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A redicament. a surry lot is mine, are bright as stars that shine, sets the beaming sun. am her worshipper, i yet, such is my woful plight,

ned the pages of romance e hew heroes woo; ways seem to find a chance know just what to do. day, I am not versed rts of rhetoric; the parts that I've rehearsed awkward as a stick.

olm is oft inclined to break, upon my knees, 'Il die for your sweet sake,' I fall to please. he might unfold ay to guard against her "No," I not mention "gold." sing of "love divine," nbers short and long; s not suit a case like mineevery song!

sful lover not re there are a few !) on my mournful lot FLORIBEL. was certainly the lovellest little

e I ever saw. The first time I r she was being brought down sist, I coveted her possession so ear-nestly that it became the one absorbing s in the nurse's arms; but after schad walked a little way she lown on the pavement, but kept | steal her! her, so that she would not a knocked over by the crowd; as really amusing to see so tiny r toddling along, uttering little ight at the numerous objects not, oh man, thou that judgest thy sed her on the street. brother; and oh, woman, that judgest thy sister woman. Wait till ye also are was beautifully dressed in some

exterial of delicate gray, and a tempted, ere ye condemn. Know you embroidered clouk nearly covered not that one idea long dwelt upon in secret dominates over the mind till had long light hair which fell in waves upon her shoulders, and one plea in my behalf. I believe I was

temporarily insane, and hardly accountable. I certainly became a monomaniac. hem to the square, where the at down on one of the benches husband. He would most certainly a tree, while the little folks frolhave prevented its execution. I did not faround. I took a seat near by think what account I should render to watched her innocent gambols, At him afterward, should I succeed in my could not help saying to the could have been purchased, there is no

What a dear little thing you have And what a little beauty!" Yes, ma'am," assented the nurse, ed at my admiration of her young rge. "And so good; she doesn't give

What is her name?" I inquired. Oh what a sweet name! Floribel!"

med my hands to attract her atten-Six stopped in her chase of the brown ws and looked at me shyly. a bright thought occurred to me. aid in as enticing a voice as possible

ding out my hands. "She'll come to you ma'am," said murse; "she's not a bit afraid of And as she spoke the little one came ing down the walk toward me.

oth short, uncertain steps. I stooped od picked her up and set her on my kissing the dear little face, and hing back the long silken locks at have fallen over her eyes in her Floribel stray off? And you'll be here when I get back? You know, ma'am, she could not talk plainly; in fast, I'm responsible." at all to be intelligible, but seemed

derstand all that was said to her. And the woman went. I waited until I saw her enter the confectioner's door. was so strikingly pretty that she gted the attention of the passers-by. whom, especially the ladies, to give her a passing caress. Then I sprang up. "Floribel!" I cried, and at my voice the little one came todsat on my lap for some time, quite sitedly; delighted with watching arms and commenced to walk slowly at groups of children trundling their first, but gradually quickening my pace, r skimming by on their roller in the direction of my own home, cast-

At last I gave her back to the nurse had gone two blocks and was about to went on my way. But the sweet hall a stage when I heard pattering feet to the other. he remained in my mind and behind me, and the nurse came rushing

"How I could love her! What an me such a scare! When I got back to buy her!" ense source of pleasure she would be the square I couldn't see you anywhere my lonely heart!"

—and a kind policeman—said you had tionate and demonstrative disposim, I often longed for something to gave me!"

now my caresses upon; something to erest me during the long hours every My intention had not been suspected; ay that my husband was away at his that was clear. We were wealthy, but in the olds of our riches, my heart often felt turning to retrace my steps, "and thought I'd walk about till you re-

wondered if I would ever meet the turned. Did you get the candy? Well, ar little thing again; but the very then, we'll go back and eat it under the ext day there she was in the square. | trees. t two little girls had her in charge is time, and they seemed to watch termined to bide my time. ther with the tenderest interest. and as the children rolled about on darling, when just as I got opposite, the beir states, would run and frolic front door opened, and one of the little mong them, though they took care girls came out with Floribel, as if going

for a walk. She got half-way down the I found out that she lived in se from which I had first seen her ten something, for, setting down the aling out with the nurse, and many a little one on the stoop, she went back he I walked by there only to catch a in the house, leaving the door open. apse of my little favorite. Sometimes She had hardly entered when a sudden sawher at the window, and would alss gust of wind slammed the door to. my hand to her, and she would nod her There was not a soul near; no one but de head in return till her hair tum- my little precious, who stood on the are and took so much notice of her. the street, and had caught her up in my

After a while I began to feel that I The ting little Floribel and having a the avenues. I would have run with all more than your own dear son?" ay with her, I told my husband of speed but was afraid of attracting attenlaughed and said "I was just like all reached the car line. I looked down new-found source of pleasure, and tion.

My husband is very kind and indulof to me, but lacking in sympathy.

distant, the little girl that had started out to walk with Floribel. She was in et you in the way I could this dear hot pursuit of me. I threw discretion le thing. I actually covet her. I to the wind and rushed down the street onder if its wrong to de so?" "Why, my dear," said my husband, hand frantically to signal the driver, you want one of these things so when a heavy hand came down on my

to know and love me. And I would, on account have one that was not of the best blood, and this I know, from the flue features, little Floribel pos"Well, dear, I'll get you a canarybird, or a Full-parrot, or a Maltese—"

It know and love me. And I would, on a rull-parrot, or a Maltese—"

It know and love me. And I would, on the girl was holders of a most shelter. The gives made the first of the flock is of a vessel, which must have been a century old at least. The fluers is of a single feature of by steam, sort them, and put them up them they are sent to market. The gloves made in Fulton County are of all sorts, and the little girl was holders of a man. When a condense a little girl was footen to two hundred dollars—quick please, for two hun

I was furious at thus being foiled a cond time, and could with difficulty often told you that I dislike those control my real feelings. But the pres-The piercing notes of a canary ence of the policeman aided me greatly

"Scat, Charles!" I cried, half amused

and half vexed. "You know I have

go through my head; a parrot is odious,

and I have a detestation for the whole

feline tribe. But I wish you could see

this little beauty. I know she has not

"Pshaw!" cried my husband. "How

'If you could only see her for your-

self, Charles, I know, you would be of

my opinion," I retorted warmly. But

Charley only "pshawed again, and said he had no use for such small fry.

So, finding my husband so unsympa-

thetic on the subject, I did not mention

It again, but continued my daily walks

in the square and my constant meetings

with Floribel. At these meetings I

always took her in my arms, and lav-

ished a thousand caresses upon her. I

had learned to love the little thing

dearly, and I believe she loved me in

return. She would always run to meet

me with a glad little cry of recognition,

But the more I saw of her, the more

and she did indeed beguile many of my

I longed for her. I wanted her for my

very own. I should then and there have

fled temptation and never looked upon

her again. But I could not. That in-

nocent face, those sweet, bright eyes

which had learned to know me so well,

possessed a fascination I could not re-

subject of my thoughts. I resolved to

Who can understand the workings of

the human mind? Who can tell what

conflicts of conscience I endured ere I

came to so sinful a resolution? Judge

insanity is produced? I can offer but

I never breathed my intention to my

If I had thought that the treasure

sum I would have considered too exor-

bitant to have given to get her into my

possession. But I felt sure such offer

From the moment I made up my

mind to commit the theft, I watched

for my opportunity, but for some time none presented itself. I never saw her

family, who always kept a close watch

usual in the square with the nurse, and

take care of her while you are gone.

me," I returned, "so be off nurse."

tience, then turned to go and meet it.

As I did so, a voice was borne on the

I turned, and beheld, half a square

I almost sank to the earth as I looked

breeze behind me-

"Stop madam!"

"Floribel!"

"take this and go across the

"come to me, come!" and I without the nurse, or some of the

ted when she rose.

up breathless.

would have been worse than useless.

weary hours.

her equal in New York city."

you women do carry on,"

n collecting myself. "Did I frighten you, child?" I asked, forcing a laugh. "You carelessly left Floribel upon the step, and I thought I would teach you a lesson; but I did not mean to frighten you so."

I spoke the truth; for I had no meaning, no intention, no thought but one, and that was to gain possession of my coveted treasure.

"I will help you take her back home," apparent friendly relations, retired. As walked back I pondered moodily mon my failure, not noticing the child is she rattled on. I had not better check, only muttering: try this game again, I thought; it is too

"Amelia," I said suddenly, for I had ecome quite intimate with the children, "do you think-" and here I hesitated, and looked at the little girl, fearing the effect of my next words. "Do you think," I continued desperately, you think," I continued desperately, the accession of the other little daughter and the nurse, who had come to bid state.

The child's eyes opened to their utmost extent. vould not. "But I mean to ask her," I cried ex-

citedly. any price!" "Oh, dear! what a funny idea!" said her how very happy she had made me, the little girl laughing heartily. "Papa and promising to let them see Floribel does say sometimes she is one too many n the family, but none of us think so; and papa doesn't think so either; he

aughl I was not so sure of the mirthful effect the child predicted for my request. The lady would probably think ie demented; and so I actually was, I believe, for the time,

tell mamma yourself. La! how she will

The child ran into the parlor leading little Floribel, and I followed. There

s the lady we told you about, who always notices Floribel so much when we take her out with us. And mamma, the wants to buy her! just think of it!" and the child broke into peals of laughand the child broke into peals of laugh-ter at the bare idea of so absurd a sug-of the world does not know how the

gone too far to retreat now, and I was a certain form which fashion prescribes so thoroughly convinced that she was for mea, are brought from abroad, but family, who always kept a close watch upon her. But one day I met her as not Floribel's mother that I began to whence comes the great supply of all the square with the purse and she was her own flesh and blood. So not be very far wrong if one were to summing up all the dignity I could say from Fulton County New York

come quite well acquainted now, and "You are doubtless astonished. drawing some small change from my square to that candy shop and get some covet your treasure so earnestly that I sugar plums, and we'll have a little feast under the trees. Floribel looks as though she would enjoy some; and I'll that the lady regarded me with indig-The nurse readily assented, but hesita-"Of course, ma'am, you won't let little girls, and others, too, perhaps,' "You can certainly trust her with fancying her looks relaxed a little, while I-have nothing." Here I could hardly restrain my tears, and one rolled

little one's silken curls. dling up. I snatched her up in my He stopped and looked at our emotion ing occasional glances behind me, I in surprise.

"Oh, Henry," cried Amelia, running to him, "this lady has fallen in love "Oh, ma'am," she cried, "you gave

lady, now speaking for the first time; "but, indeed, madam, you have touched come up this way-and then I caught a er had a child; and possessing a very glimpse of her little head over your my heart," and she wiped her eyes and kissed Floribel. shoulder. Oh, ma'am, what a turn you

But I did not despair. I turned to the young man. Here the nurse stopped and panted, "I am wealthy, "I said; "my husto pay any sum you may demand." "I got tired sitting there," I said,

the bait?

"Why, mother," he said, "you go on (Aha! didn't I say so? She was only So I was foiled for the once, but dean adopted parent.)

A few days after I was slowly sauntering by the house which contained my "Name your price," I said impa-

tiently to the youth. "What do you say to two hundred the stops when she seemed to have forgot- dollars, ma'am?" Two hundred dollars! I would cheerfully have given twice that amount. "You talk as if she belonged to you,

said his mother with asperity. "Now, mother," said the young man, going over to her, and kneeling by the side of her chair, while he stroked bled all over her eyes. She soon came upper step, gazing wistfully at the lossed door. In an instant I was across lain in the lady's arms, little dreaming start and took arms the subject of so more and took arms. erally she was with the nurse, or the little girls, but sometimes also of the little girls, but sometimes she glad cry, and put her face up to mine to you know that it is just two hundred glad cry, and put her face up to mine to you know that it is just two hundred glad cry, and put her face up to mine to you know that it is just two hundred glad cry, and put her face up to mine to was with a tall, stately lady with very be kissed. But I had no time to waste dollars that I lack to get me what you black hat a tall, stately lady with very lack hair, and eyes of the same deep in caresses now. The house was on a know, and what I have been wishing use I never spoke to her when in corner and I flew around it into a cross for so much? Here it is within my for so much? Here it is within my pany with the lady, lest the latter street. I should not be foiled this time. grasp; (for I had quickly signified my If I could only reach the horse-car I would be safe; but I had another block this little morsel," twitching Floribel's and lost a day, if one passed without to go and that was a long one between ear, "who is no kith nor kin of yours,

was said coaxingly. could see it in her face, which I watchthe street; a car was just in sight. I ed closely,

care of her," he continued.
"Indeed I will," I interrupted eager-"for I love her dearly."
"And you will bring her to see

sometimes?" asked the lady.
"Indeed I will." I said delightedly, seeing my cause was won.
"Take her then," said the lady, rising and placing her in my arms; "you and

to meet the advancing car. I raised my my son have conquered." cried, clasping my treasure to me. round and saw myself in the custody of upon the sofa, I hastened from the house,

"Only that I have bought little Floribel for two hundred dollars, and I want the money quick please."

The puzzled look on my husband's face told me he had quite forgotten all about the subject which had been engrossing my mind, for I had not mentioned it to him in a long time. In as few words as possible I recalled it to him. His astonishment was great.

"You don't mean to say Jennie that "You don't mean to say, Jennie, that the woman has sold her?"

"Yes, I do mean it," I said, "and I added, as the policeman, seeing our night. But write me out the check: quick now-there's a dear," I said pleadingly and my husband, who never denied me anything, fifted the required

"If that don't beat the Dutch!" Not stopping to inquire into the meaning of this irrelevant allusion to the Hollanders, I seized the check, with many thanks, and hastened back.

The whole party was in the parlor as adieu to Floribel.

They all took an affectionate farewell ost extent, of their little pet, and some tears were shed. I almost felt a pang of remorse in thus making a break in their little circle, but was too delighted at my suc-"Oh, child, I would give her cess to let anything disturb me long. I handed the lady the check, and telling soon and often, I departed with my

long-coveted treasure. And I am a happy woman, now. My only says so to teaze us. But come in, little darling is my constant companion. ma'am," as we reached her home, "and I bring her to the table, where she sits little darling is my constant companion. in my lap while I feed her. My hus- but not otherwise. band does not share in my enthusiasm. but I did not expect him to. In fact he hardly more than tolerates my acquisition; says I ought not to bring her to the table, and tells me to put her on the floor and let her feed herself from her own plate. Cruel man! And sometimes he calls her a wretched little cur! But sat the tall dark-eyed lady reading by the only does that to tease me, for I the window, she looked up as we enter-know she is a Skye terrier of the purest

HOW GLOVES ARE MADE. Where They Come From.

Nobody, so far as we know has ever The lady who had risen politely at my entrance, sank back in her chair with a look of utter amazement upon her countenance, and snatching up Floribel clasped her to her bosom with many endearing epithets. But I had many endearing epithets and I was a contain form which feathing prescribes other half lives; and we have little fear say from Fulton County, New York. Four-fifths of the gloves made in America, it is estimated, are manufacmadam, as well you may be, at my tured in the county named, and the strange request, but I cannot help it. I manufactories which make gloves else-

where are in great part the children of would pay any price for her possession." Fulton County, indebted to her for their "Oh, madam," I continued, as I saw nurture and their establishment in life. Fulton County, indebted to her for their The headquarters of the glove-maknant looks, "if you only knew how your | ing industry in Fulton County are forty little darling has wound herself around live miles northwest of Albany in Johns my heart-strings, you would pity a town Township. The villages of Glo-childless wife who yearns for some versyille and Johnstown in that townsweet little creature to console her ship contain a population of about 20, lonely hours. You have two charming | 000, seven-eighths of whom are glove makers. There are upward of 150 glovemanufactories in the section. Glovemaking in what is now Fulton County was begun early in the present century. down the lady's cheek and fell upon the Upon the passing away of Sir William Johnson, the famous Indian agent of Hope sprang up in my breast, and at colonial times, and of his son Sir John, hat moment the street door opened and a zealous Tory who fought fiercely for a young man walked into the room. King George, the Dutch farmers of the neighborhood looked about for some better means of support than were offered to them by the soil, which was "Why-" he began, looking from one not fitted for husbandry, although there was good grazing land upon the stony hillsides. A shrewd family from Conwith Floribel and wants to buy her-to necticut are popularly credited with introducing into the neighborhood the "I cannot part with her," said the manufacture of buckskin gloves, There was in the convenient North Woods in those days a supply of material for this manufacture so great that nobody would have thought it could ever be exhausted, but the demand of the American people for gloves proved to be still greater, and the North Wools band denies me nothing. I am willing deer ceased to be depended upon by the Fulton County glove-makers years ago. I saw his eyes glitter. He caught Gloversville and Johnstown are made of skins brought from the most distant over her as if she was your own dear parts of the globe. The great bulk are buck-skins and sheep-skins, but there are many others which the glovemakers use-among them seal-skin, dog-skin, "But I love her nearly as well as if East India cowhide, and the skin of the she were," said the lady, hugging South American water-hog. The bulk Floribel. Cental and South America. The deer of the tropics is covered with a heavier skin than covers the deer of these latitudes, and the finest sheep-skin comes from South Africa, and is that of the Cape hair sheep. "The coarser the wool the finer the skin," is a glove-maker's

saying. All manner of furs, too, go to Fulton County, to be used in finishing the gloves. The business of glove-making in Fulton County amounts to about \$8,000,000 yearly. The wages of the most skillful workers—the table-cutters, as they are called-run from \$60 to \$80 a month; block cutters get from \$55 to \$65 monthly, and machine girls earn, according to their skill, from \$6 to \$12

and even \$14 a week. The skins of which gloves are made go through a very exhaustive variety of processes. Some of them are soaked in vats variously from three days to four weeks, after which they get a scraping from the "beam" worker. They are His mother was certainly relenting; I then dried into parchment, then soaked in water, then "milled" in oil, then put upon the beam again and scoured of oil "I know the lady will take excellent and natural grease with alkali, being repeatedly dried in the course of this various treatment. After the alkali scouring they are put upon the "breaking" machine, and are then "hand-staked" with a blunt tool to render them pliable. Then they go on to the "buck-tail," or emery wheel, and from there into the identical oil and natural grease of which they were scoured with such pains. Then they are wrung out "How can I thank you enough?" I and colored, then again "broke-staked" and "finished" then smoked, and then "But wait; I will not take her until I turned over to the glove-makers, who bring you the money. I will be back promptly "stake" them again, cut them in half an hour," and tossing Floribel either on the block or by hand "table" cutting), "silk" them, sew them, do much else to them, put buttons on HOW TO CHOOSE FISH.

In Easy Way of Telling Whether They Are Fit to Eat or not. Salmon, pike, bluefish, whitefish,

gills, the hanging or keeping up of the fins, and the standing out or sinking of

If sturgeon cuts without crumbling, God and codling can be chosen by the

of the flesh when cut.

I had left it, the number increased by and the fish stiff, when dusky and fa-the accession of the other little daugh-ded, and the tails very pliable, they are in Japanese etiquette and custom which we never see in the north. Why, to see

Skate and thornback are chosen by sweetest, especially if large.

also much that the example of those in there may be cocoanuts, dates, lemons, the best lobsters are the heaviest if high places will do a good deal to modification. meat. A cock lobster is known by nar-

and hard; the hen is soft and the back of her tail is broader. If the flesh of pickled salmon feels oily and the scales stiff and shining, oily and the scales stiff and shining, one "who shall make any improvement some were nearly naked and all naked to and it comes in flakes and parts within shipbuilding." And now that so the waist. In the workshops I again

pale in color, and the body slimy; the under their throats.

irst, open the back to the bone; if the and progressive people. first, open the back to the bone, fish is white, flaky and oily, the bone white (or bright red), they are good. If Extraordinary Powers in the Feeble-Minded. from the bone and is sweet, it is good

In selecting dried ling, choose that right yellow.

is thickest, that will lightly part in flakes, has a somewhat transparent apearance, and looks and feels dry. kind, may be known by their softness other directions. In institutions devoand dull appearance.

ETTIQUETTE IN JAPAN. Cdstoms Prevailing Among this In-

teresting People There are probably few countries under heaven where ettiquette in every rank of life has attained such rigidity pains taken by the educated Japanese to stiffen out social intercourse with the Spontageous courtesy was unknown, and not the commonest action of leveryday life, from sneezing to marriage, from washing to a burial, but was regulated and prearranged in accordance with a rigid code of ceremonialism which never varied or changed, like the aws of the Persians and Medes, A apanese of the old school-a man, that is, of the generation now past the midlle age-was such a stickler for etiquette that when he drank a cup of tea r tossed off a bowl of saki he appeared to be as much engaged in a ritual performance as when at his devotions in the temple of his patron divinity. As regards formal salutations, he practised some score of them, as falling upon his knees and knocking his head against the ground when encountering a superior; until he acquired such suppleness from constant exercise of this description that his body appeared to be made of india-rubber. Some one well described this characteristic feature of Japanese life by saying that throughout the whole realm there is a constant succession of prescribed genuflexions, waves of obeisance flowing from highest to lowest, which can only be compared to the rows of blocks children set up and then topple down one after another by giving just a single touch to the first. Months before he is born, the Japanese -even in these days-becomes the vic-tim of the existing rule of etiquette, which compels the mother to wear a tight red band round her body, in order to prevent the unborn child from stealing the food from its mother's throat and so starving her. As soon as the little one is born the

unlucky mother comes within the grip of the same certmonialism. For nine days and nights she is wedged in a sitting position with bags of rice, and kept wide awake during the whole of that time. Then the infant, when a month old, makes his first ceremonial visit to his relatives, when etiquette requires he should receive a couple of fans and a bundle of hemp to spin a long life. At the age of seven the boy must receive a garment of honor, and learns the meaning of troublesome formality when he has bestowed upon him a new name. Four times in the course of his life every respectable Japanese changes his name, a perplexing piece of etiquette indeed, first when seven years old, then when coming of age, again when receiv-ing his first official appointment, and yet again when moved to a higher office or employment. And in the latter case,

f a superior in station have by chance the same designation, custom requires that the in erior should change it yet once again. Marriage in such a complicated piece of ceremonialism that even the Japanese no longer understand the mystle signification of the numerons formalities incident to the celebration, and the professional assistants at a wedding are obliged to have a number of necessary memoranda inscribed upon their fans in order to recollect the various details and arrangements which Japanese etiquette prescribes, It is suggestive of the rigidity of social formal sm in Japan that the language has no less than eighteen synonyms for the personal pronoun "I," one for each class of people, and etiquette makes it unlawful for a person belonging to one rank in society to make use of the pronoun pertaining to another. So firmly has formalism crystalized itself in every-

In so far as the gentler sex are concerned, it is not too much to say that it would be a decided gain to civilization if the example set by the Empress of Japan in the matter of Court ceremoried lady. Of course, there are numbers of late years who have adopted Euro pean fashions, wifes and daughters mostly of Japanese who have become imbued with Occidental idea, or o

men educated abroad or having traveled in Europe. These have given up the practice, but in the cases of the vast majority of young girls, no sooner does branch of a particular shrub to the house of her parents—than the damsel, have bought her. But I will tell you the veins and gristles are a genuine if the gentleman is accepted, becomes all about it when you come home toand pluck out her eyebrows. And the thickness near the head and whiteness a most villaneous mixture, often corroland mended, and measly little horses, Turbot should be chosen by its the gangrened mouth of a Japanese thickness and plumpness; if the fish is lady look like the sepulchre of all thick and the belly of a cream color, it will be palatable! if otherwise, it is not custom which compels a young beauty good.

The gills of herring and mackerel and hide the natural carnation of her should be of a bright red, the eyes full cheek beneath a layer of violet paint. It

sulted, any more than the industrial prosperity of the country is furthered

It is a strange but well known fact that in many persons who are idiotic or which is thickest in the poil and of a but little removed from the mental condition of idiots, certain powers of the For dried codfish, chose that which mind may be developed to an extraordinary degree. Remarkable precocity in the power of

arithmetical calculations is frequently Bluefish, wheak-fish, and most of his combined with a positive deficiency in ted to the care of feeble-minded chil-dren such examples are nearly always others are developed to excess. Some page at the first perusal. Ever after. when reciting from memory the stately One boy never failed to tell correctly the name and address of every confectioner's shop he had visited in London and could as readily tell the date of every visit. The faculty of number is usually slightly developed in feeble minded children, while memory is fairly well developed; yet occasionally the power of mental arithmetic has been well developed. Improvisation is an occasional faculty. Memory of tune is a very common faculty among the feeble-minded; they readily acquire

simple airs, and rarely forget them. In none of the cases of idiot savants has there been any history of the possession of a similar faculty by the parents or sisters or brothers. In one case Down, of London. The boy had a re-markable, indeed perfect, appreciation of past or passing time. There was no difference from an ordinary brain, with the exception that there were two wellmarked and distinct soft commissures, Dr. Down's explanation of the phenomenon was that, as every movement of the house was absolutely punctual, he had data from which he could esti-

mate the time by accurate appreciation of its flux. Every form of mental deviation may be met with in the congenital feebleminded. They may become the subjects of acute and chronic mania, of acute and chronic melancholia, and of dementia. Occasionally under the influence of acute mania, the feeble intellect of the youth becomes fanned into a brighter frame. The taciturn may become loquacious; the timid and re-spectful proud and defiant; the amiable and tractable, abusive and destructive, Three remarkable instances occurred to Dr. Down of boys who had never been able to speak making use of wellfor a ed sentences during the high febrile state of acute pneumonia or scarlatina.

It is of much interest to report all such cases, as they throw great light on the workings of the human mind health.

At the first coming of the Romans by

far the larger part of the country was

probably covered with wood. During the centuries of Roman occupation some of the less dense parts of the woodland were cleared. In driving their magnificent straight highways through the country the Roman legionaries felled the trees for 70 yards on each side of which has lain in a swallow's nest nine them to secure them from the arrows of days engenders love for the donor in her a lurking foe. So stupendous was the labor involved in this task that they gladly avoided forests where that was first swallow he should look if there be a possible, and sometimes even swung hair under his foot. If he find one his their roads to right or left to keep clear future wife's hair will be the same color. of these formidable obstacles, For many hundreds of years after the de- the neck, is by some supposed to render parture of the legions vast tracts of the wearer attractive; it is also considprimeyal forest remained as impenetra- ered good for strengthening the memory. ble barriers between different tribes. Nothing is supposed to bring better In these natural fastnesses the wolf, luck to a house than for swallows to brown bear, and wild boar still found a build their nests round it; or, on the secure retreat. Even as late as the other hand, be a worse omen than for twelfth century the woods to the north the nests to be forsaken. In some parts of London swarmed with wild boars of Germany it is deemed necessary to do so at their own peril, legally, accordand wild oxen. Everywhere, too, the wash the face immediately after the first ing to a new decision that reverses a broken men of the community betook swallow has been seen; otherwise one former one on the subject. themselves to these impenetrable re- must expect to be sunburnt and freckled treats, where they lived by the chase, during the year. and from whence they issued for plunder and bloodshed. The forests were

SIGHTS SEEN IN CUBA.

nied the Senatorial Party.

Upon the second day of our stay in Havana the senators were invited to the home of the captain general, the invita- | 1590. "Mr. Fikoyemon" make an offer of tion being sent through the American marriage—which is done oy fastening a consul, Gen. Williams. In accordance with the invitation, the party of "distiguidos viajeros Americanos" took carriages about midday for the home of the great dignitary in the suburbs.

We made a funny string of dilapida compound employed to dye the teeth is ted victorias, multitudinously patched ding the lips and gums and "making which, in appearance, beat the mule in sorrowful abstraction and utter hopelessness. We went in a helter skelter way up the Prado, past the Campo opening a new graveyard. Marte, and out the Pasco Tacon to the of Fi-gen to dye her lips a furious red, noted gardens and country house of the

Spanish Ruler. In the tropical gardens are worlds of them once leaves your mouth a little or their supporters about \$200,000. Skate and thornback are chosen by ple, and will change only slowly and in like that of a hungry dog eyeing a fortheir thickness; the female skate is the the course of many years. But there is bidden bone. In the same gardens also much that the example of those in there may be cocoanuts, dates, lemons, during the hours of sleep is five centithere is no water in them; if fresh the fy. Japanese have begun to see that it mammees, pomegranates, bread fruit, is not indispensible to good manners bananas, tamarinds, pine aples, man- time in Mexico, but as a rule it is only that an official should perform the goes, alligator pears, star apples, grape indulged in on Sundays and feasts of row back part of the tail and the two "Harikari" and disembowel himself in fruit, guava, custard apples, yams, rose uppermost fins within his tail are stiff public, because he deems himself in apples, citrons, and so on in an endless

The workmen were negroes and a the bands of the clerks in one day for by a law imposing a flogging upon any- few cooles, slaves or ex-slaves, and the purpose of redemption. out crumbling, it is fresh and good, august a personage as the empress has observed a curious thing, and that is nine population is the result. resolved upon introducing a simpler the tendency to make all motions away Prawns, Shrimps and Crawfish-The code of state ceremonial at court, there from the body. They sharpen pencils, first two, if stale, will be very pliable, can be no doubt that the intelligent whittle, hew and saw never inward or Japanese will beg n to awaken to the toward the body. It looks odd to see them with the stick fixed in position better food and less work. last will be pliable in their claws and joints, color blackish, and smell badly and stiff etiquette governing their every- and the saw held perpendicular in front rider their throats.

Pickled and Red Herring—For the with the traditions of an enlightened raised up and down. When a person the ammunition thus far being editowishes to beckon to another, he holds rial criminations and at use. up his hand with palm outward, gives a sharp "p-s-s-t," which is the universal letter in Latin, written by Christo-

site motion to what he would make. captain's general's daughter had her and a dead-beat is an individual alsplendid saddle horse, of pure Andalu-

clouds. Finally we returned to the house and proceeded informally to the dining present. Deficient in some faculties, single long table except the captain others are developed to excess. Some general himself, who remained standing such can carve and draw with great behind his daughter's chair during the skill. Extraordinary memory is often meal. Our party was a good deal emmet with associated with very great de-

t our exalted bost We then concluded that it was through point of etiquette or ceremony that he did not sit at table with us. So periods of Gibbon, he would, on coming to the third page, skip the line and retrace his steps, just as when he first recommitted the passage to memory.

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The oldest woman was 117, the oldest man was 120.

—The Suez canal is 325 feet wide at vants neglected no one. He never ate at such entertainments, as he has a the surface of the water and 72 feet weak stomach for indulgences, and wide at the bottom. It is 26 feet deep. regularly.

The servants were in gorgeous livery; the wine was superb, so that some of eves sparkle, and the refreshments simple and plentiful.

When it came to the champagne the captain general made a speech, which was translated by the consul general and Mr. Sherman responded, the consulgeneral again translating, and all drank The speeches were the usual conventional exchanges of compliments and good wishes, but the consul general told us afterward that the captain gena necropsy is reported by Dr. J. L. eral spoke with more warmth and evident sincerity than was usual with

him on such occasions, Before we left an invitation was given to come again in the evening, when there would be music and dancing, a large number of our party accepted and our ladies were much admired, and made a great impression. The Span- railroad, and makes four trips over the lards were greatly pleased at the ladies road every day. The bird pays no coming and dancing, and our young man showed some of the senoritas a

their wonderful beauty. We hardly saw a homely woman in Havana, and the naturalist, who was a prominent we saw some beautiful beyond description. There is a sameness about the stockings. beauty that might in the collective grow a little monotonous, but an individual instance is incomparable.

Even if the face is not otherwise fine women are like stars of the summer tom immemorial in old Spain, truly

woman's crown of glory.

The dark eyes and alluring lips full and rich, the sly grace of the fan or cigarette, the dainty, arched feet, with gold embroidered black stockings, and that most beautiful of all ornaments for the head, the mantilla, have often been celebrated in song and story and poetry, but they never received any more praise or admiration than they deserved.

The sight of a sitting swallow is ac counted fortunate; of one on the wing the reverse. The present to a lady of a gold ring

In Westphalia, when a man sees the

The heart of the swallow, worn round

THE one way of really saving food

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The balloon for the Paris exhibition of 1889 will carry up 100 persons. -Microscopes are said to have been invented by Jansen in Holland about

-Twenty States of the Union now have Arbor Days. New Jersey had two of them.

-In British experiments last year, copperas proved a valuable fertilizer for many crops.

-Bearing coats-of-arms was introfuced and became hereditary in England and France about 1192.

-The town of Denbigh, England, will celebrate the Queen's jubilee by -An experiment has developed the

fact that a snail can lift perpendicularly, nine times its own weight -An average election campaign in New York city costs the candidates

-A German physician has ascertained that the average gain in height metres.

-Cock-lighting is the national pasobligation. -In the New York sub-treasury

220,000 silver dollars passed through -A dog at Yonkers has bitten a

policeman, and a war on the local ca--Six chambermalds and nineteen girls in the laundry department of a Cleveland (O.) hotel have struck for

-New Orleans is the seat of a war hotly waged between two newspapers, -A little book containing a short

hailing signal in Cuba, and then waves pher Columbus, was sold at auction in his hand outwardly in exactly the oppo- Cologne the other day for \$1,000. -In China a man's relatives, even While we gathered at the stables the to his cousins, are holden for his debta.

most unknown, even to the tailors. sian blood and brought over from her | -It bothers the man who has earned nome, brought out and shown off for us, success by faithful, honest, brainy while a groom hung on to him desper- work to hear his friends saying among ately to keep him down out of the themselves: "What an infernally lucky fellow Jack isl"

-A Chicago phrenologist has decided that John L. Sullivan's head coom, where all were seated around a shows him not to be cruel, severe or aggressive by nature, but that he has a fondness for animal enjoyments.

-The sculptor Ezekiel, who executed the statue of Religious Liberty in the fect or reasoning. One boy, in reading Gibbon's "Rise and Fall of the Roman Gibbon's "Rise and Fall of the Roman growded out our exalted host."

Park, has been decorated by the Grand Duke of Saxe-Meiningen with the and Art. -Vital statisties in Germany are

anxious were we that one of our ladies said to show that in 1886 there were -The Sucz canal is 325 feet wide at

takes only very plain and simple food The canal is 100 miles long, about 75 miles of its length being actual excavation. -While the 8-hour day is the subject the connoisseurs of our party felt their of much concern with some workmen, a number of the weavers at Marlbor-

> ough, Massachusetts, are on the strike against being worked more than ten hours a day. -Paper botties are now being used by a manufacturer of ink and blueing in Chicago. The paper, or rather paper-mache, is especially prepared, and, except that it is not transparent,

has many advantages over glass.

-Cetti, the enterprising faster who "exhibited" in Parls and Italy, arranegd lately to turn his self-starving to pecuniary account by a public exhibntion in Berlin, but the authorities have forbidden it. -A wren has built her nest under

the eaves of a car on a South Carolina

fare, and does not appear to be entitled to a pass under the new law. thing or two in waltzing.

The more we saw of Cuban women the more unqualifiedly we acknowledged ferred on a society comprising both -The term "blue stocking," applied sexes in 1760. Benjamin Stillingfleet,

member of this society, were blue

-A truly regal present has been sent by the King of Portugal to the German Emperor, which is worth all the other royal birthday gifts put together. the lustrous eyes can light up and It is a sword of honor, with a blade glorify it, and the eyes of the Cuban specially made at the Lisbon arsenal, and exquisitely chiseled. The hilt is night, and the velvety black masses of of solid gold, incrusted in every part hair bound about their heads and thrust through with a gold bodkin, after cus-

sign supplied by the Queen. -An idea of the damage done the Australian rabbits in the colony of New South Wales is afforded by the report for the years 1883-1886. The report shows that \$1,807,460 was paid out, and that 7,853,787 rabbits were destroyed, and aids: In spite of this drain on the Treasury, the colony is not yet free from the pest, and more money will be asked for this year.

-Inhabitants of Northern Idaho are complaining of the tricks in trade of the Chinese. It is said that they mix gold dust worth \$8 an ounce with that worth \$16, and dispose of it at the maximum figure. Beside this they fail to burn their fine dust sufficiently, thereby retaining much quicksilver, and also file up sliver dollars and mix the filings with the gold.

-The changes in the method of purchasing supplies for naval vessels on foreign stations goes into effect on the 1st of July. Thereafter the paymasters on vessels will be required to advertise for proposals to furnish all supplies. The bids will be opened in the presence of the commanding officers of the vessels, and the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

-Passengers who jump off omnibuses that are in motion in Paris now

-There was picked up in the river at Bath, Maine, a few days ago, the water-soaked and battered figure-head of a vessel, which must have been a

ld consider it a liberty.

waited a moment in breathless impa-'Oh, Charles," I sighed, "if she were y mine! I would never weary of petag and playing with her." Well, Jennie, pet me, " said my hus-"But you're away all day; and I can't

dly, I dare say I can buy you one at a shoulder, and a stern voice said: asonable price. Suppose we adver-"No, indeed," I returned; "for I