RIAL AT SEA.

Mary Officer Gives a Description of the

ought to be?"

and impressive service. A death at fights in the amphitheatre, sea casts a gloom over the whole ship, to the deep.

are assembled by the captain, who and Queries. reads the Episcopal burial service. prepared for such occasions, the ship being stopped meanwhile. The service being completed, the plank upon which the body rests is tipped up and the body slides into the ocean and sinks, being carried down by the heavy weights. Then the vessel is put on her course and goes ahead. Surely there is nothing inhuman or unbecoming in this."-N. Y. Tribune.

THE IROQUOIS INDIANS.

at a Natural Rate.

Rev. John W. Sanborn, of Lockport, 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 ciate the comforts it brings. Mr. Sanborn spoke more particularly of the six nations, or the Iroquis confederation. They not only dress in the manner of American citizens, but have many of their home comforts. Mr. Sanborn attired himself in the garb of a chief, worn only on state occasions, and the ladies had an opportunity to inspect the really handsome beadwork on the buckskin jerkin, sash, greaves and moceasins.

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. On the table lay a very big thigh bone and tibia, a powerful jaw bone and a large and singularly perfect skull. They were the relics of an Indian chief found by Mr. Sanford in a burial mound twelve miles from Canandalgua. Evidently the chief was a man of brain as well as of muscle. Several stories were told indicating that the Indian is by no means as stolid as represented, but is bright, keen, and even witty.

Mr. Sanborn believes in Fenimore Cooper's romantic Indians, and to show the reason of his faith read a very pretty tale from the Æsop's fables of the tribe. He praised their hospitality and liberality. The women still cling somewhat to their traditional dress, but they are contented, for they enjoy the same political and social rights as the men. Courting is no longer done by proxy, and the women still have the right to pop the question when tired of waiting for a lover .-N. Y. Times.

-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?" Sharp housekeeper-"Yes, indeed. There is a big factory full of handsome young men near here, and every one of my servant girls goes off and gets married." "O! Well, I'll try it."-Philadelphia Record.

-"Of all the nuisances on God's green earth," said General Sherman at the Union League Club reception the other night, "the shaking of hands by Americans is the worst." Whereupon all the members of the club formed a procession and proceeded to grasp Old Tecumseh by the hand -Boston Herald.

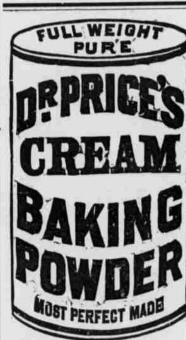
Mirrors were old-fashioned in the time of Moses, and deemed by him of sufficient importance to be placed in the "Why are the bodies of passengers Ark. Jobalso mentions them and calls them looking-glasses—a term which is sho die on overboard instead of being applied to them throughout the sacred ought to port?" was asked of a navy text—yet it seems clear that they were made not of glass, but of metal, as were "It depends upon circumstances all mirrors for many centuries subsewhether it is advisable to bury a per-whether it is advisable to bury a per-pether it is advisable to bury a per-pether it is advisable to bury a per-quently. Brass is spoken of as one of shether is special to the metals of which they were made, the answer. "If the vessel is within a but it is more likely that the best kind the answer.

The answer of the end of the voyage, were composed of silver or some other there is no good reason for not bring- white metal careals. re is no good reason for not bring- white metal capable of receiving a high ber the body into port, although a polish. Pliny, speaking of the extravapersition prevails among sailors gance of the Roman ladies, mentions superstition shat if a dead body is kept on board it that their mirrors were of silver, addthat if a decimentable destruction of the ing, somewhat sarcastically, that often nears the interview of the case that only a thin surface of the precious when a body is shipped on board a metal was used, a statement which is when a cross the ocean the fact is borne but by discoveries made during kept from the knowledge of the sail- recent excevations. These ancient mirrors were of small size, and of various off is contended by some that the and curious shapes. Plino is also reburial of a body at sea is not attended sponsible for the statement that mirrors with the solemn ceremony that it were sometimes formed out of rubies, and mentions one made from an emer-"A burial at sea is a very solemn erald, wherein Nero used to watch the

The credit of first making glass mirand it is natural for the officers of a rors can not with accuracy be given to ressel to avoid ostentation and display. any one in particular. The Sidonians All mariners are firm in their convic- are reported to have invented glass. tion that when a person dies at sea, but even if they attempted—as it is said mless within a few hours run of they did-to manufacture mirrors from port, the body should be given up it, its inferior quality would not have As a rule, vessels given so high a reflective power as some are not provided with any place where of the better kinds of metals; and at abody may be kept, nor do the medi- whatever period they were first made cine chests contain any drugs or chem- it was not until the thirteenth century icals by which it can be embalmed. that they became generally known, and Some of the lines carry metallic coffins much later before they entirely disin which the bodies of those dying at placed the metal ones. At first molten sea, when the urgent request of their lead was poured over the lead to form friends is made, may be placed until the ressel reaches port. But there is was soon exchanged for a piece of white no law, as some have asserted, which metal foil fixed at the back, and in the makes it compulsory to bury a body at latter part of the fifteenth century an amalgam similar to that now used was "As for the burial service, the body substituted. With improvements in is usually sewed up in canvas and the manufacture of glass came correheavy pieces of iron, and either grate sponding improvements in mirrors. bars or shot, are fastened to it to cause They were made larger, and with a it to sink. Then the body is taken to truer surface, and have now reached a the gangway and the officers and crew state approaching perfection .- Notes

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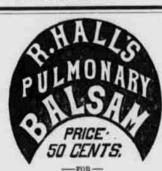
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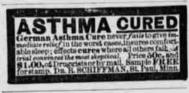
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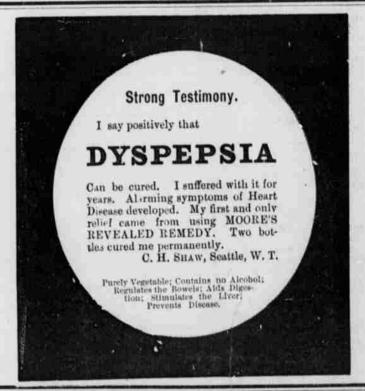
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