

RIAL AT SEA.

A Navy Officer Gives a Description of the Impressive Service.

"Why are the bodies of passengers who die on ocean steamships at sea thrown overboard instead of being brought to port?"

"It depends upon circumstances whether it is advisable to bury a person at sea who dies on shipboard."

"As for the burial service, the body is usually sewed up in canvas and heavy pieces of iron, and either grate bars or shot, are fastened to it to cause it to sink."

THE IROQUOIS INDIANS. Instead of Dying Out They are Increasing at a Natural Rate.

Rev. John W. Sanborn, of Lockport, who combines with his parochial duties the functions of chief of the Canandaigua reservation, gave a very interesting talk at Cooper Union, before the New York Academy of Anthropology, concerning the manners, traditions and growth of the Indians.

The aborigines are not dying out, said he, but have been increasing throughout the country at the rate of 600 yearly, and they now number 300,000.

An Indian couple sang with him several hymns that had been reduced to writing. There are no labials in the language, but it abounds in grunts, gutturals and nasals, for some of which special characters had to be invented.

—Applicant for place—"Well, I don't know, mum. You have a large family, and I'm afraid I couldn't do the work. I suppose you have great trouble keeping girls, don't you?"

Mirrors were old-fashioned in the time of Moses, and deemed by him of sufficient importance to be placed in the Ark. Job also mentions them and calls them looking-glasses—a term which is applied to them throughout the sacred text—yet it seems clear that they were made not of glass, but of metal, as were all mirrors for many centuries subsequently.

The credit of first making glass mirrors can not with accuracy be given to any one in particular. The Sidonians are reported to have invented glass, but even if they attempted—as it is said they did—to manufacture mirrors from it, its inferior quality would not have given so high a reflective power as some of the better kinds of metals; and at whatever period they were first made it was not until the thirteenth century that they became generally known, and much later before they entirely displaced the metal ones.

Queer Military Discipline. "The name of Harry Oakes," says the London World, "is not yet forgotten in the army—a bluff, straight-spoken soldier, who some twenty years ago commanded the Twelfth Lancers.

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