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ABSURD CHINESE NOTIONS. the Celestial Empire.

ote of a paper read before the Academy Anthropology by Dr. Henry S. Drayton. The paper had been preand by Prof. E. P. Thwing, of the ing with pain, for his leg was broken, anten Hospital, and was sent by him ons, but very little knowledge.

One cause of this was the Chinese the people. The method of study not the means of information afforded now he had had this serious fall. Classes dector were difficult to overphysiology. They believe that the food I'm sure I can't tell," asses from the spleen into the stomach, that the larynx leads into the heart,

metals and water. Fire rules the heart, daughter to his side.
"Mandy, couldn't you act as my supmotals the lungs, water the kidneys, There is not a square inch of human pody that is nameless to the Chinese. All application is made on the dual sudden fright. rinciple of action and reaction, and

into use, and it is believed that the part dren, in which the patient suffers may be of the falot. Any body may become a "Yes, yes, yes," they answered in a holds that to prolong a disease is equiv- and girls. about to stealing the money obtained these deficulties the Chinese race con- least, so they all thought,

Chinese, as they believe that any dis-confidence had been imparted. gurement in life will be transmitted to the next world—that a one-legged man will become a one-legged angel. locters had wrought a great change, and the Chinese were at last gradually avakening to the necessity of a scientific study and practice of medicine. The people had learned where to find prests and quacks. China was an unimited field for women physicians, as a thenese woman would suffer almost on thing before she would submit to treatment by a male. Vaccination had been recently introduced, and was regarded as a blessing. There were also to advancement in the knowledge and and how fast the hours flew by. practice of medicine, but it was being vercome slowly but surely .- N. Y.

Few of our readers are aware that the watem of punctuation now so generally adopted, and which is so absolutely becausery to the preservation of the becoming of the author, is of compara- and they all agreed that this was the

to by modern origin. It was not until the close of the fifthe peroid (,), the colon (:), the commu ... were introduced in manuscript the semicolon (;) was first used in typo | dignity of schoolmistress. graphy. The period is the only point that is not modern. It was used by the Romans indiscriminately. It was never employed to indicate the termination of a sentence. Its use seems to have been to separate, answering for the

Punctuation is of much more mportsace than is generally supposed Owing scho absurd passage appeared in a German tried, and the school was the best one paper: Next to him Prince Bismarck in that part of the country. walked in on his head, the well-known military cap on his feet, large but wellpolished top-boots on his forehead, cark ing cane in his eye, a menacing glance and g rls. in gloomy silence.

to be ashamed of yourself. With all as never man spake. "Whatsoever ye the money I give you you ought to would that men should do to you, do

Old Crummles-Oh, you have, have

you. What is it, Young Crummles-An Umbrella.

Mandy's School-

"Oh, Mandy! Come quick. Your father's fallen down from the hay-mow and I'm afraid he's killed himself." Mandy, startled beyond measure, ran at her mother's summons. Her father had fallen indeed, but he was not killed. He lay on the barn floor groan-

Mr. Ca-twright was an elderly man Dr. Drayton to be read before the who had passed his life in teaching. He salemy. Dr. Thwing declared that had been principal of a private academy gence did not exist in China. The in the town of Monroe. Yet, though a rences of conturies had crystalized, to manage his own money matters ad there was an abundance of theories, wisely. About a year before his accseculations, traditions and superstident he had been obliged to give up the academy and had moved into the village of Glairomott, hep ng to be aponguage, the most meager and tedious pointed teacher of the village school. He had been too late, though, in makof all tongues. The Chinese scholar ing his application, and a younger man had been given the place. The young was unable to study them in his man, however, had not proved a sucun. But still greater obstacles than cess, and now, after twelve months of his were the ignorance and prejudice patient waiting, Mr. Cartwright had been appointed to the position, School was to open that very morning and

"Oh, dear! oh, dear! ' sighed the A single Chinese work on mother while the surgeon was attend-mater a medica and therapeuties, was ing to the injured limb, "we we e just a farty volumes with quotations from on the point of thinking ourselves commenthors. A work on plants was in has come. It does seem as though we viv volumes with 1,715 engravings. move out of one trial right into an as the dissection of the body is for-bodien in China, the Chinese have the right or it wouldn't be so, and whatmust absurd notions of anatomy and ever is to become of the children to-day

Mandy looked out of the window which commanded a view of the village that the larynx leads into the heart, street, and saw the children assembling that the soul is in the liver, and that before the school-house door. The the pit of the stomach is the seat of news of the accident had not reached breath and the source of joy. They them. Some one must go and tell them segard the skull as one bone, likewise about it, and that some one must be the arm. They regard the right kidney herself. She reached upward for her as the gate of life, and hold that each argan is related to earth, air, fire, saw the movement. He called his

> ply to-day? I think you could teach very well.

> It was a good deal to ask of a 16-year old girl who was just recovering from a

Mandy, though, was one of the sort who are ready for emergencies. She other pagan means are used in treat-The medical students study ession for one of her age. Probably anatomy from the copper model of a the reason for this was that her mind anatomy from the expper model of a as well as her body had been carefully man, which is pieceed with holes and trained. She was a strong girl in every marked with the names of pulses. When she swept a room she did These pulses are divided into six wrist it thoroughly well. When she studied pulses, and each wrist pulse is sub- a lesson she mastered it. Her father hyded into twenty-four others. There- had taken great pains in teaching her, for the Chinese medical student has to and he was justly proud of the result. study 144 pulses in order to become Mandy ran down the hill on which amiliar with the Chinese system of their house was standing, and was pres-The idel is also brought ently among the group of waiting chil-

"My father's had a bad fall and canon which the patient siniers may be uot come to school," she announced; will you let me take his place?"

"I'm 'most glad the old man fell, from the patient, while having a case one boy whispered to another. "I'd terminate in death may result in the lawe her for a teacher any day." He was the leader of the school and doctor losing his head. In spite of all his opinion was worth something. At

"Do you think they'll let her stay?" Surgery is utterly unknown to the whispered back the one to whom this

best we can to help her." Mandy mounted to the platform an rang the teacher's beil. As she stood and yet the Chinese are capable of bee ming excellent surgeons, for they one could have called her pretty. Yet are all the coolness and definess neces- she had a kind, pleasant face, with a eary to the calling. Dr. Thwing de- winning smile which was always ready chired that the changes within the last to beam upon anyone. No doubt that fared that the cranges within the hast was the secret of her popularity. For the years in the practice of medicine the rest, she had a clear complexion, in China had been marvelous. The in- oright gray eyes, brown hair, with a vasion of European and American rather large nose and a broad mouth. "Wouldn't you like to begin with singing?" she asked in a cheerful voice that gave no hint of her own anxieties. "Yes, yes, yes, ' the children answered as before.

"Then we'll sing a verse that I like. elet, and were denouncing their it is this. I will first teach you the words and then the tune.

> "To do to others as I would That they should do to me, Will make me honest, kind and good, As children ought to be."

The words were quickly learned, and sarded as a blessing. There were also the tune almost sang itself. Mandy sarty mission hospitals in China, with read the Bible and they all repeated chinary doctors in attendance, and an the matchless prayer, "Our Father, effort was being made to establish an who art in Heaven." After that, spellaction for the insane, something hitle ing, reading, writhmetic, recess, geoerto unknown in China. The conserva- graphy, writing, grammar. Every boy ham of the Chinese was a great barrier and girl knows what a busy day it was

At four o'clock the scholars went home and reported. At seven o'clock there was a meeting of the school com-

"I move," said one of the number, "that Mandy Cartwright be allowed to fill her father's place until he is able to take it himself. She seems to have made a hit to-day." "I second the motion," said another,

best arrangement they could make. The next morning when Mandy terath century that those familiar marks, peared before the school she felt a trifle taller than the day before, and several years older no doubt. But she was not a girl to put on airs, even though writings, and less than a century age she had so unexpectedly arrived at the

She open d with the same verse that she had taught her pupils on the preceding day:

"To do to others as I would That they should do to me."

"Children," sald she, "that is the "space," or blank now seen between only rule we will have while I am your teacher. I think that if we all try to obey it we shall have a very pleasant chool, don't you?"
"Yes, yes, yes," they answered in to defective punctuation, the following their own vigorous way. And they all

Indeed, Mandy was so highly successful that when her father recovered the committee persuaded him to teach in another "district," in order that Mandy clouds in his hand, the inevitable walk might continue to teach their own boys

Who ever before heard of a teacher who had only one rule? But that rule THOUGHTFUL YOUTH-Old Crum- was taken from the greatest of Teachmies - What! More money! You ought ers, who spoke words of wisdom such have jut by something for a rainy ve even so to them." is the way we read it in the Bible. To follow that Young Crummles—But I have put makes good scholars, good playmates, something for a rainy day, good brothers and sisters, good chilwonder that Mandy had a successful rections.

RUBBER BULBS.

How They Are Made and Prepared for Market.

It is commonly supposed by the unline, that encircles a bulb shows the Toys, balls and hollow goods generally joining of the pieces of which it is are all made in the same manner a made. The fact, however, is that the bulbs. pie es or original parts of the bulb are invariably joined at right angles to the bead line. Long bulbs, such as syringes and atomizers are made of two deces; round bulbs, as pumps and palls, are made of three pieces. New and unique styles that call for variation from the established modes are daily icountered,

A competent pattern maker, however, will find little difficulty, as a general thing, in so joining the parts as to secure the best results, both in vulcanizing, where the even swelling of the article must be considered, and in wear and tear, where the seams must run so as to be protected as much as possible by the general contour of the After the pattern maker has decided by measurement and experiment upon

the shape and size of the parts which go to form the bulb, zinc or galvanized iron patterns are made and given into the hands of the cutters, Mixed sheets or squares, the bulb making begins. piece cut must have distinctly skived edges. Considerable care is necessary in this, as the strength of the

The pieces when cut are arranged in large books with leaves of smooth cloth.

If the bulb has a neck, small pegs of ink, passes from desk to desk, refron are first prepared by being cemented and wound with strips of rubber as a nucleus for the neck. The two or three parts of the bulb are then brushed with cement the whole length of the skived edge, after which they are thoroughly heated.

When thoroughly warmed and softened, the bulb maker, taking a prepared peg, places the neck of one piece on one side of the rubber core, and another neck piece on the opposite side, then presses them firmly together, and rolling the whole tube-shaped piece between thumb and forefinger has finished

the neck of the bulb.

The next process is that of knitting the edges which form the seam. Holding the finished neck toward him in his left hand, with the thumb and foretinger of the right he pinches the edges firmly together for nearly the whole distance round.

The shaps is now not unlike that of a "long clam," Into the side aperture, which is left open, is poured a little water or liquid ammonia. The opening is then made still smaller, and, as a final touch, the maker puts his lips to the or fice, and puffing out his cheeks till they look like miniature ba loons, bl ws full and hard into the inside of

The softened rubber under this suddoctor, and consequently quacks and confused murmur. It was evident that den pressure expands, the flattened shape is lost in a fuller and more round ed outline, while the operator, with a quick nip of the teeth, closes the opening, the imprisoned air and water holding the sides apart in symmetrical corpulency. There are those who can never learn the knack of blowing up a bulb with the mouth, but are obliged to use a bulb to inject the air.

After the makers have done with the onfidence had been imparted. now par'ly made bulb, it is passed to "Well, I hope so. Let's all do the the trimmers, who, armed with scissors with curved blades, carefully circle the seams, cutting away all unevenness, till the whole exterior is smooth and ready for the mould. In front of the trimmers are a number of shallow pans partly filled with chalk. Into these the

A small dumb waiter takes them lown to the mould room and returns the empty pans. The bulbs on leaving the chalk pans are deposited in a small cylindrical box which, turning a few times, powders them so effectually that the rubber cannot adhere to the inside

An experienced mould worker now taking one-half of a mould in his left hand, with his right gently forces the bulb into it, capping it with the second half. If the pattern maker has done his part faithfully, each will just fit ituld. If not, they will come out of the vulcaniz-r wrinkled, showing that at the girls as they pass, it was too large; or, if glazed and im-

perfect, that it was too small, A flat iron ring or clamp holds the two sections of the mould together when in the vulcanizer. This is tightened by iron wedges which are driven between the mould ends and a clamp. The girl, whose bright eyes, fresh color, and moulds, after being keyed, are piled on eager look told of light-hearted happicars that run upon small tracks into the vulcanizers, and are cured by steam air of culture which is an added at-

When the curing process is completed the vulcanizers are opened, and how my heart went out to her for her the cars, by a short extension of the track, are run under a simple shower bath, which quickly cools them. They are then unkeyed, the moulds twisted open and the bulbs taken out. If the work be well done, the swelling of the liquid within its rubber prison has exerted so intense a force that every lime and letter within the mould is reproduced upon the outside of the bulb, while the sulphur combining with the heat has sealed the copies with its magic

The iron peg in the neck is next loosened by means of a blunt awl, and the afternoon; but mother, though her slipped out, leaving the bulb perfect in back aches, has no time for such an shape. In the mould room are large car-like boxes into which the bulbs are thrown. A box being full, it is trun- mothers. Coax them to let you relieve dled away to the cylinder room, where it undergoes a thorough scouring and which for years they have patiently polishing in huge slowly revolving borne.

When taken out of the cylinders the dirty yellow color which the bulb bore on leaving the mould has wholly disappeared. It now looks smooth, white and finished. The neck being cut off the required length by a small adjusta The neck being cut off ble cutter-devised expressly for the purpose-the bulb is ready for market, or for the various fittings which accompany it as adjuncts to the syringe, atomzer, or other buth

Where a smooth, clear cut hole is needed in any part of the bulb, except the neck, it is cut by a swiftly revolv-ing punch. The neck hole is left by the iron peg as already described. A good illustration of the power of the imprisoned steam within the bulb may be obtained by knocking a clamp off a mould before it has been treated to the shower bath.

The two hemispheres of iron will fly apart as if by magic, the bulb swells to treble its no mal size, and explodes with a loud report. The mould workers are sometimes badly burned by hot water, dren, good men and women. It is no which bursting bulbs scatter in all di-

good, energetic spring, that has just the right smoothness of outline, that is not scarred by imperfections in the mould, and that has the whiteness of a healthy cure, is an object that always wins the initiated that the "bead," or raised respectful admiration of rubber men.

> HARD-WORKED CLERKS. Female Toilers in the Chicago Pen-

Chicago Pension Office have good cause to dread the quarterly pay-day which confronts them just four times too often every year, says the Chicago Herald. From 7.30 o'clock in the morning until the same hour in the evening these industrious toilers in the Government vineyard have scarcely a minute's rest from their labors, and for several days following the beginning of it matter to you? I have been left each quarter they are the hardest workers in the custom-house building. The Pension Office at Chicago prior to one of these occasions resembles a great bee-hive, yet a very quiet one. At 7,30 'W in the morning the interior already presents an animated appearance; semi-darkness of the room is relieved by electric lights that glimmer like of the required thickness being s, read stars above the various desks, yet fail and afterward cut into convenient sides to relieve the gloom of the large apartment. Groups of girls are flirtting about in the passages between the desks and some have started on their long day's labor, from the unskilled seam depends upon the smooth fitting of the edges. The three parts for holin pigeon-holes to the pretty young ow balls may, however, be cut with a black-haired clerk facing the door, who is already fathoms deep in figures.

A busy little woman with a supply plenishing the clerks with material with which to work and later returning with a large pile of vouchers from which to copy addresses on the eco nomical br wn envelopes which Uncle Sam furnishes to his large family for official use. If there were any inclination to gossip among the scores of fe-male clerks it would soon be nipped in the bud by the head clerk, who watches his brood very closely. The novitiate who in her innocence begins a conversation with her vis-a-vis, is suddenly aware of a warning glance bent upon her, and look ng up she notes a frown that seems strangely out of place upon a face modeled from one of nature's jolliest patterns. A phren-ologist wou'd be surprised at this apparent paradox, for on that round head the bump of combativeness is almost invisible. But life in this minature West Point has forced an unnatural semblance of sternness upon the "captain's" features, and during business hours his natural social tendencies are wholly obscured.

The clerks engaged in addressing the pension envelopes encounter some very queer names while copying addresses from the vouchers. As the right honorable commi-sioner at Washington abqueer cognomens as Nebuchadnezzar Monkheimer, Epaphroditus Epaminondas Mauschrausch, Jane Turnipseed, Ulysses Grant, Scheller de Bou', Nils G. Utter, or more melancholy yet, Hyppelite Gravelot, and a score of others equally peculiar and outlandish. When the great Lard playfully asked: "What's in a name?" he was not ac quainted with many female pension clerks, or they might have given him several pointers upon this much-quoted interrogation.

These girls by the way, are nearly all well educated and refined in man ner, but, as Mrs. Partington would say, somewhat "rejoosted" in circum stances. They are a better grade than the average clerk, and the majority have eagerly seized these positions a offering more respectability than other work within their reach. Four out of five are dressed in black, which somber hue tells its own story. It can not be said that they are contented with their lot, for this is scarcely true, yet they know if they fall out of the ranks there are plenty who stand ready to take their places. So they steadily p.y their pens and occasionally heave a sigh of regret as they see the army of ignorant men in the offices across the hall who are smoking in the corridors and leering

"It's mother's turn to be taken care

This speaker was a winsome young unselfish words?

Too many mothers, in their love for their daughters, entirely overlook the idea that they themselves need recreation. They do without all the easy, pretty, and charming things, and say nothing about it; and the daughters do not think there is any self-dental involved. Jenny gets the new dress and mother wears the old one, turned up-side down and wrong-side out. Lucy goes on the mountain trip and mother stays at home and keeps house. Emily is tired of study and must lie down in indulgence.

Dear girls, take good care of your them of some of the harder

The Listener may mention the case of a fond mother of his acquain ance and beneficial to her as to him. He had who has a remarkable baby, who, the mother insists, says "Mamma's little girl" so distinctly that anybody world could make it out. And this is the way, exactly, that the baby pro-

"Lubble, lubble, lubble!" This is not new y such plain English as a friend of the Listener's, now a man and an honest and able one, who when he was 2 years old, mystifled the members of his family by calling out in the imperative mood: "Bixit, baxit, cloxiti"

All gathered round and tried hard to make out what the youngster meant. But the most definite statement that they could get out of him was "Bixit, baxit, cloxit!" At last, by dint of a good deal of pantomime, the child got them into the pantry, and indicated a particular place in it, and then his remark translated itself to them. What he meant to say was: "I want a biscult, in the basket, in the closet."

HELPS TO HIGH LIVING. -Carry out to heart's content, soul's

The conquers mildly, God benignantly regardeth. -Robert Browning.

TRUE MARRIAGE NOT A FAILURE.

'Almost 8 o'clock!' Harry Benton hurriedly replaced his watch and laid aside the book he had b en reading.
'Marion, I think I'll go down town

a little while. Do you mind?'
The young wife, sitting at the optosite side of the table, glanced up from her delicate embroidery. 'Yes, Harry, I mind; but what does alone a great many evenings this winter and suppose I can survive your absence to-night, as I have done be-

'Why, Marion, you are not angry?' 'Oh, no, not in the least, Go if you

He careless'y kissed his wife goodbye, and hurried out into the darkness Marion listened to his departing footsteps with an unusual feeling of loneliness, and sighed as she remembered the days of their early married life, when Harry was content to spend his leisure

evenings with her, and seemed always eager to contribute to her happiness in every way. The more ste pondered the sadder she became, until bitter tears fell thick and fast upon her work. She felt that Harry was slowly but surely drifting away from her affections, and she shud-

of life without him-the mockery of existence without his love. When Harry Benton sought and won the hand of Marion Bradley, she was the acknowledged belle of Fairfield. Harry was a promising young lawyer of sound moral principles, flattering business pro-pects and generally conceded to be in every way worthy of Dr. Bradley's young daughter.

Unfortunately, Marion had never known a mother's tender care. The changed and the reunited friends chat-inexhaustible love of the maternal nature she was not permitted to know, an I vet Dr. Bradley had never forgotien his wife's dying injunction: 'Train her and care for her always as I would visit which promised so much of plea-

intentions, shielded Marion from every- you.' thing in the nature of work save that

attractive. Vivacious in conversation, do with it. always light-hearted and full of good humor, was a universal favorite among that I am quite indispensable in my written out in full—there are no labor-aving devices in the pension departand all predicted a successful and happy | ability will allow. career for Lawyer Benton and his fair bride.

> eve and a short wedding journey fol- lon's co-e- parlor lowed. part of the town was the wedding gift with her attractive appearance.
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> of Dr. Bradley to his daughter, and,
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> Everything in connection w during the temporary absence of the

newly-mated pair, the entire house was feminine taste, and yet one would furnished ready for occupancy. The readily discover that dress, in is populated doctor's faithful hous keeper, whose lar sense, could claim but a comparaprecious charge Marion had been since tively small share of her attention. her birth, seemingly anticipated even that could contribute to Marion's con- ing nature. venience and comfort.

Harry Benton and his young bride set would think you were still a school gar sail upon a smooth sea unruffled by to judge from your looks; and you seem

ther's love, and happiness reigned as ried, was so bright and attractive as Harry her? and Marion inspected it for the first ime, that they were quite charmed ished to hear you talk in that way. with the idea of housekeeping, and de- You surely are not in earnest; and yet ided at once that it would be far pre- I know that what you have said is but ferable to boarding, as they had con- the echo of popular sentiment. Let me nistre s and servant, and it was agreed riage. The question has been repeatthat she should attend to the household edly discussed by representatives of all duties without the questionable assist- classes. It has been caricatured to a nce of a servant.

attempt, for who would not rather be of marriage as an institution. Every served with biscuit strongly suggestive man and woman, who enters into the of heaviness under such conditious than holy state of matrimony, assumes an to partake of a feast without these individual responsibility, pleasing accompaniments.

failures in the cooking art, but out of success.' kindly consideration for her feelings he race ully sampled her varied concocflavor of suppressed merrin

As the winter wore on, Harry bushed himself through the long evenings with be sure; but these constitute the ground reading, which was always of an inbit of fancy work. This was her stly be termed such. She cared little for books save occasionally some light n vel. Biography, history, science had no charms for her. They would do for Harry; a man needed those things.

Harry had frequently ventured to emonstrate with her and endeavored from time to time to impress her with oft n tried to interest her in his business affairs and suggested that she in the might help him in many ways if she But Marion denied adaptability and

of tears, lonely and alone. neglect. The dainty dishes which, afer patient practice, she had succeeded in preparing so nicely, no longer what you have stated may all be true, tempted the hungry husband, and it but I never thought of the matter in

was always with an unwilling effort such a light before.'

in anything which interfered with her comfort. Yet she was wholly blind to Women are so ready to believe all men purpose.

Set foot on some one path to heaven.

Live in harmony with truth.

Live in harmony with truth.

Live in harmony with truth.

> born of Harry's seeming neglect. Her untidy appearance, her indifferwhich means to much to a woman who values her husband's admiration, were not suggested to her sorrowful, ques-

tioning spirit. These things had grown upon her so gradually that she failed to see wherein ture. she had changed as well as Harry.

So, without any scruples of conscience, she buried the bitterness of her soul beneath a calm exterior and reolved that Harry should never know the price she had set upon his devo-

Next day Harry came bome from the flice and handed Marion a letter which the postman had le't upon his desk that morning.

Marien hastily broke the seal and

read aloud the contents. 'Well, I am so glad,' she exclaimed, that at least I am to have a visit from H 'en Meldrum.

had marr ed and settled in widely sep. days, arated towns, and now for the first time in their married lives they were to meet and spend a few weeks together.

Marion anticipated the visit with Intense pleasure, and so busy was she in preparation for the event that the trouwhich had borne so heavily upon ber during the months that had passed, temporarily took its flight,

The day arrived when Helen was expains to have the house in order, and a pleasing improvement upon the ordidered as she though, of the hollowness nary appearance was distinctly notice-

As the hour at which the train was due arrived, she donned her wraps and hurried to the depot to welcome her old friend and school-mate. The train with its long line of heavily freighted cars pulled slowly into the station and Marion readily recognized her expected visitor peering anxiously from a win-

dow. Affectionate greetings were ex-

to Marion's home. 'I hardly felt justified,' said Helen, 'in leaving my husband surrounded by the child in the way she should go; love so many business cares, even for this ure. But he insisted that I should The good housekeeper, who for so take a rest and I knew no way in many years had presided over the doc- which I could spend the time more tor's household, had, with the kindest satisfactorily than in visiting with

'So really I am indebted to your huswhich she was disposed to undertake of band, Helen, for this visit, said Mar-her own free will. But, pray, why do you feel such Marion had inherited much of her a responsibility in connection with his mother's beauty and was exceedingly business? You surely have nothing to 'Oh, yes, Marion, I flatter myself

The conversation then turned upon various other topics of mutual interest. The marriage occurred on New Year's and soon Helen was ushered into Mar-

From the very moment of Helen's A corey little cottage in a desirable address, Marion was strongly impressed Everything in connection with her dress was so suggestive of exquisive

Every movement was energy itself. the most insignificent needs of the new and her conversation was full of inspihousehold, and nothing was left undone ration, born of a cultivated and aspir-

'Helen,' said Marion one day, 'I have The oil of parental affection had been been thinking how lightly the years of reely sprinkled upon the waters, and married life have affected you. One waves of care or trouble.

They were surremely satisfied in each ambition to the wind when I was mar-What need has a woman to queen of the new home for many bother herself about books or business nonths. Everything about the house when she has some one to take care of

'Why, Marion, I am really aston- think how far from it you were, deplorable extreme until we are dis-Everything possessed such an air of gusted with every reference to the oung matron to perform her daily that was ever suggested for discussion. In the linen all so new and spotconscientions appreciation of this fun-Harry was not blind to his wife's damental truth Les the very essence of

'Why, Helen, what responsi ilities can a wife have a side from the discharge tions, not always, though, without a of her household duties and the rearing of her children?"

'A very natural question, Marion, to

work of domestic life into which the structive charatter, and Marion usually wife should weave all the embellishimployed the time with some fascinationents which her circumstances will admit. Oh, if women, instead of des one great failing and with her it could pairing under heavy burdens of domestic unhappiness, would begin a thorough and impartial search for their own possible failings, how many miserable years might be avoided. Many a man drifts away from home simply because his wife has ceased to be attractive. It is no fancy with him; it is an actual condition to which he radually becomes accustomed. She takes no pains to interest herself in what is pleasing to him or to make herself the center attraction, as she should be. If he comes home from his daily toll weary with the vexations of business she manifests no special pleasure at his return or solicitaste for business, and every effort to tude for his comfort. Ant as far as prove the contrary was unavailing. So sympathy in his business affairs is conher unambitious, selfish nature was cerned it would never occur to him to continually absorbing nourishment mention such a matter, and where is from Harry's forbearance and gentle- the man worthy the name who would not appreciate the sweet sympathy and Days, weeks and months pass, and counsel of his wife in the ever-recurring the hurrying wheels of time bring Mar- perplexities of business life? But, on's first wedding anniversary. An- Marion, I did not intend to preach you other year passes more quickly than the a sermon. You have doubtless thought first; and so they come, one after another, till we find her bathed in a flood have.'

Marion reclined upon a couch with Her house, once so attractive in its one arm carelessly thrown above her neatness, had suffered seriously from head, and for a moment she seemed in deep but painful study.
'Well, Hel-n,' she said presently.

said He'en, 'upon mature reflection sonally responsible for her own trouble neglect home and family and crift into Beryl, Cobalt, Kaolin, Iodide, Oxide, lives of dissipation and vice. In nine Bromide and Sulphide. cases out of ten, the wife possesses the

unconscious of the fact.' and reflected that she might have touched a very tender spot in her na-

might exist in her own family. During the r. mainder of Helen's - Miss Paunceforte, the eldest daughrisit her mind was constantly reverting ter of Sir Julian Paunceforle, the Engto that conversation, and although she lish Minister at Washington, is the assumed to be interested in whatever leader of the fashionable walking briwas being said or done, she could think gade. She is tall and graceful, and can

of but one thing, and that was her mis- outwalk any two of her numerous adtaken conception of marriage. The days passed all too rapidly, and

little thinking of the telling influence she had exerted in that home. The two girls had been room-mates to school for two happy years, and a friend away with inexpressible feeling them for violations of the excise regulasting affection was the result. Both of loneliness which lingered for many Harry began to notice that she

> which she evidently chose to conceal the discoveries which have placed him from him and for a time he refrained among the world's million

> the twilight enjoying the solemn quiet intervention of steam.
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> of the dying day, Marion suddenly determined to open her heart to her hus band as she had not done for many table to be a months, and to know for herself whether the old love could be revived through any act of hers. She crept into his arms with a look

of b-seeching tenderness, and gathering upon employers. together al. the courage of her nature, she unfolded the bitterness of her soul to him.

sion it had made upon her own heart; in many particulars, being the time she told him of the struggles with when the Declaration of Independence pri e in confessing to him her faults was signed by the four hundred and and of her unselfish resolves for the about the date when George Washing-new year. And all that evening these two, -Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe

the years, renewed their wedded love States declared war with Great Britain. and thanked God for Helen's visit. How to Take Care of a Watch.

The following may be taken as fun- Stowe's "Oldtown Folks, damental maxims in the care of a watch: 1. Do not let a watch run down, but

wind it regularly at a fixed time each From 40 to 200 men and hearly 40 with a reliable regulator.

3. Hold the watch still when wind-Never shake a watch violently, Never meddle with the works.

Never carry your watch near an than two years without cleaning.

Never put your watch into the ands of a poor workman. If your watch stops: ee whether it has run down, and if it has wind and set it.

2. If it has not run down, see whether the hands have caught. If | -Benjamin L. Farjeon, the novelist, they have, by using care you may free is a dark-faced, piercing eyed, intensely

to a watch-maker. 1. If into fresh water, open the cases paper; but having received a to the works and put the watch, opened, letter of encouragement from Charles into a cup of kerosene or machine oil. Dickens, cast the cares of editorship to No time should be lost in doing this, the winds, and returned to England Then, as soon as possible, take it to a since when he has turned out some

Give the Boys a Chance.

We mean your boy, the little fellow tangible to him as yours are to you. Remember he is no more a born saint than you were. And if you just reflect a little you will be ashamed to the far from it you were.

Don't forget him as soon as his -The Empress Eugenia, it is said 'good-bye, papa," fades away behind is as much of a recluse as though she you. Didn't he ask you for something? were a nun. All day long she sits in —a jackknife or a hammer or a new her sunny parlor in a little London slate or some pencils or something or house, with a tablet in her lap, sketchtemplated doing. Marion suggested give you my idea. We hear a great state or some pencils or something or house, with a tablet in her lap, that she was equal to the tack of both deal nowadays about the failure of marto show him that you do you might preparing for publication. The book better forget a business appointment will contain the letters of the late Em-

If he asks you for something your perial, the proceeds from which will go better judgment says he should not to the fund for the relief of the widows cleanliness that it was a delight to the matter. It is the most absurd question have, don't be content with simply ignoring that was ever suggested for discussion.

The matter is the most absurd question have, don't be content with simply ignoring the boy's wish, but take the properties of the war of 1870.

"During his visit to Norway the ness. Just out of school, she had the air of culture which is an added attraction to a blythe young face. It was mother's turn now. Did she know was mother's turn now. Did she know was mother's turn now. Did she know attempt for who would not rather be afternot for which he was the substantiating the follows and the substantiating the follows afternot for who would not rather the substantiating the follows and substantiating the follows and the substantiation and the substan

If he has lost or broken his jackknife, pleased with the conveyance that he and asks you for a new one, con't scold purchased one, and also bought a Lofhim. Albeit you may give him a little odden boat for use on the lakes at Pots lesson in carefulness, but don't tell him dam." you can't afford to give him ten cents for a new one, and then before you leave the house pull out your cigar case greater than at present, and the daugh-and light a ten-cent cigar.

distinctions before you know it, Brazillan Society.

Society in Brazil is divided in state crown, distinct classes—the aristocrats, the ing her skirt looped up with many and the lower classes. The studded chains, and tass-is which once studded chains, and tass-is which once ladies of the upper class are undeniably leautiful. They have raven black hair, white teeth and perfect forms; and if it were not for the enormous amount of plaster-of-parts enamel with which they cover their faces they might have lovely, creamy complexions. But their wondrous eyes are the chief and neverending charm—large, dark, lustrous and full of expression, throwing more a gentleman of New York has just disand full of expression, throwing more a gentleman of New York has just dis-meaning into a single glauce than an covered among some old popers belongs hour's conversation could possibly coning to a past generation a very uniquvey; for though attractive and capti-vating in their simplicity and grace, they may not be able to write a single cluding that of Franklin Pierce. They sentence correctly-for the education of are not cut from black paper, as is women is not considered essential to frequently done, but the profiles are their happiness. They learn embroid- cut out of white paper which is then ery and music indifferently, and spend placed over black. their lives in rocking chairs and ham- No better or cheaper insect des'royer mocks, never reading a book of any can be found forgardens than the toul,

The girls are very fond of their dolls, each for them. taking them wherever they go, even to A very ingentous instrument has church; and never give up playing with lately appeared for showing the velocity and sixteen years, thus early assuming level of mercury in a trough. life. Young mothers, little more than clares that we may reasonably hope twenty, with four or five small children, are no uncommon sight.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-An Australian town has given its

-Some beer was recently discovered ence to all the little tasteful touches means of rescue, and yet she is wilfully walled up in the cellars of a brewery Helen suddenly discovered that Marion writhed under her argument, and reflected that the suddenly law.

> -A French journal estimates that the total length of the telegraph wires But Marion, with true womanly of the world, including submarine pride, was careful to conceal from cables, exceeds 500,000 miles, four-Helen any intimation of trouble that fifths of which are in Europe and America,

mirers.

Helen's pleasant visit was ended. She taurants and cafes have been ordered bade good-bye to Marion and Harry, to remove their telephones, on the ground that by their use warnings have Marion watched the train bear her whenever the police set out to raid lations.

-Professor Thompson, who was a seemed deeply intent upon some matter | teacher in Philadelphia when he made that sooner or later electricity will be On New Year's Eve, as they sat in obtained direct from fuel, without the

-It is said the law regulating child generally observed. The law prohibits the employment of children under 12 years of age, and limits the labor of all minors to sixty hours each week. The measure was not intended as a hardship

-A small boy's composition on "Umbrellas" states that "Umbrellers She related the conversation with were introduced in the rain of George Helen and told him of the deep impres- the Third, which was a disastrous one

whose tide of affection was slowly but reached her 78th birthday on June 14, surely ebbing away with the current of She was born in the month the United and was the seventh of the thirteen children of Dr. Lyman Beecher. large family is described in Mrs. -The greater portion of the cedar telegraph poles used by the Western

poles and putting them in proper shape. The poles range from 25 to 60 feet in length and are worth from \$1 to \$7 -A Cooper monument is to be erected in the New York town that 6. Never carry your watch hear an James Fenimore Cooper made famous by locating his bone there. The rumor that a number of subscriptions Curtom House employees who have re-

signed within the past few months, and who were under an enthusiastic misapprehension as to the facts, seems to b basele: 8, intelligent looking man of gental man 3. If neither of these, take the watch ner and Jewish extraction. He began life as a journalist in New Zealand. If a watch is dropped into the water: where he became proprietor of a news-

-The Desert of Salara is slowly becoming inhabitable, with the aid of science. The Lower Sabara is an imyou left at home this morning when you started for the store or office. Don't forget he has wants as real and the store of the store of

down town than forget his request, peror Napoleon and the Prince In-

fusal of his request, even if it is the one lighted with him, and warmly praised you too often give, that you can't afford it. And be careful how you give rode alone in a carriole when on his country excursions, and was so much

-The rage for gents was never The boys will be drawing invidious recent entertainments given abroad. the Americans were conspicuous for their genes, and attracted especial attention by wearing some of these formerly belonging to the Prench crown. One lady is described as hav-

English gardeners often pay a shilling

them until they are married, which is and pressure of the wind. The effect generally between the ages of twelve is produced by the rising or falling in Victor Meyer in a recent address de-

that chemistry will teach us to make the fiber of wood a source of human