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SO QUEER.

She doesn't like her work, 't makes her hands tremble, she goes off in a huff, but with hands rough or smooth, heart sad or glad, she'll do it for the prize, she gives both away, though the bargain seems cheap, it often ends in a quarrel.

COLA ALVEREZ.

"I am so sorry, so very sorry," faltered the girl; "pray say no more, Mr. Alvarez; I cannot listen to you." The face of Cola Alvarez darkened in the darkness of night. It was a Spanish face, with lustrous eyes of gloom, in which gleamed flames that wakened at a word, a low brow, straight nose, and full, impetuous lips; a face in direct contrast to the fair one of Hilda.

AN EXPENSIVE BURIAL.

A SEARCH FOR A VALUABLE TREASURE. It is on the Marianne Islands near Peru. Information has come to light showing that an expedition is being equipped in San Francisco harbor to go in search of the treasures said to be buried on the Marianne Islands. In the year 1823, during the dark days of the terrible revolution in Peru, a number of the wealthiest residents of Lima met the leading fathers of the Church to discuss the propriety of placing some of their wealth in a safe place.

THE LIFE OF A PERSIAN GIRL.

HER HAIR, HANDS AND FEET DYED WITH HENNA. Going to the Public Bath Her Gestures Divergent. Her eyes are as black as sloes. Of course they are black, for blue eyes are considered unlucky in Persia. Her skin is a rich, warm, delicate brown that overlays the ruddy, plump features, tinged with a tint of rose where the dimples are, or should be, but the silky hair is dark as the plume of the raven that crowns the head of the little girl baby, who was born yesterday.

THE QUESTION OF FINDING HER A HUSBAND.

earnestly discussed. The matter is settled between the parents of the bride and the groom, the most difficult point to arrange being the amount of the dowry to be paid with the bride. It is not the marriage of a prospective husband but he is also young, not over sixteen or seventeen. The marriage is accompanied with great pomp and the festivities last several days, after which the bride is taken to her new home at a long procession, growing the narrow streets, marching to the sound of horns, pipes and kettledrums. And there we leave the little bride, hoping she will have a least her share of wedded bliss.

LET-LEGGEDNESS.

A paper on "Left-Leggedness" was read before the British Association by Dr. W. K. Sibley, who said that Prof. Ball in "Le Dualisme Cerebral," speaks of man as a right-handed being, the left leg being the right leg, but this does not appear to be the case. Standing, working with the right hand, there is a tendency to use the left leg for a balance. Many people find less exertion in going round circles to the right than to the left. Race paths are circles always made for running in circles to the right. So the majority of movements are more readily performed to the right, as dancing, running, etc.

SCARLET THE SACRED COLOR.

In Italy, Turkey, Greece, Asia Minor, Egypt and many of the Oriental countries the sacred images of the deities were painted red, and the red color was used in the robes of the priests. It is a fact that the traditional practice was intended to please the "color sense," by which is meant that the images were regarded as pretty goddesses. This is not likely, and the truth is that the color of red was sacred. All pretense of color with probability, be traced ultimately to two origins. They are, in different disguises, the worship of the sun and the worship of humanity. Red, being engraved with German inscriptions and the imperial eagle is carved upon the handle. In the sixteenth century the Hapsburg family, was given by Emperor Matthias to Count Hinnay of that day, who was killed by the Turks, fighting against the Turks, who captured the weapon. For more than 800 years it has been a prominent object in the imperial armory of Constantinople.

NEGLECTING HIS EDUCATION.

Gentleman—"You're excited, Aunt Susan." Aunt Susan—"Cose I excited. Dat ar good fer nuth Zeke an getting me excited every day." Gentleman—"Now what has Zeke done?" Aunt Susan—"Wats he dun? Wats he dun? Bress my soul if he didn't go down to de pally last night without no money. De boy nether learn to carve."—Rochester Post-Express.

VALUABLE JEWELS.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has the most valuable collection of diamonds in the world, except the crown jewels of Russia and Great Britain. One of her necklaces is worth \$600,000, and her entire collection is valued at \$2,000,000. The rarest gems from the casquets of the ex-Queen Isabella of Spain and the ex-Empress Eugenie are now owned by Mrs. Stanford.

TOTALLY INCAPACITATED.

"Act, act in the living present," is my motto," said the second rate tragedian. "Yes," was the rejoinder; "but it's a pity that nature so completely incapacitated you for living up to it."—Merchant Traveler.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

- Artificial eggs are being made. -A "shekel of gold" was \$3.00. -Coal is 50 cents a ton at Pittsburg Kan. -St. Louis, Mo., is the largest fur market. -The cashmere shawl industry is declining. -The word "milliner" owes its origin to Milan. -There are 105,000,000 sheep in Australia. -China's one railroad has American engines. -Platinum has advanced to about \$20 per ounce. -A plank 16 feet wide is on exhibition at Humboldt, Cal. -The hollyhocks of Queen Victoria, of England, are called Beauforts. -New York city has 1857 electric lights at an annual cost of \$30 each. -W. A. Pierce of West Chester, Pa., has a fish which is really hypnotized. -It is now proposed to introduce electric power in gold, silver and copper mining. -It is said that a new discovery the telephone can be made of use in foresting storms. -A speed of twenty-four miles an hour attained on the electrical underground railway of London, England. -A man in Whitlitt, Cal., declares that a blue gum tree there has grown 45 feet in one year. -The crew of 1600 electric meters in use in London, England, and one of them are of American pattern. -An Atchison (Kan.) man is soon to marry the woman who stood sponsor for him when he was baptised as a baby. -The sister-in-law of a pauper in the poor house at Glasgow, Scotland, has bequeathed \$70,000 for church purposes. -The crawfish are so numerous at Ramos, St. Mary Parish, La., that they stopped a train there recently by crawling on the track. -Lake Maggiore, in Switzerland, has water of different colors in its different branches the color is green, and in the southern a deep blue. -Miss Cottrell of Constantinople, Mich., lost her voice though illness several years ago. She recovered it by sneezing at Kalkaska, recently. -One of the largest babies ever seen in Florida is the son of Walter Sylvester, living in Palatka. When seven months old he weighed 40 pounds. -A quartz clock, owned by Louis Philippe, of France, when he taught school in Boston, Mass., is to be seen in one of the shops of that city to-day. -The brownish discoloration of ceilings when red gas is used is caused by dust, carried against them by the heat of air currents produced by the gas. -A duck with four feet is a curiosity owned by James Stewart of the York road, opposite Guilford, Md. When swimming it used one of its legs as a rudder. -In fencing in the 17,000 acre sheep farm in Botetort County, Virginia, 100 miles across the upper end of Lake Michigan in order that it might be buried in the Catholic Church. -It is much easier to sing in Italian than in German. The guttural sound of the latter language are not easily learned, and in consequence the Italian has many more advocates. -The greater quantity of hair from which wigs are made for England's judges, lawyers and clergymen comes from China, where it is cut from the heads of beggars, criminals and the dead. -There are more believers in astrology than the world at large has any idea of. Most of those who entertain faith in this occult science are people of intellect, learning and, not infrequently, culture. -Charles Stuart Kennedy, of Detroit, Mich., possesses a contemporary miniature of Queen Victoria, painted on porcelain, and her autograph. -Russett has made a new law which obliges hotel proprietors to add to the number of staircases on every floor, and also to have iron ladders on the outside of the building. -A novel idea for an exhibition is about to be carried out in Milan, where a committee is preparing for an international exhibition of children's toys. -A woman in Kansas gave a tramp an old watch, and in few hours he returned and handed her a \$10 bill he had found in one of the pockets.