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"My heart beats only to thine. ODD KOREAN HABITS "Ahu-peace." on will e In some parts of the country heart TEAR BASKETS AND HEART CLOTHS cloths are placed over the body of AND THEIR USES. the dying and then given to the shanggoo, head male mourner, and the joo-

Sex In Eating. A woman enjoys well cooked, well His served food, but her happiness does not depend upon it so completely as does a man's. Without regular, abundant meals a man is disturbed in spirit and considers himself abused, When a man loses his appetite it is because of some physical ailment, never a mental one. A great blow may make the touching of food an actual impossibility for his sister for hours, or even lays; but, no matter if the foundations of the earth were shaken, the ordinary man can eat. He can eat at any time

or all the time. I know a man who is "living on the street" during his wife's absence, and he confesses to averaging five meals a day. Food so often is not more than raiment with a girl. Investigate the light housekeeping arrangements of sky parlors, or even first class rooms, and consider the well gowned girl therein and see if it is. I know a girl, and a for one week in order to buy an ex- yeah. pensive triffe her mother's good sense had denied her. Shopgirls, they say, sacrifice their lunches to buy a Laura

Jean Libbey novel, but where is the man that ever goes without a reasonable amount of good food for any need he may have?-Brown Book.

Powerful Odor of Ambergris. The druggist held in his hand a lump of gray substance like putty. It was smaller than a baseball and as light as

cork. Through it, here and there, ran streaks of yellow and black. "This is a lump of ambergris," the

druggist said. "It is worth about \$500, 1 judge. Smell it." The patron put his nose to the am bergris. Then he said, surprised: "Why, it has no smell." The druggist, smiling, rubbed it with his sleeve, and immediately a powerful,

nusklike odor filled the air. "Crude ambergris." he said, "never smells until you warm it or rub it. "This chunk of ambergris here smells like musk. That is because it is crude. The odor of prepared ambergris has not the least resemblance to musk." He rubbed his hand over his sleeve.

"From handling this" he said, "my coat will smell for months. My hands, no matter how I wash them, will smell for several days."-Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Crystallizing Flowers. The process of crystallizing flowers is simple and can be satisfactorily accomplished by any one who has artistic skill. Arrange some basket forms of any desired pattern with pliable copper wire and wrap them with

violets, ferns, geraulum leaves-in fact, any flowers except full blown roses-and sink them in a solution of alum of one pound to a gallon of water. Wait until the solution has cool-

served in their original beauty, and the crystallized alum will hold them faster than when formed in a hot solution. When you have a light covering of crystals that completely envelops the articles, remove cheerfully and allow it to drip twelve hours. These baskets make a unique ornament and

Ramenu and the Dog. Many eccentricities are pardoned in musical geniuses, especially by those who do not suffer from them. Unfortunately the object of a musician's fied, but not beaten. "Tell me inwrath is quite apt to be unable to appreciate why he has offended. One can fancy the possessor of the untrained voice who figures in the following story thinking hard things of the celebrated composer Rameau. One day Rameau while calling on a lady fixed a stern glance on a little dog who sat in her lap and was barking good naturedly. Suddenly Rameau seized the poor little fellow and threw him out of the window. "What is the matter?" asked his

## A DELIGHTED DARKY.

**Own Diagnosis Is Accepted and** He Gets Free Medicine. An old woolly headed darky appear

ed at the dispensary of one of the hospitals the other morning. "Well, uncle, what is it?' inquired the young medico in charge. "Ah've got de mishuy pow'ful bad boss," said the aged darky. "Where have you got the misery?"

"Ah dun got it evuhwheah." "Well," inquired the doctor, "what do you think ails you?" "Ah think," solemnly answered the

old black, "dat Ah've dun got somethin' de mattuh wif mah vermifuge dependix.

"What makes you think that's your trouble?" inquired the doctor, smothering the chuckle that rose in his throat

"Well, suh, Ah had de nose bleed poy'ful bad las' night an' Ah hain't college girl, who existed on S7 cents no ap'tite 'tall fo' watuhmillyons dis

> "Well, it's your vermifuge dependix that's bothering you all right, un le," said the young doctor, "but I'll fix you out quick enough. Take one of these before each meal."

He handed the old darky a little box of bread pills and the old woollyhead departed with a broad grin of happiness, no less because he had got free mediiine than because his own diagnosis of his case had been so promptly accepted.-Washington Post.

Small Boy's Conclusion. Grandma-Once, some wicked children made fun of a good old man and called him "baldhead," And he



had an old bear come down out of the woods and eat forty of those children up! Now, what do you think of that? Small Boy-My, but that old bear must have been mighty hungry!

## Why She Gave In.

It was evening, and Mrs. Steel was alone in the house; but Mrs. Steel was brave. Suddenly she heard the sound of the opening of a window, and a muffled footstep echoed from the dining room. But never a tremor agitated that noble woman. Bravely she walked to the room whence the sounds emanated, and came face to face with a burglar, who held a revolver point-blank at her. "Tell me where the money is hid,"

he hissed, "or I'll fire!" "Never!" she answered determined-

ly. "Villain, do your worst!" "I will!" snarled the scoundrel, bof

**Clever** Detective Work, A distinguished surgeon, who

also a detective in embryo, was called to perform an operation upon a man who had been shot by an unknown assassin. The position of the man and the mystery of the shooting rendered the case notorious. The man was unconscious at the time of the operation. and nothing could be obtained from him. When the doctor examined the wound, he said to his assistant:

"A pistol has been fired at him by a person who is left handed."

While he was explaining the reasons for his conclusion Mr. --- 's partner, a Mr X entered the room. Something about his manner attracted the attention of the eminent surgeon, and he whispered to his colleague:

"If that man were left handed, I should at once suspect him of the crime.'

The next instant he turned to X. and said:

"Will you kindly hand me that lint?" X. did so, using his left hand. The man died. X. was accused of the murder and upon being tried and condemn ed confessed his guilt.

Enforced Church Attendance.

In the reign of Edward VI, an act was passed which provided that every one "shall diligently and faithfully, having no lawful or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeavor themselves to their parish church or chapel accustomed, or, upon reasonable let, to some usual place where common prayer shall be used-on Sundays and holldays-upon penalty of forfeiting for every nonattendance 12 pence, to be levied by the church wardens to the use of the poor." As the years rolled on, however, the penalties for nonattendance became more and more se vere, until in Elizabeth's reign such harsh legislation as the following was passed: "All persons who do not go to church or chapel or other places where common prayer is said according to the act of uniformity shall forfeit £20 per month to the queen, being thereof lawfully convict, and suffer imprisonment until paid."

## An Eastern Tale.

"In many cases," says Sir John Lubbock, "religious differences are mainly verbal. There is an eastern tale of four men-an Arab, a Persian, a Turk and a Greek-who agreed to club to gether for an evening meal, but when they had done so they quarreled as to what it should be. The Turk proposed azum, the Arab aneb, the Persian anghur, while the Greek insisted on staphylion. While they were disputing-

"Before their eyes did pass, "Before their eyes did pass, Laden with grapes, a gardener's ass. Sprang to his feet each man and showed, With eager hand, that purple load. "See azum," said that Turk. 'And see Anghur,' the Persian. 'What should be Better? 'Nay, anch, anch 'tis,' The Arab cried. The Greek mid, 'This is my staphylion.' Then they bought Their ranges in prace. Their grapes in peace Hence, be ye taught."

## The Tibetan Bible,

The Kahgyur, or Tibetan bible, consists of 168 volumes of 1,000 pages each, containing 1.083 separate books. Each of the volumes weighs ten pounds and forms a package twenty-six inches long, eight inches broad and eight inches deep. This bible requires a dozen yaks for its transport, and the carved wooden blocks from which it is printed need rows of houses, like a city, for their storage. A tribe of



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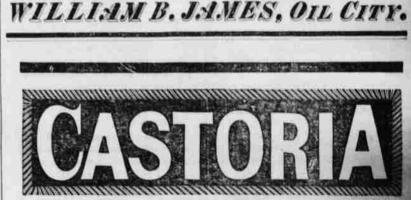
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long preserve their freshness.

"Secret" Mourning That Every One Knows of and Respects - The Quaint Toilet of a Masampho Belle.

A Strange Headdress For Women. There is a great deal of poetry about

all Koreans. This does not make the visitor in their country love them less.

"Why do you shake your husband's gown so ferociously every morning?" the writer said to a hostess in Seoul. "Are you afraid a spider may be weaving in it?"

"Oh, no, moonface," was the reply. "He must be in Japan now-so far it is and his spirit comes every night to this gown. So tired must he be in the who waddle around and about, quackmorning to go back so far into his body again."

And she wept copiously, dropping each tear very carefully into a metal face is washed with honey oil instead lined little basket hung from her waist. If her husband had died on his journey the basket would have been nearly full by this time; every one who has any regard for her would have added a drop or two, and her mourning would It to be the natural color, which is a have been as intricate a performance as a case in international law. Even as it was the tear basket was steeped In incense and many heartbreaking hours-8 p. m. and 3 a. m.-she may go songs and proverbs walled over it. out freely visiting friends and rela-Weep flowers-that is, any sort of tives. Her hair is brushed with a bloom that withers soon - may be pressed and strung around the basket. into many different forms. Sometimes The wing of a wounded bird may decorate one side; a motherless child may at other times a lot of leaves or a little imprint a kiss upon it for the good of the spirit.

"Do men ever wear the tear basket for women?" I once inquired.

"Oh, moonface, you are curious so much," was the reply. "Women never go away from men in Kowii." "But they die."

"Yes, and then verra often the good men wear the tear basket in secret mourning.

There is much secret mourning in Korea, and it is like the Irishman's secret-everybody knows it and respects It. A woman who has loved the wrong man may wear secret mourning clothes for him and don the tear basket filled with tears of persons who have not deigned to speak to her in the lifetime of the loved one. At certain hours she may wail round his grave and leave the best of everything to eat on his tomb for his hungry spirit. The worldly mate of the departed looks on, and often it seems she is flattered by the performance. A slave may mourn secretly for the queen, and anybody who wants to may sympathize without hurt for a beheaded criminal.

Next to the tear basket the heart cloth is the quaintest symbol of Kowll emotions. One is never permitted to know of this precious ornament unless it is worn for his or her sake. In old Korea it was placed over the heart of the beloved before being worn in any other breast. One heart cloth often does for a whole family, being worn by different members in turn. Characters representing poetic sayings are appliqued upon it, such as: "Without thee I dwell with the spir-

it of the withered tree."

foo, leading female mourner. Masampho is a quaint and picturesque town, nearly as much so as Fusan, from which it is not far removed. One

of the sights of Masampho is her shopping district, which consists of innumerable mats spread out on the ground, upon which are exhibited the wares of their owners, who squat beside them.

But the chief joys of Masampho are her deliciously strange little womenthe never to be forgotten Masamphonese, wild eyed, glossy haired dumplings, with cherry lines for mouths,

ing in fascinating tones. The Masampho belle's tollet is worthy of the time she spends upon it. Her of water. Sometimes she slfts a fine powder scented with her favorite flower over it.

She may stain her complexion to sult her fancy, but generally she prefers beautiful ecru. Though she may never be seen by man, save husband or father, during curfew time or women's fragrant bunch of switches and glued it makes a butterfly or a tortoise and

FRIDDRD. When it is properly shaped, big jade or glass pins are stuck in. The only cap she ever wears has no crown. Its back is shaped like a helmet, and there

are two long tassels hanging from the forehead and neck brim. Her cotton trousers are as full as a divided skirt and become narrow at the ankles. where they meet little socks made of grass and picturesque shoes. Her skirt is very full and shirred at the top into an eight inch band. This fits tightly around the chest and under the arms. The lacket worn is not over seven inches in length and runs the gamut of Korean blues and greens, which are somewhat the tints of the peacock's tail.

If of the common people, she may allow her small feet and ankles to show but if of noble blood her skirts must sweep the streets. All women carry with them a long cape, so that if by any possibility they should meet a man they may throw it quickly over their heads, leaving only a slit in front for the eyes .- New York Post.

Spencer and Music.

Mr. Herbert Spencer cultivated what

One performer who had been chosen

hostess, much alarmed. "He barked false!" said Rameau inlignantly.

A Puzzler. At an examination in an English school the teacher was so pleased with his class that he said they could ask him any question they liked.

Some were asked and replied to. Seeing one little fellow in deep thought, the teacher asked him for a question. The boy answered, with a grave face: "P-please, sir, if you was in a soft mud heap up to your neck and I was

to throw a brick at your head, would you duck ?" The answer is not recorded.

## Quite Different.

Mother-You've been sitting in the conservatory all this time, and with young Charlie Brown! Am I never to instill a sense of decency in you? Daughter-'Twas Lord Copperbuige 1 was with, mamma, dear. Mother-Oh, that's a different matter. Girls will be girls!

## For a Rainy Day.

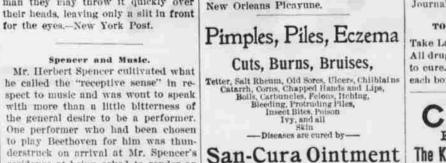
Smith (newly married)-Don't you think we had better lay aside some thing for a rainy day? Young Wife-Charley, dear, I am so glad you said that. While I was out shopping this morning I bought two lovely silk umbrellas, one for you and one for me.

## His Public Speech. Mrs. Littlewit (proudly)-Only just

think! Charles has gone to address a public gathering. Friend-I didn't know he was a speechmaker. Mrs. Littlewit-Nor I, but he's been called upon to make a statement before a meeting of his creditors.

## His Recipe.

Long Haired Poet (singing)-There is no breeze that can cool the heat of Disappointed Benedict-Ever love. tried the marriage refrigerator, son?-New Orleans Plcayune,



### to play Beethoven for him was thun-San-Cura Ointment derstruck on arrival at Mr. Spencer's residence at being asked to render an

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Mongols paid 7,000 oxen for a copy of this bible. In addition to the bible stantly where your husband's gold is there are 225 volumes of commentaries, hid, or I'll drop this big woolly caterwhich are necessary for its under pillar down your neck!"

standing. There is also a large col-Five minutes after a chuckling burlection of revelations which suppleglar stole out of the house carrying a ment the bible. bag, whence issued the chink of a hard-earned and long-treasured hoard,

## Did not Fill the Bill.

A young bachelor, who was beset by a sewing machine agent, told the latter that his machine would not aas-

wer the purpose. "Why," said the agent, with voluble praise, "it is the best on the market in every respect."

"That may be." replied the supposed customer, "but the sewing machine I am loking for must have flaxen hair and blue eyes."

## An Advertising Courtesy.

sheik in the Soudan is much impressed wich his magnificent grove of trees. "You have a splendid collection of trees," he says politely, "It must have tal en much time and money to bring them together and plant them in such an orderly manner." "Really," says the sheik, "they cost

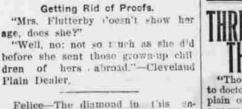
me nothing." "You don't say?" "It's a fact. You see, our insurance companies remember their patrons

wih a tree the first of each year" "How odd! At home our insurance companies give us calendars." Which amounts to the same thing. These are date trees."-Judge.

## A Question of Title.

## "Yes," said he young nobleman, "I am to be married to Miss Boodlington.'

"That demonstrates my theory, said the embittered au hor. "I have always said that a calchy t in would sell almost anything."---Wr "Lington Star.



gagement ring is awfully small. . Henri-I told the jeweler it was for the smallest hand in all Caris-Journal Amusant.

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## A New Idea About Life Insurance.

Ever try to insure your life? Notice the extreme care taken by the medical examiner to find the eract condition of the kidneys? Thousands of perple are annually rejected by the insurance The explorer who is visiting the companies because they have kidney trouble. Most of those people do not know it. It is an insiduous disease, with various symptoms, deceiving the doctor as well as the patient. Neglected long enough, it proves fatal. Heartburn, palpitation dizziness, sluggish ness, indigestion, losing of flesh all indicate that your kidneys are not prop erly performing their functions, or that your liver is disordered. Thompson's Barosma is an absolutely infallible cure for all kidney and liver disorders. The worst cases yield to it immediately Thompson's Barosma works like magic -a strong statement, but one borne out by thousands of authentic testimonials I had been confined to the house with Kidney Complaint for seven weeks and was most of the time in bed. Some time before I had been refused life insurance, as I was told I could not live many months. At the suggestion of the druggist, who was a friend of mine, I began taking Thompson's Barosma Kidney and Liver Curs, and I am happy to make the statement, which my will will affirm that five bottles of Barosma completely cured me. Also I refer to any of my neighbors as to the above ORSON HOPKINS, Townville. Pa. All druggists, 50c and \$1.00.

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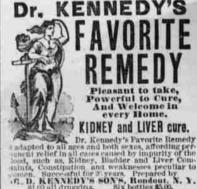
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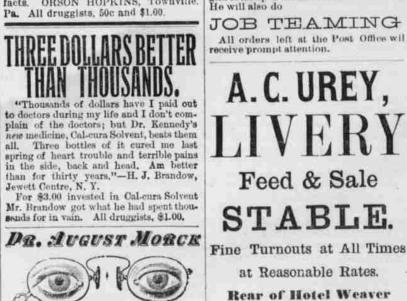


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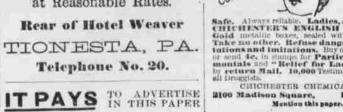
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