the Uninitiated.

The Participants In the Mystlfying Spectacle Play With the Fiery Embers as Children Play With Sand and Emerge Unharmed.

I once witnessed a most remarkable ordeal by fire at Benares, India. It was held on the grounds of a villa on the outskirts of the city, and among us were some of the most prominent life in British India. Army and navy officers touched elbows with French savants, all more than glad to accept an invitation that might at least offer opportunity either to catch some clew dian fire ordeal or else catch the priest- ton, was no four legged animal at all, Thanks to my bringing up by the best by performers in a nice trap at consum- but merely the French word 'achat'- aunt in the world, I have the reputa-

Seats had been arranged for our par- youth topple about our heads. ty out on the spacious lawn, where a and was set afire by the attendants,

We were escorted to our seats at the moment we sat down within twelve feet of it. Whatever else might be fraud or hypnotism in this Indian fire ordeal, we could not for a moment doubt the realism of that scorching heat that made our eyes smart and grow bloodshot. We, who had come to scoff and doubt, were soon realizing that the managers of the Benares fire ordeal had already gained 75 points out of 100 in favor of their honesty and of their power over the mighty element of fire, that figures so largely in oriental philosophy as one of the three or four primal elements of the physical

A great commotion and babel of voices soon proclaimed the coming of the procession of priests, headed by the arch priest Brahmapoots, carrying a huge Indian sword, followed by the two minor priests who were destined to walk unharmed through that yard thick flery bed, scintillating in the increasing darkness and lighting up the dark faces of the hundreds of gaping ing things of an extraordinary nature. News.

The priests marched about the trench chanting and performing mystic incantations, carrying along a glass reliqu-Vishnu the preserver of the universe, this morning David." We do not know to this day what those lating, glowing fire as children play with the sands of Coronado beach, kicking it with their feet and stooping down to pick up handfuls of the glow ing coals, tossing them in the air, to be blown by the rising evening breeze all over our heads and our easily inflammable clothing. We were really afraid. No doubt about those sparks

and live, falling coals! and down alone through that flery trench unseathed and unscorched, then the whole Hindoo throng seemed to suddenly catch the spirit of their the power of fire, they began plunging into the trench. Old men and young nace, forward and backward, and when they had tired of this "playing with fire" they came out as they had entered, not a hair or a garment feet blistered.

Only males are allowed to go through the fire ordeal.

lutely convinced that trickery was not to be considered as an explanation of what we had witnessed.-Los Angeles Times.

A Caddle's Cadenza. Lady Golfer (to would be caddle)-But what do you know about the Can you make a tee, for instance? The Would Be Caddie-Can ! make- Why, in my young days, lidy I used ter do it that well they called mem the teacaddy.—London Sketch.
A Famous Tenor.

ural beauty and sweetness of the voice of meat substance, eggs, vegetables or of Sims Reeves held his audiences cereals have little nutritive value, alspellbound and fully entitled him to be termed the finest English tenor of his properties. day. He especially excelled in oratorio parts, while in opera his success was scarcely less pronounced. Per-haps it was as a singer of English bal-Soup interferes with digestion whenhaps it was as a singer of English bala long day before we shall hear a more exquisite rendering of "Sally In Our dinner menu. 'Alley" than that of which this great tenor was capable.-London Mail,

Visiting Britisher - But you have nothing to see over here-nothing. I mean, in the way of grand old things that have long since fallen into dis-

Comparing Notes. -My wife never got the best of me STORIES OF THE CAT.

Legends and Facts About the Still but Half Tamed Animal.

"There are few tales of cat fidelity,

and many of dog, yet one thinks no worse of the cat for this," says an ob; server. "His very independence compels respect. He walks 'by his wild WALK OVER GLOWING COALS. one, waving his wild tail, through the wild woods,' as an inspired modern writer has set forth. All the generations have not served to tame him. and the most domestic of the race will revert sooner to a wild life at 'the call of the blood' than any other friend of have been drawn from the ranks of politicians and poets, those whom reasons of state or a sensitive temperamen and women of official and social ment have rendered averse from trusting their fellow creatures and who consequently bestow all their affections upon the 'fireside sphinx.' We are invited to believe that the most famous oward solving the mystery of the In- fortune to his master, Dick Whitting- from Mme. Collingwood's select school. mate and age long deception, success to buy and sell at profit—and that the fully worked among a superstitious great merchant made a pet only of his and overcredulous people like the Hin- merchandise from the very beginning. Thus in later years do the idols of our

"But other legends-nay, facts-are trench had been dug sixteen feet long, left us. Cardinal Wolsey, for instance, six feet wide and four feet deep. The when acting in his official capacity as fire in the trench was lighted before lord chancellor is said to have had his noon, but the ordeal itself was not to favorite cat always seated beside him, come off until after sunset. The trench and another prince of the church, Richwas filled with kindling wood and logs elieu, found his only relaxation in keeping a number of kittens in his priwho kept up a blaze as hot as a blast vate cabinet and watching their gamfurnace all day long, until the trench bols during his spare moments. We spoke with sternness not entirely afby sunset was filled three feet deep cannot really reckon Richelieu as a with a compact, glowing bed of redcannot really reckon Richelieu as a fected. rectly the kittens grew to three months

and their kittens. Victor Hugo's great swer that advertisement." cat Chanolne always sat on a large red marked displeasure if any one failed to caress or praise her.

dearly, we are told, as Laura. No of his trials and consoled him for much of the fair lady's disdain, and when pussy died the poet had her embalmed in the Egyptian fashion and carried her mummy about with him everywhere. Baudelaire, the French poet, a very shy man, was always ill at ease in any new house he entered until the family cat was brought up and introduced to him, after which, with the cat on his knee, he was perfectly happy in his silent poet fashion.

"Traditions respecting cats are, of course, legion. From time immemorial they have been regarded as somewhat Hindoos standing behind us. While uncanny, omens of weal or woe, beings we Europeans and Americans, always to be either conciliated or crushed. hypercritical and given to scientific re- The cat worship of ancient Egypt and, search, were awaiting the coming of later, the Roman creed that the cat the moment when our 75 per cent of was sacred to Diana speak of the one; credulity was either to be shattered or the wild charges of witchcraft - or rounded out to the fullness of a com-pleted and abiding faith in Hindoo ages of Europe will attest the latter. control and mastery of the devouring But there is another popular belief deelement of fire, our Hindoo fellow on-lookers, on the other hand, were antici-sets forth the old maid as the cat's pating the ordeal with all the simplic- only friend, a legend arising in the ity of credulous children. Ours was an imediaeval nunneries overrun with almost terrifying heart tension, and we mice, where one or more cats were almost wished that we were not occi- always kept and were no doubt much ble dealing with him. Langhorne, this pretty good bargain." dental skeptics, always bent on doubt- petted by the good nuns." - Chicago

Some few winters ago a gang of carary, or shrine, in which was seen the riage washers was engaged washing mage of the god Siva, who, in the carriages on one of our northern rail-Hindoo religious system, is one of the ways when one of them remarked to trinity and is worshiped as the de- his mate, an old soldier who was fastroyer. Brahma being the creator and mous as a long bowist, "It's awful cold

"Cold! This is nothing," said David. priests said as they perambulated "L remember when I was in Canada in her reflections, and she found a very about that flery trench, but we do 186- one of our mates died, poor chap. know what soon followed, for, at the And you will have some idea what blue eyes that smiled right into hers, as its plains were concerned, was takend of the incantation, the two candisort of frost it was when I tell you it dates for the ordeal plunged into the froze the body so stiff and the groupd in his hand. redhot coals and walked ankle deep so hard that we had to get hammer the whole length of the trench, back- and chisel, make a nick in the ground ward and forward, time and time and then drive him in with a pile again. They played with that scintil- driver. That was the only way we could give the poor chap decent burial."-London Answers.

EYEGLASSES.

There is nothing which more comeyeglasses than the habit of crowding angel of mercy. them on the nose with one hand. The

has acquired that habit. priests, and, sure of their conquest over off gently without dragging or pulling out of shape. To take off spectacles take hold of the right temple with the children walked through that flery fur- right hand and lift it off the ear. Then turn the head to the right and the left temple will fall off easily.

The average wearer of glasses when he is cleaning them takes hold of the bus had taken the few visitors back to scorched, not even the soles of their bridge. The consequence is that he gradually works the bridge out of Never yet has any scientific theory explained the power of the Siva wor-shipers over fire. We ourselves were

this way than any other. where the glass is screwed on the outer that lens.

SOUPS AND BROTHS.

They Are Stimulating, but Have Lit-

tle Nutritive Value. Soups and broths made of the meat Apart from its wide range, the nat. pieces alone and without the addition though they do possess stimulating

A dog would starve to death in ten days if fed upon beef broth pure and

lads that Sims Reeves appealed to the ever a full meal is eaten. I consider it curiously. majority, and it will probably be many as being entirely superfluous and ad-

Soup, being practically all water, plays an important part in conjunction with the large quantities of other liquids injected during mealtime in delaying and interfering with digestion and laying a foundation for stomach trouble. Through it and the other liquids used the stomach is not only overfilled and unnecessarily burdened, Gothamite - We haven't, eh? but the gastric secretions are so weak-Wait till you get a copy of the city ened by dilution that they can act but slowly upon the food mass. Here again we have the food remaining in the stomach for too long a period, and Bleeker-My wife got the best of me there is likely to be produced all of the in an argument this morning. Meeker symptoms and signs of an intoxication due to the absorption into the system the feminine mind were received with but ye know it's no use saying that, but once. Bleeker-When was that? of the products of decomposed foods.

Meeker-When she married me.-Chi-Soup eaten by itself or with a light

[..... Cupid's Bargain

By LESLIE HOLMES.

mmmmm. "But, my dear" interposed Aunt Ella, reaching for her handkerchief. Beth Graham resumed her interrupt

"I never saw an advertisement which man. It is thus scarcely surprising to balanced so tidily with one's qualificafind that the most famous cat lovers tions-'Wanted, services of a capable young woman for few hours daily. Must be well educated, have pleasant manners, a gift for conversation and make a good appearance. No experience necessary, but large acquaintance desirable. Apply to the Interborough Realty Co., -- Street.' Now, I have of all cats, he who brought fame and the education. Behold my diploma tion of being well mannered. I am considered chatty without being a bore. | should hate the man who bought it. My new tailored suit gives me the good appearance demanded. Certainly I have no experience, but a lot of acquaintances. Mrs. Graham mopped her eyes dili-

gently. "I cannot bear to think of you, a Graham of Graham Center, going into business. Now, there are my came cameos are in style again. Beth"-

The girl laid a slender white hand over her aunt's trembling lips and

"Aunty, dear, never again speak in that way of our precious family heir- you suggested"he had them sent away and replaced looms. So long as they are in the safe about 6:30, and we were not inclined to question the reality of that fire from will life pensions to his favorite cats ham honor is saved. I intend to an-

An hour later the secretary of the ottoman in the center of his salon and Interborough Realty company looked received his guests in state, showing with relief into the fresh, high bred face of the last of the Graham Center Grahams, who, thanks to the collapse "Tasso wrote a sonnet to his favorite of the -- bank, was looking for a pocat, and Petrarch had one he loved as sition in which experience was not demanded. The secretary of the comdoubt she was the confidant of many pany, like all men of his class, questioned the girl so cleverly that she had told the story of her inexperience and needs long before he unfolded the requirements of the position. Then he leaned back in his chair and remarked:

"I think you'll do, Miss Graham. We have plotted ninety acres on the Chester turnpike, and we're going to boom the site as the Hollingworth Terrace. We've got the Transit Construction company interested in the deal, and they will build houses on the installchaps on the ground, but we are planning a series of excursions, and we think a bright woman with the gift of saving the right thing at the right minute could put through many a sale, particularly with men. Now, such work is generally done on a commission basis, but you're rather up against it, and we'll pay you fifteen a week and expenses and give you a month to make good."

He touched an electric button and said to the answering boy: "Send in Mr. Langhorne. He's the working head of the Transit Construcman. You'll probably have considera-

is Miss Graham. She's going to help us out at Hollingworth Terrace." And thus, with a sweeping gesture, did the secretary of the Interborough

entrance into the business world. Hollingworth Terrace. And then a mel-

"Perhaps you would like to look over us on the first excursion tomorrow?" "Tomorrow?" echoed Beth. It seem-

But she smiled and accepted the books. Half an hour later it seemed How to Put Them on and Take Them to her as if Hollingworth Terrace must the plains. These people are the Berbe a sort of paradise for small salbers. Their tongue is called Shilhah. aried people and that she, in selling Literature they have none, in the orpletely changes the effect of a pair of homes to them, would be a veritable

The next day she felt differently. When the two priests had walked up best efforts at fitting and adjusting are The first excursion was not exactly a all brought to naught by a person who success. The air was heavy with mist, and Hollingworth Terrace seemed a The proper way to take off glasses wilderness of surveyors, steam rollers, is to take hold of the bridge and lift sewer pipes and tired teams, dragging great loads of building materials through unfinished streets.

In one of the half finished houses colored man served hot coffee and sandwiches to the few excursionists who had braved the elements, but no deals were consummated. After the the station Beth, seated on a plasterer's horses, studied critically the tiny shape, and every rub he gives the lens reception hali, while Langhorne, perchapted in gives a twist to the bridge, and in ed on a window seat, studied the girl

The correct way to clean them is to take hold of one of the eye pieces there was a fireplace in that corner. You could just as well build one, for verse the glasses, take it by the other the chimney runs up there from the end plece and repeat the process on parlor. Then we'd have a snapping, sparkling fire that would make the whole house seem charming. I believe we'd make a sale, rain or shine."

"But the fireplaces would add to the cost of the houses," said Langhorne

doubtfully

wife likes separate stairs for her one presented to view. servant. She is much more punctilious in such matters than the city house-

"Eh-what?" exclaimed Langhorne that wasted space for a closet for rubber coats, umbrellas, overshoes, etc. A woman will fall for a couple of convenient closets when stained glass win- lowing letter: dows and artistic tiling are lost upon

Langhorne was all attention now. "I didn't suppose that a city girl would notice things so closely."
"I began life in a village," said Beth quietly. "Besides, if I am to help you sell these places I must believe in them, and I cannot believe in them infirmary with sore eyes told a neighunless they are right."

Before the next excursion day rolled around Beth had examined every house sense, woman," replied the other. under way, and her suggestions for shouldn't believe all ye hear. The docsmall alterations that would appeal to tors would only be stuffing ye." "Oh, respect. Furthermore, all plans for for I awakened up out of the chloronew houses were brought to her be- form and saw both of my eyes lying meal, as a rule, does not act harmfully. fore the work was commenced.

noningworth Terrace became the cener around which everything moved and Aunt Ellen studied plans and offered suggestions to young Langhorne, who had taken to bringing drawings to the cozy Graham flat. So far simple cottages costing \$5,000 or less had been erected. Now they were planning more ambitious residences and plotting the most valuable site of their holdings, a broad knoll that overlooked the river

and surrounding country. Here in the heart of a cluster of pines was to be a house of old English lesign, with high gables, sloping roof and quaint interior finish. Beth watched those plans grow with jealous care. She selected the timbers for finishing the ceiling of the reception hall, living room and dining room. The fireplaces she and Langhorne designed from pic tures of English country houses

The excursions were heavily patron zed now Sales were made while Beth's back was turned. Hollingworth Terrace was booming beyond the fondest hopes of its founders. Beth often came in from her calls on prospective customers to ask anxiously, "Has The Lodge been taken?" They had named the house of their

own planning The Lodge, nothing more, and somehow she felt that she One night when Langhorne dropped n to call he did not look her in the eye. He talked about any and every subject but Hollingworth Terrace, and Beth knew that The Lodge had been sold.

"You might as well fess up," she said, with pretended gayety. He nodded his head.
"Yes. We withdrew The Lodge from

the market at 4 this afternoon". "Who bought it, and, oh, do you think they will dare to put Turkish rugs in that old English living room?" "Oh. no. I assure you he'll have nothing but hand woven rugs, just as

"Well, that is some comfort," the can forgive him. What sort of a man is he, married or single?"

"Single, but he bought it hoping that certain girl would share it with him." "Was she with him? Is she a nice girl? Do you think she will appreciate it?" demanded Beth breathlessly. "You know I simply love that fireplace in the hali!"

Langhorne rose abruptly and paced the floor. Suddenly he paused before her chair his lips firm his blue eves ablaze with a light she had never seen there before

"Do you think-could you make up your mind-to sit beside that fireplace always-with me?" She looked up at him, her breath coming in short, nervous gasps, her eyes wide and startled.

"Oh, I know it's no end of cheeky in me, but when that bloated barrel of a Hopkins (you remember you disliked ment plan. We have some wide awake him so) offered me \$8,500 today for The Lodge I told him it was sold. I simply had to buy it myself and take chances on you. You're the certain girl.'

"Oh, Teddy! Teddy Langhorne!" said Beth, with a glad little cry. "We'll have hickory logs to burn in the fireplaces-and yes, yes, I love you! Of course it isn't all the house, silly, but does count some. You know, we built it together."

"But to refuse \$8,500 for it! Oh. Teddy! That was downright reckless!" she murmured later. "Oh, I don't know," replied Langtion company and a promising young horne, regaining possession of her hand. "Personally, I think I got a

Moore and Morocco.

Moor and Morocco are words unknown to the people of that troubled Realty company settle Beth Graham's land. These people know themselves as Arabs and descendants of those val-Fifteen dollars a week! Why, they fant upholders of the prophet's green would have to let even Emma, the standard who swept like a flood across cook, go. She would probably wear north Africa at the time of the hegira. out many shoes, too, tramping over The Morocco of the present day they found possessed by a sturdy race who low masculine voice broke in upon claimed descent from the people who were cast out of Canaan by Joshua, good looking young man, with Irish the son of Nun. Their country, so far standing at attention, some pamphlets en from them by the Arabs, and their fighting strength was made to serve the Arab cause in the conquest of some of our literature before you join Spain. They themselves gradually took to the mountains, to the great Atlas. Here they have remained ever since, ed so dreadfully near, this earning of speaking their own language, maindaily bread for herself and Aunt Ellen. taining their own customs and racial attributes and obstinately refusing to be absorbed by the Arab dwellers on dluary sense of the word, but they have a rich store of oral tradition,

myth, legend and folklore. a plant grows. They may increase by cretion, and they may undergo chemlifted up, becomes sandstone and limehard enough for building stone. The pebbly shore of a river becomes conglomerate. The simple mineral does are developed.-London Globe. form. The sparkling prism of quartz increases from an atom to a crystal as large as a forearm by a process of addition and assimilation, wonderfully slow but beautifully regular, exactly as crystals of ice form on the window

Why Bulls Hate a Red Flag. In the first place, says an English writer, red is a color to which cattle are unaccustomed, so that they may naturally be supposed to be startled by its very novelty. Scientists show the sensation of red to be the complement of that of green, being induced by exactly opposite affections of the retina. If the eyes of cattle are constructed on a similar principle to our "And make prospective customers own the continual contemplation of green, as in trees and herbage, must overlook some other defects in your produce a state of retinal fatigue, prehouses. I noticed you have no back disposing a violent excitement of the stairs. Now, every suburban house retina immediately a red substance is

Imperative. An infantry soldier pamed Scheiber died on the last day of his leave in his home in a little village in upper Austria. The village burgomaster, himself "Yes, and you should have utilized an old soldier, remembered that the commanding officer of Scheiber's regiment should be notified of the death,

and he proceeded to do so in the fol-"The undersigned village burgomas ter requests on behalf of the soldier Scheiber two days' more leave, as otherwise his interment cannot take place."-Vienna Press.

Remarkable Vision. An old woman who had been in the bor that the doctor took out her eyes and scraped them with lances. "Non on the table!"

BURNING IN EFFIGY.

A Custom Born of the Superstition

of the Ancients. The burning of people in effigy has come from a foolish superstition of the ancients, who believed that by burning a likeness of a person they were inflicting pain upon the individual himsorcerers killed their enemies by magic rites performed over the effigy of the person who had offended them, and Virgil also makes mention of this. In the days of witchcraft and perse-

against witches was that they made waxen images of their enemies which they melted before a fire and thus caused the dissolution of the originals. The Japanese still regard the effigy as a means of punishment of faithless rs, and in France to the time of the first revolution execution by effigy was a legal rite. In the Netherlands same illogical custom prevailed, and the different religious burned the

effigies of each other's leaders with

zeal. In England the burning of ef-

figies was also practiced, as it was

cution one of the most common charges

later in America. No doubt from the ancient custom of burning the effigy arose the idea of placing the wax figures of eminent men in Westminster abbey. In olden times upon the death of a celebrity a waxen figure representing him fully dressed as in life was made and carried in the rear of the funeral procession. After the service the effigy was set up in the church as a temporary monument, and during the time it was on exhibition it was customary to paste or pin pieces of paper containing complimentary epitaphs upon it. The royal figures in Westminster abbey date back to the fourteenth century.—New York Trib-

Too Deep.

The story is told of a lank, disconsogirl murmured. "If he has taste I -late looking farmer who one day during the progress of a political meeting in Cooper institute stood on the steps with the air of one who has been sur-

feited with a feast of some sort. "Do you know who's talking in there now?" demanded a stranger briskly. pausing for a moment beside the disasolate farmer, "or are you just going in?"

"No, sir. I've just come out," said the farmer decidedly. "Mr. Evarts is talking in there." "What about?" asked the stranger.

"Well, he didn't say," the farmer answered, passing a knotted hand across his forehead.

A Pet Tiger.

Out of a river bed where it had tumbled when its dam was put to flight hunters in India fished a tiger In two days it was as tame as a kitten and grew up the playmate of the camp terriers. It was very fond of them and the terriers worshiped the tigress. To allay the fears of a woman visitor the tigress was one night chained up. Next morning the animal was found with a man under her. She had not hurt him. He was a thief and, not knowing of her existence, had come within the area which her length of chain enabled her to command. She sprang upon him, lay on him and kept him prisoner until guards came to re-

VEGETABLES AS MEDICINE.

Asparagus stimulates the kidneys. Water cress is an excellent blood pu

Parsnips possess the same virtues as sarsaparilla Carrots are good for those having a tendency to gout.

ward off rheumatism. Celery is a nerve tonic; onions also are a tonic for the nerves. Tomatoes are good for a torpid liver, but should be avoided by gouty peop

Celery contains sulphur and helps to

ple who want to put on flesh; so are potatoes. Lettuce has a soothing effect on the nerves and is excellent for sufferers

Spinach has great aperient qualities and is far better than medicine for sufferers from constipation.

Hatching Eggs In the Mouth, Some curious examples of the egg laying habits of certain frogs are related by naturalists. The female of one species, a species which was recently exhibited at a meeting of the Zoological society, carries the eggs about in her mouth until they are hatched. When the young emerge they are tadpoles, but fully formed, though, of course, diminutive frogs. An Amer-Growth of Rocks.

Rocks do not grow in the sense that along the whole extent of its back, in which the eggs are carried until hatched. It is the Nototrema marsupiatum ical change. The old sea bed, being of zoologists, the name referring to this curious habit. The case of the The volcanic ash and lava Surinam toad is equally curious. In strewn over the plains become tufa, this species the male places the eggs, one by one, in hollows in the loose skin on the back of the female, where they

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THE BOMBMAKER.

Makes an Apparently Harmless Letter a Deadly Machine.

So expert are bombmakers nowadays that an apparently harmless letter may kill any person who tries to open it. A piece of cardboard is cut to a size which, when folded over, will fit into self. Theocritus tells us that the Greek an ordinary envelope. The four corners of this are slit into narrow strips. Fulminate of mercury is spread over three of the slits, and the sheet is folded and fastened together. Projecting from each side of the folded sheet is a little metal strip, or detonator, glued to the cardboard in such a manner that the envelope cannot be opened without striking one of them. Upon meeting this slight resistance the hand moving the paper cutter instinctively pushes harder, and the result is an explosion that either kills or maims.

The easiest bomb to construct is set operation by simply turning it up-'side down. It is usually a good sized eracker box, lined with paper and half | long handled mops that could be used filled with a mixture of chlorate of to put out roof fires. The general use potassium and ordinary sugar. Into of swabs has long since disappeared, this a bottle of a powerful acid is in- but when a slight blaze is beyond the troduced. The remainder of the space reach of a pail of water and more imin the box is filled with scraps of metal. Then the lid is soldered on.

All that is then necessary is to place the box upside down at the spot in these swabs may be seen on many roof which it is to explode. The acid eats tops. quickly through the cork of the bottle and comes in contact with the chlorate of potassium. As a result of the chemcal combination which takes place there is a terrific explosion.—Chicago News.

THE ESPOUSAL.

Ancient Ceremony of the Mutual Promise of Marriage.

The first part of the matrimonial oface was anciently termed the espousal which took place some time prior to the actual celebration of marriage. These espousals consisted in a mutual promise of marriage, which was made by the man and woman before the bishop or presbyter and several witnesses

After them the articles of agreement of marriage, called tabuloe matrimoniales, which are mentioned by Augustine, were signed by both persons. After this the man delivered to the woman the ring and other gifts, an action which was termed subarrhation. In the actual office of matrimony.

The ring is a special token of spousthe use of foreign cathedrals before three of the 100,000 perished. The rethe minister proceeds to the marriage sult of recent events has not been any he is directed to ask the woman's dowry-viz, the tokens of spousage- that the Chinese flag has been corand by these tokens of spousage are rectly conceived. to be understood rings or money some other things to be given to the woman by the man, which giving is called wedding or covenanting, especially when it is done by the giving of an "intense" explosive is approaching a ring .-- New York Tribune

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A just complaint is an accommoda-Talk happiness. People get tired of hearing of your woes. The things you don't say cause you

ess grief in this life than almost anything else. Ever think how foolish it is to bear grudge? Unkind feelings have no market value.

about an imaginary wrong, you are apt to neglect your own shortcomings. but should be avoided by gouty people.

Beets are fattening and good for peoBeets are fattening and good for peoBeets are fattening and good for peo-"do as they please."

you and hates to say so. - Atchison with most of the nitro compounds Globe.

EARLY FIRE IMPLEMENTS.

Appliances Used In This Country In

the Seventeenth Century.

Undoubtedly the first fire company

organized in this country was formed in New York in 1658. It was called the ladders. Where the buckets were obtained and whether or not they were in addition to those owned by the town the records fall to state. In 1870 c. Prowlers and was composed of eight the records fail to state. In 1679 Salem purchased two or three dozen cedar buckets, besides hooks and other implements; also the selectmen and two others were authorized to take command at fires and to blow up and pull down buildings when such action was necessary. This practice appears to have been much more common before the use of engines than afterward. Boston on Sept. 9, 1679, ordered that every quarter of the town should be provided with twenty swobes, two scoopes and six axes. The swobes, or swabs, as they are now called, were proved apparatus is not at hand a long handled mop is today the most ef ficient article to be used. In Japan

In 1690 New York ordered that five ladders and also hooks be made. In Philadelphia no mention is made of public precaution against fire until 1696, when a law was passed forbidding the firing of chimneys or allowing the same to become foul. Each house was to have a swab, bucket or pail. Another act was passed in 1700 ordering every household to have two leather buckets. In the following year six or eight hooks for the purpose of tear-ing down houses were ordered to be made.

A Contrary Flag. If ever there was anything in the world that went by contraries, it is the Chinese flag. It will be recalled that it is one of the gayest of national standards. The body of the banner is of a pale yellow. In the upper left hand corner is a small red sun, and looking at it is a flerce Chinese dragon. About 1.000 years ago, so the story runs, the Chinese made war upon the Japanese. They prepared for a great invasion. As a prophecy of victory the latter ages the espousals have al. | they adopted a standard which is that ways been performed at the same time of the present time. They took the as the office of matrimony in all the sun of Japan and made it very small. churches abroad, and it has long been customary for the ring to be delivered mouth to express the idea that the to the woman after the contract has Chinese dragon would devour the Japbeen made, which has always been in anese. It happened, however, that the Chinese fleet, conveying an army of 100,000 men, was wrecked on its way age. In some of the old manuals for to Japan by a great storm, and all but more convincing than the first affair Musical Notes and Explosives.

Some singular facts have been de-veloped in regard to the influence of musical notes upon explosives. When the "critical" stage and its molecules therefore are in a condition of very unstable equilibrium, the sudden emission of a musical note will frequently bring matters to a climax and induce detonation. It has been found that of certain samples of dry fulminate of mercury the lowest temperature at which it would explode was 842 degrees F., and portions exposed to heat of 335 degrees for some time, allowed to cool and again heated to that degree, these alterations being several times repeated, remained without change. Yet particles of the same ful-If you spend your time in growling minate placed, as before, on an iron plate, but at a temperature of 310 degrees to 320 degrees only, would gen-Every child is doomed to disappoint erally explode sharply when certain man voice it was much more difficult State your views on any subject, and to obtain an effect of this kind, but ocif your listener says he hasn't made up casionally such an experiment would his mind it means he disagrees with succeed. Similar results were noticed

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