HEADS OF THE HOUSE OF VANDERBILT.

# LIVE WHOLLY FROM THE WORLD APART

Description of the Quaint Amana

Marriage Is Discouraged, Education Is Tabooed, Fine Dress Is Frowned Upon and the Temptations of Modern Society Are Kept as Far as Possible Outside the Pale.

From the Times-Herald.

In Iowa, seventy-four miles west of the Mississippi river and Davenport, are the quaint Amana colonies, where 3.060 persons are leading, in their own peculiar way, a contented, prosperous happy life in a wholesome manner; where lawyers and divorces are un-known quantities; where since the founding of the settlement in 1855 there has never been even so much as a justice's court nor anything approx lmating the character of a calaboose. There they live quiet and peaceful

lives, secure in the enjoyment of comparative wealth, during the accumulation of which they enjoyed a greater amount of comfort and vastly greater security against want and demoralization than were attained by their neighbers or the surrounding population. The society owns about 40,000 acres of land. and its members live on this land in seven different small towns and carry on agriculture and manufactures of several kinds and are highly prosperous. The original members were all Germans. Religion is the basis of the organization. The people are Pictists, and their religious head is supposed by them to speak by direct inspiration of

#### CAME FROM GERMANY. They came from Germany in 1842 and

settled at first near Euffalo, on a large tract of land which they called Eben-Ezer. There they prospered, but feeling the need of more land, in 1855 they began to remove to their present home. They continue to receive from Germany accessions to their numbers, and often pay out of their common treasury the expenses of poor families, who recomored stuffs, principally of the society's mend themselves to the society by letown make, cut in the plainest style, and often short gowns in the German peasters, and whom their inspired leader declares to be worthy. The name of ant way. All, even to the very the colonies is taken out of the Bible, girls, wear their hair in a kind of They put the accent on the first sylblack cowl or cap, which covers only the The name occurs in the song of back of the head, and is tied under the Solomon: "Come with me from Leb- chin with a black ribbon. Also and anon, my spouse, with me from Lebyoung as well as old, wear a small look from the top of Amana. dark colored shawl or handkerchief from the top of Shenir and Hermon, over the shoulders and planed very from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.\* Amana in Iowa. plainly across the breast. The sex is not highly esteemed by these people, however, is not a mountain, but an who think it dangerous to the Chrisextensive plain, upon which they have tian's peace of mind. One of their most built seven villages, conveniently placed so as to command the cultivated esteemed writers advises men to vy from intercourse with women, as a very lands. The villages lie about a mile highly dangerous magnet and magical | On this canal they keep a strain seew and a half apart, and each one has a store at which the neighboring farmers soberly; all ornaments are forbidden. trade and an inn for the accommodation of the general public. Every vil-Great care is used to keep the sexes lage also has its shoemakers, carpentapart. In their evening and other ers, tailors and other shops, for they the men, but they leave the room benim to produce and make, as far as possible, all that they use. In Middle Amana there is a printing office where with girls their books are made. The villages are well faid out. The houses are stoutly MATRIMONY DISCOURAGED. built of brick, stone or wood, and are very plain, each with a sufficient garden, but mostly standing immediately on the street. They use no paint, believing that the wood lasts as well without it. The schoolhouse and church are

they generally go to live with the parents of one or the other for some years. PEOPLE EAT IN COMMON. At irregular intervals in every village

though when a young couple marry

notable buildings only because of their

greater size, for they abhor "steeple-

are houses somewhat larger than the rest. These are either cookhouses or prayer-houses. The people eat in common, but for convenience they are divided so that a certain number eat to-The different villages are Amana, East, Middle, West and South Amana; Amana Near the Hill and Homestead. In Amana proper, with its thousand people, there are twenty-five such cooking and eating-houses. these the young women are employed to work under the supervision of matrons, and hither when the bell rings come those who are appointed to eat at each -the sexes sitting at separate tables and the children also by themselves. In answer to an inquiry it was stated that the women were separated from the men "to prevent silly conversation and triffing conduct." Each cooking-house is required to make its own butter and cheese. When the bell ceases ringing and all are assembled, they stand up in their places in silence for half a minute, then one says grace, and when he ends all say, "God bless and keep us safely," and then sit down. There is but little conversation at table; the meal is eaten rapidly, but with decorum; and at its close all stand up ngain, some one gives thanks, and thereupon they file out in quiet order and precision. They live well, after the hearty German fashion, and bake excellent bread. The table is clean, but it has no cloth. They breakfast between 6 and 6.30, according to the seaton have supper between 6 and 7, and dinner at 11.30. They have besides an afternoon lunch of bread and butter and

#### both homemade. EDUCATION LIMITED.

Every business has its foreman, and gether every evening to arrange the labors of the following day. Thus, if any department needs, for an emerkency, an extra force, it is known, There is even a temporal foreman with his force of helpers appointed by the trustees to care for the cows. When the work requires it in the summer. the women labor with the men in the harvest field.

The children are kept at school between the ages of 6 and 13; the sexes do not sit in separate rooms. The school opens at 7 o'clock and the children study and recite until 9,30 o'clock. From that hour until they are dismissed for dinner they knit gloves, wristlets or stockings. It is the same again in the afternoon. The teachers are men, but they are relieved by women when the labor-school begins Boys as well as girls are required to knit. They give only the most elementary instruction. "Why should we let our youth study more?" they ask.

need no lawyers or preachers; we have already five doctors." PLAIN DRESS OF THE PEOPLE. The dress of the people is plain. The men wear in the winter a vest which buttons close up to the throat. The

EVERYTHING IS HELD IN COMMON

WILLIAM H. VANDEDBILLE THE VANDERBILT COAT OF ARMS. COMMODORE VANDEREILT.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT. WILLIAM K. VANDERBILLT.

-From the Chicago Times Hernid. By the courtesy of il. H. Kohlsnat.

make them, as far as dress can ... o, look old and ugly, and to keep the oung men away from them,love, court-The barns and other farm thip and marriage go on at Amana as buildings are roomy and convenient. On dsewhere in the world. But while the the boundaries of the villages are the narried state has anally the countenhouses inhabited by the hired laborers. ince and sanction of the society, matri-Each family has a house for itself, mony is not regarded as a meritorious ict. The civil or temporal government of the Amana communists consists of thirteen trustees, chosen annually by the male members of the society. The president of the society is chosen by the trustees. This body manages the finances and carries on the general emporal affairs, but it acts only with he unanimous consent of its members The foremen and elders in each village earry on the work and keep the acounts. Every village keeps Its own books and manages its own affairs, but all accounts are finally sent to the headquarters at Amana, where they are inspected and the balance of profit of oss is discovered. It is supposed that the labor of each village produces a profit, but whether it does or not makes o difference in its supplies of the people, who receive everything alike, as all property is held in common. All accounts are balanced once a year and the productiveness of each industry ascer-

WOMEN NOT IN THE COUNCILS. The elders are a numerous body and presumably men of deep piety, Women are never members of any of the councils, nor do they hold any temporal or spiritual authority, with the single exception of Barbara Heynemann, a poor and illiterate Alsatian servant mald, who was the inspired oracle of Amana for many years. contrived a very simple and ingenious plan for supplying their members with lothing and other articles aside from To each adult male an annual allow-

ance is made of from \$10 to \$100, according as his position and labor necessitates more or less clothing. For each adult female the allowance is from \$25 o \$30, and from \$5 to \$19 for each child, All that they need is kept in store in coffee, and in summer a forenoon lunch each village, and is sold to the members of bread to which they add beer or wine, at cost and expense. When anyone requires an article of clothing he gos to the store and selects the cloth, for which he is charged in a book he brings these leaders in each village meet to- with him. He then goes to the failer who makes the garment, and charges him on the book an established price If he needs shoes, or a hat, or tobacco or a watch-everything is in the same way charged. Almost every man hos a watch, but they keep strict rule over vanities of apparel and do not allow the young girls to buy or wear carrings or breastpins. The young and women ried people who have no parents are divided around among the families.

They have no libraries, and most of their reading is in the Bible and their own inspired records. A few newspapers are taken. In general they aim to withdraw themselves as much as possible from the world, and take very little interest in public affairs. During the war they voted, but they do not now to any extent.

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The members themselves do not work. The people of Amnon appear to be a hard; three hired hands will do as much remarkably quiet, industrious, though as five or six of the seekety numbers. Wealthy and contended population. graphs and pictures of all kinds as tend- part of their lives, that they may be ing to idol worship and therefore not to be allowed. They have made very substantial improvements upon their interest them, property; among other things, in orler to secure a sufficient water nowe they dug a causal six miles long and from five to ten feet deep, leading a large body of water through Amana fire." The women work hard and dress to dredge it out. About the only drove of sheep of any size left in lowa is To wear the bair loose is prohibited, found at the colonies, but they also buy all the wool they can get from the neighboring farmers. They have a high meetings women not only sit apart from reputation for integrity and simple plain dealing among their neighbors. who has in any way wronged them, added with the spice if liked. They pay a fair price for anything they cant and always pay cash. In their On Sunday afternoon the boys are want and always pay cash. In their wholesome and enjoyable for enough for their own wants and to supposite directions. With all this care the mile stand of the country about them. Flannels and yarn, as well, as the charms of the young women woolen gloves and stockings, they expected the plat of sweetened milk, flannels and stockings, they expected the plat of sweetened milk, flannels and stockings, they expected the plat of sweetened milk, flannels are the plat of sweetened milk, flannels are the plat of sweetened milk, flannels and stockings, they expected the plat of sweetened milk, flannels are the girls, but they must go in opposite directions. With all this care the milk are the milk and the plat of sweetened milk. ort, having a steady demand for their conds.

# HAS NO PLOATING DEET.

At present they own about 5,660 shoop 000 head of cattle, 400 horses and 5,000 hogs. The society has no debt and has a considerable fund at interes The people live to a hale old any. They had recently among the members a vo man aged 97 and a number of percon ver 80. They are nonresistants, but during the civil war paid for substitutes in the army. "But we did wron; there," said one of them; "It is mid right to take part in war even in that

The words of "inspiration" are usually delivered in the public meetings, and at funerals and other solemn occasions They are always carefully written down by persons specially appointed to that dice. When the "Instrument" fall into inspiration he is often severely shaken before being taken. Asked what unishment their rules provide for drunkenness, one is told that this vice anot found among them, though they habitually use both wine and beer.

RELIGIOUS PESTIVALS OF SERVED They keep New Year's as a boll lay,

nd Christmas, Easter and the hely week are their great religious festivals At least once in every year there is a eneral and minute "untersuchures r inquisition of the whole community ncluding even the children-an charnation of its spiritual condition. The elebraton of the Lord's support is their reatest religious event. It is held only when the "Inspired instrument" directs t, which may not happen once in two ears, and it is thought so man that

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#### SELECTED RECIPES.

Spiced Currants.—Four pounds of currants, four pounds of sugar, one purt of vinegar, one tenspoonful of casde, one tenspoonful of cloves cook long

Spiced Cherries.-Make a syrup of one plat of white sugar and one pint of wa ter for each quart of cherries, and add spice to suit the taste. Add the cherthe men, but they leave the room be-fore the men break ranks. Boys are It is not easy to cheat them, and they allowed to play only with boys, and girls never deal the second time with a man | Cook half an hour. Vinegar may be

> Boiled Custand -- Boiled custand, well grated nutmeg or a few drops of vanilli scence. Put the mixture in a milk atterpan surrounded with boiling watr. Keep stirring the custard one way aril it thickens a little, but do not led boll, or it will curdle. Take it off the ire and continue stirring for a few min-ates, then pour it into a glass or break-fast cup and sprinkle powdered cinusnon on the top. It is nicest exten hot.

> Summer Beverages,-First put into a arms pain a quarter of a pound of fine cesh catment, six ounces of white suar and half a lemon cut into small hen your over it one gallon of beiling inter: stirring altegether thoroughly, 30 when cold. This makes a most reshing and strengthening drink. If resident transferry sinears, the trie acid er may other davoring may be used in-stend of the lemon. Mere outmad may also be used if preferred. Second—Six ounces of fine outmad, four ounces of o or and eight ounces of sugar mixed reducity and smoothly into a gallon of building water. I'm when cold.

> violat of white chicken most and col-re, charged very fine, with a cup of mile. Add a boiled only, marked, and bleken with two tablemountals of ormatarch. It must be quite thick, then exceed and bailing stir carefully into it the whites of two eggs heater very stiff; sak to taste. Place by a balo relation may pilow to bell. Stir in the

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which they care for with German ther- with her husband and was for many | til theroughly chilled. In serving pour | keeps the objective always opposite the in each same rich cream sweet- stars to be photographed. The delicate cased and flavored with vanilla. This part of the task consists in the accuquantity is enough for seven or eight rate measuring and placing of the stars

> Criffed Beef.-Cut thin slices of cold roust beef about three inches long and one and one-half inches wide, and then dip them in a dressing made as follows: do them in a dressing made as following them in same cumulty of lemon fulce or vine-gar, alternating the oil and vinegar, and beating all until the dressing is thick like cold cream; add a saltspoonful of salt, a tittle white pepper, half a tenspoonful of mustard and a dash of case of the instruments, the time of the cayenne. Dip the meet in the dressing and broil over a clear fire until it numerous etceteras which pertain to a browns a little and is well heated, put a piece of butter on each piece, set in the oven a moment and serve.

Ham Toast.-Remove the fat from fine; should be a large cuoful. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter into a sauce- Any changes subsequent to this period nan on the stove; add the chopped ham will be at once detected, and val-and half a tencupful of sweet cream or uable information gained. We know mills. Senson with pepper and sair, and when hot remove from the stove and their positions, but except in the case stir in quickly three well-beaten eggs. Pour the mixture over thin slices toast and serve at once,-Philadelphia

# WONDERFUL SKY MAP.

Big Enough to Cover Two Acres and Exhibit Thirty Million Stars .- Plates for It Cost Two Million Dellars. 'rom the New York Times.

The great map of the sky upon which astronomers have been working for the just nine years is approaching completion. It is an international affair, for no one country could carry through such a gizuntic task.

The heavens have been mapped out in sections, a section being assigned to each of the principal observatories in the world, and each of these eighteen observatories must furnish a map of its particular section in 1,500 parts. To do this, 3,000 photographs have been taken at each observatory, making a grand total of 54,000 photographs. The Uniad States is not represented in the international congress for the construction of this map. Professor Pickering, if Harvard, wished to undertake have of the work, but it was finally declared that the great amount of time required for the affetted section would nterfere with the general work of the Cambridge Observatories. The Verker Observatory was not, of course, ready at the time, and the others did not are to lay out the mercy for the neces gary Instruments. The observatories wich, Ricue, Catane, Ffelsbarferni, Pois-dam, Oxford, Park, Bordenux, Toninter of helf # I-room gird a table-secon-ful of butter aloust the day before; cut into stores and since between thin stores of buttered broad. probe. Conv of Good Lope, slidney and

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shown upon the photographic plate, Each negative will be transferred in duplicate on copper, and the two plates will be kept in different observatories, This is to obviate any chance of acciof the task undertaken may be gained from the fact that to reproduce the map from the plates will cost over \$2,-000,000. When to this are added the work of so gigantic a pature, the ultimate cost will be tremendous. But the may, when completed, will be of inestimable value to astronomers. The idea ne slices of cold-boiled ham; chop is to show just what aspect the heavens presented at the period represented of the larger ones, we do not know what

#### those changes are. DIVIDING THE COST.

The observatories participating in and be responsible for, its own particular piece of sky. When completed the photographs will all be forwarded to the Paris observatory for the production of

the map.

Stellar photographs are always used just as they come from the camera, without any retouching whatever. The number of stars shown is proportionate to the length of exposure of the sensinebule stars of the lifteenth magnitude in the measurements, but the tremendous additional labor involved caused the congress to fix the limit at the fourteenth magnitude. Very little is known of stars which are such an enermous distance away, and no map or them. As matters stand at present a few millions of them might disappear without astronomers being any the e. This elegatic man was planted by the Paris Observatory in 1866, and a proposition made to all the big observa tories to assist in the work. Since that date the principal observatories have been busy on the big scheme, which will certainly be the most wonderful thing modern astronomy has accomplished.

# SIXTEEN TO ONE.

A Clear Explanation of the Phrase Which Is Worth Remembering.

The following explanation of the phrase "gixteen to one" is taken from a circular issued by Messes, Sailor & Stevenson, brokers, of Philadelphia: "It means, in practice, that sixteen mnees of sliver shall be held as worth as much as one ounce of gold. One ounce of gold, American coln standard

#### WOMAN'S LONG HOURS.

SHE TOILS AFTER MAN'S DAY'S WORK IS DONE.

What She Has to Contend With-Work

That Sooner or Later Breaks Down Her Delicate Organism The great majority of women "work to live" and "live to work," and as the hands of the clock approach the



performed, and many personal matters to be attended to. They have mending to do, and dresses or bonnets to make, and long into the night they toil, for they must look neat, and they have no time during the day to attend to personal matters.

Women, therefore, notwithstanding their deliente organism, work longer and more closely than men.

They do not promptly heed such signs as headache, backache, blues, pains in the groins, bearing-down, "all gone" feeling, nervousness, loss of sleep and appetite, whites, irregular or painful monthly periods, cold and swollen feet, etc., all symptoms of womb trouble, which, if not quickly checked, will launch them in a sea of misery.

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on lemued out of his chair seized "My dear sir. you have 265,000 reasons for not interrupthave to work for a living and you do not; take a real over there in the corner, and when I have finished this paragraph I will talk to you."

Henry Irving has set his staff at work on a production of "Cymbeline" for his London Lyceum, and will bring it to America upon his next visit. Away back in 1857 Mr. Irving played "Pisanio" to Helen Faucit's "Imogen," Now he will be lachimo to Helen Terrys' heroins,