#### A BOOKWORM.

By hoard is books, loved almost as myself : if bores, I put them on the upper shelf: if friends, I daily as a lover dailies With his heart's choice in the sweet gard

alleys, Where the rich vines to tangled riot run, And luscious peaches blush against thesun.

Steadfast I find them here from day to day, Drawn up like soldiers in their stanch array; I open one; behold the trace of tears Shed by some heart it touched in vanished

years; Bome are new comers, and smile cheerfully: Bome are worn old and snd by constancy: I hove them all, the beaming face or sad, Those that have made me weep, or made me

glad. All but the dull ones on the upper shelf. Them I would fain exchange for needed pelf.

Sometimes I leave them, and go caimly ont To where hearts faster beat, where children

To feel the impulse of the eager crowd, and hear traffic's babel, harsh and lond: I test them as a man might test his wife, To teach her she is not the whole of life: A schoolboy's trick it is, for soon I find Two left my better self, my heart, behind.

The hundred souls whom I go forth to meet Are strangers to me in the greedy street; The world seems nearest when my lamp is lit, And by its midnight glow I quiet sit; Volumes with welcome greeting then look

down, And night shuts out the noisy, restlees town: This is my haven, this my marriage bower, Wedded to my books and happy every hour. -Mrs. Napoleon B. Morange in Arkansaw

#### The Insect World.

Entomologists generally concede that upward of 100,000 species of insects have en recognized and classified; some authors even place the number as high as 150,000, while it is not at all improbable that this wast number may not represent more than one-tenth of the number actually inhabiting the globe. Not less than one-half of the whole number belong to the order coleopatera, or beetles, which order is by far the most numer-ously represented of all. The lepidoptera, or butterflies, have thus far yielded some 15,000 species, or about one-thirseenth of the total number (200,000), estimated by Speyer for the world at large, and an equal number may perhaps be credited to the hymenopters (bees, wasps, etc.), the hemipters (bugs) and dipters

The orthopters or straight winged inects, which include the locusts, grasshoppers, etc., are considerably less numerous. The species with netted wings (neuroptera) probably number some place between 2,000 and 3,000. Insects are, of course, most numerously developed in the tropics, but they are not rare by any means in the coldest regions which have yet been visited by man,-St. Louis Republic.

#### Peculiar Taste in Dress.

Sir Humphrey Davy, it is said, "rarely washed himself; and on the plea of saving time he used to put on his clean linen over his dirty, so that he has been known to wear at the same time five shirts and five pairs of stockings." Here is a rare example of the indifference of the man of genius to the mere husk, or series of husks, which keep that royal part of him, his mind, in working order. Yet was not Sir Humphrey a mere sloven, content at all times with the first article of clothing upon which he might lay his hand. Though he was so reckless in the matter of shirts upon common occasions. when he used to go fishing "he would wear green," to resemble vegetable life as much as possible, so that the trout might have some difficulty in distinguishing the biped from the mere roots of the field; and when shocting he wore a scarlet cap. "to shield himself from acci-dent from other guns."—All the Year

### THE ENGLISH CLUB. It Is Radically Different from the Social

Orga The English club is a place to live in. In one of these clubs a member lives for five

hundred pounds a year about as well as he could live for five thousand a year in his own house. He of course wishes to make the club his own house as far as may be. This fact explains the solitariness of these institutions. The member wishes to find in them the independence, the privacy, and in a sense the solitude of his own house. The great clubs are therefore de-signedly unsocial.

Many of the features of the club accord with this intention. This is perhaps the reason of the plain decoration and the absence of pictures from the walls. It is thought that a club should be prevented from looking like a drawing room; the notion is that rather than look like a drawing room it should look like an hotel-the suggestion being, perhaps, that the members are strangers to one another, as people who meet in an hotel are. But of course it should look like neither.

There is no treating, the feeling of the member, perhaps, being that his liberty would be interfered with by being expected to drink, or even by being asked to drink. Those pleasant weekly or monthly suppers usual in American clubs are unknown. Comfortable solitude rather than society being the object of these great London clubs, it is obvious that society is not to be sought for in them. Social enjoyment and social position are to be sought elsewhere, Men do not acquire position by belonging to clubs. The intention, of course, is that only men of a certain position shall be let into these clubs. If, as sometimes happens, a man of a different position gets in the advantage he receives is slight.

It is also true that the fact of belonging to a good club is of little advantage in general society. Membership of a good club-whatever may have been formerly the case-nowadays confers no social position. -E. S. Nadal in Scribner's.

#### A Palace Car for Hens.

A special palace poultry car is a new wrinkle in transportation business. The first one of these cars that has come to In-dianapolis was loaded at the Line freight depot, and is intended exclusively for the shipping of poultry.

Hitherto poultry has been hustled into wooden coops and placed in an ordinary stock car. The new car, in a general way, represents an ordinary freight car. Its sides, however, are fitted with wire screens of a texture just fine enough to prevent the chickens and geese, seen inside, from thrusting their necks through in that painful way they have, and mistakenly choking out their ambitions lives.

The car is neatly divided into 128 permanent coops or cages about ten inches high, with wooden floors and wire doors. Each coop has a galvanized iron water and iron rings were commonly worn by be-feed trough. An aisle runs through the trothed persons. It seems tolerably cerlength of the car, and in the center at the doors is an apartment for the attendant. Above this compartment is a water tank holding about 750 gallons, to be filled at various stations, and below the floor is a place to stow away feed. The chief claims for the car are that there is less likelihood of suffocation, and that with the improved system of feeding there is less shrinkage in weight and the advantage of holding the poultry for the market. The cars, it is said, will contain 5,040 chickens.-Indianapolis Journal.

Natural Incubator in a Farm Yard. James Rankin, who owns a small farm a few miles from Carlstadt, N. J., has a big heap of manure outside of his barn door. The heat that emanates from it is very grateful to the hens, and they per-sistently gather around its base. Recently the extreme cold tempted the birds to closer proximity than ever, and when Mrs. Rankin tried to scatter them some of them positively refused to go. Mrs. Rankin, as-tonished at what seemed to be an incipient rebellion in the poultry yard, stood and watched her hens, and she soon saw that

### SNIPES & KINERSLEY. RINGS OF THE ANCIENTS.

STYLES WORN BY THE EGYPTIANS, ROMANS AND HEBREWS.

Rings Are Regarded Differently Now Than Formerly-Worn Not So Much for Ornament as for Their Intrinsic Value. Some Famous Rings in History.

Looking at the exhibition of modern finger rings, the old timer is forcibly struck by the fact that, whereas in the good old days the decorative art and design were almost wholly expended on the gold band itself, modern jewelers confined themselves almost exclusively to combinations of valuable stones. It is a very ungrateful task to spoil a romance, but cold truth compels the admission that this is a practical age, which looks largely to the matter of convertibility in rings, watches and valuable presents

Actors and actresses on their travels are seldom seen without a diamond pin, brooch, necklace or solitaire ring, because these articles represent a condensation of money in small bulk and undepreciable form. The finest workmanship on the gold itself goes for nothing. It is simply "old gold"-sold by weight.

It was very different in "the days of old," though there were plenty of pre-cious stones available if they had been needed. The Pharaohs and their states men, the princesses of Egypt and their favored attendants, undoubtedly wore rings, for quite a number of mummies have been found with a dozen finger rings liberally distributed on the eight fingers, besides the indispensable thumb rings. For it is a singular fact that for hundreds of years after the Christian era the custom still prevailed of wearing the wedding ring and the masculine token of wealth and power on the thumb. EGYPTIAN RINGS.

The ring is so frequently alluded to in the Old Testament as to make it plain that the greatest importance attached to it, even in the pastoral age. In Gen. xii, 42, it is stated that "Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand," as a signal mark of favor. In Esth. iii, 10, mention is made of King Ahasuerus taking his ring from his hand and giving it to Haman, and the context shows that certain written documents were "sealed with the king's ring.

The old time rings, were made of all sorts of material. Pliny mentions that tain that rings of gold and silver were worn only by kings, princes and nobles, while less expensive circlets of brass, ivory, iron and porcelain or glass were worn by the average citizen. The oldest gold Egyptian finger ring

actually preserved belonged to Amunoph III, who reigned over Egypt fourteen centuries before Christ was born. Rings of the date of Osirtasen and Thothmes III, who were contemporaries of Joseph and Moses, have been found, but they are of common material and doubtful anthenticity. The scarabaeus, a beetle which formed the Egyptian token of immortality (from being a sexual) is a common emblem in Egyptian finger rings, and one of Poe's most extravagant "tales the scarabaeus ring is concerned. It seems to be tolerably certain that Egyptian women wore as many rings as they could crowd on their fingers.

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In every town of good size in Mexico there are public schools. These are well attended, though most of the rich Mexicans send their children to the schools of the City of Mexico or to foreign countries, or have private teachers for them; and to finish their education they are often sent to Europe or the United States. The great majority are left at nome, however, and the schools are well filled

In a very judicious dietetic outline for reducing obesity, from ten to twenty drops of liquor potasses are given in a ss of water three times a day, and the food is largely composed of uncooked local fruits, lemons, oranges, succulent calad vegetables, acid wines, lean meat, white blooded fish, game, and poultry, lemonade, buttermilk, and tea and toast.

Art is always its own best reward, and the poet's dearest object in life must always be to give to the world "the message that in him burns." Still, he needs friends, requires leisure, wants Thackeray once wrote to a bread.

instance they imitate the movements of animals. This is evidenced in the buffalo and bear dances of the North American Indians, the bear dance of the Kamtchatkans and the kangaroo dance of the aboriginal Australians.

Bells are mostly cast from a composi-tion of copper and tin, though other ingredients are often used. When the right proportions of these two metals are combined and reduced by intense heat to liquid form the mass is poured into a clay mold of the desired shape and size.

It is wicked to be wasteful; is it not as wicked to be penurious? Both habits entail misery on others; but as a personal matter it is more agreeable to have to do with a spendthrift than a miser, and therefore the world loves the one and hates the other.

Judge Holmes, son of the "Autocrat." is said to be the only justice on the Mas-inchusetts supreme court bench who enjoys writing out an opinion. His assoiates prefer oral utterances.

The Duke of Edinburgh has one of the largest collections of postage stamps in England. There is one private collec-tion in the kingdom that is valued at 30,000.

their interest in the manure heap was awakened by something more absorbing than its heat.

Going close to the side where they were all congregated she heard a chirping sound that plainly came from the interior of the mass. With a pitchfork she removed a little of the manure, and liberated five little chickens with pieces of egg shells still of honor. sticking to them. They were imprisoned The He in a hole about six inches below the sur-old days face, and all around them were unbroken eggs. Some winter laying hen had de-posited the eggs in the manure, and the

combustion of the decaying substance had hatched them out. Two of the chickens died as soon as they inhaled the cold external air. The other three are thriving by the kitchen fire .- New York Sun.

### When Salmon Ware Thick.

A huge salmon shipped to Senator Mitch-A fuge samon supper to senator inter-ell from Oregon some days ago by Col. James B. Montgomery, of Portland, formed the piece de resistance at a lunch in the senate restaurant. Among Senator Mitchsenate restaurant. Among Senator Mitco-ell's guests were the vice president, Speaker Reed, nearly the entire senate officials and a number of correspondents. The salmon had preserved its delicious flavor, despite its long journey overland.

Of course it was a great occasion for fish stories. Many wild and weird tales of batbread. Thackeray once wrote to a friend, "Our twopenny reputations get us at least twopence-halfpenny." One peculiarity of the principal dances of savage nations is that in nearly every instance they imitate the movements of years ago, he found the salmon so thick in the smaller streams that his horse had to the smaller streams that his horse had to carefully pick his way from shore to shore lest he step upon them, his listeners thought that nothing was left to be said. Mr. Her-mann acknowledged that his statement was hard to believe, but added that he had the evidence of his own eyes for the fact. — Cor. Chicago Post. Cor. Chicago Post.

Boys the Same as 100 Years Ago.

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The Egyptians and Romans undoubtedly preferred the left hand for ring purposes, while Casar, Livy and Tacitus all seem to insist that the Gauls and Britons wore their rings on the right hand. In any case, it seems to have been tacitly agreed that the third finger was the place

The Hebrew rings worn in those good old days were very ornate and beautiful. Quite a number of them have been preserved, and they put the art of the modern jeweler entirely to the blush. The most beautiful were the pledges of be-throthal or wedding gifts. The ceremonies in connection with these rings seem to be foreshadowed in the redemption process specified in Ruth iv, 7. The workmanship of these Hebrew bethrothal rings grew still more elaborate in the Middle Ages, when towers and minarets of gold were most exquisitely built up on the hoop. The Jewish bride of this era wore the wedding ring on the first finger, but in later days shifted it for convenience to the third.

The old style "gemmel" or "gemmon" ring (evidently associated with the French jumeau jumelle, uncommon, meaning "twin") is not at all an object in collections of antique rings.

The meaning of the indivisible links is self evident. Usually at the marriage of the parties the links were severed, each party wearing one of the rings. George IV gave a gemmel ring to Mrs. Fitz-herbert. The toadstone ring was another quaint mediaeval conception. It was an outcome of superstition and died when superstition died. The idea of the toadstone ring was to prevent mothers and small children from the evil infinences of the fairies. The smallest wedding ring over fashioned was that used at the marriage of Mary, the infant daughter of Henry VIII of England, to the Dauphin of France, son of Francis I. The marriage was performed by Cardinals Wolsey and Campeggio, the bridegroom being 8 months old and the bride 1 year and 10 months old.—Boston Globe.

#### The Why of IL

When some one bragged that only one public execution had taken place in Turkey in five years, an Englishman in-vestigated and discovered that no cutprit who could raise \$100 to bribe officials had suffered death during the last twenty years. There is always a good reason for anything that happens in Turkey .- Detroit Free Press.

New York is ahead of all the other cities if individual riches running up into seven or more figures are meant. It is said that New York has over 1,000 millionaires, while London has 600, Paris 500, Berlin 200 and Vienna 100.



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