A Picture of English Gentlewomen by

High English Authority. Englishmen to their own women are both helpful and protecting, if a little more masterful than some of those women like; generous and giving, if always more than a little overbearing to all creatures that are weaker than themselves. When the ladies of a party are their private friends, or belong to their own special family, they may rely on being treated with consideration and protected against the consequences of their own comparative weakness. When they are strangers, and without private claims, they will find the tables for the most part turned, and, in the manners e modern young man will be as much consideration as there is likeness between a bear and a poodle-a crab apple and a Newton pippin. They are no more unselfish than the ordinary foreigner, and they are not so polite. And if you have your ears boxed, you might as well have it done pleasantly as brutally. To illustrate this selfish-

The other day a young and very pretty woman, with eyes of the kind supposed to be able to melt the typical ice, was on the point of stepping into an omnibus where only one seat was left. A well-dressed, well-got-up man of about thirty pushed her rudely aside as he sprang up the steps and took the vacant place. At another time, on coming out of the theater, while people were waiting just inside the door for their carriages and cabs, a man lighted a cigar and blew the smoke into the face of a lady standing there with a friend. She made a gesture of repugnance, when the man said. "Gentlemen may smoke here." "You may smoke here, but you can not be a gen-tleman if you do," said the lady—one of those not easily put down.

The annovances to which young women traveling alone are often subjected is again by no means a proof that our politeness is intrinsic. If a lady meets an ordinary young Englishman who does not know her, she meets some one who does not hold her worthy of politeness, and who does not go out of his way to show her any. If she be pretty he stares at her, perhaps smiles, perhaps speaks; if she be of no personal attractiveness, and has only her womanhood as her claim, he leaves her emphatically to herself. Whatever she may be about to do-to pass through a doorway, enter a railway carriage, or an omnibus, or a lift, he pushes past her. though no one is hurried for time, and lets her follow meekly after. The elder men are more courteous. They retain still a certain flavor of the stately old times when manners were part of a gentleman's education, and politeness was one of the points of distinction between a courtier and a boor.-London

### RUBENSTEIN.

The Eccentricities of the Distinguished

Musician-His Love of His Mother. Rubenstein, as a player, is visible to his admirers in three aspects-the "formal-pathetic," as he sits down to his instrument in the concert room, clad in full evening dress, with a dozen or so of miniature decorations displayed upon his broad chest; the "comfortable" in evening parties. He dislikes official receptions, at which he feels himself "on show," and nothing annovs him more violently than to be trotted round as a haute nouveaute. One night, after an experience of this latter description at Vienna he dropped into a cafe which he was in the habit of frequenting late at night, looking so disheveled that one of his friends asked him why his hair was so rumpled and his white choker all awry. "No wonder." he replied: "to-night I have not only been handed around, but carved into slices."

In the houses of his intimate friends he prefers playing at cards to playing on the piano. Although generally ab-rupt and overbearing in his manner, he can, when it pleases him, be as courtly as a lord high chamberlain. For instance, if he happens to be placed next to an extremely pretty woman at table, the taciturn, frowning lion at once becomes talkative and smiling. If permitted to smoke a cigarette between the courses his amiability knows no bounds and there is nothing his fair neighbor can ask that he will not grant. Indeed, Rubenstein without his eigarette is an impossible creature-the vision of a distracted brain. There is only one person living who can keep him from smoking Turkish tobacco; his venerable mother. When, at any of his concerts in the Russian capital, he happens to play a few wrong notes, being out of health or temper, it is not his audience, or even the critics, of whom he stands in dread, but the old lady in question (she is nearly eighty), who scolds him with a wealth of highlyflavored vindictive until he shakes in shoes. No matter who may be present, she bullies him to her heart's content. The while he stands speechless before her, hanging his head like a shamestricken and repentant child .- Keynote,

### An Anecdote of Wagner.

In a notice of Wagner, recently published in Germany, the following anecdote is related of one of his visits to Cologne. At the hotel where he was staying, the best suite of rooms were occupied by a Prussian General, who had arrived on a tour of inspection. One evening while at work in his solitary chamber, the sound of music immediately under his window struck the composer's ear. It was doubtless a serenade in his honor, and he naturally felt gratified by the flattering attention. When it was over he opened the window, and was beginning to express his thank: to the performers in well chosen terms when, to his surprise and confusion, his harangue was interrupted by a voice from below rudely bidding him hold his tongue, and intimating, araid roars of laughter from the assembled spectators, that the compliment was not intended for him, but for the General.

They are harmless, and car with impunity. They are harmless, and car with impunity.

LOVES OF THE FLOWERS. How Bees and Other Insects are Beguiled to Carry the Love Tokens of Vegetation. In these days of popular science it is bardly necessary to make more than passing reference to the part which the bee plays in nature. In the vegeof certain flowers should be carried to to blossom in her search after the tempting drop of nectar with which the shy flowerets reward the winged bearer of their love messages. A wonderful and fascinating chapter in natural history is that which treats of the relations existing between flowers and insects. Flowers may be divided into two classes, those fertilized through the action of the wind, and those in which fertilization is effected through the intervention of insects or a like agency. Darwin and others have flowers of the latter class resort to in

order to secure the services of insects in this respect. Every little foible and weakness of the winged visitor is pandered to. What is commonly called a flower is indeed nothing more than a skillfully devised trap to attract the attention of insects, and the insure their services toward fertilization. Our little friend the bee is æsthetic in her tastes, and behold the varieties of flowers vie with each other to begule her attention in the display of the most artistic blending of colors and beauty of design. She likes sweet beauty of design. She likes sweet seents, and the laboratory of nature is called upon to distil the choicest perfumes to humor her. But these are but an advertisement for the nectar which it is the principal object of the bee to obtain, and when she has alighted in search of it, it is only to find that the flowers have in many cases devised the most exquisite little mechanical arrangement whereby she is unconsciously compelled to effect the object toward the fulfillment of which they have indulged in such a lavish expenditure of beauty and sweetness. It is all effected in the simplest manner through the great law of natural selection, here seen in operation in its severe simplicity; for the flowers of those plants which present the greatest facilities for fertilization get their seed set, and so insure the continuance of their species, while the unsuitable and unaccommodating kinds remain barren and are gradually weeded out. In the babel of tongues. and since first he found a voice, the poet has sung of the loves and sorrows of mankind, but nature still waits for him to interpret her heart; if he ever learns to do so, there will be a new song in his mouth, for he will have a wonderful theme.-Longman's Maga-

### MARK TWAIN.

A New Story About the Well-Known Ha-

morist. Rev. J. Hyatt Smith knows more stories about more people than ten average citizens. Among them he relates this: When I was living with my brother in Buffalo Mark Twain occupied a cottage across the street. We didn't see very much of him, but one dressing-gown and slippers, when he is morning, as we were enjoying our in his own sanctum, composing or prac- cigars on the veranda after breakfast. ticing; and the "conventional," as he we saw Mark come to his door in his appears in private drawing-rooms at over to us. He stood at his door and smoked for a minute as if making up his mind about something, and at last opened his gate and came lounging across the street. There was an unoc cupied rocking chair on the veranda, and when my brother offered it to h m he dropped into it with a sigh of rel ef. He smoked for a few moments and

said: "Nice morning." "Yes, very pleasant."
"Shouldn't wonder if we had rain by

and by. "Well, we could stand a little." "This is a nice house you have here?" "Yes, we rather like it." "How is your family?"

"Quite well-and yours?"

"O, we're all comfortable." There was another impressive si-lence, and finally Mark Twain crossed his legs, blew a puff of smoke into the air, and in his lazy drawl remarked: "I suppose you're a little surprised to see me over here so early. Fact is, I haven't been so neighborly, perhapas I ought to be. We must mend that state of things. But this morning l came over because I thought you migh be interested in knowing that your roof is on fire. It struck me that it would

be a good idea if-" But at the mention of fire the whole family dusted up stairs, trailing language all the way up. When we had put the fire out and had returned to the veranda Mark wasn't there.- Kansas City Times.

### Mutual Regrets.

When the Broadway car reached Chambers street yesterday morning a dumpy little man stood at the door and a massive young woman supported about two hundred pounds by the strap overhead. Just then a truck crossed the track, and as the car came up with a jolt the massive young woman went up quite impetuously to the little man and one elbow put a dint in his high hat the size of a quart measure. On the recoil he shot out pretty impulsively, too, and the hat collided with the young woman's back hair. She turned about when the car moved on with some asperity. But the sight of the hat appeased her and she said calmly: "I'm awful sorry, sir, that this hap-

pened. "Madam," he returned, struggling with the injured headgear and breathing heavily, "madam, you're not half so sorry as I am."

And there was not a soul present who did not believe him.-N. Y. Herald.

-Horned toads are selling at fifty cents apiece in California, and large numbers are sent East as curiosities. They are harmless, and can be handled with impunity. They are cheap to keep, living six months on two house AN APE-RIDDEN CITY.

Benares Tired of Her Sacred Monkeys and Anxious To Be Rid of Them.

A ra Iroad company in India has de-

clined to carry ten thousand monkeys.

Most ralroad companies probably

would. That such an undertaking, table world it is a vital necessity that however, should ever have been sugthe fertilizing pollen from the stamens gested to a Board of Directors is a curious incident in railroad history, yet it the p stils of other flowers, and the is a fact. The Brahmans of Benares, miss on of the bee is to unconsciously anxious to get rid of several thousand carry the precious dust from blossom superfluous monkeys, asked the company to carry them away for them to a distant spot, but the railroad authorities showed no enthus asm in closing with the offer of such a multitude of singular passengers. It is a matter of common knowledge that in Benares, the "City of the Gods," there is a very sacred colony of monkeys. Not only have they a temple, properly furnished with shrines and priests, specially dedicated to them, but they are free of all the others besides. In Benares they can go where they like and, although shown what interesting stratagems this liberty is qualified by a certain measure of respectful opposition when they abuse the r privileges too outrageously, the monkeys are virtually free of the whole city, private dwellings and public buildings. Thus circumstanced, with every favorable condition for longevity in individuals and fecundity in the species, it is no wonder that the four-handed folk have become redundant. Even the Brahmans themselves have at last confessed that there are too many monkeys in Benares, and are now trying to rid themselves of a portion of the intolerable burden of sanctity which such a host of reverend quadrupeds imposes upon them. The common people, in spite of the sacredness of the creatures, have long ago begun to think that so large a population of idlers has its unsatisfactory side, and, when we recollect that a monkey will every day eat and waste as much grain or fruit as an average Hindu requires for his weekly sustenance, and the mischief in which these creatures pass their time-having nothing else. bored divinit es, to do-must entail a substant ally appreciable loss upon the r human fellow-citizens, it is not d fficult to sympathize with the aperidden men and women of the Holy City. Without contributing in any way to the mater al welfare of the sacred place, these animals, twenty thousand or so, constitute a very serious tax upon the working population and divert from other charities a vast quantity of good food. Each handful of grain which a monkey wastes would suffice for the meal of a mendicant fakir. At last, therefore, it has been de-cided to take steps to reduce the tailed population. The monkey, however, is all times an intelligent person. He knows as well as any body else when he is well off. In Benares he is espec ally contented. Plenty of good water, unlimited vegetables, fruit and grain, delightfully shady nooks, verandas, temple corridors, etc., com-mend themselves to him as a combination of attractions not to be easily matched elsewhere, so that he scouts all suggestions of emigration. Once or twice the plous and benevolent old Rajah has invited the four-handed hosts to come across the river from the city to his Palace of Ramnuggur, and than one acre to the animal. the priests have actually ferried boat load after boat load from one bank of the Ganges to the other. But the monkeys pretended to misunderstand the arrangement. They affected to ways insisted on being brought back again in the evening. Boats ply in large numbers upon the river, and, without asking for permission or offering to pay any thing, they used to ship

> sleep in the c tv. On another occasion, certain lands a short distance off were specially set apart by the princely Rajah for the r maintenance, and an immense number of the animals were respectfully conducted to their new quarters and invited to settle there. But no; the monkeys found there were no sweetmeat stalls in the fields, no cake-shops in the graves, and they courteously, yet firmly, declined the Rajah's proffered hospitality, and came strolling back into the city at their leisure. They had ta-ted the pleasures of a rural life, and deliberately arrived at the conclusion that they preferred those of the town; so they gave up the cornfields and the mango trees for the cool courts of the many-templed city, and the bazaars where lollipops were always to be had for the stealing. The present effort, however, this of deporting by train to such a distance as Sahacunpore such a large number as 10,-000, is by far the most serious that has been made, and if the four-handed ones submit to be deported this time, they must make up their minds for per-manent exile. Railway companies have no superst tutions about Hanuman; they do not worsh p monkeys. Thus, unless the animals are prepared to pay their own return fare, and to travel back in a respectable and honest manner, they will have to bid farewell to the beautiful old city where they spent such happy years, and where their bones will now have no chance of sacredly reposing after death. There is no chance of their ever finding their

themselves as passengers and return to

way back .- London Telegraph. A Wyoming Judge passed sentence of death upon a condemned murderer in this wise: "I am by no means satisfied with the evidence in the case, and am not sure whether you k lled John Forbes or whether he died by visitation of God, but my seatence is that you be hanged on the third Friday of June; and should you know of your own innocence you will have the comforting thought that it is doubted by some of the wisest thinkers of the age whether 1.fe is in any circumstances worth living."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

In Normandy bird dealers arrange singing contests between favorite chaffinches which are sometimes compelled to sing alternately as many as eight hundred times. Occasionally the cruel practice of depriving them of sight is indulged in, as blind b rds are often the best singers.

AFRICA.

Low Wages the Rule on the Dark Contipent-Interesting Facts.

The following is a picture of life in Afr.ca as portrayed by Consul Peter Strickland, of Senegal: Drunkenness to a greater or lesser extent seems to be the general cond t'on, of the vast majority of the trades and other people of Senegal who are not Mohammedans. It is my deliberate convet on that it costs the native trades-prople in Senegamb's more for rum than it does for food, and what makes it very annoying for their employers is the fact that their services can not be depended on so long as they have the means in hand to buy rum. House servants are as bad as the rest, and unless European families are lucky enough to secure Mohammedans for their cooks, they can never know when a fast be intruded upon them. women in the matter of drink-ing, are, if anything, worse than the men, and if employed for wa ters are sure to smash all the crockery within their reach in an incredibly short space of t me. It is a custom among them also to form themselves into drink ng clubs of a dozen or se each, and whenever their accumulated means are sufficient to purchase three or four gallons of liquor, they will, after excusing themselves from work on some fr volous pretext, meet at a house selected for the purpose and in-dulge in orgies too terrible to be de-scribed. It is sometimes a week before they recover from these debauches and the interests of those who are obliged to employ them suffer accord-

ingly. Added to the annoyance from their drinking habits, is also the fact that most of these intemperate women are of such easy virtue that their husbands of such easy virtue that their husbands seldom trust them, but leave them for others on the slightest pretext. The others on the slightest pretext. The women also change partners as often as chance follows occasion, so that so-ciety, as we recognize the term, scarcely has an existence. It is one of the most common of things among the so-called Christian natives of Senegambia, to see children, brothers and sisters, through the r mother, but all having different fathers, thus completely reversing the Mormon custom, where children are often brothers and sisters through their father but not through their mothers. Scores of children also de through neglect, exposure, and diseases, for which the drunken habits of their mothers are d rectly responsible. It does seem as though our Government must be calpable in granting drawbacks on rum and alcohol, which are exported by the ship-load, to debauch and destroy the unreflect ng inhabitants of uncivilized countries. It is my deliberate opinion THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY! that rum in Africa is at present doing as much mischief as the slave trade ever did, and that it is a shame for a civilized country like the United States to a'd any of its merchants in exterm nating these northern Zulus of Africa."-Consular Report.

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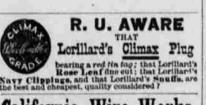
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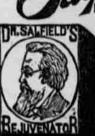
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