as are commonly called Cyclopean or Pelasgian. Monuments of uncertain age, built of unhewn stone, are frequent in the valleys and on the surface of the Harrat (or butte) el Aneyrid, near Medyin Salih. They are shaped like beehives, and are about twelve feet high and twenty-five across. In one piece 150 of them stood together. Each is built over a sepulchral cell, access to which is obtained through a hole in the top.

A Heroic Woman.

Notes from the diary of Mile. Irmo van Breserlo, First day—On the high seas; stormy weather, disagreeable com-pany. Second day—Captain very amiable; made a declaration of love and offered me his heart and hand; rejected. Third day—Captain returns to the charge, threatens to kill me, commit suicide and blow up the whole vessel, with 300 persons; rejected. Fourth day
—Saved the lives of 300 persons.

The Chinese Wall.

(Chicago Herald.)
A continuation of the great wall along the coast from its present termination at Shah-hai Kwan to the Taku forts has been undertaken. The distance is over 200 miles. Part of the foundation on the Taku end has been already dug and looks like a great road over ten Chinese feet wide. The object is to prevent the landing of an enemy any above the landing of an enemy anywhere north of

### On the Mountain's Height.

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[Scientific Journal.]
In ascending high mountains the rarefied air produces a sense of exhaustion known as mountain sickness. To remedy this difficulty Mr. Whymper, in ascending Chimborazo, stayed for a time at different heights, sometimes as many as ten days, until his party became, as it were, acclimated, and then proceeded without difficulty.

Up Vesuvius by Hail.

The railway up Vestivius has already paid for itself; the trains, which ascend night and day, are well patronized by native and foriegn aight-seers, all strangers ascending nowadays, whereas formerly a foot ascent was so irksome that only the daring undertook the round trip.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE RAG TRADE.

The Business Which Is a Mystery and an Egesore to the Public.

(Calengo Herald.) As an instance of the every-day transactions of the rag trade, a dealer re-marked: "This business is equally a mystery and an eyesore to the public. You ought to see how they hurry past that door and window, and sometimes cross the street, when they see the rags.' Turning over a large ledger on the desk, he continued: "Saturday was one of our dull days; our sales ran over a \$1,000. There is a letter from one man offering us f rty car loads of one kind of rags, worth in all something over \$15,-000, and he is only one out of a great many who make such offers. It is nothing to go over to a wholesale clothier and buy \$500 worth of rags from him. A wool mattress-maker left this office a few minutes before you came in who is negotiating with us' for the purchase of 2,000,000 pounds of

woolen rags to make mattresses. A mem er of the largest firm doing business in the city said: "We classify more than 100 different kinds of rags here, and handle in our sales and purchases over 100,000 pounds a day, or something like 25,000,000 pounds a year, on which we employ 175 hands. the work two steam presses, with a capacity of 40,000 pounds each, and two hand ones all the time, pressing our

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Where do you find market for your

We send the best grades of cotton gs to Holyoke, Mass., and other points ast for fine writing paper, and other points the common grades and all paper stock to the mills around here for printing papers. The best grade of woolen of all otors go to the shoddy and rag-carpet makers in the east, chiefly to Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. The rest goes to the wool mattress-makers every-

"We commenced this business with a \$5 bill in 1869," continued the merant. "In 1871, when we were fairly under way, we were cleaned out of everything by the big fire, and com-menced again as best we could. To-day the business exceeds \$1,000,000 a year, and it proposes to do still better."
The finding of curious and precious

relies, and expensive articles among rags and wastes is quite common, and the finds always belong to the finders. A few weeks ago an Italian woman named Anita Sospiva, employed in the many of trag department of the Hoboken paper can not b mills at Holyoke, Mass., found a "small for food. glass button" in an old wad of silk she unrolled. On being struck with its brightness and shape she showed it to the proprietor, who astonished her with an offer of \$200 for her find. The "small glass button" was a solitaire diamond worth \$1,000. A rag picker admitted to a reporter that the fra-ternity often found valuable things among their daily pickings, and that the finding of such things as cuff and collar

A Suow-Melting Machine.

[Albany Journal.] A New York inventor has gone to work in proper season to build and test a snow-melting device designed to clear the streets of that city during the winter. It is a furnace-like arrangement, intended to be drawn through the streets on the railway tracks, and is intended to melt sixty carloads of snow an hour, or as fast as ten men can shovel it in. The railway companies in New York are required to clear the streets of snow, and have heretofore been compelled to pay from 50 to 75 cents a load for carting it away. They have also had much trouble in finding a place to dump it without objection. The machine, it is supposed, will melt the snow so that it can be run off into the sewers, and to do it at less cost than would be involved in earting it away.

Strange Religious Sect.

[Cnicago Times.] In an article on the religious exalta-tions of the Orient Dr. Zambaco describes the sect of Rafais, who in their religious ceremonies jump, dance, os-cillate, and shrick for two hours at a time, until they fall into convulsions. When the excitement is at its height their power of feeling physical pain ap-pears to be lost, for they pierce their limbs and bodies with sharp knives, and often swallow broken glass, living scorpions, and cactus leaves armed with

Could Tell by the Smell.

[Texas Siftings.]
A fastidious Austin dude bas his hair eurled twice a week. The tonsorial artist is not very particular, so the young

"I wish you would be a little particular with those curling irons. You should

try them on a piece of paper first, and see if they are not too hot."
"I don't need to do that. I can always tell by the smell of the burnt hair, when the irons are too hot."

John Brown's Fort.

Thomas H. Savery, of Wilmington, Del., who recently bought the government property at Harper's Ferry, has put up a wood-pulp mill on the site of the famous arsenal. Mr. Savery was offered \$4,000 for "John Brown's fort," the purpose of those who made the offer being to exhibit the relic in connection with a show. with a show.

Medical Colleges.

The number of medical colleges in the United and Canada is stated to be 139: Of medical students there are 12,000, of whom 10,000 are "regulars," 1,200 are homeopaths, 750 celectics, and fifty physio-medicals.

Most of the officials of the railways in Mexico are Americans.

France makes 7,750,000 umbrellas

The Blind Statesman.

N w Y Word. Any future edition of Samuel Smile's rei flelp," which is generally recarried by the Sanford and Merton hool of social pano ophers as emi-nently encouraging to the youth of Engand and elsewhere, will be quite in complete without an exten led biography of that emment example of self help Henry Fawcett, who has just passe away in the very prime of life and usefulness. Suddenly made totally blind by accident at the age of 25, but with at the age of 25, but with the advantage of a solid foundation for an excellent education firmly laid already, he abandoned his intention of becoming a barrister, resolving to make himself in every sense a statesman.

How well he succeeded, in the face of such an apparently insuperable barrier as blindness, is now a mere matter of current history. He has ably filled a seat in parliament; in addition he has been professor of political economy at Cambridge, and he died literally "at his as the very efficient master general of England, introducing many important reforms in that department during his term of service. As an author he has not alone been distinguished for his work on political economy, of which science he made himself master, but he has been conspicuous as an earnest writer, speaker and worker in the cause of the poor and in suggesting remedies for the relief, if not eventual removal, of at least some of rags?' was asked.

'Well," said the proprietor, "they are collected in the city and throughout the whole west—in towns, villages, cities was fairly.

We have collected in the city and throughout the work for almost any fully endowed and equipped man would be wonderful—for a blind man his life was fairly

Hooked-Nosed Salmon.

[Portland Oregonian.] Among the salmon now coming to market are a large number having long hooked noses and ferocious-looking mouths armed with large and sharp teeth. These fish are all males, and with them are a few females, apparently genuine chinooks, plump, clean, silvery-looking fish. It has been thought that the hooked-nosed fish mentioned above were a separate species, but from the fact that they are all males, are eaught in company with the females of the chi nook species, it is evident that they belong to that variety. But what a change their long stay in fresh water has wrought. Their misshapen heads and dingy, battered bodies bear no resemblance to the plump, handsome chinooks caught in season. Their strong. sharp teeth would seem to disprove the idea that salmon eat nothing during their stay in fresh water; but it may be that these are weapons to be used in guarding the eggs deposited by the females. Though the flesh of these uncouth fish is of good co'or and many of them are in fair condition, they can not be considered as very suitable

How They Made Him Angry.

[Chron cle "Undertones,"] I knew a delightful lady who was went very frequently to draw around her-hospitable boar i a little circle of pleasant people, tinged with Bohemia. always begged her to have turkey, for we liked to see her husband carve that bird. He used to get so mad about it. We had one unchangeable course of conduct. We allowed him to get the carving fork well into the "tosom," and when the light flashed in the gas-light's rays, serene and clear, one by one we would drop out of conversation, until dead silence reigned and every eye was fixed upon him. Like the peculiar warning of the typhoon, he grew sultry, warm, then hot; little puffs of annoyance grew into thunder-claps and finally, amid a yell of laughter, he threw the knife and fork down and sank helpless into a

A Swiss Canton.

[San Francisco Chronicle.] The lowest round of the ladder of political organization is occupied by the wiss half-canton Nidwalden. It has no bankrupt law, no written law of mortgages, no property law, no criminal code and no regular law of criminal procedure. The administration is omripotent and does as it likes. The freeborn Nidwalder, if he becomes suspect, is simply put into prison and in a very dark and filthy hole at that. Many persons under accusation confess them selves guilty in order to escape the torture of a long imprisonment previous to trial, bread and water being the only sustenance allowed to prisoners. An indemnity to person; innocently incar-cerated is out of the question.

> A Magnified Microbe. [Scientific J.urnal.]

The relation of the microscope to cholera is at present an interesting and close one. And when another potent servant of man, electricity, is summoned to aid the microscope, the power of the latter is increased to an astonishing degree. Recently in London such an apparatus threw upon a screen the image of a cholera germ, magnified 2,000,000 times, and in which these longhidden and minute organisms appeared the size of the human hand. The motto of the modern microscopist seems to be:
"There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed."

Wales' Ways. The prince of Wales is thus hit off by a Kentuckian who writes from London to The Courier-Journal: "He mixes a to The Courier-Journal: "He mixes a good deal with the masses, and is very democratic in his manner. He remembers names and faces so well and is so pleasant that if he were living in Kentucky he would be elected to the legislature. He knows which side his bread is buttered on. He seems to have sown his wild oats, and has been behaving himself first-rate for five years."

One of Mr. Lowell's Happy Ideas.

[Mr. Lowell at Birmingham.]

Truth, after all, wears a different face to everybody, and it would be too tedious to wait till all were agreed. She is said to lie at the bottom of a well, for the very reason, perhaps, that whoever looks down in search of her sees his own image at the bottom and is persuaded not only that he has seen the goddess, but that she is far better looking than he had imagined.

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