A STRONG MAN CONTEST.

Trial of Strength Between Two Mer

Sampson, who advertises himself as the strongest man on earth, and an athlete from Birmingham named Mr. Montgomery, had a trial of strength. For money at Liverpool. Sampson, according to the conditions, was the first to lead off, commencing with a barbell weighing 172 pounds, was the first to lead off, commencing with a barbell weighing 172 pounds. This he lifted from the ground with his two hands up to his chest, and then over his head and on to his shoulders, following this up by bringing the barbell back again to the floor. Loud applause, of course, followed this, but it was as nothing compared to that which greeted Montgomery when he accomplished the same feat. The Birmingham man, however, did not pass through the ordeal by any means so gracefully as did Sampson, there being a certain amount of clumsiness apparent. Balancing the barbell was next on the list. As usual, Sampson did his utmost without an effort. Montgomery, when his turn came, rivalled his opponent, after a desperate effort. Next the challenger, by a supreme effort, hoisted over his head with one hand the same barbell. In response, the Midland man did likewise, amid great appliause, the excitement now reaching fever pitch. Two iron bars selected by the referre were now introduced, Sampson leading off by bending the one supplied to him by striking it on his bare arms and straightening it again in the same manner. His opponent, amid great excitement and a perfect din of applause, followed suit. Now commenced one of Sampson's particular feats. Standing on a chair, with his feet strapped, he got hold of the aforesaid barbell, and bendang backward dropped it on the stage. Steadying himself once more, he again bent back until his hands reached the barbell, and by an almost superhuman effort he triumphantly recovered himself and hoisted it up than he fainted away and had to be removed from the stage. Mr. Henderson came forward and anounced, and had to be removed from the stage. Mr. Henderson came forward and he hoisted it up than he fainted away and

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In the year 1881, without a moment's In the year 1881, without a moment's warning and with scarcely a tremble of the earth, the high and rocky strip of land which separated the large lake in the rear of the city of Manzonillo, Mexico, from the sea suddenly parted and the waters poured out into the harbor. The immense amount of water which

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How to Avoid Choking.

This is an accident liable to happen, to hungry persons eating hastily, or to children, and calls for the greatest self-control and presence of mind on the part of those who free present, The substance which causes the choking may either be at the top of the throat, at the entrance to those who free present, the substance which causes the choking may either be at the top of the throat, at the entrance to the gullet, or lower down. If at the apper part of the throat prompt action will often remove it, either by thrusting the finger and thumb into the mouth and pulling the obstruction away, or, if it cannot be rasched so as to pull it away, a pelacelof whalebone, a quil, or even a pehnolder—anything at hand—should be seized and pushed down as a probing, so as to force the substanced on a the gullet. Tickling the back of the mouth with

a feather, so as to produce sudden retching, will sometimes dislodge it, or a sudden splashing of cold water in the face, which causes involuntary gasping. Should the patient become insensible before relief can be afforded, it must not be assumed for certain that death has taken place, and such remedies as dashing cold water in the face and on the chest and applying ammonia to the noschest and applying ammonia to the nos trils should be continued till medica aid arrives.—[Chicago Herald.

THE PEACE DANCE.

The Most Engaging of Indian Cere

The Most Engaging of Indian Ceremonies Described,

The dance of the calumet, or pipe of peace, is one of the most engaging of Indian ceremonies. While preparations are being made for this dance all is excitement in the Indian village—every-body talks about it. The chief bustles around buying ribbons and Le.ds to decorate the stem of the pipe of peace and make ready for the rites soon to be performed. The chief who is to be honored with the dance keeps within the lodge engaged in meditation and smoking the fragrant kinnickinnick. The young braves attire themselves as gorgeously as their means will permit, and the young squaws add an extra touch of vermilton to their bronzed cheeks. The day finally arrives chosen by the principal men of the tribe for the ceremony, and about noon the chiefs appear in the doors of the lodge gayly decorated and painted for the suspicious occasion. Chauting in a low tone an invocation to the Great Spirit, and shaking their rattles, they wave their calumets with their beautiful blue stems adorned with ware eagle feathers, making their medicine first to the rising and then to the setting sun, after which they descend and enter the lodge, which is large in proportion and covered with earth. At its farther end four of the principal men of the village sit engaged in ceaseless singing and drumming. Before each lie medicine sticks. Two of them entering immediately engage in dancing and waving their calumets and shaking their rattles, in the centre is a fire, over which a kettle of buffalo meat is boiling, presided over by a chief constantly engaged incessantly for four days. On the fifth day the important part of the rites begins.

After an invocation from the roof of the lodge and the dance within, a pro-

stage. Mr. Henderson came forward and stated that Mr. Montgomery was unable to proceed any further, but that, as he succeeded in all his feats which had been set him, he would be satisfied if Sampson would break a shilling which he had in his pocket. To this the "Strong Man" readily conceded, and it was scarcely in Sampson's hands ere it was in two halves. The umpire now came forward and announced, amid tremendous applause, that Sampson had won.—[Pail Mall Budget.]

Medicine Among the Mongols.

Medicine also are much sought after by them. While I was at Dulan-kuo nearly every one in the village came to see me, and most of the people asked for medicines whether they were suffering from any complaint or no. Plasters were in great demand, as all the villagers had rheumatism, and the tighter the plasters stuck the better they were held to be, had with me a bottle of Eno's fruit salts, and tried to give some to the people, but when they saw the salts boiling and fizzing they thought there must be some magic about the medicine and would have none of it.

Most of their troubles, sores, and eye diseases come from dirty habits, but one an never persuade them of the necessity of keeping clean. A friend of mind was once travelling among the Mongols, and an old crone came to him and begged some medicine to put on a sore. He told ber that before applying the salve it would be necessary to wash herself. She gave it back to him, saying, "I am sixty-seven years old, and I have never washed in my life; do you suppose I am going to begin now?"

Mongol physicians feel the patients pulse on both wrists at the same time, and never ask any questions; or at least none concerning the origin and progress of the complaint, for if they did it would be held that they had shown ignorance in their profession.—[Century.]

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Frederick A. Atkins tells the following story as illustrating the tact often displayed by street preachers. An open-air preacher was addressing a crowd in the east end of London, when a drunken soldier came up and loudly ridiculed the whole service. Finding that it was useless to ignore the man, the preacher quickly decided on his course of action. "Ah, my friend, you're no soldier; you've only borrowed those gay red clothes. No servant of the Queen would get drunk and interrupt a peaceful service." Of course the man warmly protested that he was a soldier, and invited the preacher to test him. "Very well," was the reply, "I will. Now then, stand at ease." This she soldier did as well as his drunken condition allowed. "Right about face." This also was complished with some trouble. "Now, quick march," And off he went, marching down the Mile End road, unable, apparently, to see through the open-air preacher's successful maneuver.—[Chicago News.

The Rockland (Mc.) Opinion claims that the granite shaft quarried by the Bodwell Granite Company, in Vinalhaven, is the largest mass of stone ever quarried upon the face of the earth, and that if exceed it will be the haliched.

HOW SOME MEN PROPOSE.

One Person Who Is Interested In

the Subject.

'I am a crapk," raid the club man, "on the subject of proposals. I would rather hear a story of how a man asked the woman he loved to marry him than to take a trip to Europe. I don't know why I take so strong an interest in this, unless it is that I had such a hard time to get my wife to accept me. I had been in love with her for years. I had proposed to her seven times and she refused me every time. Finally I went to her in despair and said: 'Well, Mollie, I've asked you to marry me seven times, and you have declined my name. I'm going to ask you once more, and if you don't marry me, I shall go out West and stay there.'

there." "Well, Jack,' she said, 'if you feel that way about it, I'll marry you.' To this day she cannot tell me why she refused me so often to marry me after all.

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"There's my friend, Congressman X—. He was a poor young man, and one day he went to a young woman he had known for a long time.

"Nell,' he said,' 1 have been waiting till 1 had enough money to get married. My salary was raised yesterday. Will you marry me next week?

"Wait until next month,' she said.
"No, next week!; and they were married next week.
"Brown, the lawyer, was a careless young fellow. The woman whom he loved would not marry him.

"You're the most reckless man in the world,' she said, "about your money affairs. When you get \$5,000 in the bank I may marry you; if you still want me." He went away and saved \$5,000. She married him and to-day he's a rich man. He learned economy while winning his wife.
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"Joe," he said to the girl he wanted to marry, 'I am going down South to fight. Will you marry me now or wait till I come back?"
"'Right now, Sam,' she said, and that afternoon he marched away.
"My brother proposed in a cool way. He hadn't been able to make up his mind what he was going to do in life, and one day the woman who is his wife now said:
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day the woman who is his wife now said:

"'Charley (they were second cousins), what in the world are you going to make out of yourself?
"'Just whatever, you make out of me,' he said, 'you've got lots more sense than I have, Mame.'
"Has any one here any stories to tell about proposals," continued the story-teller. "I don't know of a single case where a man went down on his knees. I would like to hear of one. No one will tell one, eh? Well, I'm sorry. I like to hear about proposals."—[New York Tribune.

The Opium Poppy.

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The opium poppy has been tried at various times from Connecticut to California. Within ninety days from sowing the seed the plant is sufficiently matured to begin gathering the opium, but as the process may continue for a couple of months and as the plants are ruined by a slight frost, it is apparent that it can only be profitably grown in the South, where it may have the advantage of a long season. It is stated that the best ground for the poppy is a light soil with rocky subsoil. The ground should be very rich and well drained. The time for sowing the seed would vary greatly in different sections of our country, but must not be done until the soil is thoroughly warm. The cultivation is that of any garden crop, consisting of hoeing, thinning and weeding. After the fall of the flowering leaves the pods, which contain the opium, begin to enlarge and are matured in about two or three weeks. The flowering continues on branches, or on other plants for some weeks unless cut short by frost.

When the capsule is mature incisions are made through which the juice exudes in small drops. These soon harden and may be collected within a few hours. The method of operating is for one company of laborers to go through and make incisions upon such plants as they judge to be in fit condition, and they are followed in a few hours by others who collect the juice by scraping it off and placing on a tin plate held in the hand, when a sufficient quantity has been collected it is transferred to a leaf, in which it is enveloped.

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The opium poppy is also cultivated in
Europe for its seed, from which is obtained an oil of considerable value which
is used in the manufacture of soap, as a
substitute for olive oil, etc.—[Independent.]

The custom of celebrating wedding anniversaries with peculiar gifts dates back to the medieval Germans, among whom, if a couple lived to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, the wife was presented by her friends and neighbors with a silver wreath. On the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary the wife received a wreath of gold. The custom has been enlarged upon until now we have the cotton wedding, which is the first anniversary; leather wedding, third anniversary; wooden wedding, fifth anniversary; it wedding, tenth; silk and fine linen wedding, twelfth; crystal wedding, fitteenth; china wedding, twenticth; silver wedding, twentyfifth; pearl wedding, thrifeth; ruby wedding, fortieth; golden wedding on the seventy-fifth anniversary.

Woollen for Wear.

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Some of our Iowa citizens scour their own wool and take it to the woollen mills and pay the manufacturers for carding, spinning and twisting into yara or weaving it into cloth, at a given price per pound for the work, so as to be furnished with good, honest woollen goods of a given weight per yard, for winter clothing by day and night, all the year round with others, And they declare to me that this method of clothing themselves costs just half of the money to furnish the family in sold clothing for comfort as did the common village store method. We inquired of a lady who did these things if the wool was weighed into the mill and the woollen goods weighed out of the mill on the same scales, pound for pound? She said; "Always, sir, except one pound in ten for burns, tags or dirt. In good, clean wool there is no waste to speak of." What of the dycing! Is that as good by this method as Eastern work? "No, sir. For Sunday wear we get better dyed and finished goods from the Eastern factories, but they do not wear as well as our own makes, because they lack in weight. Few farmers (comparatively) know that woollen goods are made and sold by weight, the same as wool at first hands, and they think that a square yard of cloth of a given texture and finish is just as good as any, regardless of weight, because all these goods are sold by the yard to them."—[Farmers' Review.

Women and Pennies.

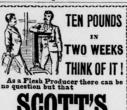
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"Where do women get so many more coppers than men?" was asked of a street car conductor by a New York Herald man. "Well, you see it is in this way," he replied, "there never was a woman who didn't love to go shopping, and then, of course, they are always on the lookout for bargains, and the consequence is where they trade everything is marked sixty-nine cents, \$1.87, 99; cents, and so on. It makes the women think they are saving money, and at the same time it makes us an awful bother, for in every purchase they make they get a lot of coppers, which they, in turn, unload on us poor conductors. Men don't give us coppers often, so we generally shove ours off on the women."

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Germany's Jay Gould.

G. H. Sachse, of Berlin, director of the Post and Telegraph Department of the German Empire, is at the Grand Pacific, accompanied by his secretary. The international postal agreement between, Germany and the United States recently became a law. Mr. Sachse is here to complete arrangements of the agreement and to look over the system now under the control of Mr. Wannamaker.

"I have had the pleasure of examining the workings of your big Postoffice here," said the visitor, "Mr. Sexton was kind enough to devote two hours of his time to me, and I have gained much valuable information. When I return home I will startle the postoffice people with a few needed reforms and improvements. Our service, however, in some respects is superior to yours. It is divided into three departments—the postal, the telegraph, and the telephone. We employ more than one hundred thousand men, and unless something that is absolutely unpardonable is done by them they hold their positions for life. Dr. von Stephan, the Director-General of the Posts, has held his position for about twenty years. I have been connected with the service for thirty-six years, and have no fears but I shall always be connected with it. "Ithink it would be much better if the telephone system was under State or munipal control. I understand the telephone subscribers of Chicago have to pay \$150 or \$125 annually for the use of the service were under the control of the service were under

Chicaso Tribune.

Two GENTLEMEN from Gmunden, Austria, recently ascended the Traunstein successfully, though with great difficulty. When they left Gmunden at 8:30 in the morning the thermometer was twenty degrees below freezing point. When they reached the summit at 1 o'clock it was forty degrees below freezing. One of the climbers says that the view from the top was the most extensive one he has yet seen, although he has ascended the Traunstein fifty-one times. The tourists could not remain long at the summit, as the zorth wind was very sharp. The descent took only an hour and a quarter. The Traunstein peak is 5,530 feet high.

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