Hindu Sword Marriages.

At the last general monthly meeting of the Anthropological Society of Bombay a paper prepared by Mr. Sarat Chudner Mitter of Berar was read by Mr. Jivanji Jamshedji Modi, showing how many different roles a sword plays in Hindue manners and customs. There are often warlike tribes among whom oaths taken over a sword are binding—while taken otherwise they are not. A similar sentiment prevails among some predatory classes of Europe, where oaths taken over their weapons of offense—a dagger, a poniard, a rapier—are considered binding. The idea with these classes seems to be that perjury committed after taking oaths over their weapons recoil, that they die by the weapon against which they perjure themselves. In Berar, in India, women who are about to lead an irregular life marry a sword. This marriage in name, as an emblem of conjugal life, serves as a ray of consolation to them in the midst of their evil doings. In certain parts of India when a Hindu is about to marry a third wife—which marries is considered an ill omen—he marries a tree, for obviating the ill omen, before he marries the third lady. In Kathiawar there is still the custom for Rajput princes who are much married to marry other wifes by means of a sword. They send over their sword to the bride's people; the bride is married to it with all the required now a substitute for him—the bridegroom. The legality of this marriage to a sword is midisputable. The bride married to it enters the Rajput zenana as a legally married wife.

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### New War on Ragtime,

\*Chicago musicians of the higher class—those who have engagements with the Thomas Orchestra, theatr orchestras and concert companies are discussing a plan of forming a new organization and seceding from the Chicago Federation of Musicians. The reason is the feeling that inferior musicians who play for dances and for money, rather than art's sake, make up the body of the federation. The others want some distinction between the men who play ragtime and think it is music and those who are called upon to interpret the difficult compositions of Wagner, Verdi, Mascagni and Gound. There are 2,000 union musicians in Chicago, and of these 400 or 500 are said to be in sympathy with the movement.

### Enjoined From Baptism.

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Flora Bender, of Frederick, Md., was enjoined from being baptized. The preacher was willing, but as in her case baptism would mean immersion in a neighboring creek, her parents objected. Miss Flora Insisted, though warned that she was not strong enough to stand such an ordeal. Then her parents got out an injunction restraining her until the water shall be of a more congenial temperature.

## What Morgan Made in 1901.

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Two well informed Wall street, New York, men were discussing J. Pierpont Morgan. Said one: "I have had a long talk with a member of his firm, and while he let fall no secrets, yet from what I could gather, Mr. Morgan made last year about \$42,000,000."

The other agreed that the estimate was practically correct from what he could learn.

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## A COUNTRY BOY'S SPORT.

HIS LIFE IS IDEAL FROM A HEALTH POINT OF VIEW.

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Nobody realizes more fully than we farmers that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." While most of the work done on the farm by boys is regarded by them as play, and there is even a scramble among them for some kinds of it, there are special times for a great variety of special recreations which run the year round. The lines between some kinds of work and many forms of recreation can hardly be drawn. There is very little sport more enjoyable to the average boy than working on the roads, when he has much amusement in dodging the eye of the supervisor; in helping the neighbors to plant corn or thresh, in apple parings, in stirring of apple butter in the big copper kettle, in corn huskings on the barn floor, which often winds up with an old-fashioned country dance.

The fun in special recreations begins early in the spring. With the melting of the last snows the boys are off for suckers and trout. Just over the hills from a dozen farms near me in one way is a fine run for suckers, and by the other in the slpoes of the mountain are to be found the best of trout streams. When it is too wet to plow or plant oats or corn, the boys dig worms, get out the fishing lines, cut holes along the bottoms and are off for the stream at break of day. The finest angler in all our township is now 65 years of age, but is still as spry on a trout stream as a boy of 12. One Jay lears to fage, but is still as spry on a trout stream as a boy of 12 none day off with his boys for trout. They have mo fancy tackle or baskets, but they almost alter it the city dude who follows them up the ways come home with splendid strings of trout. They have many laughs at the city dude who follows them up the stream with his costly tackle and comes down without a trout. When he asks a country boy for the best stream he is often sent up the wrong branch, but he usually can buy enough branch, but he usually can buy enough trout from his successful competitor to make a good showing when he re turns to town.

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Then there comes the circus, once or twice a year, and it is common for us farmers to promise the boys that if they work well all the week they shall go to the circus. This amusement has standing through the country generally. Our old minister, who preached in our valley for 60 years, refused once to attend a meeting of the Blairsville Presbytery when it met in his town lesthewouldthereby countenance heresy, but he attended every circus that came to the village. The boys pick up all kinds of innocent tricks from the clown, and it is very common that next day after a boy has been at a circus to see him standing on the horse which he rides in the cultivator, and the father, who holds the handles, enjoying it all.

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Going to town is always a treat, and especially going for the mail, which gives the golden opportunity of the week for store-box gossip. On this account the rural mail system is not account the rural mail system is not regarded with favor in some quarters, as it takes away the stock excuse which the farmer can give his wife for a trip to the village. But it is likely to be a good while before the United States interferes with our necessary trips to the blacksmith and shoemaker.

shoemaker.

The wife usuady claims the trip to town when it comes to taking in the eggs and butter. She is expected to provide out of his produce the groceries for the family and an occasional ping of tobacco for the head of the house.

An amusement likely to occur at An amusement likely to occur at any time is the old-fashioned serenade. We had one last summer. The young couple took a trip to the county seat and the night they returned the boys came from all quarters, with horns, bells and a "Crawford county fiddie," which is made of a store box, across which a resined pole is drawn. A city boy criticised the noise, but it strikes most of us farmers that it is not so bad as some of the machines they run with a crank in the city. One of our neighbors tells me that our serenade is as good as the music he heard in a Chinese theatre in Portland, when he was out on a land excursion last spring.

Sports of the fall, work and play combined, begin before the almanac indicates the end of summer. Picking apples, making cider, boiling apple butter, husking corn, gathering the pumpkins and similar work made an unending round of enjoyment for the young people. Hallow'een opens the season for parties. Sleighing parties are common all winter and we drive six or eight miles frequently to pass the evening. There is always the big rupper of chicken and waffles, and we eat apples and crack shellbarks after the games of the evening are ended.

the games of the evening are ended The winter sports are now on in my neighborhood and the jingle of the sieighbell has already been heard, as we have had snow over a foot deep and almost every neighbor has a and aimost every neighbor has a sieigh. Our parties often wind up with the "Virginia reel," for whice I have sometimes played the fiddle. Ser-eral of the boys in our region play the fiddle well. School is the stand-ing enjoyment for our children. Their dinner baskets are filled with Rambo apples doughputs numptin pile and apples, doughnuts, pumpkin ple and bread and butter. The mile or two home they play all the way, kicking the dinner basket for a football or

playing "tag." Sometimes there is the variety of punching out a rabbit from a hollow log, when a girl is expected to catch him in her apron as he comes out. Plenty of recesses are given at school, when the children play "blackman," "prisoners' base," "town ball" and "over ball." When there is enough whow to make a track the popular enjoyment is to make a train by 10 of 12 children sitting down, one behind the other, each clasping the one in front, and the whole drawn by two strong boys, who often delight in throwing the whole train into a snow-drift.

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It would take a whole chapter to tell of the spelling school and the singing school and the debating society and even of the church, all of which are recreationy to the farmer and his family.

For months hunting is a great enjoyment. The farmer has the first

For months hunting is a great enters chance at the wild turkeys, ruffed grouse, squirrels and rabbits. And no city man ever comes in sight of his success. A few winters ago I shot three wild turkeys at one shot. While the city men who came to our parts last fall went home saying that there was no game, I got all the gray squirrels I wanted. My limit was two a day, which I usually got in half an hour, and this I kept up for many days. There is nothing more enjoyable than There is nothing more enjoyable than to see a dozen neighbor boys start across the fields, distributed like a squad of soldiers, gathering in every

arross the meas, distributed has around of soldiers, gathering in everything before them.

The greatest treat we had last fall in our neighborhood was "taking a bee tree." A neighbor had followed the lead of the bees from a buck-wheat field when in bloom, keeping the trail for miles, until at length he located the bees in a dead chestnut tree in a mountain ravine. The tree was marked, and as soon as the weather was coll we went one night by moonlight and cut the tree. With smoking rags we smothered the bees and took the honey. For 11 feet the tree was packed with honey, with an average thickness of six inches, much of it candied. We got 120 pounds of honey and after filling three wooden buckets we made bark baskets in which to carry the rest of the comb. We are now living on buckwheat cakes and honey, with juicy, fresh pork, chicken, turkey and game for variety. The beauty of all these country recreations is that no coupon tickets are necessary, but admission is absolutely free—except to the circus.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Edgar A. Poe, the brilliant Ameri can writer, discovered inexpressible satisfaction in wandering through graveyards. And the same is said to be true of witty and genial Oliver Wendell Holmes.

A Boston woman will agitate for a law prohibiting the boiling or roasting of chestnuts, on the ground that it involes painful death of worms "whose right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is no less than that of the most highly dowered man."

In the 20 odd palaces of the German emperor some 3500 servants are employed, about 2000 of these being women. A huge income is, of course, required for keeping up establishments on this scale, and the emperor's total expenditure is estimated at some \$25,

One of the most curious plants in the world is the toothbrush plant, a species of creeper which grows in Ja-maica. By cutting a piece of the stem and fraying the ends the natives make a toothbrush, and a dentifrice to use with it is prepared by pulveriz-ing the dead stems.

The British recruiting system is an illustration of the red tape that obtains in the war office rules. The recruit's name has to be entered some 62 times, the signatures of superior officers are given 29 times in each particular case, and a bulky document has been got ready by the time each man is ripe to take the oath.

Another bird, believed to have become extinct, is the California condor, twice as large as the condor of the Andes. Its length was five feet, weight 25 pounds and spread of wings 12 feet. An egg of the bird is worth \$2000 to collectors, but none has been found for 17 years. Eggs of the golden eagle sell in San Francisco for \$32 each.

one of the strangest phases of western life is seen in the little town of Lincoln Centre, Kan., where a whole family, consisting of the father, mother and 10 children, go to school. The older members of the family attend Lincoln college. The father and the son look after the farm, while the mother and daughters do sewing and washing.

A distinguished cavalry leader was once at a dinner party to which he had been invited as the guest of honor Beside him was a loquacious widow, with hair of raven black, who rudely interrupted the conversation by asking the warrior why it was that his beard was still black, while his hair was

was still black, while his hair was turning gray.
With great politeness the old soldier turned toward her.
"I fear I cannot give you a satisfacto-ry answer," said he, "unless, possibly, the reason is that I have used my brain a little more than I have my jaw."— Tit-Riis.

It is estimated that the electric organ of a lively electric fish would give a discharge of 200 volts.

He who flatters you is your enemy

Self-trust is the essence of heroism

We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly.—Vol

taire.

He who loses his conscience has nothing left worth keeping.—Izaak Walton.

Monuments are the grappling-iron that bind one generation to another— Joubert. Next to the slanderer we detest the

bearer of the slander to our ears. M. H. Catherwood. The passionate are like men standing on their heads; they see all things the wrong way.—Plato.

Misrepresent nothing. No permanent success was ever built upon a foundation of fraud.—Insurance

### MARCONI'S DEBT.

Names of Workers in Science to Whom
He Owes Much.

At the annual dinner of the Engineers, where he was guest, Signor Marconi, among other things, said:
"I desire to say in this presence that I have built very greatly on the work of my predecessors, and I wish to mention Maxwell, Lord Kelvin, Prof. Henry, Prof. Hertz, Prof. A. G. Bell."

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tion Maxwell, Lord Kelvin, Prof. Henry, Prof. Hertz, Prof. A. G. Bell."

This is downright disingenuous. Signor Marconi is not ignorant of the history of wireless telegraphy; of it he might say, "All of which I saw, and a part of which I was." The names of the men wuo, far more than himself, have made his recept triumph possible, are known to him, all. Why, then, are the real workers, to whom he is indebted, passed in silence, and others, to whom he owes little—in one case nothing—set in large view?

The existence of electric waves was predicted by Maxwell in 1864. They were actually discovered by Hertz in 1887. But neither Maxwen nor Hertz ever dreamed of utilizing these new oscillations to transmit signals. That idea came first in view with the discovery of the delicate coherer by Prof. Branly of Paris. Yet even he failed to caten sight of its tremendous possibil-Atiec. It was Prof. Lodge of Liverpool who appears to have been the first, and it was he who rigged up the little tapper, or decoherer, which makes it tasy to speil out words on a tape, just with an ordinary Morse instrument. Prof. Bose, the Hindu savant, also contributed his share. Perhaps he was the first to actually send a signal. The form of the sender or oscillator, which Signor Marconi uses was devised by his countryman, Prof. Righi. The idea of "tuning" two instruments to work in unison, so that they will respond to no others, of which Marconi makes much, is, again, due to Prof. Lodge, who gave it its name, "syntony." Why are all of these names left out? Is the young man unwilling to divide his honors? And what, pray, has Prof. Henry, who died before the Hertz waves were known, to do with the case? Or Lord Kelvin, who has contributed practically nothing to the subject? And if Prof. Bell is to be mentioned, because he invented the telphone, why not Morse, who devised the key which Marconi employs to send his signals?—Harper's Weekly.

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Right of "Trial by Battle."

The Dymoke claim in England to the king's championship reminds one of the antiquity of the office, which was established by the conqueror after the battle of Hastings, when the dignity was conferred on Robert de Marmion, Lord of Fontenay. But the championship is closely interwoven with the trial by combat.

How many Britons are aware that trial by combat formed an essential part of British jurisprudence until the beginning of the reign of George IV., or how it ended? At that time, there being a charge of murder against a certain Abraham Thornton, the gentleman was advised by his counsel to claim his right of "trial by battle." Accordingly, when brought before the court of king's bench he flung down his gage.

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A solemn argument was afterward held on the case, when the judges were unanimous that he was entitled to wage his battle. The nearest male relative of the deceased, a lad of 16, being manifestly unable to meet Thornton in combat, declined any further proceedings. The public feeling was so much outraged that the attorney general of the day immediately introduced a bill for abolishing the right of appeal in all criminal cases a bill which, however, did not pas. without opposition.

calling for a man to do general housework.

Of the four men who made application for the place, one was a Chinaman, one a colored man, who had been porter in a club, one a retired sailor and the other a widower.

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Women tried in his place did not give satisfaction to the family, and so advertisement was made for a general housework man.

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Following the example of Lepsic, several other German universities are refusing to admit Russian girls who have only the certificates of Russian high schools.

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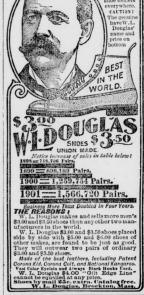
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