I know, I know that the Spring is coming; I feel it nearing in happy dreams
Of the violets face and the brown bee's hum-

D hasten, wind from the South, and bring me leaving Napoleon to his thoughts

NAPOLEON'S WOOING.

Cooking his own supper over a blazing wood fire one hot evening in July, having nearly caused a conflagration Napoleon Crowe felt that he was indeed born to misfortune like the exploded in the flour-barrel, Napoleon sparks that flew upward.

than a precarious living, and now at | week was out. the age of 60 he was alone in the world, having a few months pre- o' my years to be livin," he muttered viously buried his third wife.

ent delicacy of constitution, a lack of danged thing has gone out, and I cellent spirits that he tossed Kittie appreciation and tenderness on his might as well give up-I've got to up and down in his arms, and prepart, or a too continuous diet of set here in the dark, or else crawl to sented her with a nickel and two stewed yellow-eyed beans and pork, bed without a solitary nibble in my pennies, a freak of generosity on his we are unable to determine, but for poor stummock, and I'm ready to some mysterious reason Napoleon's faint. S'pose I'll put up with this wives refused to thrive on his hands, any longer? not by a jugful! If the and drooped and pined away, one sun rises to-morrow mornin', it'll see after another, until he was almost me streakin' for the Widder Spooner's! convinced that in his case marriage Let the neighbors talk if they want

keeper for a period of seven months, in my stockin's. Yes-sir-ee," and he every room and closet in the dreary snapped his fingers defiantly, "let old farmhouse bore evidence, and the numerous scars on his hands and arms, Eunice Spooner will have me; we'll testified to the burns and scalds he be merried short-off; that's flat." had received during his cooking oper-

For Napoleon was peculiarly unfortunate in his culinary experiments. If after serious reflection, he decided that he could afford a small roast for the Sunday dinner, to which he invariably invited his old crony, Jotham | corner. Sparks, that roast-so tenderly watched and jealously guarded for hours-was in the end temporarily forgotten, while Napoleon was grap-

burned to a blackened crisp. He baked beans without pork, forgot to put the meat in his soups, or hash; left out the sweetening from to cry. his apple pies, the salt from his butter, the eggs from his custards, and

wondered why he had no appetite. After a multitude of disastrous failures similar to the ones we have recorded, Napoleon resolved he would, from motives of economy and otherwise, confine himself exclusively to a diet of four biscuit hot from the oven, lasses, fried pork fat, and the unsavory production which once in four weeks he character for the first state use transparent, and the startled spectator finds himself confronted by some sionaries have said that seventy out grotesque figure which has been hid. weeks he churned, and spanked and patted with his big, hairy hands, and designated as, "butter."

Three times a day regularly, Napoleon produced a small wooden dough dish, and after mixing together sour milk, saleratus and flour, toiled and sweated over the sticky mass until it went into the oven huge, unsightly lumps of spotted dough, and came

It might have been the legitimate result of eating his own hot biscuit, but within a few weeks he had develoned into a gloomy pessimist. He neglected the poultry and stock, allowed the weeds to flourish in the garden, and seemed to have lost all little shrick. interest in life.

Everything went wrong with Nanoleon. The old cow went dry three months earlier than usual, and the two-year-old heifer choked to death in her stall. As a natural sequence, his groans and sighs became louder and water in one hand and a fire shovel in more frequent.

Thirty hens and two roosters cackled shrilly from morn to till night, and though he crawled under the barn on his hands and knees at the risk of a personal introduction to a skunk who made his headquarters there, and climbed ladders to the highest scaffolds at the risk of breaking his neck, not a solitary egg gladdened his anx-

One morning his friend and symbefore breakfast to borrow a rake.

served Uncle Jotham, his eyes wanby a tin of steaming yellow biscuit. 'Ya-a-s," answered Napoleon in a

alacrity. "Thanky, I've been to breakfast an hour ago."

"I know it's late," sighed Napoleon, but I've had a regular tussle to heat this dipper o' water. I broke my teakettle by pourin' cold water in it when it was red bot, and I hain't had ! any tea-kettle to use all summer. It's ter'ble hard for a man that hain't never been used to putterin' round the tea-kettle, Kittle, I'll scald him the house to do their own cookin' and housework." "It must be, I vum," said Jotham,

and he edged away to an open window to avoid an offensive odor that arese from a bean pot on the stove " said he solemnly,

"Jotham, ain't you seen, can't you see that I'm fallin' from the crust?" Jotham shook his head mournfully

as he stopped to light his pipe. "Yes, Napoleon, I've seen all summer that you've been failin'; you've grown old, and thin, and gray, and bent over, and don't look much like

the man you was a year ago.' "Do you think I'm pinted for the grave, Jotham?" he groaned.

"No;" said he bluntly, "but you won't live six months unless you get now.' some woman here to cook your vittles, the impudence to come back here? and do your washin', and keep the house wholesome. Why don't you wholesome. Why don't you lest wait; I'll start him association with her sisters, has made out of my don't you get wait; I'll start him association with her sisters, has made out of my don't you get a lilies famous for their heavily. hire a woman, and pay her so much a out of my door-yard, or I'll know the

"I couldn't afford it, all the income I git from the farm wouldn't pay her wages. I think myself, not relishin' my vittles has something to do with my onhappy fellins',"

You might git married," suggested Jotham.

"Ya-a-s, I've thought o' that. I know of a smart, likely woman that's wuth some prupputty that I think would jump at the chance to get me to-day. Sae's a widder that I courted some when I was young, and lives on a farm somewhere in Stoughton. I'd slick up a little, and go up and see if she would like to change her condition, if 'twasn't for neighbors talkin'. You know I hain't been a widderer this last time only about seven sonths."

"I bow, but circumstances alters cases, and if you can't afford to hire a housekeeper, you had better huat up a wife lively. Let folks talk if they wast to. You hav a smart woman come here, and scrub and scour, and brighten up things, and cook you three good temptin' meals every das. and you'd soon begin to fat up, and be as strong and ambitious to work as ever you was in your life. Now, I

how slim and peaked you are lookin', and if you don't want to slip your wind afore the snow flies, take my advice, and merry that 'ere widder jest as soon as she'll hev you," and ming
And the hugh and clatter of dancing streams. taking his rake, Jotham departed,

The long warm days and the sunsy flowers, and the birds to build in the trees and sing me means.

Their songs of love in the April hours.

EREN E. REXFORD.

Which were not pleasant by any means.

For several days after, Napoleon wandered around in a discontented, absent-minded way, as though he was

advice or not. At length, on this hot July evening tramps, Napoleon." when we introduce him to our readers, by upsetting a kerosene lamp which gnashed his teeth, as he tore around For forty years he had tilled the the room in his efforts to extinguish stony, stubby little farm which at its the flames, and vowed he would have best had never yielded its owner more a wife to cook his suppers before the biscuits "

"Ain't this a pooty way for a man savagely, as he vainly tried so make Whether it was owing to an inher- the lantern wick burn. 'There the and cream biscuit, was, in such exto, what they say don't put slab-jacks That he had been his own house- into my mouth, or mend the big holes 'em talk; I don't give a dang-if

The Widow Spooner was in her

"O, Aunt Eunice!" she exclaimed breathlessly; "Mamma sent me over to borrow some cream of tartar, and pling with the biscuit problem, and old tramp has followed me way down on the big rock in the lane now! Oh, dear! I dar'st go home,

"Tramp, hey?" said the widow mained invisible. been jest pestered to death with wait a minute till I can look after my

With Kittle following close at her heels, Mrs. Spooner proceeded to the kitchen, where, throwing open the oven doors, she displayed a pair of beautifully browned chickens which sent forth a most appetizing odor.

"There, Kittle, jest look at my fowls, ain't they doin' lovely? I've been doin' lots of cookin' to-day, and I do wish some interestin' company of a stranger all the afternoon; two chairbacks got together, and I

"Is it?" said the widow brusquely "Jest let me git my weapons ready, and I'll soon start him goin'." With a saucepan of boiling hot

the other. Mrs. Spooner advanced boldly to the door. In the semi-twilight stood a seedylooking individual, wearing a slouch

hat covered with dust.

"Could-you-ahem-give-me" he began in a hesitating manner, then haptily retreated a few steps as he caught a glimpse of the war-like implements in the hands of the widow. "Yes, I'll give you," cried the widow, 'a good whackin' with my pathizer, Uncle Jotham Sparks, called shovel, and a scaldin' to boot, if you fore breakfast to borrow a rake.

"Jest hevin' a bite, hey?" obcount ten. You great, lazy loafer. Am't you ashamed round trampin dering to the bare pine table adorned and beggin' your livin'? Why hain't you workin' on some rallroad, diggin

ditches, you shifless hulks?" rd-I-bain't round beggin' no dissatisfied tone, "I'm tryin' to heat a drop o' water to make a cup o' tea livin'," stammered the man, his eyes to go with them ere biscuits. Won't weapon's "I—ain't no tramp neither ment in the centre of the globe's ped-"N-no-no," responded Jotham with I'll have you to know-I-"

"Oh, no, you're no tramp, none of em' is, you're a bank president most likely. Come, git; put yourself!" "I won't stir a blarsted peg," he spluttered. "You can't drive me

till I've had a chance to tell you who-"I can't, can I? We'll see about that, you wretch. Follow me with

to death."

Mrs. Spooner's appearance as she screamed out these words was more that of a modern Amazon, than a until he ignominously tumbled over a

rock-heap by the roadside. "There, Kitty," exclaimed Mrs. Spooner, as she come into the kitchen flushed and triumphant, "I've sent where women gardeners tend and pack means of physical exercise. him about his business. I've learned by experience that soft words don't count with the tramp gentry, and I guess this pertickler one won't visit

me ag'in. "Why, auntie," said Kittie, staring hard out of the window, "he ain't gone; he's sitting down by the barn

"Why, how you talk. Has he had

With hurried and determined steps she took her way down to the spot where a forelorn looking figure was seated on a huge bowlder, sorrowfully rubbing his knee-joints.

"Come," said she, "what In the world do you mean by hangin' round here? Why don't-bless my soul-this ain't-it can't be-Napoleon Crowe?' "Yes," it's me," said Napoleon plaintively.

"Took to trampin' round the coun try, and scarin' little girls? You!"
"It's a danged mistake," said he. I hain't trampin' round no country. nor scarin' no little girls either. wasn't never in this place before, and I didn't know fur certain which house you lived in, and so I was goin' to inquire if you could give me any idee where the Widder Spooner lived, and you come at me with a fire shovel and

bucket o' bilen water." "Why didn't you tell your name?" "You didn't give me no chance, did you? I tried to tell you my name, but I couldn't get a word in edgeways. I expected a different welcome from you, Eunice, bein's we was allus sech good friends, and I'd walked fifteen miles to ask you to things are; we ask whether they ough!

A warm flush rose to the widow's sunburned cheeks. If there was a person on earth who had always held a warm corner in her heart, it was Napoleon Crowe.

"Napoleon," hazarded she, "It was a dretful misunderstanding." "I should hope it was, I swan," sighed Napoleon, still rubbing his bruised knees. "It was Kittie's fault; she told me there was a tramp at the door, and I

was that mad and excited I never took uncertain whether to take Jotham's a good look. You've no idee how I've been pestered with thievin', sassy "I don't doubt it, Eunice. You hadn't ought to be livin' here alone."

"You hain't goin', Napoleon? Do stop and have some supper-' "Do you really want me to Eunice?" "Of course I do, Napoleon, and we'll have roast chicken and cream

"And you'll hev me, Eunice?" "I shouldn't wonder, Napoleon " So Napoleon stayed to supper, and after partaking of the roast chicken part without precedent. - Yankee

One of the most curious inventions of this inventive age is what is called platinized glass. A piece of glass is the glass in such a way as to form a

very odd kind of mirror. The glass has not lost its transpara wall and looks at it he sees his So earnest were the Chinese to prestrawberry-patch, pulling up the image as in an ordinary looking-glass. weeds, and she was about to throw But when light is allowed to come them over the fence, as little Kittle through the glass from the other Henderson came rushing round the side, as when it is placed in a window

ordinary glass. By constructing a window of platinized glass one could stand close don't you think the awfulest looking behind the panes, in an unilluminated smuggled it in and confiscate the through the woods, and he's sitting going on outside, while passers-by looking at the window would behold only a fine mirror or set of mirrors, the salt and pepper in his vegetable what shall I do?" and Kittie began in which their own figures would be was brought in English bottoms from reflected, while the person inside re-

coolly, "that's nothin, new. I've In France various tricks have been could not stop the smuggling of tramps this summer. There was two In one a person seeing what appears ships finally determined to legalize called here last night, and they was to be an ordinary mirror, approaches the horrible traffic it could not dejest as sassy as a lord, and wanted to look at himself. A sudden change stroy. Shops were opened in every me to give em some supper, but they in the mechanism sends light village and town in the country and didn't git any, jest the same. You through the glass from the back, the cultivation of the poppy was beden behind the magic glass. What opium eaters.

I do wish some interestin' company would happen along. I've had signs of a stranger all the afternoon; two principal steamship lines and an approriate tracing of the route of Columus on the voyage of 1492. The divisions of land, with the boundaries, even down to the provinces of countries and the location of the larger cities, and the direction of the rivers and streams are represented with fldelity.

This monster globe will surmount a tar-shaped pedestal which will elevate it 15 feet above the floor, so that it will rise above the surrounding exhibits of the Fish Commission and

The pedestal for the globe will, with its ingenious construction, afford opportunity for the display of six big maps of the new States of Wyoming, dado, Montana. Washington and the two Dakotas. The edifice may be entwo Dakotas. The edifice may be entered through five doorways, to be artistically draped with flags, the arrangement of which will have a significance beyond a mere blending of colors. No doorway, for instance, will be decorated with a combination of flags of rival nations. A circular area: artistically draped with flage, the statements of the condition of the public lands. The room will be 15 feet in eight, with a convex ceiling formed which will be supported on a horizon-tal axis, turned by a small motor, instead of being placed at an angle of 674 degrees, as the world is actually

hung in space. The apparatus for turning the globe will be placed at this end of the axis and hidden from view by an immense representation of the official seal of the

globe IN A LITTLE village in Sussex, England, there is a garden where thousands of white lilies shed their perfume, and and ship the flowers. Twenty-five years ago a single lily bulb was given to Mrs. Bates, a farmer's daughter. Dropsy, Gravel, Diabetes, Bright's, After sixteen bulbs had resulted from Heart, Urinary or Liver Diseases, Norvthe original one, Mrs. Bates, finding ousness, &c. Cure guaranteed. 831 had outgrown the sunny window where they grew, planted them in the corner garden. Ten years ago a daughter of Mrs. Bates, inspired by the enterprise of the time, sent some blossoms to the London Market, and now, in the Bates lilies famous for their beauty and perfection. The daughters are keen business women, interviewing their buyers at the six o'clock market, and selling to private customers, florists and commission merchants, without the intervention of agents. The average product of their garden is said to be

six hundred dozen a week. THE DESIGNING OF carpets and wall papers opens to women a field for work in which they seem naturally qualified to excel. A few years ago a firm offered prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$300 for the best designs in wall papers, the competition being open to natives and foreigners, men and women. All three of these prizes were awarded to American women. A man of much experience in the business said recently that when women have had as many years of the same advantages as men, their work will stand on the same level and per

t a sign of wisdom to go out of their way to see whether there are weeds in

I wouldn't dry up the tears of this been under the treatment of eminent world if I could; they are often the physicians in this city and Boston, only things that poor human nature THE despotism of custom is on the gave immedaite relief. We cannot wane; we are not content to know that

ENGLAND'S SHAME

Responsible for the Use of Oplum Amon

Americans do not realize the ex Paralysis of the Throattent of the terrible curse of the opium vice in Asia. In China alone 125,-000,000 out of a population of between 300,000,000 and 400,000,000 use

And now the British Government in India, to increase its revenue, has authorized the licensing of shops throughout India and Burmah for the free sale of opium. These licenses are issued in very unusual form. Those who take the license come under obligation to sell a stipulated amount, or to pay a forfeit! Thus the Government almost compels the holders of the license to stimulate its subjects to consume a deadly poison! The door is thrown wide open for all the inhabitants of India to take that which destroys at once the body and the soul.

The unrestricted sale of opium is permitted in Java, with its 20,000,-000 of population. It is also permitted in the French possessions of 8,000,-000 or 10,000,000. The vice is also carried by the Chinese immigrants into Siam and all the islands of the Eastern Archipelago. If the populations of the various countries in Asia, in which free sale of opium is permitted, are added together the aggregate number is more than 600 .-000,000! In Europe and America the coated with an exceedingly thin sale is restricted to medical use, by the layer of a liquid charged with plati- direction of physicians, and the vials num, and is then raised to a red and boxes containing it, when thus heat. The platinum becomes united to given out by druggists, are carefully labeled, "Poison!"

The laws of China once prohibited the sale and use of opium, the violaency, and yet if one places it against | tion of which was punished by death. vent its introduction into the country that the Government became involved in a costly war with England
about it, at the close of which a peared. There was no trouble in cating, be try that the Government became init appears perfectly transparent like treaty was made, in which England recognized China's right to prehibit the introduction of opium, but left it with China to seize the vessels that room, and behold clearly everything vessel and cargo! But as the smugglers were Englishmen and the ships English ships the Chinese were afraid to execute the law, and so opium India to China from 1842 to 1860. The Chinese Government finding it contrived with the aid of this glass. opium into the country by British whereupon it instantly becomes gun. To such an extent has the use

wonders might not a magician of the To sum up: The population of dark ages have wrought if he could India and Burmah, according to the have had a piece of plantinized glass? census taken last year, is 285,000,000; that of China is 350,000,000, some AN INTERESTING PEATURE of the Gov- make it 400,000,000. The Island of ernmental exhibit at the World's Fair Java counts its 20,000,000, to which will be a model of the earth on a gigan-the French possessions in Southeasttic scale, with all the geometrical ern Asia add at least 10,000,000 more. The Eastern Archipelago has say 5,000,000, making altogether a ever constructed. It is about 63 feet total of 670,000,000! The curse of bumped my elbow ag'in the pump handle—"

At that moment there came a loud knocking at the door. Kittle gave a little shriek.

"It's—it's—him, auntie!" she

in circumference, with a diameter of 1,256 feet, with a diameter of 1,256 feet, tinent by Christian Europe. For this terrible blight cast upon the greatest of the four-quarters of the greatest of the four-quarters of the greatest of the British government is inches measured at the equator. The chiefly responsible A hundred years ago the East India Company commenced to monopolize the production

MUST HAVE Agents AT ONCE. This terrible blight cast upon the greatest of the four-quarters of the greatest of the British government is inches measured at the equator. The chiefly responsible A hundred years ago the East India Company commenced to monopolize the production menced to monopolize the production the zone lines, the isothermal lines, the of opium for sale in China, and the government at home gave to the company the protection of the British flag. Since 1858 the British Government has had a monopoly of the production and sale of oplum. Great Britain is thus directly responsible for the prevalence of the opium plague among the 670,000,000 people in Asia!

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There is nothing more calculated to estal will contain interesting tabulated tike the conceit out of a fellow than seeing a crayon portrait of himself by an amateur artist.

by the lower part of the globe. An in- "I have been afflicted with an affection of terior stairway will afford access to a the Throat from childhood, caused by diphthbalcony around the base of the globe, sria, and have used various remedies, but have never found anything equal to BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES."-Rev. G. M. F. Humpion, Piketen, Ky. Sold only in boxes

neth upon all beholders; but a word or may have disappeared several minutes a glance may destroy the pure love that before he discovers the fact-but the hatched, leave the salt water and should have been for thee

staid elderly widow, and with a General Land Office which will serve substantiated by endorsements which in the smothered shrick, the man fied pre- as a screen and lend significant decora- unancial world would be accepted without a as a screen and lend significant decora- unancial world would be accepted without a cipitately before her, never pausing tion to an otherwise prosaic part of the moment's hesitation. They tell the story- Hindu's indifference in this regard. HOOD'S CURES.

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to suffering humanity, that my wife has used your wonderful remedy, August Flower, for sick headache duced to try August Flower, which say to much for it." L. C. Frost. Springfield, Mass.

After Diphtheria

Numbness and Weakness



with diphtheria at the same time. After serious iliness the greatest danger was safely passed

Paralysis of the Throat, and with my wife it also affected her limbs. Her arms were numb near to the shoulders, ac- Canon" has given a very good examcompanied with a prickling sensation. It was she must starve. The children were in a sim.
ilar condition. Physicians were greatly perplexed and said it was very critical with my
wife as she was now then it can be seen as in section of heroines, a mischevious giri, select
a reading lesson for the Chinese cook, so difficult for her to swallow, it seemed as if wife, as she was more than likely to have paral- who wants to learn English. The y is at any time, and if so it would be very doubtful if she survived. Finally a friend suggested Hood's Sarsaparilla. Although we had not the slightest faith, we were so dis-

to express the gratification we all felt at the end study in broken China, says the San

yond their apparent inability to get enough to eat. The neighbors all know of this case and all think it wonderful, as do the doctors." C. 8. ars in Sunday-school know the author Southwick, Grocer, North Madison, Ohio.



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Too Punctual.

The Hindu places a clock in his because a clock is a foreign curiosity. Instead, therefore, of contenting himself with one good clock, he will perhaps have a dozen in one room. They they came from the skins of old eels, are signs of his wealth, but they do or similar exuviæ of water snakes. not add to his comfort, for he is so indifferent to time that he measures get their living from the water, howit by the number of bamboo-lengths ever, is the theory that eels are the

In the country police stations, where the European division of the hours is observed, time is measured called mother of eels. by placing in a tub of water a copper not in which a small hole has been science has learned in the last few "I have been afflicted with an affection of bored. It is supposed that it will years, is due to the fact that it lays take one hour for the water to its eggs in the sea, where no one has leak into the pot so as to fill and sink a chance to observe the process. it. When the policeman sees that Other fishes, like the shad, leave the the pot has disappeared he strikes the ocean to spawn in fresh water hour on a bell-like gong. If he is streams, but this curious and slippery How beautiful is modestyl It win- smoking or dozing, the copper pot customer does precisely the reverse. hour is when he strikes the gong.

whose article we have gleaned, tells mountable they use the utmost inan amusing story to illustrate the genuity in passing, even traveling : When the railway was first opened order to get around an obstruction. in a new part of India, it took a long time and many bitter experiences to -Bowling has become a fashionable convince the natives that a train always started on time. Shortly after the foot of the falls, will see literally the opening of the new line, a Deputy Commissioner sent his native servant | wriggling over the rocks and squirmwith his letter-bag to put on board the mail-car. Presently the man returned with the bag, having missed

"You had not half a mile to go, and you knew that the train left the in Lake Erie until they had been station at three o'clock," said the angry commissioner. 'Yes, truly," answered the native. in an aggrieved tone; "but, sahib,

when it strikes three here, the train goes from there!" Such sharp practice the native had never known before, and he did not think it creditable to the company.

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druggists.

Engineers of railroad trains in "I am happy to state to you and Texas and most of the Western States carry revolvers, and often rifles, in the cab for various contingencies that might arise. They amuse themselves They are mistaken mortals who think and palpitation of the heart, with any other mark while running at full satisfactory results. For several years speed and attain a wonderful skill in she has been a great sufferer, has marksmanship. A few days ago an been under the treatment of eminent engineer on the Denver and Rio Grande railway shot and killed a and found little relief. She was in- wildcat near Newcastle from the calof his locomotive. -- New York Sun

> A boy's idea of having fun is to be sllowed to make all the noise he can.

CHINESE ENGLISH: Some Mistakes That Are Made by Writer

It is well known that the Chinese cannot master the sound of the letter "r," but this has proved the rock on which many professed writers of the Chinese dialect has come to grief. They do recognize the fact that while John Chinaman cannot make the "r" sound he is fertile in expedients to avoid it. Two illustrations will show how easy it is to blunder on this point. In an early edition of one of Bret Harte's stories—altered we be-lieve in later editions—he makes a Chinese servant call himself "Ah Ri," which is a manifest impossibility. His name would certainly have been "Ah Li," for the initial "R" would not only come trippingly from his tongue, but not at all. But in the same or another story he makes a Chinaman call his employer "Mr. Fostel," his name being Foster. Now, no "Chinese person," to quote the restriction act, would ever say "Fostel." He would soften the last syllable of "My wife and three children were attacked the name and call it "Fostah," just as the name "Porter" in his mouth would become "Potah," very like the negro pronunciation of the same

The authoress of "A Summer in a ple of the difficulties of the Chinese lesson is made up of such sentences as "The grass is green," "The rose is red," and the like. Of course, they couraged that we were ready to try anything.
I got a bettle and began giving it to them.

Words Are Feeble became in Hop Sing's mouth "The glass is gleen," "The lose is led," and so on. The whole scene is a excellent of a week to find an improvement. When they had finished three bottles I could not see but mended to ambitious Eastern writers

in California. Hood's Sarsa Cures The letter "j" is another which, presents difficulties to John, which, however he usually resolves by makhowever, he usually resolves by makars in Sunday-school know the author and founder of the Christian faith as Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully "Chee Cly," but it is not very far out of the way. An American of this city, an interpreter of the Chinese language, whose given name is "Jer-ome," is usually known among the Chinese as "Chee Loam," they, perhaps, imagining that that is all the

ame that belongs to him. It should be noted, too, that the Chinese in California do not use the lingua franca called "pigeon English," which is employed in China. Such an expression as "My b'long topside," meaning "I live higher up, is never heard here. The Chinese in this State try to talk English, and some of them succeed fairly well, al-'hough the "r" and "]" are too much

This is not an attempt at an exhaustive study of Chinese English, but rather a note of warning to ambitious dialect from books. If they will but bear in mind that "r" does not become "I" unless it carries the genuine "r" sound, and that such a word, for example, as "Berkley" is not "Be:kley" in the Chinese tongue but something more nearly resem-MUST HAVE Agents AT ONCE.

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have gravely advanced the belief that Most popular among people who the sun has travelled about the hori- progeny of various other fishes. The Sardinian fisherman assert that they are produced by a certain kind of wa-

ter beetle, which for this reason is All this mystery about the cel, as The young eels, newly born o make their way in armies up the riv-A writer in Temple Bar, from ers. Obstacles apparently insur-

considerable distance on dry land in In the spring and summer any visitor at Niagara Falls, who descends beneath the great sheet of water at hundreds of cart-loads of small eels ing over the whirlpools. Of course it is impossible for them to go over the falls, and thus it happens that, although eels have always been plentiful in Lake Ontario, there were none multiply at all when placed in ponds that are landlocked, although in such places they will grow rapidly and be healthy. It costs so little to purchase young ones by the quantity that this is no great obstacle to theusefulness of stocking inland waters with

these fish. In all probability cels lay eggs, just as do nearly all other fishes. The only difference is that they deposit them in the sea instead of in fresh water.

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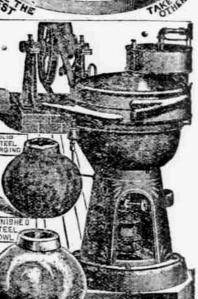
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