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A Peep in Advance at the Best of Everything

-----MOTHER MIXED CHILDREN UP.

What Happened When the Time Gama for the Twina' Bath, A family living in West Tenth street includes five-year-old twin girls, who so resemble each other that only the mother can tell which is Kate and which is Grace. On Saturday night, as usual, Kate was taken into the bathroom and given a thorough scrubbing. Then her mother, after letting the child play in the water, as a reward for good behavior, put her on the rug, dried her, powdered her, and put her nightle on. At that moment the grocery boy

came, and the mother had to run downstairs and take charge of the provisions. After she had put everything away she came back, grabbed up a twin and took her to the bath room. The little girl did not say much, and after the water frolic she scampered back to her bedroom. There was a whispered consultation between the twins, and they both began to giggle. Prominent for many years in the affairs "What are you youngsters laughing f Marienville, Pa., died at that place on

HON. JAMES B. WATSON.

he 18th inst. A sketch of the deceased

The Color of Man.

The color of the skin in the various

aces of man has never yet been scien-

tifically accounted for, although numer-

ous mythological stories have been told

ions for the remarkable variations in

hne. Nor have we any certain data

oncerning the color of the cuticle of

the primeval man, the original "lord of creation." A pretty African legend

is that he was as black as the prover-

bial ace of spades and that the present tale color of the Caucasian race is the

esult of the scare God gave Adam at

It is proper to state here that the

ame legend says that the present

black race are descendants of one of

Adam's sons that was born and left

Eden before the great change in color

overtook our first parents. The Chi-

nese believe that the original man was creature half god and half man and

ant his color came about as a result

of bathing in a river of liquid gold.

The Mussulmans, the American In-

lians and several oriental tribes and

intions account for their prevailing red

r conper color by telling the story

the Great Being creating the first

air from red kaolin, the common fire

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is given on the inside of this issue.

at?" asked the mother as she came into the room. "Notting," they protested.

"But you are," insisted the mother "Tell me this instant." "Well," said Katie, rolling about on the floor in merriment, "you gave me two baths and didn't give sister any."

So Ready. Snooks (coming out conversationally)-I think that every woman who



self a beauty Miss Rinkle-Does that include me?

Snooks-Oh, of course not!-Punch

Useless Device. terval, all other publications in copies. At a suburban auction of house surchased in the ordinary channels of hold goods an active and successful trade without regard to what may be bidder was a Montgomery County farmer. His purchases were piled Every bookstore which undertakes high in one corner of the room, and to carry a full line of stock sells the he was still eager when a thermome-Several important corporations for was offered. There was no bidconfine themselves to the manufacture ding from any quarter, and the aucand sale of Bibles, and others find in tioneer, reaching it out to the farmer, the Bible their leading feature. Of no said:

other book can this be said. Speaking "Here, give me a quarter for it and take it along!" some time ago of the insatiable desaid the farm "No! Not for me!" mand for the Bible as an article of merchandise, an officer of the Methoer, backing away.

"Why, that's dirt cheap!" exclaimed dist Book Concern said: "Like all pubthe nuctioneer. ishers, we have to keep watch of the "Don't you want a sale of books in general, even the most thermometer?"

"Nun!" was the decided renly. popular, so as not to get overstocked. had one a year or two ago, and fool-But this never occurs in printing the Bible. We just keep the presses steaded around it an' lost time without being able to regulate it at all. Why, I that we have 40,000 or 50,000 copies | couldn't even open the darned thing!" -Salt Lake Herald. A Georgia Refrain. Alligator steak en catfish stew, Big vam 'taters, en mountain dew, Lean cow kilt fer de barbecue-High ole times in Georgy! here. Co'n in de crib, en cotton in de gin, Money in vo' pocket 'twel he shine lak sin: Ev'ry cullud nigger wid a 'possum grin-High ole times in Georgy! No use sighin' we'n de jug ter fill. No use cryin' we'n de milk done spill; Keep on a-hopin' dat de cow'll stan' still-High ole times in Georgy! King Edward's Dilemma, "What's the matter, your Majesty?" asked the King's equerry. "I was just trying to think of somebody with a title who hasn't an American wife that I could send as Ambassador to Washington." "Why don't you want to send one who has married an American?" "What! And let her go back there to spend her money? I want my subjects to understand that their King is more loyal to the home country than that!"-Chicago Record-Herald. Spelling in this Generation. Richardson is in the primary department this year, having graduated himself from the kindergartening. which he thought "all nonsense"and convulses us with his learning. The very first day he announced that he had learned to spell hat. When asked to do so, he said, "I-c-a." "Oh, no!" I exclaimed. "H-a-t," but he shook his head gravely. "They don't spell it that way now. perhaps they did when you were a little girl. Why, didn't the teacher draw a picture of a hat on the board and teil the class to say, 'I see a hat'?"-Youth's Companion.

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Birds Are Mathematicians The English naturalist, Morris Gibb woted years of study to birds' nests. mation and their contents, and that birds iny their eggs in ace with geometrical lines, so ry inch of space is used to the greatest possible auvaluage, which isy many eggs arrange them in at possible advantage. Birds circles, the pointed ends turned to the inside. Others, whose eggs are elliptically shaped, place them in longitudinal rows. If an egg is moved out of its original position by an intruder, it will be found on the following morn-ing that the bird has returned it to its first position. Among the numerous and often difficult cases which Glbbs made a matter of study, not one was found which would not do credit to a mathematician.

### Cromwell and the Specter. The stories of the "White Lady" that periodically visits the German royal family and of the "Little Red Man" that frequently paid his respects to the great Napoleon are tolerably well known, especially that of the former But few, perhaps, are familiar with the story of Cromwell's "Glant Specter." It appeared to him one night when he was wide awake and quietly resting on his couch. In appearance the apparition was a woman of gigantic propor tions. Approaching him she announced in tones like thunder, "Within the year you, my son, will be recognized as the greatest man in Britain."

Creation of a Knight. The ceremonies at the creation of a knight have been various; the principal were a box on the car and a stroke with a sword on the shoulder. John of Salisbury tells us the blow with the naked fist was in use among the anclent Normans; by this it was that William the Conqueror conferred the honor of knighthood on his son Henry. It was afterward changed into a blow with the flat of the sword on the shoulder of the knight.

She-Archibald was always trying to avoid the girls. Where did he meet He didn't meet her. She overtook him

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Window Dressing as a Fine Art. In one important department, unmolested by public criticism, the advertisers have even now established tastefulness as the underlying essential principle of their competition. This is in window dressing, a vital part of titles clear nights are advantageous, ndvertising. The beautiful, not the bizarre; the attractive rather than the startling; the alluring and interesting are now sought in the window effects of every shop, from the great department store to the little candy kitchen; from the basement lights of a modest florist to the long plate glass front of a shoe emporium. Salaries of several thousand dollars a year are paid in cities to the "artists" most skilled in window dressing, and their requisitions for plants or ribbons-totally irrelevant as these may be to the stock on sale and designed merely to add to the beauty of the window pictureare bouored ungrudgingly. In effect the merchant says, "Give me a beautiful window that people will stop and look at, and that yet shall indicate generally the sort of goods I handle. and I do not care what it costs."-Charles M. Robinson in Atlantic.

### Ice In India.

Dr. Wells, a London physician, in 1818, in his published essay on dew, was the first to draw attention to the curious artificial production of ice in Inilia. Shallow pits are dug, which are partially filled with perfectly dry straw. On the straw broad, flat pans arrive. Hurry up and come down." -containing water are exposed to the clear sky. The water, being a power-

ful radiant, sends off its heat abun dantly into space.

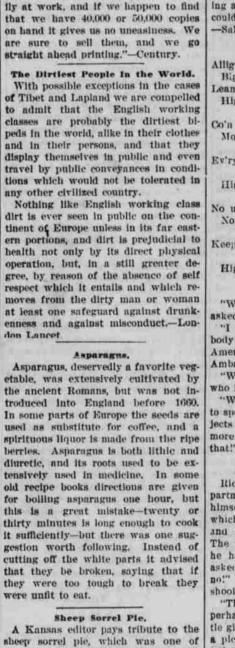
The heat thus lost cannot be replaced from the earth, for this source is excluded by the straw. Before sunrise a cake of ice is formed in each vessel. To produce this ice in quanand particularly those on which prac-tically no dew falls. Should the straw get wet it becomes more matted and compact and consequently a better conductor of heat, for the vapor then acts as a screen over the pans, checks the cold and retards freezing.

Not That Kind. "What did you think of Philadelphia?" "I never was more imposed on in my life," answered Colonel Stilwell

of Kentucky. "They told me Philadelphia was famous for its mint, and milk, with a quarter section of sheep all they showed me was a place where they make money."-Washington Star.

Funny. Borroughs-Mr. Merchant's out, you Why, he had an appointment with me here. That's very funny. Cuts, Burns, Bruises, New Office Boy-Yes, sir; 1 guess he thought it was too. Anyways, he was laughin' when he went out.

Too Much For Him. "Oh, zees langvlage?" complained the distinguished foreigner. "Your wife he is upstairs when I come in and you call to heem: 'Monsieur d'Esprit have Chicago Record-Herald



the luxuries of primitive Kansas. "It was dried apple ple from December until grass, or until the sounws came around with wild gooseberries. But, happy thought, with the coming of the johnny jumpup came sheep sorrel, blg this country is?" and, with sorghum sweetening, what lovely pies were made! Corn bread and Missouri bacon, sorghum and buttershocked; "what do you mean?"

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