A Shrine Sacred to Three Conflicting

Religious Sects. Throughout Asia "boly places" are almost as numerous as leaves on a tree, but in Ceylon is a mountain which enjoys the unique distinction of being a very holy place to the devotees of three absolutely distinct and conflicting religious sects. This is Adam's Peak, or Samanala.

According to the Mohammedan be-Bef, Adam, after the fall, was taken by an angel to the top of Samanala, and a panorama of all the ills that through sin should afflict mankind was spread out before him. His foot left an impression on the solid rock, and his tears formed the lake from which pilgrims still drink. The Buddhists contend that it was not Adam, but Buddha himself that made the footprint in the rock, that being the last spot where he touched the earth before ascending to heaven, while the Brabmins have still another legend. All, however, Brahmins, Mohammedans and Chinese, agree that Samanala is a very holy place, and to perform a pligrimage to the spot is to the Budd hist what a visit to Mecca is to a Mo hammedan. In mixed crowds the wor shipers come, each pitying the igno rance of the other, who is so far from the "true way."

It requires no little faith and some Imagination to trace in the depression in the rock the likeness of a human footprint. It is 514 feet long by 234 feet wide, on the top of a huge bowl der. The natives, however, insist that it is the footprint of Adam.-Emmett Campbell Hall in Cincinnati Commer-

### MINIATURE GARDENS.

Tiny Lakes, Trees and Houses In Di minutive Japanese Parks.

The Japanese have the art of dwarf ing trees to mere shrubs and of cultivating plants in a similar way. The people take great delight in their minlature gardens, which require a special gardener to keep them down to desired limits. A Japanese garden is generally about ten yards square, and in this small space is found a park and demesne, with lake, summer houses, temples, trees, all complete and in keeping with the dimensions

One such garden shows a lake four feet long and full of goldfish. On the border stands a pine tree exactly eighteen luches high and fifty years old. Beneath its shade is a temple carved out of one piece of stone the size of a brick. On a lofty crag of some two and a half feet stands a fine maple tree, perfect in form and shape, fifteen years old and twelve inches

One household in Japan boasts of complete garden contained in a shallow two dozen wine case. Everything is complete down to the fish in the lake, a sheet of water only a few inch square, and the footbridges over the water courses. Tea houses there are and numerous trees of various kinds, each about six inches in height. Old as the hills are these diminutive trees, but full of vitality, and yet never growing bigger.- New

One Consolation.

During the time he acted as United States consul in Glasgow Bret Harte occasionally indulged in a day's sport with the gun, and it was during one of his shooting excursions that the bumorist met with an accident which might have disfigured him for the remainder of his life, his face being badly cut through the recoil of an overloaded gun. Fortunately the doctor's skill prevented him from being permanently marked

Writing about the occurrence to his friend. T. Edgar Pemberton, who quotes the letter in his "Tribute to Bret Harte." the novelist concludes his letter by telling of an amusing effort which was made to console him on account of the accident.

"When the surgeon was stitching me together," he wrote, "the son of the house, a boy of twelve, came timidiy to the door of my room.

"Tell Mr. Bret Harte it's all right," he said. 'He killed the hare.' "

Artificial Flowers.

It was in Italy that a demand for artificial flowers first arose. This was due primarily to a caprice of fashion which demanded that during festivals blossoms in and out of their seasons should be worn and also to the fact that their color and freshness were stable. Later on, in the middle ages, the artificial so far superseded the natural that both men and women decked their heads with imitation flowers of cambric, paper, glass and metal.

At a local picture show a painter hung a notice under his highly prized landscape, "Do not touch with canes or umbrellas." Some one who was not an admirer of his works added to the notice, "Take an ax!"

Disagreeable Economy. Husband-You are not economical. Wife-Well, if you don't call a woman economical who saves her wedding dress for a possible second marriage I'd like to know what you think economy is like.

An Inside Outing. Wigg-The best outing a man can take is an ocean trip. Wagg-Yes, an outing for the inner man as well. Philadelphia Record.

There is no well doing, no godlike doing, that is not patient doing.-Timothy Titcomb.

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#### THE DEBUTANTE AT BRIDGE.

hat's a dear,
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That Clara Gotrox is engaged at last,
And to a count with a dreadful past
And not a penny to his titled name? dote on bridge. It's such a clever

Let's see, what's trumps?) There's Catherine over there,
And entre nous, I hear she dyes her hair
And paints—but I might, too, with such a (Oh, partner, did I really trump your ace?)

Who is that freak three tables to the her at the Wilbur-Brownes last Some parvenu ne doubt, and, goodness

I think a blacksmith must design her (Are hearts or diamonds trumps? Oh, And nearly snaps your head off if you Oh, girls. Jack's so devoted it's a joke. He's quite my shadow—what! Did I

quite my shadow-what! Did I re Three tricks from me for just that smal Bridge bores me frightfully, I'm bound to everybody and "a corking good time" Though Jack says it's astounding how will some hostesses invite such frumps?

Grandma's Destination in Doubt. Ethel is of the mature age of five Recently her grandmother concluded that it devolved on her to instruct the child in religious matters.

what's trumps?
—Elia Bentley in Puck.

"You must be a good girl, Ethel," she said. "Then you will go to heaver when you die." Ethel seemed scarcely pleased with within. this reward for exceptional conduct. "Don't you want to go to heaven?"

asked grandma, with a look of re-"Ob, I don't know," temporized Ethel. "I guess not." "Why not?" demanded grandma se

answered Ethel. "You wouldn't want to get out," re plied grandma. "Oh, yes, I should," returned Ethel with conviction.

"Because maybe I couldn't get out,

"No," argued grandma, "you would Why should you want to get out of heaven?" "Why," answered Ethel, "I guess I'd

wouldn't 1?"-Woman's Home Com

Overheard in the Barnyard.



stop pouting."

Mr. Green's Waterloo Mr. Green had been paying \$4 . week for board. His appetite constant ly increased. Finally his landlady saw that she must either sell out and quit after watching him feverishly devouring plateful after plateful she plucked

up courage and said: "Mr. Green, I shall have to raize your board to \$5." Mr. Green looked up, with a start. Then in a tone of consternation be

"Ob, Mrs. Small, don't! It's as much as I can do now to cat \$4 worth."-Woman's Home Companion.

Screened.

They sat in the dim partor. "One kim," he pleaded.

"Nonsense!" exclaimed the pretty gir in a teasing mood. "Some one might see us."

"Why, the clock, for instance. That has a face." "Yes, but that clock is as considerate

as the moon that goes under a cloud It keeps its face covered with its

bands."-Minneapolis Journal.

Then the Fight Began. "Well," said Mrs. Casey proudly.

Hooligan t'day." "Aye," retorted Mrs. Cassidy jealous

ly, "'twas well fitted fur the job yet husband was. Sure he's used to carry in' the bier that some wan else pays fur!"-Catholic Standard and Times.

Strictly Appropriate. "Mrs. Gossip is awful mad."

"She asked all her friends to give her omething characteristic to start her new greenery with, and they all sent her rubber plants."-Baltimore Amerlean.

A Certainty. "Papa, when will the world come to

"Probably, my boy, some Sunday norning when I can sleep as long as I want to and have left orders not to be called."-New York Life.

Howell-I don't mind getting a lemon now and then, but-Powell-But what?

Howell-I think it is overdoing the thing when the lemon has been squeezsd.-New York Press.

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### FUN IN THE HOME.

Make Life There Joyous and Bar Ou

Business Worries. Whatever your lot in life, keep joy with you, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine. It is a great healer. Sorrow, worry, jealousy, envy bad temper, create friction and grind away the delicate human machinery so that the brain loses its cunning. Half the misery in the world would be avoided if the people would make a business of having plenty of fun at

else in search of it.

Business Troubles Allowed Here." These are good home building mottoes. When you have had a perplexing day, when things have gone wrong with you and you go home at night that's a fact; with you and you go home at night it's clubs!) Some girls are so devoid of exhausted, discouraged, blue, instead That Carlton creature in the last year's of making your home miserable by going over your troubles and trials makes me mad as mad-she's such a just bury them. Instead of dragging them home and making yourself and your family unhappy with them and don't.

Keep absolutely dumb. Of course I won't! spoiling the whole evenning, just lock everything that is disagreeable in your

Just resolve that your home shall be a place for bright pictures and pleasant memories, kindly feelings toward generally. If you do this you will be surprised to see how your vocation or business wrinkles will be ironed out in the morning and how the crooked My lead again? Let's see things will be straightened.

### THE COTTON GIN.

Whitney Got the Idea From the Work of an Old Negro.

Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, got the germ of his great idea from seeing through the interstices of a hut an old negro work a hand saw among the freshly picked cotton stored

The teeth of the saw tore the lint from the seed easily and quickly, and young Whitney the was barely thirteen at the time) realized at once that a machine working a number of similar saws simultaneously would revolutionize the cotton growing industry. He said nothing to anybody, but set to work building models and experimenting. His difficulties were enormous, for he not only had to make his own wheels, cogs, etc., but he had also first to forge his own tools and even to manufacture the paint wherewith to color his many plans and drawings. But he succeeded in the end, and, though the outbreak of war and other hindrances prevented the invention want to go and see you once in a while from being actually placed upon the market until many years afterward. the first complete cotton gin ever constructed was built from those very

The Springbok.

models and plans and with scarcely a

A peculiarity of that most beautiful of South African antelopes the spring bok is that it always leaps over human tracks. It is at once exceedingly shy and marvelously active, and the reason for this strange antic is its intense suspicion of any possible enemies, among whom it has come to recognize man as the most dangerous. It swer the questions asked by rivermen is not only with human tracks that the springbok goes through this perform- words with them, as he would be sure tracks of lions or even when it gets wind of a lion. The leap is exceedingly graceful, and the animal covers from twelve to fifteen feet at each bound. It drops on all four feet at once and or raise her boarder's rate. One day immediately rises again, making a clear spring without any run. Its usual gait when not pursued is a light springy trot. The springbok usually travels with its nose to the ground, as if constantly on the lookout for the scent of

A Mole's Rest. Among common animals few have been less studied in their life history than the mole. Mr. Lionel E. Adams says that under the "fortress" which the mole constructs above the surface of the ground will always be found a series of tunnels running out beneath the adjacent field. A curious feature almost invariably found is a perpendicular run penetrating about a foot below the bottom of the nest and then turning upward to meet another run. A mole is never found in his nest, although it may yet be warm from his body when opened. Guided by smell and hearing, a mole frequently locates the nest of a partridge or pheasant above his run and, penetrating it from below, eats the eggs. The adult mole "my Dennis was wan o' the palibear is practically blind, but there are emers at the funeral o' the rich Michael bryonic indications that the power of sight in the race has deteriorated.

> A Japanese Peculiarity. "When a Japanese servant is rebuked or scolded," says a traveler, "he must smile like a Cheshire cat. The etiquette in smiles is very misleading at first. I often used to think that Taki, my riksha 'boy,' meant to be impertinent when he insisted on smiling when I was angry at him. But when he told me of the death of his little shild with a burst of laughter I knew

> details of etiquette in this topsy turvy land." One Definition. "Papa," asked a little boy, "what a legal blank?" "A legal blank, Johnny," replied his

> that this was only one of the curious

father, "is a lawyer who never gets a case."-Chicago Record-Herald. A Useless Question. "They have named the baby after Uncle Belshazzar."

"Has Uncle Belshazzar money?" "Do you suppose they liked the name?"-Pittsburg Post.

## How is Your Title?

Have your abstracts made, continued or examined at the Peninsu-

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Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

Mr. Franklin at the Bar. Among the state papers for the year 1536 may be read a letter from John Bartelet to Genry VIII.'s minister, Thomas Cromwell, stating that in accordance with the resent act the mayor and aldermen had chosen Mr. Pryseley to attend the English parliament as

he had made certain arrangements about his passage into England. One Thomas Boyd was elected as his colleague, and Calais continued to send M. P.'s to Westminster until, in the reign of Mary, we lost the stronghold home instead of running everywhere we had held for over two centuries. This is the only instance in England's "Now For Rest and Fun." "No history of anything like colonial representation at Westminster unless indeed we reckon one or two exceptional occasions when colonial grievances have been voiced at the bar of the house of commons, as they were so brilliantly by Benjamin Franklin, when Burke said the scene reminded

him of "a master examined by a par-

cel of schoolboys."-London News.

Laughter is the best of all tonics. Bacilli are humorless folk and hate the physical constitution that is always vibrating with the shocks of fun. This is a truism, but serviceable and likewise worth repeating are the platitudes on laughter as the great asentic of the soul. It is true there are different kinds of laughter, and some of them need formaldehyde. There is a kind, too, that needs blear bonate of soda as an antidote-an-

other that calls for lithia tablets. But the right sort of laughter was stolen from the gods by some wiser Prometheus, and nothing can prevail against In America there is plenty of laughter, good, bad and indifferent, but mostly good, and much that is very good. It is one of our greatest national resources. May we conserve it always. A people that laugh kindly and often have not much to fear; a people that laugh wisely, nothing .-Chicago Tribune.

Fanny Dickens. Fanny, the sister of Charles Dickens was one of the first students entered at the old Royal Academy of Music when it opened its doors at Tenterden street in 1823, and at that time the students lived at the academy, only going home for the week end. "Every Sunday," Dickens told Forster, "I was at the academy at 9 o'clock in the morning to fetch her (Fanny), and we walked back there together at night. And the Sunday Itself the two spentin the Marshaisea prison, where their father and mother then resided, owing to Mr. Dickens having "falled to propitiate his creditors." While her father was still in prison Fanny won a prize at the academy, and the future novelist, then engaged in pasting iabels on blacking pots at 7 shillings a week, was present to see her receive it.-Westminster Gazette.

Twain and the Rivermen Mark Twain once told to a party of friends the following story on himself: On one occasion when he started on trip down the Mississippi river on a faiboat he was advised never to anon other boats and never to bandy followed the advice religiously for a time, but one day he thought he saw

a chance to get the better of a riverman who called out: "Hey, thar, what yer loaded with?" "Jackasses. Don't you want to come

aboard?" yelled back Twain. "That's whut I reckoned seein' now they let ther biggest donkey hev ther run of the deck!" came back. Twain made a dive below as all the rivermen to the neighborhood set up a derisive laugh at his expense.

"Niggering" Loge. The question was asked me as a na tive of Maine if I could find out what "niggering" logs meant in the state ment "We niggered the logs." I found that to "nigger" logs was to save the labor of chopping them into lengths by piling them up crossed at points where it was desired to separate them. By building fires under these crossings several logs could be burned into sections at once. Because "a nigger" was supposed to be lazy this lazy man's way of cutting logs into lengths was, naturally enough, called "niggering."-Appleton Morgan in New Shakespeareaua.

The Inexpensive Policeman Mr. Walter Seymour, who writes 'Ups and Downs of a Wandering Life," had Thorold Rogers for a tutor while at Oxford. Rogers was as amusing as be was heterodox. "I remember asking him one day, 'Mr. Rogers, what do you consider the origin of the idea of the devid? 'Cheapest po-

liceman they could find!" A Mistake. Applicant For Situation-I've comabaht that job wot wos advertised Employer-Well, can you do the work! Applicant (in great slarm)-Work! thought it was a foreman you wanted!

-Punch. His Penalty. Geraldine-What did pa say when you asked him for my hand? Gerald-He said that he wouldn't stand in th way of my unhappiness if I needed the money badly .- New York Press.

No Escape. Bella-I understand your sister married a struggling young man? Gus-Yes; he struggled bard, but he couldn't get away from her.

There are many religious, but the is only one morality .- Ruskin.

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His Final Ples. Chicago man appeared at the White House one day during the Mc-Kinley administration with a petition containing 7,000 names recommending him for appointment as Brazilian minister. He was a picture framer, and when he was canvassing for orders he took along his petition and asked everybody in the picture frame business to sign it. Almost everybody did. The man was insistent and finally reached the president. Always gentle

and considerate, President McKinley explained to the candidate that he would have to consult the Illinois senators and representatives about the matter before making the appointment. "You know," said the president, "we have to select big men for these big places."

"Well," asked the picture framer, "won't I be just as big as any of them if I get the job?"-Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

The Lost Umbrella. "I have been coming here for my unch for years, but never again," said a man to the head waiter of a downtown restaurant recently. "Sorry," began the waiter. "Sorry nothing. I left the umbrella here not five minutes ago, there was no one near our table. and the waiter must have seen it." "If we find it"- "Find it? It is found, I tell you, and I'll have it now or you'll never see me here again." The man, flushed with excitement

was walking away when he was hall ed by a man who had entered by the rear door: "Say, Frank, is this your umbrella? I picked it up when we finished lunch. Glad you were still here." "Here, but not still," the head walter whispered. "The umbrella has been found, but our customer has been lost for a few days. He'll be ashamed to come in for a little while."-New York

Gone For Good. Some folks in foreign lands have their own way of determining whether their relatives who have migrated to the moisture is not precipitated until lessly Americanized. One old lady in Germany reached her conclusion in a way that can be appreciated only by those who know the type of the Ger man butter dish, deep as a bowl, and the German reverence therefor. Last week her granddaughter in New York

received this sad lament: "You will never come back. You are lost to us. Hans (a cousin) arrived here from New York on Monday and reports that you have even given up our deep German butter dishes and are using those shallow little plates that Americans like."-New York

Modern Kide. "So you love your new little brother?" asked the visitor, "Well, dearle, will you sell him to me? I'll give you \$1 for every ounce he weighs." "No, I won't!" answered the angel child.

"Dear, loyal little sister!" beame the visitor. "And why not?" "Because," answered the tiny tot, with a quivering lip-"because he only weighs six pounds. Come back next month an' I'll see if we can't make a leal."-Cleveland Leader.

His Wesk Point. A man who takes a business view of things when recently asked his opinion of a person of quite a poetic temperament replied:

"Oh, he's one of those men who have soarings after the infinite and divings after the unfathomable, but who never pay cash."

The Case Altered. Brown-Is it correct to speak of a man as "of the male persuasion?" Jones-Yes, if the subject is not mar-

"What has that to do with the mat "Why, when he is married his wife

Recipe For Longevity. People live longer in North Caroline than anywhere else in the world, chief ly because they lead the simple life. drink buttermilk and eat blackberries fresh in summer and dried to winter .-Raleigh News and Observer.

No Profit In It. "What are you kicking about? She returned all your presents, didn't she?" "Yes, but the expressage amounted to more than the presents were

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The Symbolism Didn't Appeal. "Charile," sorrowfully sighed the young lady in the parlor of the concrete house on Washington avenue, "It s nearly 12 o'clock. "Yes, Belinda," was the breathing response of her portical companion.

who was sitting on the sofa beside her, "the minute hand is drawing closer to the hour hand, and when the time of midnight is chimed the two hands will be even as one. Oh, darling Belinda," be continued as he literally simulated the action of the minute band, "may not the coming together of those two hands be symbolical of us?"

She broke away and stood firmly on her feet. "No. Charles Henry Smith," she retorted angrily, "those two hands will remain as one but a single second, and then the minute hand will divorce itself and go on its way alone. No. Mr. Smith, a minute hand that doesn't stick isn't the kind of symbolism I want!"-Chicago News.

Dividing a Long Sermon. Dr. Samuel Buell of the last half of preach two or three hours, like Isaac Barrows, was ingenious in detaining his congregation. On one occasion, after preaching nearly two hours-as long as he could feel secure in the presence of all his bearers-be remarked that he was done preaching to sinners and that they were at liberty to go; the rest of his discourse would be addressed to good people.

A gentleman who once went to hear him stated that when the hourglass was nearly ready to be turned a second time from the commencement of his sermon he said, much to the relief of the person who related it, "Once more." After going on some eight or ten minutes longer he said, "To conclude," and after another about equal interval be said, "Lastly."

The gentleman added that he expected every moment to hear him say "Everlastingly."

He Came Down Light. A Chicago board of trade man who was not in the habit of attending church was taking a walk one Sunday morning, and on coming to a church at the regular hour of service he decided to go in. As he entered the auditorium in which the pews were adjusted upon a sloping floor an usber stepped forward and, wishing to consuit him as to location before conducting him to a sitting, politely in-

"Would you like to come down pret

Mistaking the inquiry to be an appeal for money, the board of trade man began to fumble through his pockets as he drawled: "I'd like to, but I'm not prepared to

A Varnishing Tip.

When varnishing wood the work
must be done in a warm room at a temperature of at least 75 degrees F. At a lower temperature the moisture in the air will give a milky and cloudy appearance to the varuish. On the other hand, at the higher temperature clently evaporated to leave a thin smooth film of shellac. The durability and gloss are dependent on this.

The Blind Man's Lantern. A blind man in Khoota ta Caucasian villages came back from the river one

night bringing a pitcher of water and carrying in his band a lighted lantern. Some one meeting him said: "You're blind. It's all the same to you whether it's day or night. Of what use to you is a lautern?" "I don't carry the lantern in order to see the road," replied the blind man, "but to keep some fool like you from running against me and breaking my pitcher."

His Peers. "Pa, what does it mean to be tried

by a jury of one's peers? "It means, my son, that a man is to be tried by a jury composed of men who are his equals or on an equality with him, so that they will have no prejudice against him."

"Then, pa, I s'pose you'd have to be

"In a town," said a life insurance official, "where life insurance was a rare thing a schoolteacher said to a little boy pupil:

"Tommy, define the word widow."

tried by a jury of baidheaded men."

"'A widow,' Tommy answered, 'is a poor woman with a large family of children who takes boarders." Wedderly-They say that a man and his wife grow to look alike after they have been married a few years. Now.

my wife and I have been married ten years. Do you think we look alike? Singleton-Yes, indeed. You both sem to have the same sad expres-Might Have Been Worse. Rheumatic Patient-Oh, doctor, I do suffer so with my hands and feet!

think what inconvenience you would have to suffer without them. Tommy - Pop. does the earth go round? Tommy's Pop-Yes, my son. But it wouldn't if it was divided among all the people who want it. Philadelphia Record.

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