The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellowmen
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax the sun again.

It's full of worth and goodness, too, with manly kindness blent—
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't coat a cont. cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see

There is no room for sadness when we see a cheery smile—
It always has the same good look—it's never out of style—
It nerves us on to try again when failure makes us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good for me and you.
It pays a higher interest, for it is merely lent—

It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't

So, smile away. Folks understand what by a smile is meant,
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't

cost a cent. -Baltimore American.

QUEER MISS MARIA. By J. L. Harbour.

O one ever knew the exact cause of the estrangement between Maria Devlin and Hon. Horace Devlin, The Devlins had always been wisely reticent regarding their family affairs. It was understood that there had been a violent quarrel over the large estate left by the father of the brother and sister, and that they had naver spoken to each other since the division of the property. The estrangement must have been embar-

help meeting frequently. The Hon. Horace was much mor popular than his sister Maria She had always been somewhat eccentric, and this eccentricity had become more marked after her quarrel with her brother.

rassing to both ce them, since they

lived in a small town and could not

Her father had been a man of the simple tastes, and had lived all lis like in the plain old red house that had been his father's and his grandfather's It was a great and bitter trial to Mahr when her brother, not long after their father's death, tore down the old house and built on its slie a very large and pretentious modern mansion.

Miss Marin had her father's simple tastes, and her associations of the old house were very dear to her, even when it was no longer her home. The big, showy mansion was an offence to her eyes every time she passed it. In marked and striking contrast to her brother's house was her own. It was as much an eyesore to her brother as his house was to Miss Maria.

When the Devlin estate had finally been divided, Miss Maria moved into a tiny old house once occupied by her father's gardener. It was hardly tenantable, and Miss Maria made few repairs before moving into it. It stood directly across the road from her brother's fine home, and was a decided blemish on the landscape seen from his spacious front plazza. He had, through his attorney, made his sister an offer to buy it at a price far more than its value, but the offer had been that it had never been repeated.

It was thought that Miss Maria allowed the old house to remain in a this." She thanked him and then hurstate of neglect, and the premises to ried away. Twenty years passed. The be in a state of centinual disorder, for little girl grew to womanhood and be the sole purpose of adding to her brother's annoyance and mortification. She the library one evening she saw a man also added many irritating traits to with her husband whom she recogher many eccentricities of character, nized as the man who years before had and was nearly always spoken of by the people of the town as "queer Miss Maria.

Her sister-in-law was an extremely fashlonable lady, while Maria went about in the shabblest and most antiquated of garments. She was far from being scrupulously tidy, and seemed to take delight in setting aside the ordinary conventionalities of life. It was known, however, that she was very good and kind to the poor, while her brother was by no means noted for his generosity toward them.

The Hon, Horace Devlin entertained lavishly, waile his sister never entertained at all, and did not go into socitey. It was regarded as scandalous that Miss Meria should have chosen to spend the afternoon in her front yard with a man's hat on her head and her skirts pinned up about her waist on the day of ber brother's grand lawn party, when he had a carload of guests out from the city.

So the breach between the brother and sister widened until there was no probability that it would ever be would ever be bridged over. When they met they stared at each other in stony silence.

Wenfield, the town in which the Devlins lived, was a small manufacturing place. Most of its inhabitants worked in the mills. Many of them were thrifty men and women, who saved as much as they could of their earnings, and deposited them in the one savings bank in Wenfield.

The Hon. Horace Devlin was cash ier of the Wenfield savings bank, and never had there been such wild excitement throughout the town as on the morning when a pincard appeared on the bank door bearing the two omin-

ous words:

BANK CLOSED. Men and women left their work and hurried to the bank with eager and anxious faces. Many had in it the savings of a lifetime, and they stared at rtentous words with wildly beating hearts. There was the most outspoken indignation when the truth be came known. The fact was that the Hon. Horace Devlin had brought me and disgrace on an old and honored name, and privation and possible verty to many homes by becoming

It was discovered that he had for years been speculating with money be-longing to the bank, and his defates-

It was feared that its doors must be permanently closed, and that the de-positors would lose all, or at least the most, of their savings. The Hon. Horace Devlin was missing, and no trace of his whereabouts could be found.

A week after the closing of the bank another notice appeared on its doors. The second notice was as follows: Notice-All creditors of the Wenfield Savings Bank are hereby requested to meet in the town hall on Friday even-

Inc at 8 o'clock Many who were not creditors of the bank crowded into the town hall with the bank depositors on Friday evening. Indeed, the hall was filled to

When S o'clock came no one had yet appeared on the platform, but a be quietly married without that grand A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle
up with cheer
A hundred times before you can squeeze
out a soggy tear.
It ripples out, moreover, to the heartstrings that will tug.
And always leaves an echo that is very
like a hun.

A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle
to pened, and to the amazement
present. Miss Maria Devlin
forward and faced the people.
There was an instant hush,
could almost hear the breathing few minutes later a door at the rear spectacular entry to the church, and opened, and to the amazement of all present, Miss Maria Devlin walked | strains of the wedding march. What

There was an lustant hush. One lities of this world. spectators. Miss Maria berself seemed calmer than any of them. Her voice was perfectly steady when she began in all parts of the hall.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* wrong done you by my brother. Hor- done now. ace Devlin. The Devlins have always been honest people. No man ever had for honesty than my father. He owed no man anything, nor do I. I feel that and the vexing question of minor ar I owe it to my father to make full rangements for the bridal party on her distinguished brother, the to do all that I can to remove the ner and tailor fill up her hours with shame and disgrace he has brought on appointments, and leave her no moa good and honorable name.

> "Now I am here to say that I will pay every dollar due the depositors who had money in the Wenfield Savings Bank, and---'

"Hooray for Miss Marial" shouted a wildly excited man in the rear of the hall. "Hooray!"

The crowd took up the cry and the hall rang as it had never had before. 'Hooray for the Devlin name!' shricked some one else, when partial order had been restored, "Hooray for old Judge Devlin, as good and honest a man as ever walked the earth! Three cheers for him and his honest daughter, Miss Maria!"

Again the hall resounded with the plaudits of the multitude. When order was finally restored, Miss Maria is "on." said quietly:

"My lawyer, Mr. Dawson, will take charge of the matter of making the payments due. That is all I have to way, except to express my deep regret that this shameful thing hashappened. Good night."

Queer Miss Maria left the hall amid the renewed appliance of the great

"She is her father's daughter, that's what she is!" said Dr. Hale, as the people were going out of the hall. "You couldn't say a better thing

about her," said Dawson, the lawyer. From that time forth Miss Maria had a new place in the affections and respect of the people of Wenfield. delphia Record. She was still "queer Miss Maria," but the people knew that her heart was right.-Youth's Companion.

Good Memory For a Kind Deed. No good deed is ever forgotten. An incident is related of a little girl whose mother was a sick widow, and who stopped a young man on the street and begged him to buy her chestnuts. He was poor, but he could not withstand been admired by poets and lovers so promptly and so decidedly rejected her pitiful look. He handed her a from time immemorial, and there is coin and said: "I cannot use you chestnuts, but you are welcome to came the wife of a banker. Passing been kind to her. When he had gone she inquired his errand.

"He came to see if I would give him a vacant position to the bank."

"Will you?" "I don't know."

"I wish you would," she said, and then told him the story of her poverty and the man's generosity.

The man sat that night beside his sick wife's bed, when a liverest servant brought him a note.

"We shall not starve," he exclaimed "I have the position." He opened the note and found inclosed a \$250 check. with the words: "In grateful remembrance of the little silver piece a kind stranger gave the little chestnut girl twenty years ago."-The Christian Herald.

Good Effect of Curiosity. Near the town of Baku, in the Rus

sian Caucasus, are several tracts of land whereon no cattle would feed, although they were covered with unusually rich herbage. The superstitious peasantry declared that an evil spirit had bewitched the meadows in question. By and by there happened along a practical, matter-of-fact Englishman, who started to investigate the phenomenon. He quickly discovered that, although the grass was un doubtedly rich and succulent, it tasted strongly of paraffin, a substance the flavor of which is intensely repugnant to nearly all animals, but especially so to cattle. Such was the origin of the discovery of the Baku petroleum de posits deposits which have already ylelded millions of pounds' worth of coming exhausted.-Chicago Record.

Photographing by Light of Venus Photographing objects solely by the light from the planet Venus has been successfully accomplished. The experiments were conducted within the dome of the Smith Observatory, at Geneva, N. Y., so that all outside light for. She goes and finds out what the was excluded except that which came from Venus through the open shutter of the dome. The time was the dark est hour of the night, after the plenet had risen and before the approach of dawn. The plates were remarkably clear.-Chicago News.

but fate is so absurd; her doughnuts tions were sufficient to embarrass it, said the word. -Indianapolis Journal.



MARRIAGE WITHOUT MENDELSSOHN A Word For the Girl Who Chooses a

Quiet Wedding. There is something to be said in favor of the quiet weddling, where the overflowing, and no one seemed to bride agrees to dispense with "fuss and have any definite idea of what was to feathers," a long cortige of bridesmaids, who must all be provided with more or less expensive gifts, and will the more gorgeous recessional to the a saving of the pomps and costly van-

could almost hear the breathing of the | It may be natural to a girl to wish to have a fine wedding and to plan each detail of costuming for berself and her bridesmalds, but it is a weary to speak. Every word could be heard ing process for the family who have to attend to all the minutiae of a big "My friends," she said, simply, "I church wedding and reception at the am here to make reparation for the house. It is expensive, the way it is

The bride-elect has little time or though to bestow upon the step she is a higher or a more deserved reputation taking in life. Her mind is occupied with her trousseau, wedding presents amends for his son's wrongdoing, and the great day. Her dressmaker, milliment for repose or reflection.

The bridegroom-elect is anything but a happy man, with the multiplicity of duties which are thrust upon him. He is dancing attendance early and late. and yet seems somehow to be a cipher in the grand pageant of the fashion able church wedding.

If the parents of the bride give their sanction for a quiet ceremony there is much to be said in favor of a "marriage without Mendelssohn," solemn ized without the curious eyes of the gaping crowd. Witnesses, of course, there must be, but the wedding can be quiet, a ceremony much more welcome to some brides and bridegrooms than the estentations functions and crowded church and house where a big wedding

A return to simplicity is a good thing. The great world has but a passing interest in a private wedding. to witness the solemnization? Where incomes are small, and the expenses of a large wedding are great, it is cer tainly more sensible to take the quie way, to renounce the musical accour paniments, the pageant of maids of honor and flower girls, the crowd of guests invited and uninvited, the smart breakfast, expensive flowers. elaborate tollets, cards and catrlages and with parental consent to essay the experiment which may be called "mar riage without Mendelssehn." - Phila-

The Care of the Eyes. The beauties of old, Helen of Troy and Cleopatra notably, were famous for the beauty of their eyes, and no doubt they devoted much time to their care. Some beauties do nowadays, but many a girl who has a pretty eye could enhance its attractiveness by a little care. Long, sweeping eyelashes have seductive in the long eyelash sweeping down on a velvet cheek. Not only does it add to the expression, but it is a greater safeguard to the eye from dust and dangerous living particles. If a little vaseline or olive oil be put upon the lashes each night the growth

will be aided very much. And then about the eyebrow. Eye brows differ with every individual, but if nature has not been careful to provide one with those of perfect form nuch can be done to nelp matters The eyebrow should extend slightly below the orifice of the eye at each end. Toward the temple it should terminate in a mere line, and It should e slightly broader at the other end.

Upon the peculiar arch and the breadth of the eyebrow much depends. Delicate features require a delicate eyebrow, while a face that is strong in character requires a bolder one Never pull hairs out of the brow, but rather try, by careful brushing, to train them to grow as you wish. If you will try brushing your eyebrows in different directions you will see just how the hair should grow in order to suit your eye best, and then you should be careful always to brush it the same way. A very little oil may be used but be careful not to use it often, or it may make them grow bushy.

The Capable Woman. The capable woman is just as likely to develop to perfection in the backwoods as anywhere else. Environment has not very much to do with producing her. Like the poet she is born and not made. There is no college or other institution of learning which can turn her out to order.

The capable woman knows just the right thing to do in any emergency which may confront her, and she does it. She has confidence in herself. She oil, and which show no signs of be- does not think it necessary to run among her friends and ask everybody's advice before she does as she 'as a mind to do.

> . . . She doesn't send for the doctor every time she has an ache or bad feeling. She doesn't get frightened every time she hears a noise she cannot account noise originated from. She does not throw cold water on her family. She encourages effort, she assists every enterprise with her well-balanced strength, and she inspires all those who come within her influence.

She knows how to do things. he house should enter fire she would try her best to put out the flames be fora she rushed into the street, and so give the hre a chance to develop

body in her vicinity should break a limb or cut an artery she wouldn't scream or faint away, but she would render such assistance as lay in her power until medical aid could be procured.-Table Talk.

Wet-Weather Costumes.

Rainy-weather gowns now require a good deal of attention, although there has never been a season for years when women invested in mackintoshes to the extent they have this season, probably because the mackintoshes are smarter garments than they were, being made on the lines of the long coats. Some women never wear a mackintosh, and prefer instead to have a costume intended solely for bad weather. A good model for such a gown as this is made of the rough cheviot, and has a close-fitting skirt and to substitute for it green or bluc, with an attached flounce short enough to clear the ground. The walst is in blouse shape, with two wide plents, and a very narrow waistcoat of white cloth or, better still, red cloth, with small gold buttons. This waist is really a jacket, and is intended to be worn over the dress waist. The hat is of the same material as the gown. with long stiff feather that cannot be injured by wind or weather.

The long cloaks are most graceful this season, and much fuller than they were. They all fit well over the shoulders, but have considerable flare, and there is always some trimming around the shoulders, either a capuchin hood or two or three capes that cover the shoulders well In front the cloak is fastened at the throat, generally with some pretty clasp, and there are revers of velvet or fur and a turned-down collar of the same material.-Harper's Bazar.

Beauty and the Frost.

It is the correct thing to be sensible this winter. Stout-soled shoes and garments suited to the climate's fickleness were never so fashionable.

Girls who are proud of their health are buying heavy stockings and for very cold and blustery weather woolen leggings that reach to their hips. Common-sense and red cheeks and lips are running mates as never before.

8 0. 6 No woman who has sense washes ber face, neck or wrists just before going out into the frosty air. To de so ruins the skin.

If you want to wrinkle your face prematurely, empurple your lips, red-Why should all society be called upon dee your nose and make your eyes 'bleary" aug the register.

> Never take a full bath before going out. Never "sponge off" before going to any function when the temperature is at zero. Health and beauty protest nlike.

Before entering the cold air rub the tips of the ears, now, chin, cheeks and lips with a little glycerine, rose water and alcohol; dust with talenm, and your battle is half fought. Wear a blue, brown, or green veil on very bitter days. Careful drying of the nands and face will save much suffering for all classes. Don't bite the lips or they will crack.

A Woman as Engineer

Of Miss Nevada Stout, of Dyerville, Ohlo, who has received a license to run a stationary engine, the district examiner states that she answered correctly twenty-four of the twentyfive questions asked, which is better ertainly something very beautiful and than the average male engineer does He says: "I never was more surprised in my life than when I entered the engine room of the mill where this young woman is employed, for she is barely eighteen. The machinery was as clean as a new pin; there wasn't a speck of rust on it, and she was shov elling coal into the furnace and look ing after the fifty horse power engine in a way that indicated that she thor oughly understood her business. She was the only person about the mill, and yet the plant was running perfectly, and her employers had left her in charge, apparently, with every conildence that she was fully competent and responsible.

Choice of Jewelry. Every well-dressed woman now makes quite a study of suitable jewelry to wear with certain gowns. There is so much color in the dainty neck chains, safety pin brooches, etc., that they require careful selecting. If the brown-eyed woman wears amber or pink coral, let all the items of jewelry correspond; the same with the blue eyed woman who deepens the color of her eyes with blue stones. But do not wear an amber chain with a turquoise brooch or a blue neckehain with a pink bangle, etc. Keep to the color of one stone, even to the tiny plus that secure the lace jabot at your throat Pink coral is extremely fashionable just now as well as expensive. In the language of precious stones it is sup posed to guard against danger and evil. Strings of coral will be much worn as watch and lorgnette chains,

Countess Tolstol. The Countess Telstol is a noble wo man who has met the difficulty which her husband's life and views have presented with remarkable tact and wisdom. Despite the care of a large family, for she is the mother of thir-

teen children, and the entire management of an estate, she finds time to assist her husband in his literary inbors. Count Tolstoi's writing is exceedingly difficult to decipher, and the nfinite patience with which she copies his books bears witness of her devotion. With regard to catering to her husband's tastes in the matter of diet. she is quoted as saying that she could give dinners of fruits, grains, and vegetables 305 days in the year, and never duplicate one.-Chleago Times

A Cleverly Blended Fav. What is called sable fox, a cleverly blended far, is among the first choices for neck searfs.

In Seroll Effect. Corded tucks in scroll effect are no to be attempted by the amateur, per

less she is "looking for trouble."



It is claimed by physicians that the color red sometimes produces injurious effects upon the eyes. For this reason it is wise to eschew red embroidery as an evening occupation which are believed to be beneficial.

Book Boxes For the Library. Book-boxes are a new manifestation of the table book-rack. They are rather shallow trays that are still deep enough to protect the book, are nonadjustable, and are about as long as the usual rack, stretched to its full

extent. Some of them are beautiful-

ly decorated in burnt designs.

Attractive Sofa Cushions. The two newest ideas are Bulgarian stripes and the elaborate French embroidery in satin ribbon. The latter is usually in a rather large, open pattern, and beautiful effects are gained. The Bulgarian stripes are in soft tans and reds, with characteristic figure embroidery.

Turkish designs such as star and crescent and other typical figures show with best effect on a white, black or dark red back-ground. Border such covers with twisted cord and loose tassels at the corners.

For the nursery there are many comic cushion tops. One shows a line of little dogs singing, while a big dog beats time. Kittens are at play on another. A third shows some frolleking pickanninnies.

Brightening the Mahogany.

Mahogany and all polisher wood of any kind is opt to become very dull and tarnished, and the regular operation of rubbing it up is not one that is dear to the average maid; yet if it is allowed to go too long uncared for the trouble of reviving it is endless, The best and easiest way of polishing wood is to make a "dolly" of rags, finally tying it up tightly in a piece of soft flannel; this should be slightly sprinkled with linseed oil; over it tie a cloth rag on which put a few drops of spirits of wine; rub all the woodwork quickly with this prepared material, and polish quickly as you proceed with a soft silk or flannel rag. Both the oil and the spirits should be very sparingly applied, as they would otherwise moisten the wood too much and produce smears; but if the operation is briskly done, according to these instructions, no polish, however elaborate, will bring about the same brightness.

Lemons as Medleine. Lemon juice sweetened with loaf or crushed sugar, will relieve a cough. For feverishness and unnatural thirst soften a lemon by rolling on a

hard surface, cut off the top, add sugar and work it down into the lemon with a fork, then suck it slowly. During the warm mon hs a sense of coolness, comfort and invigoration can

be produced by a free use of lemon-Hot lemonade will break up a cold If taken at the start. Make is the same as cold lemonade, only use boiling water instead of cold water, and use

about one-half as much sugar. A piece of lemon, or stale bread moistened with lemon juice, bound on a corn will cure it. Renew night and morning. The first application will produce soreness, but if treatment is persisted in for a reasonable length of time a cure will be effected.

The discomfort caused by sore and tender feet may be lessened, if not entirely cured, by applying slices of lemon on the feet.

To cure chilblains take a piece of lemon, sprinkle fine salt over it and rub the feet well. Repeat if necessary



thin five medium-sized turnips; stew in salted water until tender; drain, add two teaspoons sugar, salt and pepper, three tablespoonfuls vinegar, and half a cup of rich sour cream; serve hot.

French Omelet-A French cook never beats the whites and yolks of the eggs used in an omelet separately. They are broken together in a bowl and beaten till a spoonful can be taken up. Before they are beaten a tablespeenful of water to each egg is added. and when the mixture is ready for the pan a dust of pepper and a half-teaspoonful of salt to six eggs are lightly

stirred in. Rice Tonst-A good brenkfast relish for an early fall morning is rice toast. Chop finely an outon and fry in a little butter. Add half a pound or one coffee-cupful of boiled rice and two ounces of shredded ham. Senson with salt and pepper. Fry all together till hot, then stir and serve piled on fried brend. The excellence of the dish depends upon its quick service, as it should be eaten very hot.

Maryland Breakfast Dish-While the busy housewife is tidying up her dinner dishes at night she can very conveniently make this choice Maryland dish, which is often made of rice in that State. Sprinkle gradually three-fourths pint of Indian (corn) meal into one quart of boiling water, previously salted with a large tenspoonful of sait; allow it to boll half an hour. Drain one pint of oysters of their liquor, and stir them into the mush; allow ten minutes longer, then pour the mixture into a square mold or a baking-powde can which has been wet in cold water. Cut in neat slices in the morning and

POPULAR SCIENCE.

'An experimental balloon has registered 100 degrees below zero in the upper nir.

small pieces of stone, or other hard The next total eclipse of the sun is substance, used, especially in India due on May 17, 1901, and the greatest and the farther east, for curing the duration of totality appears to be visible from Padang, Sumatra, and the next greatest at Pontinak, Borneo, Port Victoria, Amboyna, has a tolera bly long duration, but probably many will go to the Mauritius.

Things grow very fast in the short Arctic summer. As soon as the snow melts off in many places the ground is covered with a vine which bears a small berry something like a huckleberry, porwong it is called. It is sour and has a pungent taste, and the Indians leave off work to go porwong hunting, cramming themselves with the berries.

Overton by his researches has shown that the red sap of plants, to which the bright autumn tints are due, is conditioned upon the presence of su gar, the depth of the red tint depending upon the concentration of the sugar. Low temperatures induce the development of such colors. Two bladderwort plants grown in separate dishes of water having different proportions of sugar clearly proved his relation of sugar to color production.

Only ten per cent, of our birds are resident through the year, and but few of these are resident as individuals, and it is this constant variation in our avi-fauna which gives to the study of oirds in nature its greatest charm. One may go into the fields every day of the year without duplication of experience. Seasonal distribution was said to be largely a result of migration, January being the only month in the year when some evidences of mi gration might not be observed.

The question as to whether the offspring of deaf persons are likely to be deaf has been carefully investigated recently by Professor Edward A. Fay, and an important monograph on the subject has been published by the Volta Bureau, of Boston. Professor Fay has considered carefully the data afforded by statistics of over 4500 marringes of deaf people in the United States, and his research is looked upon as the most conclusive proof yet advanced that there is no inheritance of acquired characters, so far at least as the inheritance of deafness is concerned. Professor Fay shows that if the deaf people who marry do not have deaf relatives, the marriage is no more likely to result in deaf children than the marriage of ordinary people, while the marriage of hearing persons with deaf relatives is just as likely to result in deaf children as a marriage

Reverles of an Elderly Spinster. Anyhow, it's my own fault. I've had plenty of offers in my ime. That's more than that sneaking Della Hykes can say.

Men used to rave about my complexon. It hasn't changed so much. I've never seen a man that was worth sitting up till after midnight either with or for.

I could have had Lal Quinby if I had wanted him, but who would marry a man that had swallowed his chin?

I don't have half as much trouble as Mag Sputterwell has, and she's only been married ten years. Looks a hundred years old. Still, I don't like to see impudent

men get up and offer me a seat when I get inside a street car. I take the seat, but I look daggers at 'em. There's some married women that don't want to acknowledge they're growing old. Mrs. Higgsworthy tries to dress like a young girl, and she

makes a perfect guy of herself. She is fifty-seven if she's a day. I suppose some men would laugh at me because I think so much of Tabby, but I would rather have a clean cat about the house than a man with a nasty old pipe and a three-days' growth of beard. I don't have to sew

Tribune.

Then He Spoke Up. Counsel-"I insist on an answer to my question. You have not told me all the conversation. I want to know verything that passed between you and Mr. Jones on the occasion to which tou refer."

Reductant Witness-Tve told you verything of any consequence." ing polished.

"You have told me that you said to him. Jones, this case will get into the court some day.' Now, I want to know what he said in reply." "Well, he said: 'Brown, there isn't

anything in this business that I'm ashamed of, and if any snoopin', little, ree-hawin', four-by-six, gimlet-eyed lawyer, with half a pound of brains and sixteen pounds of jaw, ever wants to know what I've been talkin' to you about, you can tell aim the whole story." -- London Tit-Bits.

Clergymen Collect Their Own Dues. An extraordinary survival from the scimilive tradition of the clergy openy collecting their own "dues" in kind from the people may now be seen in full swing in the recal districts of Upper Savoy, in Switzerland. Every year about the middle of October clergymen, attended by youths bearing sacks and baskets, go from village to village, receiving the contributions of their parishioners. No sort of consumable commodity comes amiss, though money is most favored, and every evening the sack or basket goes back heavily loaded. These contributions are a popular test of respectability, and many a housewife has been known to borrow the whole amount of her offering to the parochial incumbent.-London Express.

Excessive Duelling Hours. At Venice this week there was a duel with swords between two nonommissioned officers of the engineers. There were no less than twenty-seven assaults, with short intervals between them, and the duet lasted nine hours. Finally one of the surgeants was wounded in the fare. Belgian Star.

SNAKE STONES.

Dures of Venomous Bites by Their Use Reported.

Snake stones, as is well known, are

bites of anakes and other venon creatures. In general they seem to be of no great value, though some remarkable instances are related of speedy cures thus effected. In the English periodical, Nature, Mr. D. Hervey relates some personal observa-tions in this field. Several years ago, while bathing in the sea near Singapore, he put his foot in a small mudhole and received a bite near the ankle, which soon became extremely painful. A Malay, who examined it on the spot, said it was inflicted by a fish one of the Siluridae which abounds in the waters, and is known as Plotosus carius. He immediately began searching about for a remedy, which was soon found in shape of a round black stone as large as a pea. This he applied to the wound, to which it adhered without support for a minute or so. On its dropping off, there was a flow of black blood, followed by blood of a normal color. The pain at once lessened, and in an hour was all gone. The wound healed without further trouble, but a fortnight later Mr. Hervey noticed that its place was occupied by a cavity about the size of the stone. Another Englishman, bitten in the same manner and on the same day, at Singapore, was less fortunate in his trial of the remedy, being laid up for six weeks. The Malay said that his stone came from the head of a serpent; to Mr. Hervay it seemed like a bit of charred bone. In some cases similar to the above, the Malays employ the juice of a plant belonging to the genus Henslowia. When there is a great deal of painful irritation caused by the stinging organs of the jelly fish, they resort to the juice of the berries of the Papaw tree (Carica papava.) According to Mr. Hervey. the native doctors sometimes perform surprising cures with their secret medicines. For example, a young Englishman who, while bathing, had his legs caught in the tentacles of some unknown animal-perhaps a jelly-fishcould get no relief from a European surgeon, but, after nine or ten days, when the pain had almost driven him frantic, one of these experts took hold and healed him completely. Hence, it might be well if accurate observations respecting the action of snakestones in particular were recorded in greater number.

EAT WITH SPOONS. Table Habits in Conservative Turkish

Honseholds Are Odd. Of late years some Turkish households have become considerably modernized in their arrangements, even aping the ways of Paris. But conservative Turks frown on such newfangled ways. In a conservative Turkish household, rich or poor, no tables are used, and chairs are unknown. Instead there is a huge wooden frame in the middle of the room about eightcen inches high. When the familythe men only-assemble to dine cushions are brought, placed upon the frame, and on these the members seat themselves tailor fashion, forming a circle around a large tray. The tray is a very large wooden, plated or silver affair, according to the financial condition of the family, and thereon is deposited a capacious bowl. About it arranged saucers of sliced cheese, anchovies, caviare and sweetments. Interspersed with these are goblets of herbet, pieces of hot unleavened bread and boxwood spoons. Knives, forks and plates do not figure in the service, but each has a napkin spread upon his knees, and every one, armed with a spoon, helps himself. The bowl is presently borne away and another dish takes its place. This time it is a conglomeration of substantials stewed together, such as mutton, game or poultry. The mess has been divided by the cook into portions, which are dipped up with the aid of a spoon or with the fingers. For the host to fish out of the mess a wing or a leg of a lowl and present it to a guest is considered a great compliment, and for a anybody's buttons on, either.-Chicago | Turk of high degree to roll a morsel between his fingers and put it into the mouth of a visitor is looked upon

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