

#### ABSOLUTELY

THEY QUAILED BEFORE WOMEN. Noted Men Who Were Confused in the Presence of the Opposite Sex.

The writer, says the Boston Journal, knows it for a fact that Caleb Cushing, who with the exception of Rufus Choate (par nolile fratrum), was the best man to sit and listen to he has ever been acquainted with, was substantially dumb in the society of women. He either did not know how to talk to them, or he would not, and he could scarcely look in the face of one of them without blushing. He could not look them fairly in the eyes, in fact, nor could be men, either, for that matter. There seemed to be an unaccountable timidity and shrinking about him as there was even about Choate himself, great man as he was.

And the writer would remark in passing that he remembered, as to the latter, that one evening at one of the large hotels in Boston there was a reunion, for some purpose, of the graduates of Harvard College in and about Boston, and Choate was one of the invited guests. The late brilliant Josiab Quincy. Jr. (as he was then). presided at the table with his usual inimitable grace and piquancy. While the company were assembling the writer (then a very young man) was standing by himself in a corner when Choate came in with a slouchy gait and his head down, looking as confused as a schoolboy, and, catching a glimpse of the writer, he rushed eagerly toward him and, grasping his arm, said substantially. 'You must help me up to the committee," who were standing in the hall

receiving the guests. We had only advanced a few steps, however, when Choate being discovered was pulled hither and thither by hosts of hands, and the writer was left again to commune with himself, or with others like him and of his own age who happened to be standing near not, however, before he had ventured modestly to remark to Choate how surprised he was that a man of his experience and distinction should be at all desirous of thus walking under cover, as it were. And I have stated in a previous paper how he always avoided as much as possible the eyer of men, and how, when walking from his office to his house, he preferred to walk through lanes and the narrowest rather than through the most crowded streets. He was very particular in this

I have it from authority which cannot be questioned that Mr. Cushing once, at an evening party in Newburyport, attempting to make himself agreeable, it is presumed, said to a pretty bright-eyed girl of seventeen or eighteen summers, and quite distinguished for her beauty and accomplishments in the circle of her young admirers: Pray, Miss - can you tell me how love begins?" And she instantly replied, with a merry twinkle and a smile, "Why, with L, of course," thus discomfitting the distinguished scholar and statesman, and getting the laugh of the bystanders upon him.

#### To Bridge the Bosphorus.

There need be no more Leander-like or Byronic swimming across the Bosphorus if the project contemplated by a French engineering company be taken up seriously and carried to completion. This plan comprises nothing less than the construction of a colossal bridge, 800 meters, or 872 yards, long, over the historic and picturesque channel that flows between the shores of Europe and Asia, connecting the Sea of Marmora with the Euxine. The project has been talked of any time these twenty years, but it was not considered that the bridge would be useful enough to justify the enormous expense which it would entail. The points already designated for the construction were Roumeli-Hissar and Anatoli-Hissar, and it is considered that if now constructed it would act as a link in the local railway system, eventually paying for itself in a satisfactory manner. The French engineers who are thinking of undertaking the construction of the bridge would make it with one arch only .- London Telegraph.

#### Fell Among Thieves.

Mr. Williams, the great English criminal lawyer, had his collie stolen and had to pay for the dog's return. He said, when talking of the dog thieves: "I ventured to remark that they must be doing a thriving business, £20 being a large sum to receive for the restoration of one dog. The answer I received was that it was 'only two quid apiece, as there are ten of us in it, and it is share and share alike.' I then somewhat modestly remarked that, knowing who I was, I thought it rather too bad of them to steal my dog. 'Ah! that's the best of it," said one of them. Lord, sir, you should have seen how my pal Bill here did laugh. 'Ain't it rather hard,' says I, 'to take the counselor's dawg?' 'Not a bit, Jim,' says he: 'he's had a good lot out of us, and why shouldn't we get a lit-tle out of him?" - Spectator.

#### How Names Grow.

How names grow receives an odd illustration in the Congo country. White people are known in the upper Congo districts as Batendele. Tendele was as near as the Congo natives could get to the pronunciation of Stanley. "ba" being the common prefix for people. Batendele is the Congo for white people. In a somewhat similar way the Indians of the northwest coast bestowed the title of Boston men on all white people, as the ships from Boston were those most frequently seen by them in the old days when the Oregon coast was a howling wilder freshments.

THE JEWEL OF THE INDIAN COBRA Explanation of a Wonder That Has Long Puzzled the Naturalist.

The natives of the jungle say some cobras carry precions stones about with them, and at night coil in the grass to watch them glitter. Prof Hensoldt, the Indian traveler, says "One night a native called me to ser this wonder. Close to the water's edge stood an immense tamarind tree and within fifty yards of it the cooly halted and mysteriously pointed to the root of the tree. A foot from the trunk I observed in the grass a greenist light, apparently proceeding from a single point. After a time I could see the cobra coiled near the foot of the tree, slowly swaying its head to and fro in front of the shining object.

"Unfortunately I had no gun, and my guide, who seemed to feel that he was responsible for my safety, entreatalone that I acceded. Moreover be promised to bring me this stone within three days. The cooly kept his word, day 8 and 9. Left on the 10. for the second morning afterward he brought the stone. He had climbed the tamarind tree before dark, and 23. Killing frost on the 11, 12, 13 after the snake had taken up his posiand 14. tion he had emptied a bag of ashes up-on the stone. The frightened reptile, after chasing about for a while trying to find its treasure, had gone off. The cooly remained in his safe position until daylight, when he descended the 13, and 22. Killing frost on the 15 tree, dug the stone out of the ashes, and 17. and here it was in my hand.

"The cobra stone was a semi-transparent water-worn pebble of yellowish color, about the size of a large pea which in the dark, when previously warmed, emitted a greenish, phosphorescent light. I found it to be chlorophane, a rara variety of fluorspar.

"The mystery is not difficult to explain. "Cobras feed on insects and seem to have an especial liking for fireflies. Only the male fireflies fly sit on the ground and emit an intermittent glowing light. The cobra uses his phosphorescent stone as a decoy for the fireflies. Competition would lead to the snake's seizing and carrying off the treasure, and habit has become hereditary."—Harper's Magazine.

#### MISS OR MRS.

The Former Should Be Confined to Girls Not Out of Their Teens.

All women out of their teens are en-Lady. "Miss" is merely a diminutive, and is properly confined to young girls. just as "Master" is commonly confined to school-boys. In the days of Pope "Mrs." was the common appellation of unmarried ladies. Sir Walter Scott, spinsters, too—who insist on being ad-dressed as "Mrs.," and at one or two places in Sussex, curiously enough, the married lady is "Miss" and the unmarried lady receives the title of "Mrs." The same custom is found in many parts of Ireland. The form "Mrs." was at one time applied indifferently to persons at all ages. Nowadays our servant-girls expect to have their let delphis ters addressed as "Miss," though there China. are a few that have more sense. There is a story told of a certain maid-of-allwork who transferred her savings upon the advice of her mistress, to the postoffice savings bank, and she was asked how she did it. "The young lady gave me a book, ma'am" she said, "to write my name in, and her wrote my name in another book; and her says to me:
'Are you Mrs. or Miss?' 'Neither,
ma'am.' I says; 'I am a servant." That young woman respected herself and her calling. She had not been educated at a boarding-school. Among servants generally the cook, whether married or single, expects to be called "Mrs." So do housekeepers, though unmarried. In point of fact, Mrs. or Mistress is a title of respect that the plain "Miss" is devoid of. Why actresses who are married women should seek to disguise that fact by allowing the misleading prefix "Miss" to be attached to the r names is a mystery that admits of no intelligible explanation. Are they ashamed of their husbands? There are many well-known exceptions to this habit of disguise and masquerade, but 50 per cent of the theatrical "Misses" are entitled by law and custom to the term generally recognized as distinguishing the married women. Only about 5 per cent of the entire profession admit that they are married and are not ashamed to publicly own it on the theatrical program.

#### How Timothy Grass Was Named.

Timothy or herd grass is the most common grass of continental Europe, growing wild throughout all that vast region between the Mediterranean sea on the south and the North in the direction the name implies. It is not known exactly when it was first intro-duced into the United States, but this much is known: it takes its name from Timothy Hauson, a farmer of Mary-land, who brought it into general no-tice as a hay grass after he had cultivated it extensively for his own use for years. The botanical name for the grass is phleum pratense. It is a curious fact that although its native home the "Curability of Consumption," and a is Europe, the United States is the first treatise on "Catarrh of the Head," country in which it was grown, cut, and cured for hay. No longer ago than 1785 some timothy heads and seed were taken to England and exhibited as curiosities.

Party struggle-The rush for re-

METEROLOGICAL SUMMARY FOR

From observations taken by Thomas Pearce, Eola, Polk, county, Oregon, Lat. 44 deg. 57 min, Lon. 123 deg. 5

The order of the numbers corresond with the regular order of the months beginning with January, 1890. Highest temperature, 51, 57, 62, 79, 84, 92, 89, 95, 87, 74, 73, 53; total, 893; mean highest, 74.7.

Lowest temperature, 4, 7, 20, 25 38, 39, 42, 43, 41, 39, 29, 29; total, 347; mean lowest, 29.

Monthly mean temperature, 30.7, 30, 42.5, 49, 57.3, 57.6, 62, 63.3, 60.7. 49.3, 45.2, 41.4; total, 590; mean, 49.

Number rainy or snowy days, 20-13 17, 6, 3, 19, 2, 1, 0, 9, 5, 15; total, 191. Precipitation in inches. 7.63, 9.43 2.46, 1, .23, 1.13, .05, .01, 0, 2.39, 1.42, 4.33; total, 31,92.

Number clear days, 4, 1, 3, 11, 13, Guns, Pocket Knives, 8, 21, 29, 15, 9, 12, 1; total, 118. Number fair days, 3, 11, 2, 8, 10, 7,

4, 6, 6, 7, 7, 4; total, 77. Number cloudy days, 24, 16, 24, 11, MUSICAL × INSTRUTENTS. 8, 15, 6, 5, 3, 15, 7, 16; total, 150.

In January 12% inches snow fell on ed me so carnestly to let the snake the 1, 2, and 5. All gone on the 11. FISHING TACKLE, In Murch light snow fell on each

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