OLD TRADES UNIONS.

THEY EXISTED LONG BEFORE THIS COUNTRY WAS SETTLED.

How a Silk Weaver of Damascus Was Raised to the Bank of Master Workman-Impressive Ceremonies in an Ancient Trade Organization.

The labor leaders of the present day have, as a rule, little if any conception of the antiquity of organizations similar to their own, similar in that they sought to Improve and elevate their members, yet dissimilar in the means adopted to accom plish the desired end. In the making of silk and silk embroideries the workmen of Damascus have for many decades held a reputation only surpassed by that of the Damascene steel workers, and the excellence of the Damascus steel is a matter of historical fact. The average American may be surprised at learning of the exist-ence of trades unions among these artisans

of the orient. It is nevertheless a fact that the work-ingmen of that old and historic city are not only up in such matters with their brethren of western countries, but can be considered among the pioneers in industrial organization and united effort for protection and self improvement. The traditional rules and usages governing these unions are primitive, to be sure, yet do not lack originality and wisdom when taken into consideration their surroundings and conditions of life, and compared with their more favored brethren of Christian lands.

Some go so far as to assert that these owe much to their eastern fellows for their regulations. Others go farther and say that the very idea of secret societies was organized and put into execution among the workingmen of the east, who, long be fore Europe was civilized and America discovered, banded themselves into well governed organizations for mutual improvement and protection. The degree of skill required, the crucial tests imposed, the standing a man was compelled to have among his fellow workmen before he could be admitted to the ranks of the masters of his craft, were far too exacting to be looked upon with favor by the workman of the Nineteenth century, and yet the results, both to the man himself and the craft he represented, were worth the trouble, as a man who had been admitted to the ranks of the masters was held in high respect and the product of his labor was always in demand.

Each union had its own officers, who combined to form a grand council, composed of a grand master workman and his assistants, a grand marshal and assistant, a grand deputy and his assistant, and all the master workmen of the different trades of the city. A silk weaver desiring to be raised to the grade of master made application to the council. A sample of his work was submitted for criticism and examination to all the master weavers, who agreed upon his promotion and so reported to the master workman of the trade. He sent his deputy to inform the candidate by handing him the traditional "olive branch," or its substitute, a bouquet of flowers, which he kissed thankfully, declaring at the same time his unworthiness of the great honor in store for

The ceremony of initiation took place at the house of the grand master workman of all the trades, in deference to the wishes of the candidate, if he were willing to pay for the unusual honor and favor. Assembling at the house the candidate was placed in a room apart from the others, and the grand master workman, having secured the respectful attention of the masters who were present, said to them: "We have assembled, brethren, in order to raise your associate to the honorable rank of master, and to bind him to us with the mystic tie and to intrust him with the grand and precious secret of our brotherhood. What say you master workmen of the silk weaver's trade? The work and behavior, as well as the character of the candidate, whose conduct I have ascertained from all members of our trade and found to be good, entitle him to this great honor. Here is a sample of his work; let the brethren judge for them-

Then an elegant silk shawl was passed around and the decision was made. The candidate was then led into the room by four masters from his own trade, followed by his champion, the master workman of his union, who carried a large apron, together with additional samples of the candidate's work, and was made to kneel in the middle of the room during the ceremony. When the chanting of various selections from the Koran was through the candidate was prompted in giving the usual greetings to all workmen in these terms: "I greet all the toilers of the east, those of the west, of the north and south with a thousand salaams! Thousand greet-ings to all the generous and faithful broth-ers!" The candidate was then made to stand and salute in the four points of the compass. Then the master of his trade brought the apron and wrapped it around him twice, muttering the blessings of Allah

The grand master workman of all the trades gave a long and instructive lecture, telling the candidate to be loyal to the interests of his fellows and to those of his trade, whose secret processes he must never betray. He then took a long towel and requested all present to bow their heads and keep perfect silence. The candidate, who kneeling on the right knee, extended his right hand to receive the "grip" from the hand of the grand master workman, which was covered from view by the towel. This was followed by the bending of the grand master workman toward the candidate's ear and whispering to him solemnly the covenant and the great secret word.

The ceremony closed with the congratu-Litions of those assembled to the candidate, a general merrymaking and the parof refreshments by all present .-New York Tribune.

Chances of Death by Lightning. The chances that any citizen in the ordinary walks of life incur in a single year of being killed by lightning, judging from the experience of the past fifty years are about one in 10,000. Men are much more liable to death by lightning than women in the ratio of five to two-a fact which is

probably due to their outdoor occupations The greatest number of deaths from this cause occur in July, and the least number in the winter months. The age twenty to thirty years also furnishes the greatest number of victims .- St. Louis Globe-Dem-

He Did Not Speeze. Mr. Frederick Paulding told me the other day of an awful moment in his life into which the horror of years was crowded. He was playing Romeo to Margaret Mather's Juliet and the scene was on where he is lying dead before her tomb. Just as she bent over him in the wild paroxysm of her despair before taking her own life he density and brightness of surface as the felt a terrible premonitory tingling in his sun, the diameter of Arcturus would lived. Suddenly there overspread his features an expression more agonized than the stage death struggle had ever left. "Teddy, what is the matter?" whispered

the dying Juliet in real alarm.

'I'm going to sneeze!" gasped the miser "No, you're not, my boy," answered the determined young woman, setting her teeth hard together, and as she repeated the impassioned words, "I will kiss thy lips; haply some poison yet doth hang on them," she grasped the nasal appendage of her prostrate lover and gave it such an unmerciful tweak that he came near coming to life on the spot; but he didn't sneeze, and his reputation was saved.—New York World.

Senator Hale's House.

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Mme. Martin, living in an outer suburb of Paris, recently experienced one of the most extraordinary shocks that have ever startled a human being. On awakening from her slumbers on a recent morning she was horrified to find that her husband's face had turned completely black during the night. Panting with terror, the woman hastily threw on her clothes and rashed, baggard and unkempt, to the compaissary of police. There she astonished a member of the "force" by shouting in his ear:
"Come quickly! My husband has been
turned into a negro during last night's storm?" The policeman, regarding Mme. Martin as a maniae, took her to the commissary's clerk, and to this official she also related the transformation scene, but in a perfectly cool and collected manner. The

clerk, thinking after all that some phe-nomenon had happened through the agency of electricity, put on his hat and accompanied Mme. Martin to her domicile, There the husband was found wide awake, but looking as if he had been care fully lamp lacked before going to bed, Explanations followed, and it was ascertained that Mme. Martin, who is a devout Catholic, had, during the night of a terrible thunderstorm, flung the contents of what she considered to be a bottle of holy water on the bed and on her husband's face, thinking thereby to drive away the lightning demon. The bottle contained common ink, and hence the metamorpho sis in the original Caucasian color of the

the police in her bewilderment.-Paris

Letter.

worthy M. Martin which so startled his

spouse, and caused her to invoke the aid of

Dogs' Tails. Several years ago there was a good deal of discussion of the distinctive peculiarity of the pointer and setter in the papers. It was suggested that the habit of standing still as soon as game was scented, instead of springing forward at once to seize it, was an instance of the manner in which a natural instinct might be absolutely reversed by training. One of the explanations attempted at the time for this apparent anomaly was that the immovable position of the dog was comparable to the pause which most beasts of prey make before a final spring.

But we must recollect when considering this theory that few of the Canida pounce from an ambush suddenly upon their prey after the manner of cats. And although a terrier will stand immovable before a rat hole for hours together, his patient, watchful attitude is very different from the rigid and strained position of the pointer or setter, which position also has nothing in it suggestive of crouching, preparatory to a rapid bound forward, as is seen when a cat stalks a bird and then gathers herself together before the final coup.

Not infrequently the tail of a young set ter when it sets game may be seen trem-bling and vibrating as if it had a disposi tion to wag, which was kept in check by the supreme importance of not disturbing the hare or covey. The tail also is held out in full view like a flag, whereas a rat catcher's dog on the watch at a hole will often droop its tail .- Contemporary , Re-

Luxuriant Plant Life in California. When Americans came to California they were surprised at the variations that they observed in familiar plants. The elderberry, which is only slightly different from the elderberry bush of the Atlantic slope, often becomes a tree of from two to four feet in diameter and thirty or forty feet high. This is merely a matter of local environment, rich soil and shelter; the same species is a mere shrub on the rocky hillsides of the coast range. The bronze leaved Ricinus, which makes a semitropic summer garden in front of many an Atlantic coast cottage, grows for year after year in California, until a section of its stem a foot and a half in diameter can be obtained by any collector of vegetable curiosities, Geraniums, nasturtiums, tomatoes and many other plants useful and other-

returned from an afternoon reception, "who are a perfect terror to me. When I go into society where they are I am quite given to creeps and shivers if I see them coming in my direction. They will plump down by my side in the most affectionate, kittenish way, and immediately burst into all sorts of enthusiasm about something that I have recently written or-which is quite as likely-that they have recently read. There are two or three houses which I systematically and persistently stay away from just on this account. One of them is presided over by a woman whose principal occupation is artistic designing.

"I remember once, in a sort of retaliation for her gush over a sketch of mine she had been reading, that I turned to her with a great affectation of enthusiasm and said: "'Now, dear Mrs. A., please tell me all about the newest designs for carpets and upholstery. I know you do such lovely ones, and really I haven't seen novelties for quite awhile."

"She gave a little grimace of disgust and weariness, and exclaimed:

"'Oh, please don't ask me to talk shop. I get so tired of the everlasting grind of it. I had much rather talk about that delightful story of yours.'

"It's a curious fact that people never seem to realize that to a certain extent lit-erary work is drudgery. Of course it has its pleasant features, but all the same there is a deal or hard work attached to it, and writers, as well as other workers, enjoy a little respite from what is to them the humdrum of the daily labor."-New York Commercial Advertiser.

Bigger Than the Sun.

A minute parallax of about one-sixtleth of a second of arc found for Arcturus by Dr. Elkin gives a most astounding result. This small parallax implies a distance from the earth equal to about 12,000,000 times the sun's distance. This vast distance would produce a diminution of light of about 3514 magnitudes, so that the sun placed at the distance of Arcturus would be reduced to a star of only 9% magnitude! It would not be visible with an opera glass! Arcturus is therefore in round numbers 91/4 magnitudes, or over 6,000 times brighter than the sun would be at the same distance. Assuming the same A sneeze was coming as sure as he | therefore be about seventy-nine times the sun's diameter, or over 68,000,000 miles, and its mass about 500,000 times the mass of the sun-figures well calculat to "stagger the imagination."—Gentle an's

Senator Hale's House.

Playful Monkeys.

Apes and gorillas are usually vicious and resentful, and less addicted to playful tricks than the common monkey Indeed the monkey, as we all know, is a trickster both in his wild and domestic state. In their native forests they spend hours in swinging from the branches of trees, suspended by their tails, and chattering and grimacing with evident signs of telight. Humboldt mentions seeing over bundred so employed in a South Amerian forest.-Harper's Young People.

Hard Work. Quicksilver miners follow the most unhealthy trade in the world. The fumes of the mercury produce constant saliva-tion, and the system becomes permented with the metal, the teeth of the unfortunate men drop out, they lose their ap petite, become emaciated, and as a rule seldom live longer than two years.—London Tit-Bits.

Euos Kerr, a man well known at Knoxville, Ia., found a perfect miniature ear of corn, with grains no larger than mustard seeds, growing on a stalk of foxtail.

The Chinese authorities have established life saving associations, which keep several well manned boats constantly plying at all the dangerous rapids in the Yang-tse river. AN ECHO.

How slowly up the steep we climb! We take but one step at a time-So small a step that scarcely we Seem climbing up perceptibly.

So near the base below appears, We sometimes think with tired tears, Though all our energies we strain, The summit we can never gain.

But not for long yield we supine,

Left by the wounded feet of those Who, like ourselves, the rough road chos And from the faroff heights where they Like bay crowned victors, stand today, We toiled as slowly up the steep."

Susle M. Best in Philadelphia Ledger,

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Complimentary Nonsense.

"There are certain persons," remarked a literary woman to one of her friends as she returned from an afternoon reception, "who are a perfect terror to me. When I golden and discetual because of the stimulating action of the body, adding tone to the one and inciting to renewed and increased vigor the slumbering vitality of the physical structure, and through this healthful stimulation and increased action the cause of the PAIN is driven away and a natural condition restored. It is thus that the READY RELIEF is safe, reliable and effectual because of the simulating and through the one and inciting to renewed and increased vigor the slumbering vitality of the physical structure, and through this healthful stimulation and increased action the cause of the PAIN is driven away and a natural condition restored. It is thus that the READY RELIEF is safe, reliable and increased vigor the slumbering vitality of the physical structure, and through this healthful stimulation and increased action the cause of the PAIN is driven away and a natural condition restored. It is thus that the READY RELIEF is safe, reliable and increased action the cause of the PAIN is driven away and a natural condition restored. It is thus that the READY RELIEF is safe, reliable and increased action the cause of the day.

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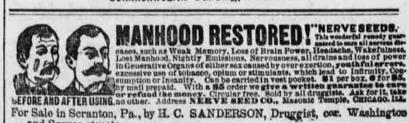
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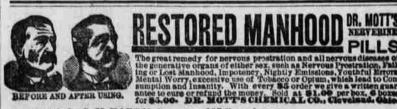
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