## AMERICAN DUTCH.

THE QUAINT OLD COLONY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Customs of a Domestic, Home Loving People — Funeral Feasts-Courting Among the Young Folks.

One hundred and seventy-two years ago the Quaker Assembly of Pennsylvania ordered that none but Englishspeaking emigrants should be the subjects of naturalization. The same body provided a few years later that every foreigner to the English Government arrivpay a duty of forty shillings and swear allegiance to Great Britain and the province. These and other measures discouraging to prospective emigrants who fell within their scope were all aimed at snugly established in the Quaker province. In spite of these laws more were coming by every ship, and the followers of Penn were disturbed in spirit. But the proscribed German stolidly bided his time. He came, paid his duty and stayed. He took possession of the rich farms along the Susquehanna, the Lehigh, and the Juniata, and filled the glorious valleys which lead down to the rivers. He began to have things his own way, and when the new order was established after the Revolution, he held in his hands the political power of the great State which he had turned into a garden where the gods might dwell. The most timorous Quaker, fearful of Ger- able from them, unless it be by reason of man ascendancy, could scarcely have their greater patience, confidence and had a prevision of the complete triumph steadfastness of purpose. - New York attained by his Teutonic rival at the beginning of the present century. The Quaker was already little more than a memory; the German the potent fact of the social and political order. But lo! when the victor proclaimed his conquest it was in a strange tongue; he no longer thought nor felt as a German. The Fatherland was not beyond seas, but here. Germany was no more to him than it was to Patrick. He had become a Pennsylvania Dutchman.

These people have retained all the admirable domestic, home-loving characteristics of the race from which they sprung. No wives are more loyal, no mothers more devoted to their children, than these. Among the young people the singing-school is a weekly entertainment during the winter, and dancing is held in favor.

No event calls out so large a number of people as a funeral. The moment one of the family dies the survivors begin to bake and cook and gather supplies. There is little time for grief; the funeral is but three days off at most, and if there should be any skimping of the feast, to which the minister will be authorized to invite from the pulpit all the friends of the family, it would be disrespectful to the dead and discreditable to the living. And there, too, must be prepared the midnight lunch for the watchers who will guard the remains. Two young men of the neighborhood will be detailed for this purpose, and it will be their privilege to select the two young ladies who are to help them while away the long hours. In a room adjoining that in which the body is lying these watchers amuse themselves in whatever way they choose. Every hour the young men enter the death-chamber and look upon the features of him who sleeps the eternal sleep; while the two girls, awed and presence of death, tremblingly wait the for that purpose," said a manufacturer to abundant preparation of "funeral baked ing either the entire stock offered to the meats" has been timely enough. As American market or a large portion of it. soon as the service is ended at the grave The success of making up these goods, all the assemblage returns to the house, though, is just like a chance in a lotand the feasting ends not until the last tery." neighbor has gorged himself as only a Pennsylvania Dutchman can on a holiday. Hundreds of them partake of these larger than usual.

rarely takes a lady to church or singing for the fall." school. When the meeting is ended the young men hurry out and stand in a row. or a double row on each side of the walk. When the girl of his choice comes by, the young man steps up with assumed They are all on piece-work, and make boldness and a display of confidence not more or less money according to their exher arm with a contemptuous little jerk it is put together and finishes each detail line; while the rejected swain steps back exactly alike in point of finish and make-

and the throng melts away with flew

The young man has somewhat more than the pleasure of walking home with the lady. He is generally invited into the house. If the old people have not already retired, they will obligingly do so very soon. Etiquette would hardly permit him to leave before two or three o'clock in the morning, but, etiquettes or no etiquette, he rarely leaves before the first named hour. This performance is known as "settin up" with each other. It does not imply a marriage engagement between the parties, but is rather the method by which the desirability of such

an engagement is determined. A young lady would not lose her repuing after the passage of the act should tation in the slightest degree by taking a trip of a week, say to New York, Philadelphia, or Washington, with a young man. It is by no means unusual. And it may be said, too, as a rule, that the young people are worthy of the prodithe Germans. Prior to the year 1727 gious confidence reposed in them. These, more than fifty thousand of them were and indeed all the customs mentioned, are those of a confiding people, a widely scattered population making the best of their few social opportunities.

As a people, with language, customs and traditions peculiar to themselves, they are rapidly passing away. Although this blood is the best strength of nearly three million Pennsylvanians and of something like a million more in other States, there remains but a few thousand families-probably twenty-five thousand families-of the old unchanged stock, such as we have been portraying here. The rest, through intermarriage and long association with the dominant race, have lost their peculiarities, and are indistinguish-

### The Sledge and the Deer.

The body of the sledge, which the reindeer pulls, is placed very high on a pair of long thin runners, having a gradual curve and projecting about four feet beyond the actual sledge, so that they break the shock when the sledge is being driven over rough ground. All the parts of the sledge are lashed together with reindeerskin thongs, and it is owing to the great elasticity and pliancy thereby given to the whole fabric that these flimsy constructions resist the very rough treatment to which they are as a rule subjected. The method of harnessing the deer is of the simplest; a broad leather hoop passes round the neck; to this is fastened the long thong, which serves as a trace, and which passes down the chest between the fore legs and out between the hind legs. The driving is done with a single rein, which is fastened to a crooked piece of bone or wood, fastened immediately over the ball of the eye, one of the tenderest parts in the reindeer, and which, if scientifically jerked to the right or left, causes the animal to answer to the rein very quickly. The outside deer on the near side is the only one provided with this arrangement, and the biggest and oldest deer are always placed in this responsible position, the others being kept to their work by the "chave," or long driving pole. A good "leading" deer is the most valuable of a Samoyede's possessions, and will often cost as much as three or four ordinary deer. The usual number of deer harnessed to a sledge is three, but this, of course, varies according to the weight carried, age of the deer, etc .- Murray's

# Making Necktids for Men.

"Neckties are made out of grades and nervous at being alone so near the visible designs of silks and satins made specially return of their gallant companions. It a reporter for the New York Mail and is a beautiful custom, that of watching Express recently. "These materials are over the dead, and characteristic of a made from patterns designed by men who reverent and affectionate race. Yet it do nothing but study up new things in nust be confessed that owing to the neckties. There are in this country from presence of the young ladies the watch- fifty to seventy-five factories and ten or ers generally manage to extract more twelve first-class makers. The latter pleasure out of it than is consistent with usually secure exclusive rights to certain its solemnity. It will be found that the styles of goods from the makers by buy-

"Are the styles of making up neckties

originated abroad?" "Not now. They were until a few funeral feasts, and they regard it as a years ago, but now our styles are superior matter of pride when the number is to the European, and they often come over here for our patterns. However, The Pennsylvania Dutch young man there is a tendency for English fashions

"Who are employed in making the

neckties, men or women?" "Women. There are more than 1200 thus employed in New York city alone warranted by his feelings and shoves out pertness. A good finisher can make \$8 his elbow. Sometimes she pulls back or \$9 a week. She takes a necktie after and a saucy toss of the head, to the great perfectly, so that it is ready to box. The joy of a luckier fellow further down the finishers must see that all of this kind are into his place to undergo an unmerciful up. "We have one girl who does nothguying and wait for another with whom ing but turn the bands of neckties, and he hopes to be more successful. But as she makes \$15 a week. She turns twentya rule they know what they are doing, five or thirty dozen bands a day."

### CURIOUS FACTS.

Matches were first made in 1829. Kerosene was introduced in 1826, Coal was first used as fuel in 1834.

Lead pencils were first used in 1594. The first postage stamps were used in 1840.

The first newspaper was printed in

A California man has hatched out 300 tarantulas in an incubator.

Fools or licensed jesters were kept at court in England up to the time of

The manufacturers of gauze and articles of a light fabric began at Paisley, in Scotland, about 1759. The discovery of gluten, an ingredient

of grain, is attributed to Beccaria, who lived in the eighteenth century. The Petit Journal of Paris has a dail circulation of nearly a million copies, the

largest attained by any newspaper in the world. The London Globe has coined a new word which shall stand in the same relation to love, as aquatics does to genuine

navigation, and has hit upon "amatics." Censors were Roman magistrates whose duty it was to survey and rate property. and correct the manners of the people. The first two censors were appointed

A very old pear tree is now standing on the grounds of W. H. Smith in Richmond, Me. Its exact age is not known, but its identity can be traced back for 150 years. It still produces fruit.

A kitchen table with as many drawers beneath it as a writing desk, and having a high back like a sideboard full of pigeon-holes for kitchen utensils, is a recent addition to the hired girl's comfort.

An ingenious son of New York State has patented a milking instrument. Becoming tired apparently of getting the lacteal fluid in the usual way he has constructed a pump, the end of which is to be inserted in the udder.

Hospital Sunday, days on which collections were made in the churches for the benefit of the hospitals, began at Birmingham, England, November 13, 1859. The hospital Sunday system was adopted in the United States in 1874.

A Gothic government was established in Castile about 800. By the marriage of Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabella of Castile, in 1474, the first step toward the union of Aragon and Castile was taken. Both kingdoms became one monarchy in

John D. Nutting, while prospecting for garnets in the mountains near the county-house in Warren County, N. Y. has discovered ore which he believes to be rich in silver. He also states that there are traces of gold and copper in

The fastest time made by a railroad train between New York and Chicago was made by the Jarrett and Palmer train in 1876. The time was about twenty hours. The fastest regular time is between New York and Philadelphia -ninety miles in 2:20, including stops.

Alaska presents the anomalous conditlon of being a Territory of the United States without a territorial government, having no laws except Treasury regulations, no political subdivisions, but a customs district, with a collector and the necessary subordinate officials.

There is a lady in Milwaukee, Wis., who is the mother of nine children. None of them was named until it was twelve years old. They were simply called by their nicknames and numbers. "One," "Two," etc. When they were twelve years old each chose his own name and was baptized.

Captain Hall, the Arctic naviga tor, perished from the effects the severe climate in the winter of 1874. His crew cut his grave in the ice, and the first mate read the service from his prayer book. The seasons have destroyed every vestige of his burial place, and the spot will never be found.

# Lightning Melts a Girl's Hat Rim.

J. C. Abernathy, who resides several miles east of Dennison, Texas, had a thrilling experience at his house on a recent night during a severe storm. "There are three cedar trees growing in the front yard near the house," he says. "The largest of the three was struck by lightning, when a ball of fire seemed to dance before the window. The lightning went from the top of the roof and ripped up the shingles. It then descended to the ceiling in the front room and tore the clock into pieces. Standing near the clock was a sewing machine. The lightning melted the large wheel, and after this performance it melted the metalic rim which encircled a girl's hat. The fluid then went through the floor, burning a large hole. Mrs. Sherrill, who was sitting in another room, was prostrated by the shock."

The scientist, Edison, sleeps four hours a day and eats very little.

A Blue Lobster.
A genuine blue lobster of good size has been captured at Marshfield, Mass. Nothing of the sort has been found before in those waters, although a case was reing of the sort has been found before in those waters, although a case was reported some years ago from Long Island Sound. This lobster is of a pure ultramarine blue of handsome shade. Along the back the color of this singular crustacen is abused to the color of the singular crustacen is abused to delta to indicate that of cean is almost as dark as indigo, but at the sides it is as light as a robin's egg, and in the joints of the shell shades away to a delicate cream color. In an ordinary lobster these parts would be shaded in dark and light greens. The claws of the blue lobster are slightly mottled in shades of blue and purple on top and a most delicate cream under-neath. The lobster car has been a cen-ter of interest for the curious since the capture. It was caught in an ordinary pot, and it differs in no way except in color from other lobsters. It will be boiled for the sake of seeing to what color it will turn during the process.-

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