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It was Emeline Jones who spoke, in the sanctuary of her own kitchen, and everybody who knows of John Chamberlin's gastronomic glories will bow to the dicta of Emeline Jones. This paragon of the culinary art was Chamberlin's chief cook at the height of his career, when presidents resorted to his famous hotel at the national capital, and senators in the resturants were as thick as buttons on the bellboys.

"There are three kinds of fresh water terrapin and five kinds of salt water terrapin," she said, shaking her head with the nod of authority, "and they are all good to eat, all of 'em. But most folks don't know it, and, what's more, they wouldn't know how to cook 'em and dress 'em and serve 'em, even if they did know it."

The astounding news that there are seven other kinds of terrapin that can be dressed and served and eaten with gusto even should the world famous diamond back actually become extinct seemed to be worthy of the most careful investigation and verification. These are:

(A.) Fresh water terrapin, sometimes called tortoise: 1. The lettered tortoise, found all over the country, named for the hieroglphical markings on its shell. 2. The chicken tortoise, found far and wide in fresh water ponds and streams, and disrespectfully spoken of as the "slider." 3. The quaker tortoise, known by its long claws. These are all

(B.) Their salt water brethren, the true terrapins, are: 1. The box terrapin, found all along the North American coasts. 2. The diamond back, found from New York to Texas in brackish streams near the sea shore. 3. The smooth terrapin. 4. The red belly, or red leg, found from New York to Virginia, and recognized by its serrated jaws. 5. The scabra, or rough terrapin, called the yellow-belly in the south, and tôlerably plenty from Virginia to Florida waters.—N. Y. Sun.

FIND HIDDEN TREASURE. Spanish Coins Over 100 Years Old Discovered in Florida.

Some negroes engaged recently in removing the coquina walls of an old Spanish casa that had been demolished to make room for a modern structure found a few Spanish doubloons in a little niche that had been cut into the wall. The date on one of the coins showed it to be 160 years old. It is supposed that the coins were placed in the hole in the wall during the Seminole Indian war of half a century ago. Every man was his own banker in those days, and hid his gold in the walls, chimneys, under the houses, and those who believed that ghosts would keep bad people away hid their gold in the graveyard. Periodically there is a revival of gold hunting, many of the early settlers believing that the old town is rich in gold deposits, and whenver an old building is to be torn down many volunteer to "work for just what they can find." Within the past few years several sums of gold have been dug up on Anastasia island, opposite this city, by fishermen. This led to organized parties, whose prospecting was guided by visions from clairvoyants, who can discover fortunes for others. but not for themselves.

That there is a great deal of hidden treasure in Florida there can be little doubt, but the secret of the hiding place died with the Spaniards who were killed by the ferocious Seminoles and the pirates who infested this coast in earlier times.

The crews of wrecked vessels buried their money along the coast and were either killed by the hostile Indians or fled for their lives. In either event, the treasure remained buried and its location forgotten or the sailors never

The stories of hidden treasure on the coast of Florida and in this ancient city are not based upon stories of early Spanish residents, as many lucky finds will testify. An exploring party, under the guise of tourists, recently took a trip down the coast, touching at various islands and putting in at the inlets, ostensibly fishing and hunting. While this is part of the programme, they are out more for profit than for pleasure. -Chicago Chronicle.

Didn't Want Chairs. Customer-What time do you have to be here in the morning?

"Eight o'clock, madam." "Indeed! And you are here in the evening also, are you not?"

"Very often." "How much time do you have for lunch?"

"An hour, usually." "Do you have all those shelves to "Yes, madam."

"Isn't it hard work?" "Sometimes, madam." "Don't you get tired?"

"Yes, very often." "I see no chairs for you to sit on." "No. madam. We don't want chairs, because customers would think we were here just to sit around and answer questions."-N. Y. Weekly.

German Juries. In Germany, when the vote of the

jury stands six against six, a prisoner is acquitted; a vote of seven against tive leaves the decision to the court, and by a vote of eight against four the prisoner is convicted.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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Indeterminate Sentences

In a vast majority of cases the criminal who has received more than one sentence is beyond the possibility of reform. It is probable that nearly all criminals are incurable, at least under the methods of the ordinary penitentiary, says Leslie's Weekly. What the system employed at the Elmira prison may do it will require a longer time to determine. In any event, the principle of indeterminate sentences, f applied under the direction of a body of enlightened and competent men, would work no hardship along with such a measure of prison reform as the conditions warrant. If a man is doomed to continued imprisonment, as the chronic insane are, it is his own fault or the fault of his inheritance. Those who have the disposition and the power to reform can open their own doors to freedom. The instances are many where a confirmed criminal has been released at the expiration of his term only to commit a murder. Nearly all such criminals immediately renew their former associations and habits. With the almost positive knowledge that this will be the case, the court that determines the sentence must be conscious of affording only a brief resplte to society from the murderous or felonious assaults of the convicted criminals. It is doubtful if halfway measures of reform in this matter are of any value. As long as the change in the law means only the conditional release of exceptional convicts selected by the courts there is not likely to be the same machinery for learning the condition of the convicts that we should have if all sentences were without term. The failure of conditional release, or, if not its absolute failure, its inability to show any striking results, is calculated to lessen the chances of the adoption of a complete system based on a scientific study of the subject. According to one paper read during the exhibition, the penal code of Italy is intended to inflict rigorous imprisonment only on the incurably vicious. This is a reasonable distinction between chronic criminals and those who may be regarded as reformable and is a first step toward the perpetual seclusion of the incurables. The idea should be less shocking in the case of the criminal than in the case of the lunatic, unless we regard them both as the unhappy victims of an inherit-

ance they cannot escape. A clergyman is sometimes at a disdvantage, in that he cannot very well relieve his feelings by the use of strong language. But if he be quickwitted, says the Troy Times, it frequently happens that he can accomplish much the same result by proxy. At the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Game Protective association in Boston the other evenig Rev. D. J. C. Janes, of West Newton, related the story of the good parson who was fishing with Philip D. Armour, and in the middle of the day, when it was hot and they became thirsty, they repaired to a cool, shady nook on a mossy bank. The parson produced a corkserew to open the bottle that had been provided. The bottle slipped and was lost. They looked at each other in agonized silence until the good doctor implored Mr. Armour to "Speak For God's sake, speak." What Mr. Armour said can be imagined.

There are tricks in all trades, of course, but the hustlers who handle rich women are about as tricky as they make them, according to the New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. At a well known milliner's the different saleswomen all employ the very exclusives as their means of decoy. A hat will be tried on and the saleswoman will say: "Most becoming to you. Mrs. John Jacob Astor was in here a half hour ago and insisted upon having this hat sent home to her. persuaded her not to take it. It is so much more becoming to you." Generally the hat is sold. This is an absolutely true experience, and one that has been repeated more than once, with good results to the head of the shop.

There is an authentic case, reports the Chicago Evening News, of a brilliant young woman, happily married, who had a long illness, the result of which was that when she recovered she had lost every recollection of her life from the day of her marriage, inclusive of the ceremony. The rest of her life up to that point she remembered clearly. At first she pushed her husband and her child from her in alarm, but her parents and friends have convinced her she is married and has a son. She believes their word of necessity, though she has never recovered her memory of that one year which is lost to her.

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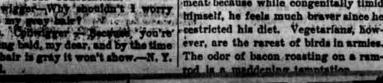
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