own sky, gray and incurving like white cloud lines that areas errolls if one could read. It is the Very Sacred City, the city of contemplation, the city of all the monks. A thousand pagoda bells give tongue to the wind there when the sun goes down; a crumbling thousand more give

It lies in a curved arm of blue hills, and something broods over it with solicitude. This you suspect from the air of the place and the way the shrill talk of the parrots and the complaint of the goats and the laughter of the people come to you wherever you are sitting. Afterward you go out, as I did that morning with the commissioner, and see under the very zenith, where the low gray sky is caught up, the square of the dark red crenellated walls of the old royal city, three miles each way, and outside the walls the parallel clear most thinking back at the sky, and then you are sure that over and above the government of India some spirit is in possession here, some spirit that bends in affection over finished and forgotten things.

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Seven roofed kiosks stand at interwals over the gates in the wall-they are called pyathat, but they strike the eye like peaceful conclusions—and low white stone bridges raised in the middle span the moat. The buttresses of the gates are painted deep gray and white, and the bank that slants steeply from the wall to the water has here and there a low, twisted, spreading tree on it, purely for decoration. You may stop at a corner and look two ways along the reflecting water, with bridge after bridge receding across, and pyathat after pyathat diminishing above, and each red and gray and white vista so picked out and finished under the quiet light slipping adorably into the near blue of the hills.

Mandalay seemed aware with bunting that day, flags and arches of welcome everywhere and crowds flockingaware and almost awake-but you looked again and saw that she only turned in her sleep and smiled, as at a dream.—Exchange.

JAPANESE JOTTINGS.

Chrysanthemums served as a salad are a favorite article of diet among the Japanese.

At a Japanese banquet it is considered a compliment to exchange cups with a friend. Japanese cooks are the most cruel in

the world. They cut every atom of flesh off a living fish piecemeal without first causing death. The lower class of the Japanese em-

ploy hardly any other material than paper for their clothing. Where wages are exceedingly low, cloth is an impossible extravagance.

Every hotel in Japan has a fan, special to itself, containing a view of the hotel and a blessing from the writings of Confucius. One of these is always given to the departing guest.

Many Japanese women are undergoing the slight surgical operation necessary to straighten the slant of the eyelid, which distinguishes them so unmistakably from Caucasian women.

The Japanese eat more fish than any other people in the world. With them meat eating is a foreign innovation, confined to the rich, or, rather, to those rich people who prefer it to the national diet.

Birds' Eggs Too Much For Science. It is not often that science acknowledges herself at fault in an apparently simple matter, but she frankly does so in regard to the color and marking of a large proportion of birds' eggs. A reason there must be for their infinite diversity; it cannot be an æsthetic one, and all we can say with any confidence is that the ever pervading instinct of distrust is probably exhibited in eggshells as in more important things, and the main idea in their scheme of coloration has been the securing of safety from many enemies by harmonizing them with their surroundings. But it is a scheme full of perplexing exceptions, which any one can study for himself.-Pall Mall Gazette.

Presching Monitors.

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The author of "The History of Bresil" tells of a species of monkey called "preachers." Every meraing and evening these monkeys assemble in the woods. One takes a higher position than the rest and makes a signal with his fore paw. At this signal the others sit around him and listen. When they are all seated, he begins to utter a series of sounds. When he stops these cries, he makes another signal with his paw, and the others cry out until he makes a third signal, upon which they become silent again. This author, Mr. Maregrove, asserts that he was a witness to these preachings.

No Rash Remarks.

"Mrs. McSmith is a very queer wid-"No one has over heard her say she wouldn't night, the best man that ever lived."

Hoax—How this he make his money?

Joax—Quite by accident. and the Hoax-How was that?

Joax-He lost a leg in a railroad wreck and recovered damiges. Partidelphia Record Tulquatine and transfer

"Contentuation which the plant sugar a mighty fill to the state of the stingush f'um plain leatness "-Wat

the trawing water from mechanical means. In the Don country, in Moscow and vicinity it is how at a name which is equivalent to "the bent water pipe." In nearly all the diavolife dialects it is known by terms signifying "the cloud siphon," and in Hungary it is "the pump," "Noah's pump" and "God's pump." The Malayan natives call it by the same name that they do their banded water cobra (necheta), only that they add "bobo" (meaning double headed), the equivalent in our language being the "double headed watersnake." They tell you that the bow is a real thing of life, that it drinks with its two mouths and that the water is transferred to the clouds through an opening in the upper side of the center of the great arch.

In the province of Charkoy, Russia, the rainbow is said to drain the wells, and to prevent this many are provided with heavy, tight fitting stone platforms. In the province of Saratoy the bow is said to be under control of three angels, one of whom pumps the water, the second "feeds" the clouds and the third sends the rain.

Man, Woman and Love. In one of his books Max O'Rell, the witty Frenchman, gives the following advice:

"If you are bald, never make love to a woman taller than you. Looked at from below, you are all right. "Never let your ladylove see you

without a collar; no-not even the very wife of your bosom. A man's head without a collar is like a bouquet without a holder.

"Never marry a woman richer than you, one taller than you, or one older than you. Be always gently superior to your wife in fortune, in size and in age, so that in every possible way she may appeal to you for help or protection, either through your purse, your strength or your experience in life. Marry her at an age that will always enable you to play with her all the different characteristic parts of a husband-a chum, a lover, an adviser, a protector and just a tiny suspicion of a father."

Stories of London Weather. The Manchester Guardian tells a good story of the weather. The scene was a Strand omnibus. A leaden sky was overhead, the rain poured down uncompromisingly, mud was under foot. A red capped Parsee, who had been sitting near the dripping driver. got down as the conductor came up. "What sort o' chap is that?" asked the driver. "Don't yer know that?" answered the conductor. "Why, that's one o' them Indians that worship the sun!" "Worships the sun?" said the shivering driver. "I suppose 'e's come over 'ere to 'ave a rest!"

This recalls the reply given on one occasion by an eastern potentate to Queen Victoria, who asked him whether his people did not worship the sun. "Yes, your majesty," said the oriental, "and if you saw him you would worship him also."

A Most Wonderful Feat.

William Lyon, a London actor of the latter part of the eighteenth century, once offered to wager that he could repeat every word in a Daily dvertiser at the next morning's re hearsal. Accordingly, the next morning his opponent ridiculed him for bragging upon his feats of memory. Lyon forthwith handed the paper to a judge agreed upon, and, notwithstanding the want of connection between the news items, editorials, storn s and advertisements, he repeated every word of the entire paper from beginning to end without the least hesitation or mistake.

A Cheap Pleasure. Seedy Individual-I would like to get

measured for a suit. Fashionable Tailor (suspiciously)-At about what price, sir? Seedy Individual-That makes no dif-

Fashionable Tailor (as before)-We generally require a deposit from unknown parties.

Seedy Individual (calmly)-I do not wish you to make the suit. It has been so long since I enjoyed this experience that I simply wish to get measured.

Wifely Appreciation, There's one thing I will say about Charley," said young Mrs. Torkins; deem't always display it at home."

"How do you know?"
"I heard some of his Wall street friends talking about him. They say he is a perfect lamb."—Washington Star.

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When a razor refuses to take an edge, the barber stops fuszing with it, lays it away, and in a little while, no one knows just how, the edge returns. If we treated our brains and our bodien that way instead of wearing them out on the grindstone, it would be a good deal more sensible.

South total 1 beed," said the telepier. Can say of you tell me what an impression is ?

Xeem, I can," replied a little ration. "Now, I have an impression in any thought of the telephone." Said this telephone. "Can say of any naughty sicknesses to school." you tell me what an impression is?"

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pese today.

musical matters, for when the musical appeared on the platform his four himself face to face with an audien numbering exactly seven pers Liszt stepped very calmly to the front and, bowing respectfully to the array of empty benches, he delivered himself

as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I feel extremely flattered by your presence here this evening, but this room is not at all suitable; the air is liberally stifling. Will you be good shough to accompany me to my hotel, where I will have the plano conveyed? We shall be oute comfortable there, and shall be quite comfortable there, and I will go through the whole of my programme."

The offer was unanimously accepted. and Liszt treated his guests not only to a splendid concert, but an excellent supper into the bargain. Next day, when the filustrious virtuoso appeared to give his second concert, the hall was not large enough to contain the crowd which claimed admittance.

Appetite and Hunger.

"Most persons do not discriminate between hunger and appetite," said a doctor of long experience. "Appetite is what makes a man drink or smoke and what makes most men and women eat. Many go through life never knowing what hunger really is. I often fast sixty hours and never feel the worse for it. A friend of mine, a physician in Brooklyn, goes without food sixteen days at a stretch and keeps up his work meanwhile. There isn't an organ that can contract any disease from lack of food. Most of them do become diseased through the effort to take care of too much food. They are all in better tone after a fast. Another thing, hunger is felt only in the mouth and throat. That gone feeling that many complain of is not hunger; that is a form of disease. If persons would est only when they were hungry and only as much as hunger, not appetite, called for-well, we doc-tors would have to fast."—New York

The Greatest Men. It would be a difficult task, if not an impossible one, to persuade any half dozen men casually brought together into unanimity of opinion concerning the greatest man who ever lived. Most of them would agree no doubt with Lord Brougham that Julius Cæsar was "the greatest man of ancient times," but how many of the six would accept Professor Gardiner's estimate of Cromwell as "the greatest Englishman of all times?" Each of them, we may be reasonably sure, would accept Shakespeare as the greatest poet, yet Lord Lytton once spoke of Milton as "the greatest poet of our country." And where will be found two men out of Scotland to agree with Charles Mackey when he says of Burns that he was "the greatest poet - next perhaps to King David of the Jews-whom any age has produced?"-Leslie's Weekly.

There has existed a harbor at Portsmouth, England, resorted to by fighting ships from the most ancient times appear to have named it Portus Magnus, or the (reat Port. The footsteps of the Roman provincials and of the Saxons and Normans may be traced, and from these times onward the name of Portsmouth occurs frequently in our history. The place had attained some measure of importance in the reign of Henry I. Richard Cour de Lion set sail thence when last he left the shores of his kingdom, and in the time of his successor a naval establishment existed at the port.-London Globe.

Practical Inquiry.

The town council of a thriving burg in the west of Scotland recently acquired a plane for their town hall and appointed three of their number to inspect and report on the purchase. The councilors were not musical experts, but one a joiner—bending down and applying his eye to the several corners of the instrument, remarked, "I'm nae judge of music, but I'll warrant ye a' the boards are plumb."

No Satisfying Her. of The "Women are hard to understand."

"Think so?" "Yes: I told her she carried her age well and she was offended."

"Xou don't say!" "Xes, and then I told her she didn't carry it well, and she wouldn't speak." -Philadelphia Becord.

Profestry of the Profession. "Who is that scientific gent in room 15?" asked the scrub lady.

"I dunno," answered the broom gentleman; but he's a funny one, to be saw a lot of mold on top of his ink he said 'B'cillus! just that way." -Chicago Tribune blo od

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"Cause I'm always at the foot of Mrs. Done And will you love, me bear in all and subsection of and subsection of the bear o

with is the inevitable condition of human life, the true source of human welfare.-Tolstol.

ceat thickness, with large blank ed and prominent, the plainly tell their work and their canacity to do it. The ornamentation is subservient to the idea. Shallow recesses and paheling bring the surface of the wall into prominence. Where they are pierced for window or door the beveling and molding in perspective increase the idea of strength. The arcading points to the depth. The circular arch indicates the solidity of the wall above. The circular windows

of power. In the Egyptian the wall is unnoticed, in the Greek it receded from view, in the Byzantine it played no part, in the Moresque it is chopped up and scattered, but in the Lombard, without buttress or pilaster, it asserted itself as the main element of support. -London Tablet.

were adapted to emphasize the notion

Although well known to travelers and collectors of curiosities, the horn nut, or "sacred nut," of Japan was almost wholly unknown to fruit and nut dealers in this country prior to 1888, when a New York commission merchant received the first large consign-ment. They are called "sacred nuts" because used in certain forms of Japanese worship, where they are placed on the altar and ignited. Being very rich in oil, they burn with a hot, bluish flame and give off a peculiar odor, the fumes being supposed to rise as an acceptable incense to the gods. They grow under water and have a leaf like an American lily, the form of the nut itself being an almost exact counterpart of an Asian buffalo's head, drooping horns and all. In the raw state they are hard and tasteless, but when cooked the flavor resembles that of

bolled chestnuts. They are said to re-

tain their edible qualities for upward

of twenty years.

The English Crown Ruby. The ruby of the English crown is famous in popular estimation, but-history apart-what does the connoisseur say as to its value? asks the London Chronicle. Is it a ruby or is it only a fine and large spinel? Some people call a spinel a spinel ruby, but a spinel is not a ruby. The stone last named, when it is of more than three and a half carats in weight and flawless all through, is more precious than a perfect diamond of the same size. When it is considerably larger, its value is not to be estimated and may be anything, according to the passion of the collector. But the spinel, a much less hard crystal, even when it reaches the weight of four carats, is valued at half the worth of a four carat diamond. There are famous royal rubles, but that which flames in the royal crown is, according to a common rumor among experts, the lowlier spinel.

Checks For the Communion Table. The author of "The Sabbath In Puritan New England" mentions a custom which prevailed in several New England churches that made it the duty of the deacons to walk up and down the aisles of the church at the close of each service and deliver to every person who in their judgment was fitted in our history. The Romans undoubt- to commune a metal check, which enedly used it when they had their stronghold at Portchester, and they the Lord's Supper to join in the sacred

ordinance. On the communion Sabbath it was the deacons' duty to see that every one who presented himself at the Lord's table had this check and to collect it from the communicant before passing to him the bread and wine.

At Both Ends.

In a little town in Nova Scotia are two churches situated in the two divisions of the village locally designated as the "North End" and "South End." At a Sunday morning service the officiating clergyman read the following notice:
"There will be preaching at 11

o'clock next Sunday morning in the church at the North End and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the church at the South End. Infants will be baptized at both ends."

A Model. "Oh, no," declared the younger one, my husband never goes to clubs or any other places of amusement unless he can take me with him."

"Dear me! What a splendid man! How long have you been married?"
"It'll be seven weeks next Tuesday." Chicago Record-Herald. 101001101 Absorbed and with the be

A professor of one of the universities is famous for his absentining dhess. He recently went into a barber's abop to get his hair cut. Taking a seat in the chair, he remarked;
"As it is quite cool in this room perhaps I had better keep my hat on

tod recipley Ought to Be. "A couple were married in St. Louis the other day who couldn't understand each other's language," said Mrs. Gil-

while you cut my hair."

And T suppose that they are un-speakably happy," commented Mr. Gil-ley,—Detroit Free Press,

River Drs. aly love me Dinny?
Demnis Do Of love yet Faith Kirty
Ofd do anything to live wid je the
rist 44 me loife aven if Of knowed
Woold kill me this minute.—Philadel-

tion and I will dead the bill his ain Tobbe What did you think of my argument youg)

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chatte. I may freely say that it is the worst place in the world to see a young man or woman if you enter tain any hope of meeting him or h in heaven.

"I have had much experience-in-the role of journalist and have investigated the slums of London and Liv-erpool, know the "Tenderloin" of New York and the 'attractions' at Berlin and Vienna, but for downright Satanic ingenuity of viciousness and gilt edged debauchery you must go to the Quartier Latin, for it is here that immorality is accepted as a virtue, and real virtue has no line of demarcation to distinguish it from immorality.

"No young man or young woman can survive such environment untarnished, and many are ruined for life. That which, like London slums, is repulsive is not dangerous. It is attractive vice, sugar coated immorality, which is dangerous and that is what young men and women find in the Quartier Latin."

How Coal Was First Named. Curiously, the word coal was in use long before as well as long after the commencement of the coal trade, with a meaning quite different from that which it now has. The term originally belonged to wood fuel and was applied in particular to wood which had been charred, or what is now called char-

coal. When the trade in mineral coal began, this was usually distinguished by the singular name of sea coal. It would seem that from having been gathered in early times on the seashore, more especially of Northumberland, along with seaweed and other wreckage cast up by the waves, this peculiar substance was supposed to be peculiar substance was supposed to be of marine origin. From this circumstance and its resemblance to wood dignant "Sir!" he looked up hastily to discover that this time he had come coal in color and burning properties it obtained the name of sea coal, by which it was so long and so widely known. Then in the course of time. as the new fuel gained upon and superseded the old, the simple name of coal became universally transferred to it.

Making It Plain. A writer in the Lancet, says the Chicago Record-Herald, generously sets himself the task of giving out valuable information as to the amount of food one should eat. He proceeds to make the matter plain to the masses by say-

"If you desire to know how much you ought to eat per diem, you must first determine whether you are temperamentally anabolic or katobolic. Then, taking into account your age, sex, size, the amount of exercise you get and the temperature of the atmosphere, you should calculate the amount of food necessary to maintain the minimum weight of the body consistent with the best health of which you are capable."

Hereafter there should be no excuse whatever for overeating or undereat-

The Discovery of Florida.

Juan Ponce de Leon, sailing from Porto Rico in search of new land, discovered Florida on March 27, 1512. He landed near St. Augustine, planted the of the Spanish monarch. In 1763 a treaty ceding east and west Florida to Great Britain, in exchange for Havana and the western part of Cuba, was ratified. In 1781 part of Florida was receded to Spain, and in 1783 Great Britain ceded east and west Florida to Spain. On Feb. 22, 1819, east and west Florida were ceded to the United States by treaty and purchase, Spain receiving \$5,000,000.

The Way He Gloated.

Two buses were traveling down Re gent street in close proximity when the conductor of the foremost one took off his badge and dangled it in the air, to the obvious amnoyance of the rival driver.

"What did you do that for?" asked a passenger.

'Why," said the conductor, pointing a derisive thumb at the infuriated driver, "'is father was 'ung."-London Tit-Bits.

Origin of Spoons.

Two natural objects seem to have furnished the model for the spoon to primitive man the river or sea shell and the leaf of plants. In southern China shell spoons are still used that are closely reproduced in the familiar porcelain speed of that country, while metal spoons are found in India on which are reproduced even the veins of the leaves from which they were copied.

Aunt (severely)—How dare you take the money from your missionary box?
Willie-Didn't you say I was a regu-

Iar little heather?
"You are far worse."
"Well, I was saving the money for the heathen, and first come first

Customet That the service costs 50 marks. That is most that I can pay.

It wife (hispering)—If I should have a fainting that I should have a chine, it would cost you far Flieguide Blatter.

wastom consisteth bot in proving many things nor even in the the things thoroughly, but in choosing and in the broing what conduces the most continue to our lasting happiness and true door.

Binable. people listen ast as you think they should.—Atchison Globs.

ployees the year is divided anti-ters and each quarter subdivided cording to the number of days to month, but the president receives pricely the same amount every mon Thus, if a president should die at end of February, after receiving his salary for that month, his succe would in reality receive less than the ell amount due him in March because

erpaid the prior month. Inasmuch es the president's salary may not be divided into exactly equal parts, it is necessary to pay the chief magistrate \$4,166.66 on some months and \$4,166.67 on others. On one occasion during the Cleveland administration a mistake was made, and there were sent to the chief executive three successive warrants for \$4,166.66. When the error was discovered, the treasury department hastened to dispatch to the White House a warrant on the United States government for a cent, made out in Mr. Cleveland's favor, thought the president never cashed this check. -Argonaut

The Professor, the Lady and the Cow. It is told of a certain professor whose absentmindedness about equaled his learning that he was one day, crossing the college campus, absorbed to such degree in a book of his that had just been published that he was lost to everything else. Suddenly he humned up against an object, and looking up he saw that he had collided with a cow that had rudely strayed in his way. "Get out of the way, you cow!" he exclaimed irritably, prefixing an impolite adjective to "wow."

The next day as the professor was again crossing the campus, immersed in his reading, he again ran into an object. "Oh, that confounded cow!" up against the wife of a fellow professor. It hardly made matters better to assure her that he had taken her for a cow, and it required the good offices of the entire faculty to restore an era of good feeling.

A Ludierous Word Twister. Professor William Archibald Spooner of Oxford university has become famous as a ludicrous word twister. Once at a special service, seeing some women standing at the back of the church waiting to be seated, he rushed down the aisle and addressed the ushers as follows, "Gentlemen, gentlemen, sew these ladies into their sheets." Being asked at dinner what fruit he would have, he promptly replied, "Pigs, fleas." This is the way in which Dr. Spooner proposed to his wife: Being one afternoon at the home of her father, Bishop Harvey Goodwin of Carlisle, Mrs. Goodwin said, "Mr. Spooner, will you please go out into the garden and ask Miss Goodwin if she will come in and make tea?" The professor, on finding the young lady, said, "Miss Goodwin, your mother told me to ask you if you would come in and

A Soft Answer.

take me."

Dibbs (rather shortsighted, overtaking total stranger and slapping him on back from behind)-Hello, old fellow! How are you? So glad to see you have thought of Stranger-Confound you, sir! How. dare you strike me in that blackguardly manner? You ought to be more careful that you've got the right per-

Dibbs-Really, sir, I must apologize, but I took you for the Earl of - The likeness is really won-

Stranger (greatly mollified)-Say no more, sir, I entreat. I quite see how the mistake occurred. Magnificent weather, isn't it? Good morning to you; good morning.-London Answers.

Took It Calmir

A Baltimore physician was once called hurriedly to see the sick child of colored parents in the vicinity and perceived at the first glance that the infant had but a few hours to live. Expecting an outburst of anguish, he broke the truth as gently as possible to the child's mother and was met with the sterling rejoinder, "That's all right, doctor; there's plenty of room for him up yonder; but we're dreadful scrouged

She Was Master.

Father (left in charge)-No, you cannot have any more cake. (Very mexiously) Do you know what I shall have to do if you go on making that dreadful ficial?
Little Girl (sobbing)—Yes.

Father-Well, what is that? Little Girl-Give me some more cake! And she was quite right.

Harrah. "Hurrah!" It used to be "Hurray!" and the cry is as old as England. It is the battlecry of the old Norse vikings as they swept down to burn and murder among the peaceful Britwhich means, "Thor, aid!" an appeal for help to Thor, the god of battles.

Left Helpless Mrs. Brown-So your girl has left you? What for, for mercy's miss? Mrs. Black—Absolutely for nothing. Me. Broam Oh, that sit. I remember you for anything Boston Transcript.

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the Will suffen of fertility, and the constant of throwing a siture that tought arose from a wish that the might be blessed with a large fam