Woman and the Shopping American Game Mania.

More money is wasted every year by women buying needless things under the excitement of the bargain hunt than is spent in all the gambling houses and race tracks put together, says Mary Heaton Vorse in Success Magazine. When you say that I have no statistics to prove this I answer that I have common sense and have spent much time in city shops. know, too, what I am capable of, and I am but a half hearted hunter. I know what my friends do. It isn't for nothing that I have seen earnest young students of economics succumb to this hunting instinct and fare forth to buy ninety-eight cent undergarments.

It is not only in the stores frequented by poor or uneducated women that I have seen the more brutal instincts of the human race come to the surface. I have seen a charming looking elderly woman in a high class store anatch a dress length of gray voile from the hands of another elderly woman, and the reason I happened to see these sights was because I myself was at the sale looking at garments I didn't want and didn't need and buying them.

The bargain chase, the shopping game passion or sport, life work or recreation-for it may be any one of these, according to the temperament of the woman-has American women well in its grip. Hardly one of us escapes some one of the psychological deviations from the normal which I have mentioned.

They were returning to America after a European honeymoon.

"George," petulantly, "I really feel Over on the other side you declared I was a jewel, and you haven't repeated it since we have been aboard.'

"Hist!" cautioned George, holding up a warning finger, "If I declared you a jewel I might have to pay duty. You know these customs men are terribly strict these days."-Chicago News.

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READ HIS FACE.

The Youthful Amateurs Were Sure He Was a Philanthropist.

They were youthful enthusiasts in physiognomy. On the seat opposite in the train was a man of commanding figure, massive brow and serious expression, "Splendld face!" one of them "What do you suppose his life work has been?"

"A lawyer?" suggested the other. "No-o; there's too much benevolence in that face for a lawyer." "Maybe a banker?"

A man with an expression the that couldn't have spent his life in

morely turning over money. "He might be an editor.

"An editor! Cutting and slashing his enemies at every turn and even his friends occasionally for the sake of a smart paragraph? You can't read That man's a philanthropist or engaged in some sort of public spirited work. Why, there isn't a line that doesn't indicate strength of purpose and nobility! Look at that curve there on the left!"

At the next station an old country man took his sent beside the man with massive brow and soon entered into a conversation with him, in the course of which be asked the latter "what was his line."

The two opposite held their breath in the intensity of their interest.

"Oh, I've got a little tavern and butcher shop back in the country a bit?" was the proud reply. "My wife tends to the meals and I do my own killing."-Youth's Companion.

Picture Forgeries.

There are three or four times as many Corots in existence as the French painter produced in his lifetime. He lived to be nearly eighty, but at Montmartre his posthumous canvases are still being turned out to meet the demands of the nurket. The old masters never die. They are still working overtime in the back rooms of Flor ence and Rome. At Colorne the manufacture of sensine mediacyal metal work and antique carving is a thriving industry. These foreign forgers may e scamps, but their tireless energy also testifies to the reverence in which posterity holds the great names of bygone periods. If they are not so highly prized, what inducements would there be for anybody to waste time. paint and muscle in creating fraudulent copies and imitations and passing them off under false pretenses? Our millionaire collectors are not coustantly exposed to the risk of buying high priced forgeries where the originals have no value.-New York World.

Mourning In Japan.

The Japanese code of mourning is very elaborate and complicated. As followed by the well to do classes it involves the wearing of special garments and abstinence from animal food. At the death of a husband or real or adopted parents the custom demands thirteen mouths of mourning apparel and fifty days' abstinence from meat. Grandparents are honored by 150 days if they are on the paternal side; if only common, insignificant, maternal grandparents, they have to put up with ninety. The same rule applies to maternal uncles and aunts It is one way of introducing the oriental contempt for women.

Quite Willing.

"Pardon me, governor." began the

street beggar. "Certainly, dear fellow," answers? the gentleman from Tennesse are you guilty of?"-Ruffalo Uv

BOKHARA THE NOBLE.

A City That Does Not Live Up to Its High Sounding Title.

The same manners and customs prevail in the Bokhara of today that were familiar to our night prowling friend of Bagdad. A blindfolded horse still plods round and round beneath a beam. grinding the corn between an upper and a nether milistone. The cotton is still carded by the primitive agency of a double bow, the smaller one affixed to the ceiling and the larger one attached to it by a cord and struck by a mallet so as to cause a sharp rebound. The reis-i-shariat, or censor of the morals, still rides slowly through the town, compelling the children to attend the schools and their parents the mosques, inspecting the weights and measures and keeping a watch over the behavior of the community as a whole. When a tradesman is found guilty of cheating he is stripped bare in the street, forced to his knees and flogged with a stirrup leather by one of the censor's attendants.

ed abroad, the only sound at night be streets with a lantern in his quest, un-

With its filth, fanaticism, vice, cruelty and corruption, Bokhara the Noble, as its people insist on calling it, comes nearer to being a hell on earth than any place I know, and that is the best that I can say about it .- E. Alexander Powell in Everybody's,

PEARL DIVERS OF JAPAN.

Women and Young Girls Who Are Expert Swimmers.

The pearl divers of Japan are the women. Along the coast of the bay of Ago and the bay of Gokasho the thirteen and fourteen year old girls, after they have finished their primary school work, go to sea and learn to dive. They are in the water and learn to swim almost from babyhood, and they spend most of their time in the water except in the coldest season, from the end of December to the beginning of February.

Even during the most inclement of seasons they sometimes dive for pearls. They wear a special dress, white un-derwear and the hair twisted up into a hard knot. The eyes are protected by glasses to prevent the entrance of water. Tubs are suspended from the waist.

A boat in command of a man is assigned to every five to ten women divers to carry them to and from the fishing grounds. When the divers arrive on the grounds they leap into the water at once and begin to gather oysters at the bottom. The ovsters are dropped into the tubs suspended from their waists.

When these vessels are filled the divers are raised to the surface and jump into the boats. They dive to a depth of from five to thirty fathoms without any special apparatus and retain their breath while remaining under water from one to three minutes. Their ages vary from thirteen to forty years, and between twenty-five and thirty-five they are at their prime.-New York

Mark Twain In Parliament

After a visit to England once Mark Twain said on his return to New York: 'Among other honors heaped upon me by Englishmen was that of being photographed in parliament. I am not a member of parliament. But neither am I a member of congress. Has any fellow American suggested that I should be photographed in congress? No. I blush to say that they have not, And yet here is an honor that might without risk be bestowed on any great man. And yet it was not bestowed Washington, Jefferson or Liv-When I saw that photograph. with the mother of parliaments in the background, and realized my advancing years I said to myself. 'Here are two noble monuments of antiquitytwo shining examples of the survival of the fittest!"

Bless the fools! What would we do If every one were wise?-Antrim.

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The world moves slowly in Bokhara. The city gates still close with the setting sun. After dark no one is allowing the melancholy beating of the watchman's drum as he patrols the like Diogenes, of a dishonest man.

For Buttermilk.

state official the other day, "I was polsoned by an ivy vine. My nose got very red and swelled up twice its natural size. The infection spread to my cheeks, and they were all covered with blotches.

"I was told to use buttermilk, I bought a gallon and drank it. I bought another gallon the next day and get outside of that. In fact, I drank so much buttermilk that the price went up about 15 cents a gallon in that community within a very few days. But the poisoning was not getting any better. It was not improving one bit.

"I told the people who had recommended the buttermilk that it was not helping me. 'Why, I bet I have swallowed a barrel of buttermilk within the past week.' I told them.

at me.

expect me to do with it? "'Why, we meant for you to bathe

"I pretty nearly collapsed. To this day I can't look buttermilk in the face."-Kansas City Journal.

veloped art in Paraguay. It was taught the natives 200 years ago by the missionaries and has been transmifted from generation to generation till it is now quite general throughout the republic. Some towns are devoted to making a certain kind of lace. In one town of 8,000 or 9,000 inhabitants almost all the women and children and many of the men make lace collarets. handkerchiefs and ladies' ties. Another town makes lace embroidery and others drawn thrend work, such as centerpieces, tray mats, teacloths and dollies. The designs used in making the lace are taken from the curious webs of the semitropical spiders that are so numerous there. On this account it is called "nanduti," an Indian name which means spider web.

W. S. Gilbert on one certain occasion was on a visit to a friend, the owner of a fine English country house. On the morning after his arrival he was chatting with his host before break fast when he became suddenly aware that family prayers were about to be read. The household filed in, and the distinguished guest knelt down on the spot where he happened to be standing. Looking up, he caught his host's eye fixed on him with a warning glance, which he, however, failed to read aright. The service began, "Almighty Father, who hast made all men alike" (more telegraphic glances), "rich and poor, gentle and simple"-then unable to contain himself any longer. the host called out, "Gilbert, you are kneeling among the servants!"

Magistrate (to prisoners-You - are charged with having beaten your wife. Prisoner (smiling)-Quite right, you worship. The charge is correct.

Prisoner-I may well smile. We have been married five years, and in all the fights we've had this is the first time she hasn't been able to give me a jolly good hiding. Have a cigar, judge? -London Scraps.

Significent Activities.

made a hit at your home.'

gating his family tree, and pa's looking up his commercial standing."-Washington Herald.

Music Teacher-Why don't you pause there? Don't you see that it's marked "rest?" Pupil-Yes, teacher, but I aren't tired.-Life.

of your life.

SPEARING THE CACTUS.

Customs of the Natives of the Mexican State of Sinaloa.

Sinalon is a soon state, comparable almost with Chile, as it ites along the west coast of Mexico furt as Chine des along the Parine shore of South America.

Lifte most new countries, the most interesting part of this fertile state is its inhabitants; possibly because the country is so ferrille. Game is alsondant and easily enught, and the fruit of the great pithnya enetus is ripe almost during to season. Every native, whether manual der allas-and most natives the current a slender stick ten feet rong, sharpened at one end and the point hardened with fire.

One supposes these sticks to be rather primitive lances until one sees the Indian spear a cactus fruit from a branch seven or eight feet above his head. These pithayas contain many seeds and a little blood red pulp, all of which, except the spines, is food for the Indian.

All day long these Indian men wander through the jungle, a wall of green broken only here and there by the old trails of half wild cattle, gathering the cactus fruit. It would seem that some would be dried or at least taken to the brush jacal, which represents home to the Indian. But, no; he sits down and ents what he gathers hamediately. If his wife wants any of the fruit she goes and gets it herself. She also gathers the food for the bables .- For-

IT DIDN'T CURE HIM.

Why One Man Has a Distinct Dislike

"When I was a youngster," said a

and I couldn't understand it.

"'You drank it?' they shouted back

"'Of course,' I replied. 'What did you

your face with buttermilk, not drink it,' was the answer.

Paraguay Labe.

Making lace by hand is a well de

Preaching and Practice.

Why He Smiled.

Magistrate-Then what are you smil

"That young fellow seems to have

"Yes; I judge he has. Ma's investi-

Didn't Need It.

Be patient. God has all eternity in which to make plain the hidden things

The Talkative Barber. "The talkativeness of barbers long has been the subject for puns and jokes," said a barber. "I had always fancied the matter one of recent origin until the other day. You know in my profession we have a great deal of spare time. Well, the other day I was sitting on the bench waiting for the shaves and hair cuts to come in and to while away the time was glancing through a copy of Plutarch's 'Archelaus.' Imagine my consternation when I happened on a line reading:

"'A prating barber asked Archelaus how he would be trimmed. He answered, "In silence."

"Well, that got me. I never knew they even had barbers that long ago. I always supposed the ancients let their whiskers grow and that they wore curly locks as long as their togas, but it seems that the barber is an ancient relic and that his talking proclivities are a matter of history. I'll have to give it to the humorists

"But, say," he whispered, "that manicure girl over there has got us bent to a frazzle. I wonder if there's anything in Plutarch about her."-Kansas City

Charitable.

It is said of the author of a volume of biography that his verdict on the great of his chosen period is much that of the New Hampshire parson at the highly approved funeral of a parish-ioner: "Brethren, we must agree that our deceased friend was mean in some things, but let us in Christian charity allow that he was meaner in others."

Doctor's Little Girl-Your papa owes my papa money. Lawyer's Little Girl -That's nothing. Papa said he was glad to get off with his life.—Baltimore American

A Misunderstanding.

"The management of one of the big opera houses in New York has to pay \$2,000 a week for conductors," "Does it pay the same rate for motormen?"-Judge.

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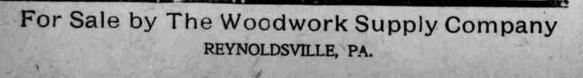
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