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EARTH'S SHADOW. marit derives the bloom of day f observed meadow as a western platti-tence rests on the waveless fields; will is beggard and gount and gray.

he abouts drift wearity over the sky; The grain is yellow, the hills are bare A heaviness brooks in the quiet air; he streamlet sold as it passes by.

The day was bright and the flowers were seen The day was bright and the world was y And in the over the throatis gung, ad his rong was glied and the house we But a minipy durinous glimanore athwart The Solis today, and the hours are long: And I hear a dirgs in the throatie's song; For the gloom is the shadow of thes, my h

IN NORTHERN WILDS.

one of two five ris. My father, a clorgym an of th ngliah church, was grateful to Provi-ence for having filled his quiver with m, but I think that in reality he was

JOB PRINTING ! mare grateful they were not eleven. The problem of his life, the worry of atmpting to solve which helped to bring

tempting to solve which helped to bring him to his grave, was how to provide a living for us all. As he died before a single one of as was provided for, he might have saved himself much anxiety. I was not the eldest of the family, but the second son. The oldest had been sent to one of the universities, and had followed the very glorious but impecuni-ous profession of his father, without a "living" and without definite hope of obtaining one. I was intended for the Indian civil service; possibly the vice-roy-ship, but the examiners at Burlington house failed to recognize my fitness for such great possibilities, therefore I de-termined to emigrate, and a friend of my mother's hearing of my determina-tion secured for me, by personal interest, a berth in the Hudsh's Bay company. I was duly engaged and signed a door-ment as long as a deed of transfer, by which I bound myself to serve the com-pany, even to the extent of defending their property with my life.

pany, even to the extent of defending their property with my life. I sailed to Montreal and presenting my credentials there was soon informed that my services would be required at a post in the far north in charge of one John McIvor. There was also intrusted to my care a pair of fowls, Plymouth Rocks, with the request that I would deliver them safely into the hands of Mr. McIvor. I montion this fact sering that these

I mention this fact seeing that these fowls played an important part in the events which I am about to relate. On my arrival at my destination, after alcoping about forty nights under canvas, I was glad of the comfort which reigned at Fort Trial, due chiefly to the domestic energy of Mrs. McIvor, a bright, pleas-ant little woman, who seemed out of place in the heart of this "great lone land."

Mr. Melvor was Scotch. as his na would imply, a rough and ready man, with a heart of steel, but which on occa-sion could be as soft as a woman's. After roading the dispatches which I handed "Weel, young mon, I dinns see what the likes o' you can do in a country like this. Had na ye better gas back before it is too late?" "I won't go back, sir, unless you send me back," I answered. "Ah, weel; boy, stay where you are. It's no always the coarsest twine that stands the biggest strain." So I entered into my duties without another discouraging word from Mr. McIvor, who, though a parfect marinet in the matter of duty, was kindness it-self in the privacy of his own house. There were two other clerks beade my-self, who stayed there only during the summer, but who in the fall took charge of small trading establishments, out-posts as they are called, returning to Fort Trial after the winter's hunt was over. it is too late

here was but half an inch left. remember that I wondered if the rers had begun to make their nest time i began to pick up the Indian ian-guage, and as I always had a smeaking regard for the old woman, I often made use of her assistance in acquiring it. In fact we became fast friends, I committing the friendship by gifts of a little four, ployers had begun to make their nexts in the mambes at home; if my brother Charley had come home for the Easter holidays, and if he would know where the migle thrush always built her next in the big elm tree; but my reveries were broken by a movement among the Indians and a muttered "non-gom,"

I received has chaffing in the winter, for the other clerks had long since taken their departure for their respective out-ports, and I was left sole occupant of the clerks quarker. we called

the rest of the Indians, with their guns in their hands. Mr. McIvor, who was watching them, made a movement toward the candle in the gunpowder.

uning on to the end of March when an event occurred which made me that that I had pulled the old woman giad that I had pulled the old woman out of the river and treated her with some consideration, if not kindness. The two fowls which I had brought asfally to their destination had fairly survived the rigor of the winter. In fact Mrs. Molvor announced one day at dinner that she had found one egg which the hen had laid. But shortly afterward there was consternation in that household. The two fowls had been found dead, and an Indian dog was quistly making a meal of one of them. The hole whereby he had affected an entrance was stopped up before he could escape, and Mr. McIvor, mang his revolver, had the astiafaction of shooting the brute and pitching his The movement attracted the attention of the Indians, and they now for the with The A minute later there was not an Indian in the store. They had gone out as silently and suddenly as they had come silently and suddenly as they had come in, leaving us in sole possession, but with the candle burning dangerously near the powder. Mr. Molvor now care-fully approached the keg, and with a steady hand raised the candle from its dangerous candlestick. Not one moment too soon, for scarcely had he lifted it clear off the keg when the few grains of powder which had adhered to it came in contact with the flame and were ignited; but we many awd

using his revolver, had the astisfaction of shooting the brute and pitching his body down on the frozen river. Now it happened that this dog belong-ed to Match-so-ninie, an old Indian claiming to be chief of the band, and who had the reputation of being a con-juror and a cannibal, in consequence of which the Indians all feared him and obscut him. contact with the flame and were ignited; but we were saved. The sudden revulsion of feeling took the strength completely out of my legs, and I sat down helplessly on a box, until the voice of Mr. McIvor ordering me to shut the door and lock it recalled me to my senses. Mrs. McIvor clasped her husband around the neck and kissed him passionately. He was not unmoved for the moment; but suddenly he burst out landing and and in his bruedest obeyed him. He came into the store that ever and spoke to Mr. Melvor thus:

out laughing, and said in his broadest

"You pay me for my dog." "How much?" asked Mr. McIvor. "Twenty weeg." The Hudson Bay company use at inland posts a standard for value, the name differing in different localities. A weeg equals about fifty "Did ye see the look o' the auld diel when he caught sight o' the candle I' the pouther, Maggie?" But Maggie did not hear him; she had fainted, and the man who had been cheerfully looking death in the face for the last half hour now oon ta. "All right." said McIvor, "I will pay In the face for the last hair hour how became as frightened as a child when he saw his wife in a fainting fit. "Will she come around, dy's think?" he saked in a tone of intense anxiety. There was no need to answer him, for Mrs. McIvor

you for your dog if you pay me for my "How much?

"How much" "How much" "Twenty weeg." The indian asw that he was caught, and walked out with a muttered "Kish," meaning, "Hold on, we shall see." Nert evening he again came to the store, and said: "There are bad people about; I have seen a weadigo. You pay me for my dog." (Wendigo: a spirit, a ghost, giant, something uncanny.) "Got the wendigo to pay you," said Mr. Molvor, laughing, and again the man slunk of. Mr. Melvor knew the indian nature well, and he said to me: "That old fellow is up to some devil-ment. That's what they always do when they want to do an evil trick themselves: prevend that some one cle is going to do it. We had better keep a watch on the place; he might set fire to it." We watched that night, but nothing unusual occurred. After dinner next day, as I was endesvoring to recomperate a bit from night watching by a short moone, I became aware of a presence, and opening my eyes new my eld woman standing over me, with her finger on her line to enjoin allone. When ahe aw that answered the question herself by sitting up and bursting into tears. pared for a slege, but the Indiana never made sign again of attempting to injure us; in fact they became mighty civil, and in the spring, when communication by water had been re-established, we had no difficulty in securing our friend Match-co-ninie, who was safely trans

lips to enjoin allence. When are must on ner-lips to enjoin allence. When are saw that I was awaks are whispered hurriedly: "Runi Indians going to kill trader, kill all white people in the store. Match-ee-ninic heep trader's wife. You good to old woman. Run!" Woman. Run!" And the old woman, casting an anxious look at the door, hobbled away as fast as I did run, but it was to Mr. McIvor.

GOLD DUST 24 CARATS FINE. UNCANNY IMMIGRANTS.

FOREIGNERS WHO COME HERE LONG AFTER THEY ARE DEAD.

lodge that their skeleto cently crumbling into d eventually be parading about in a which their owners had quitted for Occasionally a man gives up the and at the same time gives up his for professional or commercial us ch a man is invariably an a ture, whom no one loved or mourned when dead. while liv

ing or mourned when dead. Through poworty and orime many akeletons are available, but it is seldom that one is articulated in this country accept by a clever surgeon, and then only for his own use. It is a fact not generally known that all akeletons used by secret societies and in other ways in the United States are inserted form United States are imported from This

uncanny traffic over the sea not due to any scarcity of skeletons here, but to an absence of the peculiar skilled but to an absence or the proper stringing of the bones together. No doubt the in-dustry could be successfully introduced here were it protected by the tariff, but akeletons being on the free list there is

akeletons being on the free list there is no encouragement to enter into competi-tion with the cheaper labor of Europe. A mistaken impression prevails in the popular mind that nearly all strictly secret societies use human skaletons in their ceremonies, the fact being that only a limited number among such or-ganizations use them. For this reason no stock of this sort is kept on hand, and articulated skeletons are imported on the receipt of orders receipt of orders. COST OF A SEELETO

The number of firms who import hu-man skeletons in New York is small-probably not more than three-and such importation forms but an insignificant importation forms but an imagnificant branch of a general business either in surgical supplies or society parapher-nalis. It is seldom, too, that the mem-bers of a lodge or council, aside from its officers, know by what firm its skeleton

is supplied. This fact is to be accounted for by the This fact is to be accounted for by the reluctance of the importers to figure openly in such transactions. They pre-fer to conduct them quietly and unce-tentatiously. A layman, unless an inti-mate friend, can seldom get a merchant to acknowledge plainly that he deals in akeletons. He will evade the quastion, and may compromise on the statement that he once dealt in them, but no longer

es-ninie, having found out that she had warned us, quietly made away with her, so that practically she gave her life for mine. Can it therefore be wondered at that I prize her memory, especially as in her I have found through long experi-ence the one solitary exception to the treacherous ingratitude of the North

ment Printing Office. Seven thousand dollars' worth of gold dust in a table drawer! Poke your fin-gers into the yellow stuff and notice how not and agreeable to the feeling it is, while the attendant in charge watches

while the attendant in charge watches you carefully and sees that you do not get away with any of it. It is smooth to the touch because it is all composed of gold besters' film, rubbed to almost im-palpable powder. For the same reason, too, it is absolutely pure and virgin metal, twenty-four carefu fine. The drawer is in charge of a pretty

The drawer is in charge of young girl at the government office. Her work there is to at

"But I thought there was one I want to put my money in it.

young firl at the government printing office. Her work there is to stamp gold lettering and ornamentation upon book covers. The precious substance comes to her in the shape of little rectangular shorts of foil inexpressibly thin, laid be-tween layers of these paper made up to book form, each book holding twenty-four gold sheets. Handling them is a matter requiring great skill, though you might not imagine if from casual impec-tion. To begin with, say the young wom-an places on the table before her an ordi-mary leather book cover. She takes from the little gold book a sheet of the foll, not with her fingers, but by catching it up with a small pad of raw cotton. Laying down the sheet of pure yellow gold upon a little alab, she cuts it into three pieces with a sharp lmife. She makes it smooth by blowing gently upon it with her breath. One of the pieces she applies to the back of the cover where the title is to go; another she also puts on the back where the name of the anthor is to be, while the third biggest piece is spread over the middle of one flap of the cover, where an ornamental desize is spread. ap of the cover, where an orm design is wanted.

design is wanted. The operator is very caroful in rubbin off the loose gold after each stamping, s as to lose none of it. As she uses th loather tipped stick she permits the ye low stuff to fall through a crack in th

table top into the drawer beneath in the shape of dust. It is allowed to accumulate there until the drawer is full. The drawer is quite big and deep, and will hold \$10,000 worth of the dust. You would not imagine it to be any very precions substance if you found a quantity of it in some odd place; it looks as much like powdered tinsel as anything else. However, it is worth \$20 an ounce, and when a drawer full is collected the gold is forwarded to the mint in Philadelphia.

which subjects it to assay and sends a check for its value.

check for its value. The young woman is held responsible for the safety of the gold in the drawer. Bhe carries the key to it about with her always, and nobody but herself is al-lowed access to it. There does not seem lowed access to it.

to be any reason why she should not sly-ly pocket a small quantity of it occa-sionally if she destred, though the num-ber of books of gold foil charged against her do serve as some sort of check in the account as to the metal employed in this way.-Washington Star. of tes and coffee is usually to be regarded

The Teller's Window. It is a great deal easier to understand what is being said when we have some dae of wist the speaker is likely to say. Persons who are making their first visit to a bank and are unfamiliar with the directions which are spt to be given them sometimes hear very crookedly in their bevilderment. He Thinks It Can Be Produced for Fit-

"An' will ye tell me where is the or lar windy" inquired a woman of one the officials in a Boston savings bas

the officials in a Boston savings bank inst week. "The cellar window! What do you want of the cellar window? There isn't any that I know of," replied the aston-ished gentieman. "Well, I told the gintleman over there and make the Twentieth co

that I wanted ter lave my money here, an' he said, 'Take it ter the cellar windy,

and make the Twentieth century an age of aluminum, just as the Nineteenth has been an age of iron. J. M. Hirsch, a German chemist of Chicago, asys he has discovered a process by which he can extract the aluminum from common clay at a cost of fiftsen cents or less for each pound. If Mr. Hirsch is right, then his secret is worth many millions of dol-lar. an' Fm lookin' fur it now." "Oh yes, I see, this next window here. That's the place you want," and the quick witted and experienced official pointed to the teller's window.

lars. Aluminum is the perfect metal. It is so plentiful that it composes the metallio base of the earth's crust. The soil under our feet is full of it. It is as bright as silver and it weighs only one-fourth as much-in fact, it is only two and one-half times as heavy as water. It is both malleable and ductile, and may be drawn into fine wires or beaten into sheets as thin as paper. Water does not corrode it. It does not tarnish or change color when long errowed to the air. It is not man was approached with this inquiry.

"We haven't got a telepho

"Ab yes, I see, this next window is "Ab yes, I see, this next window is what you are looking for," and one more depositor was safely piloted to and made acquainted with the teller's window.-Youth's Companion.

Presidential Tipe.

it. It does not tarnish or change color when long exposed to the air. It is not affected by any acid except hydrochloric. It is superior in lightness, strength and resistance to destructive forces to any other metal. And yet it is scarcely known to the general public and is used very little. Why? Because it costs too much to extract the metal from the tens-cious grasp of the clay which contains it. INFORTANCE OF THE DISCOVERY. Presidential Tips. The biggest railway official in the country that I know of told me the other night that "the porters of special cars pick up big money. Whenever a special car is used the best porter who is handy is assigned to it. This man expects and usually receives a handsome gratuity. Those who travel in special cars can af-ford to be liberal to the one who, for the time being becomes a valet or poresonal

time being, becomes a valet, or personal servant, and generally are. When Gen. Grant went anywhere the porter of the special car always got \$50. He never gave less, whether the time was a day or a week, and never gave more. It was invariably a fifty dollar bill. President minum was discovered, fifty years ago, the one great problem in chemistry has been to cheapen the process of separating it from clay. If the Chicago chemist has solved this problem the most ex-travagent statement will access of invariably a fifty dollar bill. President Arthur always gave the porter two twenty dollar notes or two twenty dol-hr gold pieces. He was also liberal to other minor railway officials. President Hayes used a special car prety often. He tipped the porter \$6. When Garfield traveled special the porter got only \$2, and considered himself lucky to get that. Garfield was always very close about money matters. He moved money while in congress on a salary that few others were barely able to live upon."--Pitts-burg Dispatch.

Ton and Coffee as Nares Tes and coffee rank among the worst narcotics used by civilized peoples. Al-cohol may be placed at the head of the list, tobacco next, tes and coffee next and then optum. I do not mean to say that in an individual instance the use

proclaiming the importance of his dis-covery; in fact, he is very reticent in re-gard to the matter. He is not after subscriptions of stock, for the entire stock of the company which he has organized has been quictly taken up by a few capitalists, except the great slice of \$1,000,000 retained by the discoverer of the process. Professor Hirsch, a studious, pleasant faced, spectacled German of 45, was found at his office.

"I have a process by which aluminum may be extracted for fifteen cents a pound," said he. "It is not a matter of on, but an a

At \$5 a pound aluminum is found only in the chemical laboratories as a

ort of curiosity. At fifteen cents

pound its uses would be endless. It would be employed in the manufacture of thousand of articles-from collar

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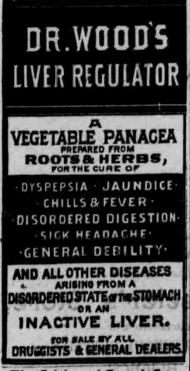
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who was at that moment walking down to the store with his wife. I breathleesly related to Mr. McIvor as nearly as I could remember them the words of the old woman.

"There's something in it," he said, "and we must be prepared for them. Lot us look for our guns. The loons His wife, who had heard all, looked "Which is it, Maggie? Wi'us, or at

over. Like most young Englishmen I had formed my ideas of Indians on a Feni-more Cooper basis, but the noble red man fell far short of my ideal. I found "With you, John, till the death," she answered boldly. He gave her a look of admiration and

affection, and hastily rose to collect and load our arms.

man fell far short of my ideal. I found him to be a selfah, ungrataful, treacher-ous asvage, whose power for evil was incicily curtailed by his cowardice. I do not say that there are no good points in an Indian's character; we find good points in the character; we find good points in the character of a dog or a horse, but we do not set the horse or dog on a pedestal and proclaim him all that is perfect; rather we keep clear of his heels and teeth respectively until we know something of the brute's idiosyn-cratics. One has to do the same with Indians. Be thoroughly on your guard until you have proved that they can be truated, and don't trust them then. Mr. load our arms. But we were too late: while we were talking in the office the store had silently filled with Indians, their faces sinister and threatening as they stood ranged up against the high counter. So intent had we been on the discussion that we had not heard the soft tread of their moccas-

not heard the soft tread of their moccas-ined feet, and there we stood, fairly caught, face to face with death. It is hard to remember what passed through my mind at that moment. I think that my feelings were more those of indignation than of fear. It vered me to think of death at the hands of those brutes, an inglorious death, of which but a passing notice might appear in some newspaper, or, what was more likely, no notice at all, for the Hudson's Bay com-pany have never cared to-publish abroad such little mishaps as those. How dif-farent, I thought, would it have been if McIvor had the most supreme contemp for them-a contempt which he neve tried to hide. He used to say: tried to hide. He used to say: "They are cowards, arrant cowards, and are afraid o' you, e'en like a dog." It was not long after my arrival that I had a sort of adventure which gave great sport to the other clerks, and even Mr. McIvor himself would occasionally make joking allusions to it. ferent, I thought, would it have been if were in the army. Then if I had to die

There was a river running about 100 my name would be mentioned with pride by my family as well as with regret, and yards from the store; it was deep and fairly swift. One day as I was working possibly my portrait might appear in The Illustrated London News. So dear to in the store I heard a scream which ap-peared to come from the river. I ran out and down to the bank, from where I humanity is the praise it receives when no longer alive to hear it, when the pleas-ure of the praise is but in the anticipa-

out and down to the bank, from where it saw an old woman struggling in the water; she had been fishing and her cance had upset. There were about a dozen Indians looking on, but they only laughed and made not the slightest movement toward helping her. Indians, as a rule, are cruel to the old. They look upon them as incumbrances from which they are not sorry if an accident where them. I saw that this poor old tion alone. I watched Mr. McIvor with a certain amount of curiosity, not unmixed with hope, to see what he would do. He did not hesitate a moment, but drawing his wife to his side and putting his arm around her waist he said:

around her waist he said: "You have come, I believe, to kill me?" "Yes," answered Match-ee-ninie, "to kill you as you killed my dog." "All right," answered Mr. McIvor coolly; "but surely we may as well take a smoke before you kill." Whether the Indiana were swayed by which they are not sorry if an accident relieves them. I saw that this poor old thing was in distress and likely to be drowned, so I jumped into the river and swam out to her assistance, not before, however, relieving my mind by abusing soundly the men who would cheerfully

however, relieving my mind by abusing soundly the men who would cheerfully have let her sink before their eyes. It was no difficult task to bring the poor old thing ashore, and when I had done to the poor creature followed me as I walked toward the house, crying in Whether the Indians were swayed by the force of a superior will, or whether they were themselves glad to put off a tragedy which they had pledged them-selves to perform, I cannot say; but they cheerfully compiled with the request, and each producing his pipe leisurely filled it and commenced to smoke, as if they had come there for nothing else. In the meanwhile Mr. Molvor had quiet in drawn toward him a small has of

earnest tones: "Meegwitch! meegwitch!" meaning "Thank you, thank you." But I found this very annoying, for the Indians all laughed at me in my wet clothes and at ly drawn toward him a small kee the old woman, whose clothes were also wet and very thin, as also clung to me, with her incessant "Meegwitch, meeg-

ly drawn toward him a small keg of gunpowder containing about twenty-five pounds. He deftly removed the head; then taking a candle and lighting it with the same match with which he lit his pipe he thrust it down into the powder to within two inches of the flame. So quietly had he done this that the In-diana, who were at the moment engaged in lighting their pipes, did not notice it. It was a soleum kind of a sunche, Not another word was upskno on either side. The only thing that woke the dead si-lence was the cocasional "puff, puff" of a pipe that would not draw. I was fear-the candle with a kind of fascination and saw an inch burn away. I was fearwhich." The chaff that I suffered from my com-panions was merciless. I was dubbed "The Knight Errant," "The Heroic Preserver," etc., until I grew sick of it; but to have lost my temper would only have made it worse, so I suffered in si-It was a solemn kind of a sunka. Not ends it worse, so I suffered in since in the sole of the sole of

American Indianal

Shortly after these events Mr. Mclyor Shortly after these events Mr. McIrog received charge of a district on the bor-ders of civilization. Nothing would do but that I should accompany him to his new charge, and so favorably did he re-port of me to headquarters that I rose rapidly in the service, and ere many years had passed was in charge of a district of my own. -C. C. Carr, Buffalo Express.

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A Newspaper Eleptomaniae. There is an old, gray haired, venerable appearing gentleman who is often seen house and the Fifth Avenue hotel. He house and the Fifth Avenue hotel. He is a newspaper kleptomaniac. Just leave a paper lying on a seat and watch him. He gets up, looks about unconcernedly and soon sits down next to the paper. Carelessly he picks it up and glances through it. After a few minutes, if no one observe

After a few minutes, if no one observes him, he folds the paper carefully, puts it in his pocket, then calls for an imported Henry Clay and pays for it from a good sized wallet at the eigar stand. In the course of the evening he usually gets all the papers, then disappears.—New York Journal.

A Literary Romance.

Winks-I understand the woman you are going to marry has been engaged to you for ten years. Jinks-Yes. You see I am a newspa

per writer by profession, and her prond father said I could not have his daughter until I could show him my name a the head of an article in some great magazine. Well, I went to work, and soon got an article accepted, but it was ten years before it was published.—Good News.

A Noted Doctor Who Was Shy. A Noted Dector Who Was Shy. Abernethy, an eminent London sur-geon of the last century, was noted for his independence and for his indifference to people of rank and wealth. A certain nobleman once presented himself at the surgeon's office and without waiting for his turn demanded to see Abernothy. He was refused, and when it came his turn he entered the consulting room in great anger.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No, sir" was the cool reply, "but I am John Abernethy, surgeon, and if you

wish to consult me, I am now ready to hear what you have to say in your turn."

Yet this man, so indifferent to lords and ladies, when he had to lecture be-fore several hundred medical students was often painfully embarrassed. As he was about to begin he would be obliged to retire in order to collect his thoughts. The consciousness of his great reputa-tion, and the anxiety to stand well with the students, made him shy.-Youth's Companion.

Why He Cried.

Passerby -- Why do you cry, little boyt Little Boy-On account of ps. If he comes home without me ma will give him an awful thrashing.-Texas Siftings.

An Anstrian Wit.

Morits Saphir, the witty Austrian journalist, was once standing in a crowd-ed theatre. Some one leaned on his back. ed theatre. Some one leaned on his back, thrusting his head over his shoulder. Saphir drew out his handkerchief and wrung the man's nose violently. The latter started back. "Oh, I beg your pardon," said Saphir; "I thought it was mine."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Women's heads, says a London writer on fashion, have been growing very rapidly of late, "I have seen several mormous heads within the past week. The great bunches of curls and French rolls now worn at the back of the head are anything but attractive. It is to be hoped that they will disappear before they develop into anything more seri-ous."

water, would probably cost doul

Imported skeletons are always. Imported skeletons are always good specimens, and most of them come from France and Germany, where skilled la-bor of this sort is most readily found and cultivated. They come as a rule in ordinkry black caskets, to one and of which the skull is hung, so that the bones may swing freely, and they pass the customs inspectors without exciting comment.

TREATED WITH REVERNOR

A curious case of mistaken public exton imported to order for a secret acciety of Waltham, Mass., was duly shipped to its destination; but owing to some error in the directions on the box was refused

by the person to whom the express com pany delivered it. The box was there upon opened at the express offices, and the discovery of its contents created a positive sensation until the shipper came forward and explained.

forward and explained. While there is something ghastly at first sight in a man's bones thus being withheld from the earth and traveling about the globe, it is certain that, hav-ing started on their travels, they could not fall into better hands than those of a secret order. Instead of meeting with levity or neglect, they are here treated with all the reverence and care that would be accorded the deal body in any assemblare.

assemblage. Their office, in conveying a sense of the littleness of human existence and the awfulness of death, is too serious to At a cigar stand the scribe saw a man At a cigar stand the scribe saw a man scratch a match on a convenient pane of glass and, to his surprise, it lighted as readily as though the glass had been and paper. To those who have been accustomed to seeing people search for a rough surface on which to scratch a match it would be rather startling. Not only ordinary matches but even the safety matches, usually unlightable ex-cept on the box in which they come, can be lighted on glass.—Brunswick (Me.) Telegraph. admit of any other treatment; and a case is known to the writer where, some years ago, a member of a lodge was suspended in disgrace for display-ing such a skeleton to a party of friends in the lodge room during a facetious

mood. If one must remain a skeleton, better be reverently bestowed in a secret lodge than on a surgeon's table. In some cases, however, where a lodge does not care to import a skeleton, a do-mestic imitation, poorly and imperfectly articulated, can be obtained, and is easi-ly manufactured. Being symbolic it, of course, serves the purpose in a meas-ure, but with a majority of men can searcaly be armetriad to carry the same

scarcely be expected to carry the same impression as the genuine article.—New York News. Tired of Shining.

"Don't you want to go to the better world, Tommy?" asked a Sunday school teacher of the new scholar. "No, mum," promptly replied the frank little fallow. "And why not, Tommy?" "Oh, when I die I want to go where a feller can rest."

de I want to go where a relier oan rest. "Well, my boy, you can rest there." "Well, in that song we sung it said we'd all shine there." "Certainly; don't you want to shine there?" "No, mum, I don't want to shine there. I get enough of that here. I'm a shoeblack, mum."--Toronto Empire.

Cross Counter Reparter Smartleigh-Will you guarantee that he color of this polks dot necktie will

hold on a wet day? Buddleigh-Yes. The color will not run, but the rain will knock the spots out of it.-Clothier and Furnisher.

> Insect Oddities. Earwigs (forficula) differ arom all othe

Earwigs (fornouls) differered all other pound of frory costs the file of a man, insects in both their origin and struct-ure. They are hatched from eggs like will-Strange coincidence: A pound-chickens. Naturalists often report of sceing the maternal earwig with her many a man and woman and child in any a man and woman and child in america.-Pittsburg Bulletin.

pands its wings from eleven to eighteen inches.--St. Louis Republic.

A railroad engineer in Maine saw a man on the track waving at him a few days ago, and, his mind filled with the days ago, and, his mind hild with the possibilities of impending danger, stopped the train. Every one was in a high state of accitement, but the man coolly boarded the smoking car without uttering a word. He looked as if he had not traveled far

He looked as if he had not traveled far from his native heath, and on being ques-tioned said: "Wal, I just waved my hand 'cos I wanted to get on the keers. I'm going ter Wells, and I never been on the keers before." He spoke, it is said, with an unmistakable air of innocence, and raised such a flood of good nature that the conductor silently took his fare, and when he landed at Wells he was loudly cheersd in honor of his fare tride. Philatree and in the laves of the tea plant the one growing in Arabia and the other in China.-Dr. J. H. Kellogg's Lecture.

cheered in honor of his first ride.-Phila delphia Ledger.

Inventions for Smokers.

The inventions for smokers are so many that a division of the patent office o'clock. He had not written a line of it. He talked leisurely with me as if there was not a thought on his mind. At 7:15 o'clock he went into his library: at 7:50 o'clock he was reading over his manu-script entirely in his own writing! In ten minutes more he was wheeling through the streets to the hall, and at 8:10 o'clock he was on his feet talking, elancing at his manuscript only through has to be given up to them. One of the most curious pipe inventions is a rest or brace by which the weight of the pipe is brace by which the weight of the pipe is taken of the teeth and rested on the chin. There are umbrelias which can be turned into pipes and pipes which can be turned into canes, and there are a hundred inventions for the cutting off of ends of cigars, some of which are probably valuable.—Frank G. Carpen-ter's Letter.

Scratching Matches on Glass

Scotch Character.

Seotch Character. At a Scotch fair a farmer was trying to engage a lad to assist on the farm, but would not finish the bargain until he brought a character from the last place, so he said, "Run and get it, and meet me at the cross at 4 o'clock." The youth "Well, have you got your character with you?" "Ne," replied the youth; "but I've got yours, and I'm no' comin'."-Toronto Empire.

No Flags on the Seas. Customer-That flag you sold me must have been made of very poor stuff. It

The counsel who defended the Russian nhillists recently sentenced in France said: "People may call them madmen. Yes, perhaps they are; but it is fortu-nate for us that there were similar madmen in France, for to such madmen we owe the liberty and justice that we enjoy in 1890. The present madmen dream of procuring the same bleasings for their country."—Chicago Herald. Went all to pieces. Dealer-My stars! Where did you u

Castomer-On my yacht. Dealer-Ahl That explains it. Mate-tial for American flags is not expected to thand salt air.-New York Weekly.

The Use of Three Common Words The Use of Three Common Words. "If it be" implies doubt or uncertainty; "if it is indicates an actual fact. The rule is: "When a conjunction indicates some uncertainty use the subjunctive after it; when anything is spoken of as an actual fact, or as in absolute existence, the indicative is used."---Writer.

A Coinciden

Tom-According to Stanley every pound of ivory costs the life of a man, woman or child in Africa. bound of ivory costs the life of s man, woman or child in Africa. Will-Strange coincidence! A pound-ing of ivory costs the peace of mind of many a man and woman and child in America.-Pittsburg Bulletin. TAYLOR'S Cash Grocery & Bakery --ON C STREET.-Prech Broad, Pies and Cakes on hand every day 1 Auï and irrah stock of canned goods, flour. B. B. TAYLOR, Proprietes.

like chickens under a hen. The smallest known insect, the Pterat-omns Putnamii, a parasite of the ichneu-mon, is but one-ninetieth of an inch im

length. The largest insect known to the ento-mologist, the Erebus Strix of Linneus, a noctuid moth of Central America, ex-

as worse than the use of opium, but that

Dr. Depew's Rapid Ponma

glancing at his manuscript only three times during the entire address of forty-five minutes duration.—Buffalo Courier.

Correct Advice.

"Charles and George have both pro posed to me. I don't know which to take."

"No. He has \$1,500 a year." "How much does he spend?"

"How much has Charles"

"\$10,000 a year." "How much does he spend?

"\$12,000." "Take George."-Harper's Basar.

The Pope on Smoking

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII does not onsider the use of tobacco as a vice, else e would scarcely have conferred the

he would scarcely have conferred the Golden Rose on so inveterate and con-firmed votaries of the wood as Queen Christina and the ex-crown princess of Brasil. Indeed there is every reason to believe that, like many other enlightened spirits, he regards the objection to cigar-ettes as more smoke after all.—Paris

France's Debt to Madmon. The counsel who defended the Russia

Mexican onyx is a form of stalagmite

Mexican onyx is a form of stalagmite, and its colors are formed by oxides of metals in the earth over the caves through which calcareous water passes. Gold is represented by purple, silver by yellow, iron by red, copper by green, and arsenic and zinc by white. Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have almost destroyed the caves in which only onyx exists, and the native Indians who mine

it have to cut through masses of ruins. Blocks of the material are quarried in a

"Is George rich?"

"\$1,400."

Letter.

as worse than the use of opium, but that the aggregate of evil arising from the use of these narcotics is very greatly on the side of tea and coffee. Both of them contain an alkaloid known as theine or caffeins. The sub-stances are identical in each and the two names arise from the fact that two dif-ferent chemists were making analyses about the same time, the one on tea and the other on coffee, and each gave a name to his own discovery. It is a curi-ous coincidence that the same substance should be found in the seed of the coffee tree and in the lowves of the tea plant, supposition, but an established fact. I have already, with my small experimental apparatus, made from thirty to fifty pounds in a single day, and there is noth-ing to prevent the same process from being applied to secure indefinitely large amounts of the metal." THE PROCESS & SECRET.

"Can you give some idea of your pro cess?" was asked. "That is my secret and I prefer to say nothing about it. I have been working with the aluminum problem since 1865, and my process is my own. I know that I can produce the metal for fifteen cents a pound. If the public does not believe this it cannot accuse me of any ulterior motive in saying so, for I do not ask any-thing th the way of assistance." "Under the cheapened process to what uses can the aluminum be profitably ap-plied?" "Well, to freight cars, for instance." I remember an instance when I was at Dr. Depew's house at 7 o'clock one even-ing. He was to deliver one of his most important addresses that evening at 8 o'clock. He had not written a line of it.

"Well, to freight cars, for in Owing to the lightness of the metal fif-teen cents a pound is almost as cheap as steel, and the metal can be used for building materials, roofing and any-where, in fact, that zinc, iron or tin can where, in fact, that zinc, iron or tin can be used. The metal can be made as soft as foll or tempered harder than steel. Aluminum cutlery will be better than steel and silver, for it will not rust or tarnish. I already have an order for as many pocket knives as I can turn out. A bicycle can be made of aluminum A bicycle can be made of aluminum alled pipe that will weigh only fifteen punds, and will be as strong as any one cald wish. Water pipes made of the stal will last forever. All kinds of tachinery, everything made of any matal, will be improved in appearance, cliciency and wear if made of the new metal."

Professor Hirsch has put much of his ewn money into the company and evinces the fear that his discovery will prove to be practicable, applied upon the largest scale. If Chicago is soon to have cheap alu-

minum there is no reason why the main exhibition hall of the Columbian exposi-tion should not be built of the bright metal, which is lighter than an equal bulk of either brick, stone, iron or glass, -Chicago News.

A Well Behaved Parrot.

A gentleman noticed a fine looking parrot on a perch in a bird store. As the bird was neither tied nor caged the

the bird was neither tied nor caged the gentleman at once made some inquiries. "Now, if I should buy that parrot," he said finally, "I suppose there is no danger of its running away?" "No, sir," replied the bird fancier. "I will guarantee that parrot will stay where you put it, and won't disturb your neighbors with its chatter. It is a stuffed bird. Nice job, isn't it?" "Good morning," said the gentleman, as he hastily left the store.—Washing-ton Post.

ton Post. A Practical Business Education.

Judge Peterby-Where is your son

Col. Yerger-He is with Silverstone. Isn't that the merchant who has failed several times and been burnt out a time

Yes, that's the man. I want my son to get a practical business education.-Texas Siftings.

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