A office room with scunty grace rapery of ordered meter Varie dimity and well scrabbed boards-And sumshine to the quiet place. and search that honey speak to heards

Outside, the little garden glows itis aun warmed leaves and blossoms bright-Beyond He pasture, cits, and wood Where trail the brings and wild roso we glow the blossoms of dalight In an inviolate solution

Through that green hand there blows an air mi from that little room I hear The er he of a life long grayer,
And the world's voice is heard no more.
-E. Nestet in Leisure Hour.

A HIGHWAYMAN'S JULIET

The house in question was what Peter the Scholar (who corrects my proof sheets) calls one of the rusinurby sortthe front facing a street and the back looking over a turfed garden, with a lawn tennis court marked out, its white lines plain to see in the starlight. At the end of the garden a door, painted dark green, led into a parrow lane between high walls, where, if two persons met, one had to turn sideways to let the other pass. The entrance to this lane was cut in two by a wooden post about the height of your hip, and just beyond this, in the high root, George was waiting for us with the dog cart.

We had picked the usual time-the dinner hour. It had just turned dark and the church clock, two streets away. was chiming the quarter after eight when Peter and I let ourselves in by the green door I spoke of and felt along the job there never was. The bedroom window on the first floor stood right open to the night air, and inside was a faint cardlelight flickering, just as a careless maid will leave them after her mistress has gone down to dinner. To be sure, there was a chance of her coming back to put them out, but we could hear her voice going in the servants' hall as we lifted the ladder and rested it against the sill.

"She's good for half an hour yet," Peter began to clumb; "but if I hear her voice stop, I'll give the signal to be cantious." I went so willy, pushed my head gently above the level of the sill and

It was a roomy place, with a great half tester bed, hung with curtains. standing out from the wall on my right. The curtains were of chintz, a dark background, with flaming red poppies sprawling over it, and the farther curtain hid the dressing table and the candles upon it and the jewel case that I confidently hoped to stand upon it also. A bright Brussels carpet covered the floor, and the wall paper, I remember-though, for the life of me, I can not tell why-was a pale gray ground, worked up to imitate

suckle upon it. I looked around and listened for half a minute. The house was still as death the passages beyond. With a nod to dealer in fancy nosegays the other day. Peter to hold the ladder firm I lifted one leg over the sill, then the other, dropped my feet carefully upon the thick carpet and went enickly around the bed to the

But at the corner, and as soon as ever I saw around the claimtz curtain, my knees gave way, and I put out a hand toward the bedpost.

Before the dressing table, and in front | florists." of the big glass in which she could see my white face, was an old lady seated. She wore a blaze of jewels and a low gown, out of which rose the scraggiest

While I stood stock still and pretty well scared out of my wits, she rose, still staring at my image in the glass, folded her hands modestly over her bosom, and spoke in a deep, tragical voice: "The prince!

Then, facing sharply around, she held out her thin arms.

"You have come-at last?" There was not much to say to this except that I had. So I confessed it. Even with the candles behind her I could see her eves glowing like a dog's, and an

"Is the ladder set against the win-

"Since you seem to know, ma'am,

said I, "it is." "Ah, Romeo! Your cheeks are ruddy -your poppies are too red."

Then I'm glad my color's come back. for, to tell the truth, you did give me a turn just at first. You were looking about ten minutes. The parties in camp out for me, no doubt"--

"My prince!" She stretched out her arms again, and being pretty well at my wits' end, I let her embrace me. "It has been so long," she said, "oh, the weary while? And they ill treat me. Where have you been all this telions

I was not going to answer that, you may be sure. By this I had recovered myself sufficiently to guess what was mear the truth-that this was a much aunt of the family below, and that the game was in my hands if I played with decent care. So I met her question with

another "Look here," I said, "I'm running a considerable risk in braving these persecutors of your'n. Hadn't we better elope

"I am ready." "And the jewels? You won't leave them to your enemies, I suppose.

She turned to the dressing table, lifted her jewel case and put it into my hands. "I am ready," she repeated; "let us be

quielt and stealthy as death."
She followed me to the window and, looking out, drew back.

"What horrible, black depths," "It's as easy," said I, "as pie. You could do it on your head-look here." I climbed out first and helped her, setting her feet on the rungs. We went down sight of Peter below, who was looking with his mouth open and his lips too weak to meet the curses and wonderment that rose up from the depths of bim. When I touched turf and handed him the jewel case he took it like a man

to a trance. and stole over the turf together. But land "-All the Year Round.

outside the garden door Peter could stand no more of it.

"I've a firearm in my pocket," whisper ed he, pulling up, "and I'm going to fire it off to relieve my feelings, if you don't explain here and now. Who, in pity's name, is she!"

"You mug-she's the Original Sleeping Beauty. I'm eloping with her, and you've got her jewels." "Partion me, Jem," he says, in his

gentlemanly way, "if I don't quite see. Are you taking her off to melt her or marry her? For how to get rid of her The poor old creature had halted, too.

three paces ahead of us, and waited while we whispered, with the mornlight, that slanted down into the lane, whitening her bare neck and flashing on her

"One moment," I said, and stepped for ward to her; "you had better take off those ornaments here, my dear, and give them to my servant to take care of There's a carriage waiting for us at the end of the lane, and when he has stowed hime tree or two, a laburnum, and a them under the seat we can climb in and drive off -

"To the end of the world-to the very rim of it, my hero."

She pulled the gems from her ears. hair and bosom and handed them to Peter, who received them with a bow. Next she searched in her pocket and drew out a tiny key. Peter unlocked thecase, and, having carefully stowed the dia monds inside, locked it again, handed back the key, touched his hat and walked off toward the dogcart.

"My dearest lady," I began, as soon as we were alone between the high walls, "if the devotion of a life"-

Her bare arm crept into mine. "There is but a little time left for us in which wall for the gardener's ladder that we to be happy. Year after year I have knew was lianging there. A simpler marked off the almanac; day by day I have watched the dial. I saw my sisters married and my sisters' daughters; and still I waited. Each had a man to love her and tend her, but none had such a man as I would have chosen. They were none like you, my prince." "No, I dare say not."

"Oh, but my heart is not so cold. Take my band-it is firm and strong touch my lips-they are burning"-A low whistle sounded at the top of the lane. As I took her hands I pushed whispered, holding the ladder while I her back, and turning ran for my life. I suppose that as I ran I counted forty before her scream 'came, and then the

sound of her feet pattering after me. She must have run like a demon, for I was less than ten yards ahead when Peter caught my wrist and pulled me up onto the back seat of the dogoart. And before George could set the horse going her hand clutched at the flap on which my feet rested. It missed its grasp and she never got near enough again. But for half a minute I looke into that horrible face following us and working with silent rage; and for half a mile at least I heard the patter of her feet in the darkness behind. Indeed, I can hear it now .- Q. in Argonaut.

Benting Flowers for Funerals.

watered silk, with sprigs of gilt honey "What an idea! Bless you, florists are had enough, but they have not yet stooped so low as to hire out flowers for up here-not a sound in the room or in funerals." Thus spoke a Fifth avenue "But you loan doves to undertakers metunes?

"Yes, and to the churches on special occasions: but loaning flowers for a funeral, why, it is simply preposterons!" "It is said to be done every day in this

"Yes, there are dealers in artificial flowers who do that business, but not I visited the largest artificial flower

and foliage concern in the city. bins." "A great many poor people," member of the firm, "order potted flowers neck and shoulders I have ever looked and tropical plants of us for funerals. on. Her hair was thick with black dye We charge 10 per cent, for their use, and and fastened with a diamond star. Be in many instances the flowers might tween the two candles the powder show- better have been purchased out and out. ed on her check bones like flour on a Take our foliage bonquets, composed of miller's coat. Chin on hand, she was begonias, colens, geraniums and ivygazing steadily into the mirror before they come cheap, and it is poor economy her, and, even in my fright, I had time to hire them. But people of small means to note that a glass of sherry and a plate like the immediate saving, and the long of rice and curry stood at her elbow run is not taken into account. For church among the rouge pots and powder puffs. funerals we sell large quantities of chrysauthemums, roses, tiger and calla lilies. hyacinths, etc. Natural flowers are sometimes represented on the same altar, and

it is impossible to tell which is which -New York Herald. It Bained Boiling Water

W. S. Barton, a well known mining man and prospector, has returned to San Ber nardino from an exploration of the famous Death valley. He states that of a sudden one of the members of the party tecame theane. In the trip south Barton stopped at liex, on the edge of Beath valley ugher poor creature this world could Here at midnight the thermometer stood at M5 degs. Over the valley, and by this is meant Death valley, at 7 p.m., there the table. occurred a remarkable phenomenon. Two clouds, one fram the east and one from the west, met. An electric storm followed, the like of which has never been seen by living man, and for an hour the biaze was simply terrine. Then following the electric storm came

about ten minutes. The parties in camp were actually forced to cover themover in order to protect their bodies from the scalding water. The thunder was something that no artillery force on the face of the earth, no matter how great, could equal.-Toronto World.

No Bell Punches Abroad.

The bell punch and the dial register are alike unknown on European tramwaya. Each passenger upon paying his fare is usually given a receipt in the form of a amount collected and the distance over which the passenger is entiried to be car ried. These silps are to be preserved during the ride and presented for inspecti whenever demanded, and they are not inrequestly demanded by the spotters wit are employed to keep a check upon the conductors. There is no secrecy about the spotter's work. He enters the car in full form, requests the passengers to show their receipts, writes down the copumper and the amount of the fares coled and departs amid the unon mentary remarks of the traveling public spotters seem to be equally despised wherever they ply their vocation.-Cor.

Dinner at Holland House.

R. F. Chorley, in his diary, records an anecdore told by Count d'Orsay of his dining at Holland House when he first visited England, young, handsome, and impudent. He sat next to his bostess, who happened to be in one of her most sugresin silence I choking all the way at the sive moods. She dropped her napkin, the count gallantly picked it up; her spoon her eyeglusaes; such was restored by her attentive griest. At length, however, his patience gave way, and when she again dropped her napkin, he turned and called to one of the footmen behind him:

Pot my convert on the floor," said be. We put the ladder back in its place to an much more convenient for Lady Hol-

A SPANISH FANDANGO

A DANCE WHICH ONCE USED TO AROUSE GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

In California the Fandango Was Ofton the Men Were Sometimes Killel or Wounded-How One Ended.

You will find in the big dictionaries that the word fandange is described as a pecuime, supposed to be of Moorish origin. welcome, and at which everybody is expected make a fool of simself generally. In section of Reading are some thirteen wount the olden days it meant a general confused coverage of the results of the older days it meant a general confused of each pickers who nightly jump on and surroundings, and liquor first, last and all turesome.

fandango took place they went as a matter of course. Everybody dressed extravagant-Senoritas who at other times dressed as though they had barely enough money to live on were elaborate silks and satins and were otherwise decorated in a costly. manner. The men also spent a good deal of money on their clothes. The usual swell Mexican costume consisted of tronsers of black velvet, laced on the outer seams from the hips down, little jingling bell buttons being interspersed at intervals of about an inch. The jacket was of black or blue, braided with gold. There was a red flam ing sash around the waist, patent leather shoes, the usual red Vicuna bat, revolvers neased in patent leather scabbards, and perhaps there were silver spurs.

The fandango was held in a long, low adobe house fronting the plaza. It had one grand room for the dance, flanked by two other rooms, which made up the front of dressing rooms.

The writer remembers distinctly the first fandango he attended in this adobe house. It was some 10 years ago. From the de-scriptions of the uffair he had been caressly let drop by various persons in the town he concluded to carry two more than the usual number of revolvers, and to wear addition to his stiletto a long sword. This was incased in a patent leather scale bard, giving the wearer a fine martial ap-

As the writer on the night of the fandango approached the adobe house a noise like that of an earthquake met his ear. It was made by the guests inside getting ready for the entertainment. They were shouting, dancing, stamping their feet, clapping their hands and doing other ngs which would tend to cheer up the spirits of any who might feel out of sorts In front was a crowd of seedy Indians, half breed Mexicans and those other aincless creatures who always turn up and hang round whenever there is a big show going

Among the dancers were gaudily dressed ancheros and gamblers of the respectable and fashionable type, who were regarded as great men by those who made their money in honest callings. The "tin hern" people were on hand also. There were merchants, store clerks, town and county officials, eattle dealers, naval officers in full uniform and a large number of other persons who were engaged in some reputable pursuit, There were very few American women of

the better class in the neighborhood in those days, and none of them ever visited One of the numerous sources of profit of the fandango were the gambling games played in the open court. The most popular game was Mexican monte. Besides this, there were a dozen others in full blast -roulette, lasquinette, chusa, 21 and fare. The last was the most general.

Everybody took a turn at it some time during the night. Those tables were most frequented at which women presided. They were flashily dressed and smoked cigarettes One of them were a half concealed stiletto at her waist. She looked entirely self possessed, and as it turned out afterward was perty able to take care of herself.

While the fandango was at its height, the excited dancers evidently trying to wake the old house down, and the gamekeepers calling out first in Spanish then in English the results of various plays, a party of half a dozen particularly tough customers entered the place. They were led by one Bill Newman, a gentleman noted for his dislike of well ordered society and the namber of men he had killed. This crowd had for its sole object the raising of a row. It was unusual for a fandango to get through without some shooting or other disturbance, and Bill Newman and his friends vere there on this occasion to supply it,

When the party reached the spot where the gambling was going on. Newman gave the signal for a raid on the gold that was being freely displayed on the tables by turning out one of the lights. Then he quietly rolled under the monte table at which the fair senorita with the cigarito and dagger was dealing. Each of the rest of the gang fired at a lamp, and soon the shooting became general. Newman upset the table, and his pals began raking in the gold which now lay strewn about the floor. The woman shouted in Spanish, and in s moment a dozen caballeros had surrounde her dagger she laid Newman at her feet. Two others were shot and killed, and the other three were badly wounded. The raid had not been quick enough and had ended

in dismai failure.

Meanwhile the Indians and hangers on on the outside began firing off their revolvers in an ecstacy of glee. They had heard the noise on the inside and knew that the usual shooting melce was on. They were addless their mite to the general joility of the occa-

The sala was soon cleared, the guests being evidently accustomed to such hasty exits. After the smoke had fifted and some light been turned on, the host, a charming native Californian, who had that faculty enviable in a landlord of making everybody feel at home, announced with some show of regret that "owing to a little disturbanc fandango had been brought to an enprinted siip, upon which is punched the | for that night, but that another more grand and more enjoyable would be given on the following evening."-Los Angeles Cor New York World.

An Uncut Pigeon Blood Enby. Some very beautiful Turkish neckiaes are conspicuous in Mrs. Richard P. Lounsbery's casket. One is over 200 years old. It is gold, studded with corals and turquoises. She also owns a curious old ring with an uncut pigeon blood ruby. The legend be that this ruby will turn black just before a great calamity happens to the owner of the ring. Mrs. Lounsbery has a long god girdle, and also the regulation pearl to ce, diamond stars, crescents and heuris and the curious jewel pics of the usual so-ciety woman. - New York Recorder.

An Exciting Wedding to Georgia. A runsway couple pursued by an angry father rushed into the bedroom of a sleep ing justice and demanded an immediate marriage. Arrayed to a flowing gown of white, the startled justice imped from his couch, and, seeing a woman present, as quickly leaped behind the bed. What do you want?" he thundered. peering wildly over the headboard. Want to get married!" shouted the

"Take her and go, and God help you!" cried the justice.

And the nuptial knot was tied -Atlanta a ladly infested house in two nights by Constitution.

EXPERT WOMEN TRAIN JUMPERS.

They Bob Cont Trains in Transit Along the Schuytkill Valley.

Mrs. Marie Santow is one of the most expert train jampers in the Cantel States With the case and dexterity of a veteral railroader Mrs. Santow takes a fixing leap on a swift moving cost train and safely Seeme of a Very Lively Brawl at Which lands on the bumper or on the axie wild above the wheel. With the same user and success she jumps safely from a train and

goes on her way rejuicing Mrs. Santow is a buxum, good looking, black buired and black eyed fromming and is that kind of Spanish dance in three-four thirty-free years old. She is a cool picker, and at the slose of the ulght her face and This is a true definition, but it does not de- hands are begrimed and bluck. She is fine the fandange of the Pacific coast. Here | what is known as a professional end packer, it means a big dance to which anybody is that is, she picks cost along the railroad mingling of men and women, revolvers, off moving coal trains and think nothing gaming tables boots and spurs soft, me-lodious music, in curious contrast to the gang," and is regarded as the most ven It is a common custom for the women

In the days of forty-nine this quaintold to go slown the road on loaded trains and mission town was filled with adventurers come tack on empty trains. The trains from all over the globe, and whenever a go at the rate of ten to fifteen miles and iour beyond the lower outskirts of the city. Tures or four women jump on a loaded cost train at night and scatter along the middle cars away from the sight of the brakemen and conductor. In the space of three miles they succeed in push ing off a lot of coal from the tops of the well loaded cars. Those loaded with egg. furnace or steambout cost are not in The nut coul is the most sought after. After the women have gone down far enough, and if not detected, they jump off the train no matter how fast it is mov ng, but they generally take their time in electing the best place to make a safe The coal that they push off the cars on

the down trip is gathered up at dawn by girl coal pickers who have not yet become proficient in train jumping. After the women leave the baded coal trains going down they want for an up cost train ma the boase. Two large wings extended to up of empty cars. These trains can rapid ly, but the women, no matter how dark the rear, containing rooms usually used as the night, run swiftly slong with the train and jump on them as gracefully and auc cesafully as any practical rathroader. They gather up their skirts in their left hand Once on an empty car, the women get down into it and scrape the eval together At times considerable coal is left to the bottom by careives dumping at the great ders at titlewater, and this coal is a bonnie 24 to the women, who scoop it up into lags.

train reaches the outskirts of the city. These filled ings are then swung over the soies of the car and dropped to the sives. In this way they toil all night and succeed in getting together a lot of coal, which is deposited in the back yards of the shantles they occupy. Their bushands work in the neighboring mills, and for the coal, which is deposited in the back yards of the shantles they occupy. Their bushands work in the neighboring mills, and for coal, which is deposited in the back yards does not need an anachronistic feadal title, the whole thing has to be repeated. No. 3 also calls during the day, No. 4 does tain consequence is instanced in getting together a lot of coal, which is deposited in the principal greens, many of them decidedly odoriferous during cooking and after eating.

Carrots, gourds, squashes, cacambers, or cambers, not forget to rush in to have a look are never known to buy more than a tonof coal for winter use. They buy this coal in order to have a recripted bill to show in case they are arrested. The girls gather up the coal in pans and old scuttles along the rathroad. They are frequently chosed by the railroad police, but are rarely ar-rested, because the girls are seen doing

nough not to be caught at it. Occasionally one is killed through her ancreasful coal pickers have enough coal to pure to sell to their neighbors. - Cor. New York Sun.

How Tobacco Affects Same Men. "Cigar? Yes, thanks Don't mind if

"They may say what they please," went on the old timer, as he sunk into an easy mair at the Fifth Avenue hotel and dreamy puffed away at his weed, "but I believe but smoking has its place in this world. "One of the minor evils of life."

"That may be, but I actually believe, sir that the weed goes a long way toward making this world better. "Making the world better?"

"Exactly "How so?"

Many and many a time when I am downcast and appoyed with mainess cares, when the black clouds come, when everything goes wrong; when lit seems unendurable, I light my cigar, and to a twinkling my careaslip away. "Do you believe that?"

"I certainly do. I appent to every old smoker in the land. I tell you, sir, the aroma of fragrant tobacco is the greatest enemy of care in this world."

Yes, it is a consoler. "No doubt of it. A companion in many presome hours. I actually believe that it is almost impossible for a man to be down cast and smoke a good cigar. Tobacco acts as a gentle selative, bringing peace and consolation to the beart. man's luxury and the rich man's friend. If you do not believe it try the scheme yourseif."-New York World.

The Cocoannt Tree.

The native proverb says, "A cocoanut tree is a bride's dowry," and really the many uses to which the palm and its prod ucts are put are wonderful. They provide a family with food, shelter, fuel, house utensils and, if need be, clothes. It takes a long time for the coconnut tree o attain its full condition of bearingeven years but when this time has passed

it is a mine of wealth, and happy is he who can call a plantation of a hundred arrea his own. The nuts when ripe fall to the ground, and where necessary are plucked by men who climb up. It sometimes makes one's

blood run cold to see them run up the trees lke monkeys. Two ways are practiced for mounting the trunk. In the case of a small tree, o at an odd moment, the man walks up the trunk, keeping his feet flat against it, and throwing his weight back from it as much as possible, retaining his position at the

same time by the tension of his arms.

The other and safer plan is to pass a loop of cord around the feet, which are time kent close together, and group the trans sisting the climber, who moves opward in

A Bemarkable Black Walnut-Ohio is a remarkable state for nuts A new kind of black walnut has been discovered out there which is probably destined to be highly prized in the future. By a freak of nature one-half of Its shell is not developed, nor the kernel on that side, the result being a pror shaped not filled with a single meat somewhat the shape of a peanut, though bigger. The important objection to or dinary black wainuts is that they are di vided in the middle by a wall of shell so constructed that it is almost impossible to get the kernel out whole. freak sariety has only to be cracked to yield the meat entire. It is to be culti-

on the market by the time that the present generation of baldes is grown up. Haur to Get Eld of Fleus. The penjum was an upper garment an-

Fless annoted an ingenious Vashing-tonian, and be thus describes how he got rid of them: "If those who are troubled with this insect will place the common ad besive fly paper on the floors of the rooms nfested, with a small piece of fresh mest in the center of each abset, they will find that the flees will jump toward the ment a lastly infested nonse in two nights by this mesos."-Yankee Blads.

vated, and may be expected to appear

WHAT CHINAMEN EAT.

AN AMERICAN DESCRIBES THE FEAST OF A CELESTIAL

mia Banquet-Bare Chinese Delicacies. Chinese and Vegetables.

Solutily attend slave girl furnished its with two consticks and asked us for our order. We called for a regular disher. would think, at the armag end first. As impowiedged tax, durity little cling cops. The second course constanted of small clinbes of water meion seeds. These are a favorite delicact among the Chinese. Next came sliced oranges, served in individual distan-

The oranges were small and very sweet The fourth course was the slin ner proper and contained the substantials. served in a large center dish, only person issing given a lowl. There stere several smaller dishes of different kinds of mests and vegetables to cut with the rice, such as duck meat, pork, mutton curry, beat card, stringed coconnut, etc. This course completed our dunner, since we did not partake of the rice wine with which the Sinese frequently and their meals.

Rice is the Chimanan's staff of life and

forms the principal article of diet through out the country. It is cooked by sterming in a busket or sieve suspended over a shalow iron kettle partly filled with water. The other articles of food are cooked in the same way and at the same time, as many as four or live steamers being fitted cely over each other and covered to keep in the steam, which the water below supplies to all at once. Baked bread is not and, neither is milk, butter nor cheese At first it seemed strange to me to an down to a ment at which those familiar dishes were lacking

WHAT CHINAMEN EAT.

Perhaps the greatest variety in the Chiand certainly much of their agriculture consists in raising them. Bean card and bean jum, such as we tool at the hotel din ner, is made by boiling and grinding black beans and mixing the flour with water gypsum and turmeric. There are twenty or more kinds of beans and pens raise China, and they are prepared for food in many different ways.

Cabbage, broccoil, kale, canliflower, cress colewort, lettuce, sow thistle, spinach ceiery, dandelion, succury, sween busil gloger, musiard, radishes, artemists, amaranthus, tucca, pig weed, burslane, shep berds' purse, clover, garlie, leeks, outons callious, allantus and chives are some of

watermelous, tomatoes, turnips, radishes, around, and indeed a representative from pecially on the head of one who wears it may be each lady's paper, as well as some of pecially on the head of one who wears it Carrots, gourds, squashes, cucumbers, or more garden regetables. Sweet potatoes are very plentiful. The Irish p. has been grown for a good many years, but has not come into general useamong nothing wrong, and the women train the people. Fruits of most varieties are jumpers work only at night and are smart abundant all the year, oranges being the

The few pupples and kittens that are Occasionally one is killed through her sold for the table are fed on a dict of rice with the gift of a silk handkerchief, the port carlessness, but such an accident has not happened recently. Some of the more beforehand, so their flesh is provably much price of which is one shilling. cleaner and more wholesome than the swill eating, mind wallowing hog that forms so large a part of the food of our own country. Rats may be eaten in some few cases, in fact I believe I saw a string of dried rate hanging in a market in Canheap, and ought not to be considered a listinctive part of Chinese diet any more. tion frogs' iegs and snalls should be of American diet. Bird's nest soup is eaten consionally by those who can afford it. It very expensive, costing a dollar an unce. I was fortunate enough to taste me ence, and thought it was the most lelicions soup I had ever enter. fine are also eaten now and then by epicures.

A CHINESE SANGUET.

the city there are what may be called res aurunts right out in the street. The keeper may be seen squatting on the stone pavement on a low stool. He has a little earthen furnace or "fungalow," on which se cooks various kinds of food. On a low ounter by his side are trays of food and in front of the counter are stools for cus-

The Chinese generally have only two reals a day-breakfast about 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning and dinner at 4 or 5 in the afternoon. Husband and wife seldom eat ogether, and never do so when strangers r guests are present. The females eat by hemselves, after the men have finished The rice is placed in a large dish in the enter of the table and each person being himself, filling his bowl by means of a

ladie or large spoon.

He then holds his bowl in his left hand near the chin, and then pushes the rice into his mouth by means of two chopsticks, oth held between the thumb and the fore nd middle fingers of the right hand. inives and forks are not used at meals. Whenever a bit of fish or vegetable is wanted, it is selected from the dish and conveyed to the mouth by the use of the chop sticks.

Private banquets among the higher lasses of Chinese are given with all due respect to form and ceremony. The guests are invited by means of little slips of red paper (red being the festal color) on which written; "On the - day a triffing on tertainment will await the light of your untenance. Fung Keung's complimenta."

The host, dressed in gorgeous array, wel mes his guests, and when they ha arrived invites them to lay saids their robes of overmony. The tables are laid on in tasteful manner, having pyramids of cake, piles of trult and dishes of preserves the whole almost buried with flowers. Some time is consumed by host and gnesin formal requests and refusals to take the ignest wests, though no one will sit down

The host appliedizes for the frugal character of the repust, and at a certain monent the guests rise simultaneously an drink his health. Then, in politeness, they Invert their glasses to show that they are drained. At the continuous of the feast it is not considered impolite for a guest to express satisfaction with the good th has enten and exhibit signs of having stuffed himself to replation in appreciation of the dinner .- New York Voice

Authorities claim that in some instance female whales desert their serves in order to save themselves, but this itsection has the fact being well established that only in isolated cases line this been observed by either scientists or whaterness.

An elevator that is operated by electricity ens new principle has been tested in Brook iyn. It is controlled by a handle within the car, and the motion can 's increased or decreased to speed and rever

ciently worn by the Grecian, and especially by the Athenian, females. It was without by the Athenian, females. It was without beating it off the plants and catching it on sleeres and fastened by a clasp on the arm blankets.—Washington Star. or shoulder.

There are in important steam naviga-

WOMEN JOURNALISTS OF LONDON.

The System of Expertion Practiced by

Some of the Female Writers. There is one operatore in journalism The marriers of a 1 on z woman of Ne which women may emisse the little of arbits ion and of which they have made a strik-Stating Customs to China Differ Stadically | ing feature since they have come among from Those to America - A Ceremoni men to work, and that is the system of giving and taking presents from the firms with whom the paper to which they are attached has dealings. To such an experient field aristocracy and American tent has this custom reached that it has become a regular course of blackmailing. Toolay was of no special significance. to which the unfortunate victim suc- three days even bushed itself is democrat-cumbs meetly to all appearance, though it, and everywhere unistorner is losing

> It sounds very pretty and seems very snitulde that a lady, stylish and well all suitable that a fully stylish and well almost suchsavely, for the eminetics of dressed, should alight from a smartly the firitish house of lords at the hands of appointed brougham at the door of a the dominant democracy cannot be far off. selle, and handing in her card as repre- the rating democracy and not in any way sentative of a leading balles' newspaper saits political master. The English arise request to its snown over the establish. Identify incidently survive with its featest show room; treasures in the way of Paris munity by an aristocratic lineage. The headgear are drawn from their seductive majority of the cristocratic titles of are revealed to her admiring eye, secrets blood of democratic America flores. of the coming season are whispered into her sympathetic ear, future original to lead from the altar an American bride her sympathetic ear, future original yesterday is of the more amount aristoc-specialties are casually hinted at to ex-racy, duting back to the time of the Norcite her curiosity and to increase her in-man conquest, but that longer lineage torest, and when she has seen all, touched gives him only neutain procedence over gramme at another magasin.

When Miss — visits the office later she finds berself the passessor of a "duck of a bonnet" or "a love of a collarette," and if even half the firms she calls on This recognition the two.

This recognition is a function in the critest the instance of a bonnet of a collarette, and if even half the firms she calls on This recognition the statement of the statement and if even half the firms she calls on are similarly generous she has not made a had thing of it; and we know out of mere courtesy and gratitude which are urally it is extended to this country of great the shops which will get the prettiest fortunes by the marriage of Englishmen of

first visited let it be supposed that one of those autumn sales is in progress which so delight the feminine heart and make the democracy translates. The substance of the subst all prudent husbands quail. No sooner is the money which supports the social those that ren "ladies' columns" in other periodicals, are sure to not in an arress. ing in shyly and going away pleased

New papers "for women" are constantly appearing in London's journalistic world, and somehow they all seem to live. The time, however, must arrive when the long suffering traders in his wife is called a counters, is styled "my rowns, bounded, and other feminine friplady" and is "right honorable," but these ton, but they are neither common nor gowns, bonnets and other feminine fripperies will have to strike. Even now the are mere decomplians. If she he an Amertax is heavily exorbitant. There is a first place, which she occupied here, and de certain fashionable ladies' bootmaker in geended to the level of the third rank in the Oxford street-a woman by the wayand she finds it politic to send not one, but half a dozen pairs of the best court slippers and French boots every Christ-Sharks' mas to a leading lady's paper. She must send in proportion all round, and the result can hardly be an increase to her in-

ally presents a piece of silk to another giving place to the power of money purely, more sufficient for four ladies dresses. This country is accused of worshiping the paper sufficient for four ladies' dresses. There must be loss, not profit, in such almighty dollar, but the great and special

transactions. To such a pitch has this sale and barter arrived that certain ladies who have head to foot with the presents thus re- contempt. It will be associated ceived, and on one paper the fact is so made from the lady's salary in consequence. — London Cor. Philadelphia —New York Sun.

A Diminutive Virginia Woman. Mr. Nathan Harris, living on the Lyon's Gap farm, in Rich valley, belonging to Mr. V. S. Morgan, of Marion, has a daughter nineteen years old who is weighs just exactly 40; pounds. She is well proportioned and intelligent, and her hair is very beautiful and glossy erect. She is the oldest of four living children, two sisters and one brother, who are all well grown and intelligent. She has been living in the valley all her lifetime with her parents, but very few have known of her existence until recently, her parents not desiring any notoriety of her. Her parents are medium size, healthy, well to do and highly respected The above is a true bill, and vouched for by many Rich valley people on last court day as well as several citizens of this town who have seen her .-Wytheville (Va.) Enterprise.

Employment for Women A young lady of Chicago has invented a new branch of feminine industry. She advertises in the papers that she is prepared to give young gentlemen who feel awkward and basisful in the company of the fair sex lessons in etiquette and the way and manner to deport themselves toward ladies. Advice to lovers and those auxious to begin courtship charged extra. We hear that her services are Press. greatly in demand. - Exchange.

Her Socress Due to Her Mother The honors of the entrance examination at the University of London were carried off by a little Scotch lassie of twenty, Charlotte Higgins, over 1,600 male students. And this youthful and 4 inches wide and 8 long, done up to brown scholarly woman owes her success to an- manilla paper of the dry gos other woman-her mother-who has had entire charge of her education, the father having died when Miss Higgins was eight years old.—Exchange.

Cat Tall Soop.

Savages find many sources of food sup-ply where civilized people would starve. In Ctab the flowers of the cat tails, which bloom in the spring, are regarded as a del eacy either raw or cooked. Bolled they make very good somp. California Indians. make broad from the pollen of out talls, which they collect in large quantities by

The powerful chlorochromic battery is now used in miners' lamps in France. The tion companies in the world, of which the lamp and battery weigh about the same as English own 64, the French 39 and the Gertier old oil lamps. The light is much mans |2 In the United States there are the stronger and the cost is very moderate.

ARISTOCRACY AND DEMOGRACY.

Thoughts on the Marriage of an American

Girl te's Drittin Kark The marriage of a joing waman of New my with femining the title of earl orasmy our events, for they are of momentums conrequence to the burning race, whitch is non-

decreeracy the matrimonial union of yesinwardly be must revolt at the unacting and consequent distinction in the

The title of earl is of sould importance fashionable untiliner, drysamaker or boot. The prerage continues only at the mercy of ment and have all the noveities pointed titles and its incongrue as probabilisticate ment and have all the novelines pointed out to her for notice in her next fashion articler. So far so good. With due poline-has come to have little of the character of ness she is conducted from show room to a class separated from the trace of the comfoldings of the softest tissue paper, gems land are borne by families scarcely older of art, from the milliner's point of view, than this republic, amin many of them the

all, heard all, she departs complacent more recent recruits, and without money to and triumphant to repeat the same pro- support eventhat superficial diminetion by would be of little account. The first easyn-She knows full well that after her de- tial of coordinatate at the possession She knows full well that after her de-parture the manager will call a clerk and say, "See that such an article is packed up and dispatched to the office of taining the distinction necessary to the such a paper; it will insure favorable notice, and in these days of competition one must do as others do."

mention in her piquant fashion article.

Going back to the establishment she dowered. The titles these young women has No. 1 been smilingly handed into state, and money beroom do the source. It

periodicals, are sure to put in an appearance some time on the field, down to the rather than present power. In the old days literary maid of all work, who subsdits, of feudalism earls were actual officers of reports, revises, interviews and on press the kingdom, each having supremenutherof work, as the present occasion, does ity in his own caridom or "county" under her own shop skirmishing as well, creep-the crown. A coronet meant something her in shyly and come away pleased substantial then, it was a ledge of authority. Now the title of earl is real only about as much as the title of Mr., emcept that it includes the possessor in the pecrage and admits him to the become of lords, where actually he is subject to the democratic house of commune-the real source of all political power in Eugland. ican woman, she has stepped down from the

British peerage.
An American lady who marries a British earl en Prises a right of choice which is in alterable and for whose use she is not open to criticism, but she does not advance ber self in the social scale. A British earl is of consequence in this republic only so far as the distinction is intrincic in him as a man. Even in England his factitions consequence near of that devotion is England. No clse in the world is money so powerful. It is the real social ruler, not title, for fittle is ter arrived that certain ladies who have taken up this line dress entirely from the bauble is bound to fall in o popular ceived, and on one paper the fact is so pretonsion and self assertion which suggest far acknowledged that a deduction is vulgarity at a period when simplicity is

> An Inscription to Eriescon. We do not see why the statue crected to Ericsson should not state that he was a ma-tive of Sweden and a citizen by adoption

of the United States. We have many thou canda of Swedes among us who have be only 2 feet 10 inches in height, and come citizens, and they are a worthy and reputable portion of the foreign born coatingent of our population. Eriesson was a typical Swede, who did honor to the coun-try of his adoption as well as to that of his and sweeps the floor when standing birth, and there would be no impropriety in stating the facts suggested upon the pedestal of his citigy. Sweden is one of those countries whose sons the least frequently force themselves into notice, but the sterling merit and stemifest character of its people are cone the less worthy of recognition when opportunity demai We trust yet to see the proper inscripplaced upon the pediment of the Ericsson statue. New York News.

Anusthesia From Torture. An extraordinary thing happened during Mr. Seney's last illness. While a friend was with him he was smitten with a violent astack of engine poetoris. It seemed as though his sufferings were more than the body could stand and survive. The parexit had passed he opened his eyes as one wh awakes from a cound sleep and said to his friends, "Why. I have been asleep, haven't It" So that it seemed that the excess of pain and struggle had really produced a sort of assesthesia, and the case will be discussed at a meeting of one of the leal faculties. - New York Cor. Philadelphia

Women Office Seekers at the Capital. The women office serkers about the exp itol are easy to distinguish. They suffer from the feminine drawboars of no pockets, and most of them have to carry their proan appears with a flat, small package about tamp, it is safe to my she wants on office She thinks notody suspects what is in the package, but every member who sees it knows from experience the exact character of its contents.—Kats Field's Weahington.

Money That Goes Up to Smoke Kitchen stoves born up more cash every year than is lost in any other one way

People will confide their heavils to them for hiding, and when they are lighted the greenlacks go up in amoke. The greatest and ever consumed by fire in this country was \$1,000,000. That amount went up in amoke at the subtreasury, but the govern-ment was able to replace it at the cost of paper and printing. It has been estimated that I per cent, of all the paper money is aned is lost or destroyed. Of the old fro 603 has been totally lost. - Washington Lat-