PRIZED HAIR ROPES,

Phone Used by the Daring Egg Gatherers of St. Kilds.

An Irish paper not long since offered \$150 for a genuine St. Kildean hair rope, such as is used by egg gath erers. On the lonely Island of St. Kilda the most appropriate present s young woman can give to her flance is a rope made of horsehair, or, better still, of human hair. The rock scalers of this island consider themselves rick above mention if their brides are able to make them such gifts. The ropes are of various lengths, a good one be ing forty or fifty feet long.

According to a woman traveler who has spent much time at St. Kilda, the ordinary rope consists of a stout bemp en cord wrapped round and round with sheep's wool, then with horsehair and finally on the outside with human hair It is the work of years to manufacture such ropes-and the malden of St

Kilda begins very early in her child-bood to save her hair combings-and also to dry and bleach certain rough rasses that grow on the wind swept sland. The fibers make the cable stronger, and the elastic quality of the hair prevents chafing against the rude chiffs during the rock scaler's descent A curiosity collector wanted to buy one of these ropes, which are used by the St. Kilda egg gatherers. He of fered \$100, but the amount was refused scornfully.

THE ESKIMO SMOKER.

He Dearly Loves Tobacco and Not Mite of It is Wasted.

"No man is fonder of tobacco than ar Sekimo," said an arctic traveler. "The Sakimo depends for his tobacco solely on the white man. For a pound of it be would sell his oldest son.

"It is odd to see an Eskimo smoke He chops his tobacco fine and mixes !! with chopped willow twigs so as to make it go further. Then he cleans out with a picker of bone the small stone bowl of his pipe, and then he plucks a lock of hair from his deerskin suit and rams it down in the bottom of the pipe bowl so as to prevent any of the finely chopped tobacco from escaping into the

"Finally he lights the pipe and smokes it in a swift series of long, strong puffs so that there may be no waste. Each puff is inhaled deep down into the lungs, and the first puff's smoke is still streaming from the nostrils long after another puff has been started. There must be, you see, no waste. There must be none of that vain combustion of tobacco without benefit to the smok-

er which goes on continually among us "Often the most experienced Eskime will smoke so hard and fast that tears will stream from his eyes, he will cough violently, and sometimes vertigo and nausea will selze hlm."-New York

Animals That Are Always Enemies. Many animals are born with an inherent antipathy for other animals. The excessive fear shown by young rabbits which for the first time smell a ferret and of young turkeys which hear the shrill cry of a hawk they have never heard or seen before, are proved examples of the strength of these instinctive antipathies. But the case of the weasel and rat is, perhaps, more to be noticed because of the greater equality of the antagonists. The fend is so bitter that a meeting between them almost certainly means death to one or both. Friendships are not uncommon between the cat and dog and have been known between a dog and wolf, but the mutual attitude of the weasel and rat is invariably war -war that is waged to the death.

The Word "Nugget."

"Nugget" was formerly used to signify a bit or lump of anything, as a "nugget of tobacco." Newadays, however, it is used principally of gold as it comes from the mine. This use is Australian. Governor Sir William Denison of Australia wrote in 1852, "In many instances the gold is brought to market in lumps or nuggets, as they are called." In Queensland there is a peculiar use of the word unknown in the rest of Australia. There, when a man appropriates unbranded calves, he is said to be "nuggeting."

He Understood.

Paul Louis Courier, when bitterly assailed by a French professor, quietly remarked: "I fancy he must be vexed. He calls me Jacobin, rebel, plagiarist, thief, poisoner, forger, leper, madman, impostor, calumniator, libeler, a horrible, filthy, grimacing ragpicker. I gather what he wants to say. He means that he and I are not of the same opinion, and this is his only way of putting it."

The Kind She Wanted.

Husband - Anything you want in town today, my dear? Shall I order some more of that self rising flour? Wife-We have plenty left, but I wish you would stop at a registry office and order me a self rising servant girl .-Illustrated Bits.

Preparing the Soil.

"I notice the young Widow Prettyman doesn't have her widow's weeds so much in evidence now."

"No; she's clearing those weeds away. I believe she sees signs of a second crop of orange blossoms." - Philadelphia

That's Why.

"You say you conceal nothing from your wife?"

"Absolutely nothing."

"And why do you not?" "It is evident that you do not know my wife."-Houston Post.

AN INDIAN LEGEND.

The Grandfather of All Mosquitees

and His Glant Descendants. There are pretty big mosquitoes in the world, but if report be true they have greatly degenerated in size and strength since the days when this leg end was believed by many tribes of Indians.

The grandfather of all mosquitoes lived in the neighborhood of Onondaga N. Y. When he grew hungry he would sally forth and eat an Indian or two and pick his teeth with their ribs. The Indians had no arms that would prevail against this monster, so they call ed upon the holder of heavens to come down. Finding that he had met his match in this person, the mosquito dew away. He flew around the great lake turned eastward, sought belp from the witches that inhabited the Green lake and had reached Lake Onondaga when his pursuer came up and killed him.

As his blood poured forth on the sand each drop became a smaller mos quito. They gathered about the hold er of the heavens and stung him so cruelly that he half repented the serv ice he had rendered to the Indians.

The Tuscaroras say that two of the mosquitoes stood on opposite sides of the Seneca river and slew all who passed. His watha killed them. A res ervation stone marks the place where the holder rested during his chase, and tracks were until lately seen south of Syracuse alternated with the footprints of the mosquito. These footprints were shaped like those of a bird and were twenty inches long. These marks were revered by the Indians for many years -Brooklyn Eagle.

THE GOLD STANDARD.

England, In 1816, Was the First of

the Nations to Adopt It. The first nation to adopt the gold standard was England. She adopted but practically not until three years fice. later, for in 1816 England was on the the single silver standard in 1857, took steps toward the establishment of the gold standard in 1871, but it was not silver, undertook to melt down her sil Oregon. ver coin, sell it for gold and establish the single gold standard. The Scandinavian nations adopted the single gold standard at the same time. In September, 1873, France restricted the free coinage of silver and three years later office. entirely suspended such coinage, but has never undertaken to discard the silver coin she has in use or to treat it otherwise than as on an equality with ing and then suspending the coinage of silver on private account was followed by the other nations of the Latin union-Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and age of sliver in 1878. Holland, which had established the single silver standard in place of the bimetallic standard in 1847, suspended the coinage of silves coluage of gold on private account in 1877.-Watson's Magazine.

Echoes From Horses' Skulls. Those curious twists and turns superstitions take are to be found in the introduction of horses' skulls in or about the church buildings in England and Scotland, the reason alleged being to

help the sound in church. This habit is unquestionably a relic of heathenism where an animal was sacrificed. Some years ago, when an old meeting house in Edinburgh was pulled down, the sounding board space above the pulpit was found to be filled with horses' skulls. In some parts of England there still exists the idea that if a horse's head is buried in a field there will be

Success In Society.

The secret of success in society is a certain heartiness and sympathy. A man who is not happy in company cannot find any word in his memory that will fit the occasion. All his information is a little impertment. A man who is happy there finds in every turn of the conversation occasions for the introduction of what he has to say. The favorites of society are able men and of more spirit than wit, who have no uncomfortable egotism, but who exactly fill the hour and company, contented and contenting.-Emerson.

An Artist's Whim,

erument of Kursk, Russia, the altar piece is a painting of the last judgment, the foreground being a vivid representation of hell. Among the figures of lost souls a prominent position presents a fairly good likeness. The painter's name is unknown, but that his work is appreciated is shown by the fact that the town authorities paid \$125 for the picture.

An Indicator.

"But, doctor." asked the young practitioner, "why do you always order champagne for every new patient that comes to you?" "Because, my boy." replied the wise old medical man, "I can judge by what he says whether or not be can afford it. That helps when I come to make out my bill."-Philadelphia Press.

Driven From Home.

"Did you hear that the daughter of that rich man in the next block had been driven from home?"

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