### Japanese Firemen.

Says an English periodical in a graphic account of Japanese firemen and the methods employed by them in extinguishing fires : It was a big fire— there was no doubt about it. In Constantinople and New York, fairly big events of this sort occasionally occur, and are made much of, but to see King Japan should be visited. Although we had been pretty prompt in obeying the alarm bell, we found that the fire had already made considerable progress, and at first, unprotected as we were by helmets or hoods, we found it difficult even to look at the raging scene before us. All we could make out was a vast expanse of dancing flame, intersected by jets of smoke, and the black outlines of ourned or burning buildings. By degrees we became accustomed, and we saw our brigade double up into action, place the engine in position, squirt at the flames, which seemed to have the most undisputed mastery everywhere, and send forward the hook and ladder men-reckless fellows, who seemed to have the utmost contempt for flames and falling timber, and why went into the danger as if they were going to a wedding. To us, accustomed to the stern, silent, business-like manner of the London firemen, there was something savoring of burlesque in the efforts of these Yeddo brigades to combat the flames. The general effect was that of what is known as a pantomine "rally" —every one howling, shouting, running to and fro, and upsetting one another, amid a shower of beams, tiles, and artiamid a snower of beams, tiles, and arti-cles of furniture, without any apparent order or method. There was a great deal of movement and a great deal of uproar, and, during the whole perform-ance, the flames seemed to wander just where they pleased, singeing here, blistering there, but, as a rule, com-pletaly multing what they came in completely gutting what they came in contact with. Meanwhile, our engine had come to utter grief. But this, to our eyes, was of very little consequence, as had served simply to dampen the jackets of the firemen; so it was removed, and all the energies of the brigade were devoted to the object of prevenison venting the spread of the fire by the whole demolition of houses. With this object in view the hook and ladder men were sent forward into the houses which were more immediately threatened with destruction, while the battering ramshuge piles of wood with tremendous iron forks at the ends-were run up under the charge of the most stalwart coolies of the brigade. The captain, armed with a huge standard, was sitting straddle-legged on the roof of a house, and by his movements those of the bri-gade were directed. Until he retreated not a man dared to dream of yielding an inch, and we trembled for the safety of our fine old friend as we saw him apparently alone in a blaze of flame, or half hidden in the dense volumes of smoke, which rose from the burning masses on all sides of him. And here we may remark that although the discipline o f the brigades, their methods of procedure, and their total unbusiness-like air of doing everything were to be condemned in toto, too high praise cannot be bestowed on the individual pluck and agility of the members. We in Europe are now familiar with the extraordinary feats of Japanese acrobats. but to see this skill and agility put to a practical use one should "assist" at a Yeddo fire. When the word is given for the hook and ladder men to go into often approach within a few yards of action, it is a treat to see some score of muscular, active-limbed young fellows,

## GREAT DEER SLAVERS.

A Man who has Killed One Thousand Deer

The Post of Pittsburg, Pa., says: One of the principal deer slayers in Pennsylvania is Andrew Stiner, of Myerstown, Lebanon county. For nearly forty years Stiner has camped out in the Allegheny mountains during the season for killing the deer, and many are the stories he can relate of his exciting chase or patient watch in the stillness of the woods, miles away from human habitation. In the early times Stiner's nucle settled in the neighborhood of Bennington Furnace, now on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, between Altoona and the big tunnel, and it was while visiting the old uncle that Andrew got a fondness for deer hunting, which in his after years has been his only amusement. For the last twenty years Stiner's stalking ground has been in the head waters of the Big and Black Moshanon, in Center and Clearfield counties. His companions have been, for many seasons, three men of that neighborhood, who are familiar with all the spurs and creeks of that mountainous region, Jacob Test, John Fank and William Ream have camped out with Stiner every season since 1856. Ream lives at Osceola, Clearfield county, and Test and Funk near Tyone. These men mark the crossings of the deer through the summer, his retreats and feeding grounds. They put up a cabin near these places, and prepare the bunks and cooking arrangements. Then Stiner is sent for. He comes with the ammunition, blankets, gum boots, and such other articles as are essential to a lumberman's life, for his three friends are loggers by occupation, and the annual hunt is not the sole occupation of their lives. They take out a supply of provisions, and, with well-filled straw bunks in a dry shanty, plenty of robes and blankets, and a good stove, they fix themselves nicely. For several years their cabin has been sixteen miles from Phillipsburg toward the Snow-shoe mountains. Last year Stiner brought back with him from that locality to Eyerstown an express car load of

Ream has himself killed over thousand, and it is said that Jacob Test Burning Diamonds. and Funk are not far behind him. Last year an immense seven-pronged buck baffled every attempt to bring him down. It became a regular saying that they were going out to kill Greeley, for such they have named this unusually large deer. Stiner and Ream got after him. There was a light sift of snow upon the ground, just enough to trace the blood drops of a wounded buck or doe, and they started early to the crossings. These men, from long experience, beome very familiar with the habits and haunts of the deer, and know the particular kinds of weather in which they seek the hill tops, or when they go down into gorges of the mountain. Fully three days before a heavy snow storm the deer all quit the mountain tops and seek the big laurel swamps for food and cent diamond was ourned in France. A shelter until the storm is over. After it has passed, if the weather gets colder, they leave the swamps and take to the high ridges of the mountain. Their sense of smell and of hearing is very acute. They must be approached against the wind ; the hunter must face the blast in his travels after deer, or he never will as much as get a sight at one. The deer cannot see any distance, and on rainy days, when the leaves are wet, you may them without being observed. Indeed this Stiner party have, on damp days, muscular, active-imbed young fellows, not one of whom pauses a moment to look at the danger into which he is going headlong, dash into the houses already tottering to their fall, swarm on the roofs, swing from rafter to rafter, duration. For the sime of the into the trutty of the source of short duration. For the sime of the trutty of the source of short duration. For the sime of the trutty of the source uration. For the aim of the trusty exposed them without injury to intense iffe was a true as its fire was deadly. 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It was Florida ..... Georgia...... ......... Indiana.....1,145 eight years old, and weighed 260 pounds when dressed. 24,658 35,933 9,750 11,778 9,859 3,776 29,901 These old deer hunters have a great aversion to the big fox hound in chas-ing deer. Nearly all the old hunters use the half hound dog. These dogs cannot run a deer more than two hours, and serve as signals when the deer have Minnesota..... 295  $\begin{array}{c} 9,330\\ 20,606\\ 42,529\\ 9,867\\ 3,947\\ 4,923\\ 16,184\\ 7,562\\ 53,977\\ 8,544\\ 28,174\\ 8,440\\ 19,411\\ 38,149\\ 10,908\\ 12,385\\ 697\\ 378\\ 8888\\ 888\\ 888\\ 231\\ 1,963\\ \end{array}$ been found. The deer are said to be on Mississippi..... Missouri the increase in the mountains of Penn-\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Nebraska..... 361 sylvania this year. Nevada ..... New Hampshire..... Spiders and Moths in California. Did it ever occur to anybody, in-quires the Stockton Independent, that California has a decided superfluity of spiders, not to mention other disagreea-ble insects? And they are the most in-Tennessee ..... 493 Texas Vermont..... 902 208 defatigable creatures on the face of the earth. From morning till night, and Virginia...... West Virginia..... from one year's end to another, they go Wisconsin ..... on spinning their intricate webs in every nook and corner, on every tree, shrub and leaf, festooning the fences, enshronding the barns, covering the houses, with their net work. Occa-Colorado ..... Dakota..... Idaho ..... Montana ..... Indian Territory.... Washington..... sionally you will see a tree that stands in some sheltered spot where the spiders are undisturbed by the winds or by hu-man intruders, and there you will find Cold Feet. the work of these omnipresent insects in We find this in Dr. Foote's Health its completest form. It would seem that the fairies had thrown around it an en-chanted gossamer mantle. From top to Monthly : People generally regard cold feet as a symptom of little consequence. If a person were to speak as playfully of bottom it is one intricate network. The having a bad cough as some do of hav-ing cold feet no little surprise would be imprisoned, smothered leaves seem to be struggling to get out of the remorse-less grasp of their liliputian captors. After the spiders comes the California dust, the inevitable dust of summer, lodging thickly in every cobweb, and making the poor, struggling trees look as though mourning in sack-loth and manifested. Nevertheless, cold feet indicate a condition quite as threatening to the system as a sudden attack of cold and cough. The remedy usually sought is worse The remedy usually sought is worse than the disease. Thoughtless young women living in houses having furnaces stand over the register; the older ones sit down and put their feet over it; those having fire places and stoves draw up a chair and "toast their feet;" and there are those who resort to hot water. If any one wishes to produce a condition of chronic cold feet no hatter many one ho as though mourning in sackcloth and ashes for their friends, the long-delaying raindrops, that seem never to come. The work of the dust and the spiders gives the California vegetation in summer an air of uninviting desolation. Even the fairest orchards are thus clothed. We know of no characteristic chronic cold feet no better means can be of California more disagreeable than her superabundance of spiders. And what a country for moths ! 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virulent foe, his military genius under-valued and maligned by men who were unworthy to hold his stirrup, he seems never to have lost either his equanimity or his hope. Contrast Washington at Valley Forge, his naked little band shivering around him, with Napoleon selfishly flying from the wreck of the most magnificent army which ever trod the plains of Europe. We feel, as we contemplate the spectacle, that Wash-ington was "all in all to the cause." Any other man might have destroyed it by presumptuous ambition, by an over-estimate of his own ability, or, on the other hand, by a natural incapacity to manage the peculiar resources confided to him. It may be truly said that no historical character has so grown in the estimation of mankind. There are other

revolutionary personages who are still remembered freshly, is whom we see faults and even weaknesses. From these, Washington was not utterly free, for he was human; but can another be found who erred so seldom, who discovered and repaired his error so promptly. who was so wise and yet so simple, who was so utterly incapable of submitting to defeat while even a desperate chance of success remained, or who did the work which his hands found to do, despite in-numerable obstructions and difficulties, so persistently and so thoroughly ?-New York Tribune.

In the year 1694 it was discovered by actual experiment, at Florence, that a diamond would burn. Cosmo Ill. had one fixed in the focus of a burning glass, and, after some exposure to th rays of the sun, it cracked, corruscated and finally disappeared like a ghost, leaving no traces behind. Experiments of this kind were costly. They were long in yielding any scientific results. It was only a sovereign prince who could afford to see his jewels vanish like the gifts of a fairy godmother. Another potentate, the Emperor Francis L, tried a number of valuable diamonds in the heat of a smelting-furnace, and may have felt some gratification in finding they had disappeared. This was in 1750, and about twenty years later a magnifi jeweler named Le Blanc denied the possibility of burning diamonds, and suspected some unfair play on the part of Macquer, the chemist who conducted the operation. He had often, he asserted, exposed diamonds to great heat with the sole result of increasing their brilliancy. Mr. Streeter has done the same, with success But Le Blanc only knew half of what Mr. Streeter knows, and when the chemists demanded that he should enclose some diamonds in coal in a crucible, he rashly assented, and in three hours they had all disap-

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struggle up almost perpendicular slopes of loose tiles, often with a rope in their mouths, jump over yawning chasms of flame as if they were two-foot ditches, fasten the grapples to the blazing timbers, jump down and signal an "all right" to a gang of coolies below, who are hanging to the chain or rope. The wall totters backward and forward for a minute, but extra mettle is put into a gether on Black Bear Run, and distant final pull, and down comes the whole about ten miles from their cabin. Sti-blazing side of a house, burying half-a- ner gave him a shot, but the deer indozen firemen, sending up a huge pillar of smoke and sparks to the sky, and calling forth a tremendous yell from the admiring crowd. Scarcely has it fa'len wide, at one bound. Ream hearing the sound of Stiner's rifle, came up, only to when a dozen active fellows are hard at be told that he had missed Greeley, but work with their fire-hooks. From under upon the examination of the ground one heap of timbers jump out two or three of the hook and ladder men, who rub their bruises and laugh frantically. Ream, who could run all day like a Out of a cavern of smouldering ashes crawls another, with an arm broken ; while from the innermost recesses are pulled out two or three poor, blackened, mutilated remains of what were a few minutes back rollicking fellows in the prime and strength of manhood. These last are gently carried off on shutters and to-morrow will be followed to their last resting-place under the cryptomer-ias and azaleas on the hillside yonder by a crowd of relations and comrades, proud in the midst of their sorrow of the deaths met with in the public cause.

A Buried Town Brought to Light, An interesting archeological discovery has just been made in Italy—that of a buried town, a new Pompeii, unexpect-edly found near Manfredonia, at the foot of Mount Gargano, A temple of Diana was first brought to light, and then a portico about twenty metres in length, with columns without capitals, and, finally, a necropolis covering 15,000 squre metres (about three and threequarter acres). A large number of in-scriptions have been collected, and some of them have been sent to the museum at Naples. The town discovered is the ancient Sipontum of which Strabo, Potybeus and Livy speak, and which was buried by an earthquake. The houses are twenty feet below the surface of the soil. The Italian government has taken measures to continue the excavations on a large scale. Every day some fresh object of interest turns up. The latest is a monument erected in honor of Pompey after his victory over the pirates, and a large quantity of coins in gold and copper.

### "Blood Rain."

The cause of red, or blood rain, is due to the presence of earthly substances which have been carried up by winds, mingled with and borne along by the clouds and currents of air, and fall with the rain when condensation reaches the point when the moisture is precipitated. Many of these occurrences are on record. In the fall of 1846 such a rain fell in the south of France, which upon analysis, showed seventy-three organic formations that were peculiar to South America, proving that the coloring matter of the rain must have come from this continent, and been carried across the Atlantic, These showers are not uncommon. An and closets riddled and ruined by moths. The climate that is so conducive to the growth of marvelous fruits, vegeta-

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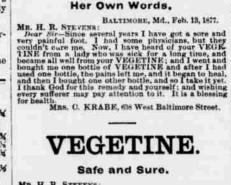
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