on Inhabitants of the Oldest Relic in the New World

Central Mexico not very far from pital lies the oldest republic of New World. It is Tlaxcala, the lest city of all Mexico. It is purely a in origin and government. This ge people remained unconquered Spaniards forced their enin 1519, and then Cortes treated as national allies rather than enc-He turned their indomitable courad wonderful skill in his favor gainst their hereditary foes, the and was thus enabled to finally the Montezumas. The friendthe Tiaxcalans once pledged is ible, and the Spanish relied on promise to convey timber for his over the mountains to Texcoco and thereon he built the fleet that a Spain her great American poss. Tlaxcala is perched up among igh mountains and rendered imable by nature on three sides and ed by an enormous wall on the which defied the attacks of the in many wars. The people have and manner of freeman and are nately proud of their ancient and able lineage.

the prominent part taken in the st by the Tlaxcalans Spain conon them exclusive privileges, this day they maintain them. but full-blooded Indians sit in enate, and their Government is ed by wisdom and moderation. Spanish priests went over to and soon the caciques or chiefs Tlaxcalans became Christians e baptized under Christian and that is why so many Indians ropean cognomens. The Tlaxare very exclusive and rarely with the outside world, and why we were surprised to see ong the Indian artisans at the hir. His name is Ramon Huerta, abably is the only full-blooded an who ever left his native land srily. He was born in the cap-, and in early life served in their rmy of defense, but so seldom waves of revolution roll up their crags that he became tired tive military duty and adopted le of silversmith. His phiegerseverance soon mastered his and he began to elaborate, and al was his work that it was sent eo City for sale and this brought the notice of the Aztec fair mant. The Tlaxcalans are extremematic and Huerta is no excepince leaving his native city he all the wonders of our progresd, and yet nothing calls from expression of wonder or admiray a strange tale of his advenlegends to his primitive peo-Y. Graphic.

TIPS AND FEES.

perican Practice Which Should ive No Encouragement.

event novel, "The Minister's mary ee to young Barker, a low as he wants any money has not earned." This suginquiry to Evans whether he te as mean for offering the fee would have been had he ac-

isance has grown to be abomad unendurable in the old counurope and is making rapid in the United States. Twenty it was not known in this To-day its practice is scanrevalent. It is one of those European monarchy which introduced into America by is of Anglomania. It is a y contemptible, pernicious American practice which eceive no encouragement on by any self-respecting The American idea always has me should pay current prices gets, whether it be a yard a ficket on a steamboat or ta meal at a hotel, or whatand that that should be the Also that whoever hires any pay him fair wages for his

late this theory has been to the wall, and a system of s, tips and fees has grown up me lines of service has atch proportions that persons to pay for the privilege of ployers instead of being paid r the service they render.

one way, and only one way. up. Let every offerer of a utuity feel that he is doing a humiliating thing, and that and self-respect command thhold the proffered aims. ake a matter of principle of nd out stoutly against the A public sentiment can thus which will nip the vicious ith a killing frost.-Chicago

tring of pearls worn at the W York by Mrs. William K. attracts more attention than and ballet. It consists of pearls, set in a golden belonged to the Empress d which was recently pur-\$120,000. It was worn by follt over the top of her s down the back of her coifbeck, which it (encircled, left to hang down on her Y. Post.

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

What the Good Lady Has to Say About The knob on the cellar door came loose the other day, and the girl at the same time reported a pane of glass out in the kitchen and a broken easter on the extension-table. I asked Mr. Bowser if he wouldn't send up a man to make repairs and he replied:

"I was just wishing for something to busy myself at for a few days. I'll get some tools and go through the house and repair and improve."

I ventured to remind him that he spent the best part of two days and nights repairing the leg of a stand, and that it fell down and broke a fifteen dollar vase as soon as he had pronounced repairs complete, and he put his hands under his coat-tails, called up an awful frown, and replied:

"Mrs. Bowser, when I don't know what I'm about I'll look for you to ad-

In about an hour after leaving the house he returned with six files, three gimlets, a screw-driver, two hammers, a brace and several bits and drills, a bottle of cement, three pounds of nails, a putty-knife and putty, and various other things, while paint, varnish and brushes soon followed him.

"The whole outfit cost but \$13,40." he explained, as he opened the bundle with a smile of pride on his face, "and I can keep the house in repair for two or three years. I'll do a hundred dollars' worth of repairing in the next week."

Mr. Bowser made his start on the broken window pane. He got a chair out-doors to stand on, knocked out the remnants of the pane and then put in three hours' work removing the old putty. This was not accomplished until he had cracked two other panes, broken a sleeve button and cut himself in three places. Then he put in the new light, used shingle nails for brads and spread on the putty until it would have fallen off by its own weight had he not braced it with sticks.

"Well, what do you think of that?" he asked as he came out to look at the

"You've used lots of putty." "Certainly. A glazier would have stolen half of it. I don't propose to e stingy with my own family."

"Well, it may do." "May do! Mrs. Bowser, what do you know about glazing, anyhow! I don't ay that I ever learned the trade, but if there are three men in Detroit who'll beat that job I'll eat up all the putty!"

That evening he discovered that all of the kitchen chairs were exactly threefourths of an inch too high, and he sawed the legs off while the cook held them down on their backs. As a result andoubtedly he will carry No. 1 tipped backwards, No. 2 leaned forwards, while No. 3 was what sailors foreign lands, which will sound | would call on its beam ends to starboard. I went to bed leaving him trying to solder a leak in an old tin dipper, and next morning I found four holes burned in the kitchen floor, two in the leg of his pants, and drippings of solder all over the stove and the sink, while the dipper had been mashed flat. Breakfast was hardly over before he Mr. Howells incidentally found a door which sagged. He got it days is in saying too much, -Boston matter of "tips" and fees to off its hinges and planed away, and he | Herald. ers and others occupying sim- | got it back on and squinted and measons. Evans, the editor, offers ured and reflected, and after half a day's work he had an air-hole at the ter, but the latter refuses it top, a rat-hole at the bottom, and the ie dignity, saying that the lock so far away from the jamb that it was useless.

In the afternoon I went out, and Mr. Bowser laid down the earpenter tools and took up the varnish brush. The varnish was too thick to spread and he thinned it down with kerosene. The wood work of my new sewing machine, which was, of course, oil finish, received his first attention, and he had such good luck that he tried his luck on the parlor mantel, the baby's crib, the wood work of the parlor chairs and the spare room bedstead. When I reached home he was trying to convince the cook that all the kitchen floor needed to keep itself clean for the next six months was a coat of varnish.

"Mr. Bowser, what on earth have you done?" I exclaimed as I reached home and realized the extent of the damage.

"Why, added five hundred dollars to the looks of our furniture," he proudly replied.

It cost him ten dollars to hire a man on, but meanwhile he rendered our burglar-alarm useless for a week trying to run an extra wire to the barn. He tried to repack a valve in one of a steam-fitter. He tinkered with the front-door-bell, and it doesn't ring yet. except as an agent pulls it. He spoiled three Jocks, got the gas to leaking, bursted a water-pipe and laid the cook up for a week by spilling hot lead in Granger, of Westfield, Mass., were reher shoe. Then he packed up his tools | cently arrested for violating the Lord's and carried them to the barn, and re- day by fishing for pickerel through the

out of order let me know. A stitch nesses to prove that their eatchin time saves nine, and there is a deep ing of a fish was a work of satisfaction in knowing that you are charity, and was not done unnot dependent on Tom, Dick and Harry. til efforts had been made to bay one to I only wish that I had seven houses on satisfy the craving of a sick woman.

-The Boston Scientific Society has discussed "The Return of De Vico's recovering from a serious illness, Comet." The members did not know The young men were discharged .- N. what railway it would come to town on, and so no arrangements were made to meet it with a brass band. - Putsburgh Chroniele.

-Jennie June thinks American women the youngest for their age in the world. In ascertaining the ages of American women, Jennie must have taken their word for it. - Norristown

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

-A house in Philadelphia, Pa., is noted for being the birthplace of tail men. Every person born under its roof has reached the height of six feet. -Gn a train that arrived at San

Bernardino, Cal., the other day, were seventeen babies. Four of these were born on the train. -The business man who does not

advertise always wants to get close to the business house that does. Every real estate man knows this to be true -Chicago Inter Ocean.

-The following table shows the number of murders per 10,000,000 inhabitants in each of the principal countries: United Kingdom. 217 Austria. Belgium 240 Russia. Belgium France Scandinavia 265 Italy 250 Spain 279 United States Germany.....

-A Lynn caterer gives a mince pie to every purchaser of fifteen cents' worth of goods. Persons who have sampled his pies say that it is a mystery how he can afford to throw them in. The mystery is in the pie. - Boston

-That was a happy point made at a civic feast by a naturalized German. le responding to a toast he said: "I am the best Englishman, perhaps, of any of you, because you were all born English and could not help it, whereas I became an Englishman from choice." -N. Y. Telegram.

-A medical journal, some months ago, inveighed against what it called "pernicious habit of kissing." The warning seems to have caused a alling off in the habit among married folks, but the pernicious custom is just as popular as ever among young people who are in the courting business,-N. Y. Graphic.

-A German periodical, devoted to the interests of paper-makers, records an improvement in telephones as follows: With a funnel of thick manila paper about sixteen inches long and six to eight inches wide at the mouth, the smaller end being put into the opening of the receiver, one may talk in whispers through the telephone.

-Doctor (who has been sent for at two a. m.)—Madame, pray send at once for the clergyman, and, if you want to make your will, for the lawyer. Madame (horrified) Good gracious! Is it so dangerous, doctor? Doctor-Not a bit of it; but I don't want to be the only one who has been disturbed in his sleep for nothing .- N. Y. Herald.

-During the year ended November 30, 1886, the flour production in the United States touched figures once more exceeding all past work, and forming a record really only half comprehended by the general public. It nearly reached six million barrels, and showed an increase over last year of eight per cent. - Chicago Tribune.

-And now it is discovered that cocaine when applied in cases of silent melancholia, will induce people to speak. This may be beneficial from a cientific point of view, but how much more valuable would the drug become if it had the effect to make some people hold their tongues. The danger in these

It was a remark of Linnaus that three flies would consume a dead horse sooner than a lion could. He doubtless included the families of the three flies. A single fly, the naturalist tells us, will sometimes produce 20,000 larvæ, each of which in a few days, may be the parent of another 20,000, and thus the descendants of three flies would soon devoue an animal much larger than a horse.

-Paper bottles were patented in America in 1883. Their sales were not extensive at first, but now that European patents have been secured, covering nearly all fields of probable competition, the controllers of the patents, we are informed, intend to manufacture the bottles in large quantities. In the item of freight alone they will effect a saving of one-third less weight than the glass or stone ware, and are, on the whole, less liable to breakage. - Journal of Commerce.

-Major C. H. Brackett, a Vicksburg man, who owns a string of race horses, thinks that he has a mascot somewhere around his stables. He wanted to send his horses to New Orleans on the steamer J. M. White, but he couldn't get to remove the compound he had brushed them ready, and when the steamer burned his horses were not there. Then he made arrangements to ship them by a certain train on the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas railroad, but he the radiators, and we got steamed out missed the train which a few hours of the sitting room and had to send for afterward was wreeked. At last he got the racers away, and a day or two afterward the stables at Vicksburg were completely burned with their contents. —N. O. Pieayune.

-Arthur E. Saunders and Alfred W. turned with smiling face to say to me: lice at Southwick ponds on a Sunday. At "Mrs. Bowser, if any thing else gets the trial they produced several witmy hands to repair."-Detroit Free Press | One of Southwick's doctors testified that he had ordered a fish for young Saunders', mother, who was

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