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PRECEPTS OF SAVAGED

How Manhood's Duties are Impressed Upon Torres Straite Islanders.

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Among the western islanders of Torres Straite, boys, as soon as the approach of maturity is indicated by the appearance of hair on their faces, are taken by their fathers to a sacred spot and there instructed in the duties and dignity of manhood. A number of precepts which are taught during this probation have been collected and are published by Prof. Alfred C. Haddon. Among them are these:

"You no steal."

"If you see food belong another man, you no take it, or you dead."

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"You no take ting belong another man without leave; if you see a fish-spear and take it, spose you break it and you no got spear, how you pay man?"

"Spose you see a dugong harpoon in a canoe and tske it, he no savvy, then you lose it or break it, how you pay him! You no got dugong-harpoon."

"You no play with boy anu girl now; you a man now, and no boy."

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"You no like girl first; if you do, the girl laugh at you and call you a woman."

"You no marry the sister of your mater or by and by you will be ashamed; mates all same as brothers."

(But "mates" in you no marry your cousin; she all same as sister."

"If any one asks for food, or water, or anything, you give something; if you have plenty, give half."

"Look after your mother and father; never mind if you and your wife go without."

"Give half of all your fish to your "Give half of all your fish to your Among the western islanders of Torre

out."
"Don't speak bad word to mother."
"Give half of all your fish to your parents; don't be mean."
"Father and mother all along same as food; when they die you feel hungry and counts."

empty."
"Mind your uncles, too, and cousins."
"If woman walk along, you no fol-low; by and by man look, he call you bad name."

bad name."

"If a cance is going to another place, you go in cance; no stop behind to steal woman."

"If your brother is going out to fight, you help him; don't let him go first, but go together."—[Popular Science Monthly.

In the Australian Federation convention Sir Henry Parkes was the most conspicuous figure. Fifty years ago he emigrated from Warwickshire, England, to Australia a penniless farmer. He tried other things and failed at them. One day he found himself at Sydney actually starving. As he walked along the street in despair he saw something shine. It proved to be a sixpence. This was the turning-point of his fortunes. With the coin he bought some bread and cheese, and then, refreshed, set out once more in search of employment. He succeeded in getting work as a longshoreman, and since then has risen to the highest station, though still poor in money. Many other delegates can tell similar stories, says the Illustrated American. Few owe their rise to any other cause than native strength of character. John Forrest, the foremost representative of Western Australia, won fame as an explorer before he developed into a statesman. Twice he crossed Australia by routes through wild and desolate regions that no other white man had ever succeeded in traversing. Sir George Grey was Governor at the Cape of Good Hope in difficult times, was twice Governor of New Zealand, and each time conducted a successful war against the Maoris, and woode hardship and adventure in the rudest forms as an explorer in Western Australia. The number of young men among the delegates was a characteristic of the convention. With men of such mold as the makers of Australia, her future should be great.

One of the striking features in the Russian palace at Gatschina is a great Danish hound that stretches his powerful frame in the hall leading to the private apartments of the Czar.

This great dog, said to be the largest of its species in the world, was presented to the Czarina about four years ago by her father, the King of Denmark. It is said that the Czar took a liking to the animal at the start, and never goes on any prolonged journey without its company. Having but little confidence in those about him, he seems to center his faith in the dog, who now sleeps at the Czar's bedroom door.

For some unexplained reason the dog became very suspicious of one of the guardsmen, and growled continually wnen this man was put on duty as a sentinel in the palace.

Nothing could be shown and nothing was suspected against the man, but to satisfy the dog he was withdrawn from sentry duty. In the case of another sentinel it is reported in St. Petersburg that the hound leaped upon him and nearly tore him to pieces the first time he saw him. The Czar, hearing the cries for help, went to the door of his apartment and hastily called the dog, which obeyed his summons.

The sentinel was found to be sadly lacerated. The Czar directed that the injured man should be cared for and

lacerated. The Czar directed that the injured man should be cared for and compensated, but also ordered that he never be permitted to enter the palace again. The autocrat apparently has faith in the judgment of the dog, whom he has named Peter, after the founder of Russia's greatness.—[New York Press

It is the belief among both the ignorant and the educated classes of China that eclipses of the sun are caused by a great dragon which attempts to devour the centre of our solar system. The last eclipse which was visible in the Celestial Empire occurred at a time when the people were celebrating the birthday of the emperor. Now, it is the custom to celebrate such an event clad in the best raiment that can be afforded; it is also customary to wear sackloth and zo into raiment that can be afforded; it is also customary to wear sackcloth and go into mourning at the time of an eclipse, at least until the sun has been rescued from the great dragon which seeks to devour it. Here, indeed, was a dilemma. At last the Emperor was petitioned. He being as superstitious as his people, ordered his birthday ignored and commanded the people to go into mourning until the sun shall be "rescued."—[St. Louis Republic.

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Old Mrs. Hemingway.

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Brother Jones was a large, florid, pompous man, so wrapped in self-conceit and arrogance as to be almost intolerable to other members of the church. One elder after another had remonstrated with him upon his monstrous vanity, and reminded him that such pride was unbecoming to a Christian; but he was deaf to hints or rebukes.

At last, after a solemn consultation, it was resolved that the minister should preach a sermon aimed at Brother Jones, and at him only. No word of it was to be applicable to any other man or woman. The rebuke was to be so severe that it was hoped he would be cured of conceit for the rest of his li'e.

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other man or woman. The rebuke was to be so severe that it was hoped he would be cured of conceit for the rest of his life.

The day came. The church was even more than ordinarily full of people. Many of them had come from curiosity; others hoped to see the vain man, who had often treated them in a super-cilious manner, chagrined and mortified. Some of the more tender-hearted of the congregation stayed at home, not wishing to witness his humiliation.

The sermon began. Brother Jones, with a complacent expression of face, disposed himself to listen. The man's infirmity was sketched with bold, severe strokes. He smiled with loft yuperiority. As the denunciation grew more scathing, his smile deepened with a touch of complacent pity. At the conclusion of the services he awaggered down the aisle. One of the elders joined him.

"What did you think of the sermon, Brother Jones?" he ventured to ask.

"A great effort sit! But personal. The pastor aimed his shots too directly. Poor old Mrs. Hemingway! I feel sorry for her. But really that woman's conceit is e-normous, sit!"

We are all ready to give over the rebukes intended for ourselves to some Mrs. Hemingway.

It is not uncommon in insane asylums for a patient to believe that all his companions are mad, while he alone is sane.

Another singular peculiarity of human nature is that we are most keen in detecting in others the very faults which are worst in ourselves.

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station across the street, and the cowboys, with characteristic shouts and laughter, ran across toward the platform.

Meanwhile, the now maddened bull had succeeded in breaking through the fence, and with tossing head and lashing tail was trotting across the street, bellowing as he went.

Just then a young man, satchel in hand, came running down the street to catch the train, passing on his way some farmers who were standing some distance from the bull.

They shouted to the young man'as he passed, "Hi, there! Stop! The bull!" but he kept on, with a wave of the hand and an "All right! I'll look for him."

The next instant the bull saw him, and with lowered horns, ran to head him off. But the young man was fast runner. He passed just in front of the bull's head, which, the next instant, brought up with a thud against the side of the station. It was a very close shave.

Dazed by the shock, the bull stood still for a moment, then turned just as two children, who had arrived on the train and had passed through the station, started to cross the street. When they turned the corner of the building, they caught the animal's eye, and quick as a flash he charged them.

A cry of horror went up from the group of farmers, as the two little girls, now aware of their danger, started to run hand in hand.

A stalwart young farmer soon appeared a short distance behind them. He took in the situation at a glance. By hard running, he overtook the bull when but a few feet from the children, quickly grasped with both hands the horn nearest him, set his feet firmly, and with one quick, strong, downward and backward jerk, threw the animal heavily to the ground.

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Their attention was soon diverted, however, by the arrival of a passenger train which was just drawing up to the station across the street, and the cowboys, with characteristic shouts and laughter, ran across toward the platform.

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