THE MOUNTAINS.

All through the frozen land we sped. Through cuttings white and marshes drear; hrough black plantations, grim and dead And forest giants darkly sere.

The landscape fled and passed below, And gazing still, we saw no more Than one great cheerless waste of snow, An ocean with no farther shore;

Until the mountains rose around. So sternly from the icy earth, And beauty, though rejected, foun A home in her own very dearth. Gold they were, pride intensified

In every line so gaunt and grim— A mantle and a pall of pride, That lingered when all else grew dim.

The rocky heads all powdered o'er,
And in the valley far below

A forest tangle, and once more
A long and stainless slope of snow.

They seemed as mourning for the past, In hopeless mourning for an age So distant now, its records cast But mystery on earth's dim page, They seemed as frowning on the eye That arrogantly dared to read The secret thoughts they laid so by, And to such silence had decreed.

They seemed as wrapped in voiceless see Too passionless to stop to hate, That anything of mortal born Should dare one thought to penetrate.

I met them, and I left them so, Still watching from their fortress white, Their cold, vast citadel of snow, To see the first approach of night—

Longing to feel its shadows glide,
And veil their grief and hide their pain,
With eager longing, even pride,
Though measureless, could not restrain.
Lilian Winstanley in Chambers' Journal.

He Wants to Be Saved from His Friends. "Why do I keep my proposed trip to Europe so secret?" repeated a man whose circle of friends is larger than common to a person who had asked him the ques-"Well, to tell the truth, because I want to escape being made a purchasing agent for a dozen or two of people whom I know. Whenever they learn that I am about to go abroad they overwhelm me with commissions of all kinds. One man wants a photograph of a certain tower of the castle at Heidelberg; another wants a peculiar kind of a match-safe, which may be bought at a certain shop in Paris; still a third is anxious to have a few London neckties, and others want umbrellas, sticks, opera glasses, cigar holders, jewels or some-thing else.

"It's a nuisance in the first place to buy these things, especially as you are likely to be in a hurry at times. Then when you arrive back in New York you are likely to have trouble with the customs officials, because your friends always expect you to get their articles in duty free. Besides, no one ever pays you in advance, and you have to go around dunning the people. To cap the climax, you often buy things that do not the people and horseway deep with slushy suit the persons who have asked the fawor of you, and their disappointed looks offal, and smelling abominably. or words make you feel unpleasant, to my the least. Consequently, having been through these experiences several times, I now keep my intended departure as secret as possible."-New York Tribune.

Preference of Cannibals for Chinamen. The black cannibals of northern Queensland are exceedingly partial to Chinamen. The reason is said to be that a numerous Chinese population in the north of Australia, and scores of them who have ventured beyond the confines of civilization have been captured and devoured by the natives. This explains the nonchalance with which the northern

Fate of the Turkeys.

A certain parish not a thousand miles from Portland devotes one Sunday evening each month to what they term a missionary concert," it being the duty together. of some of the church to keep posted on the progress of mission work in the different countries and report the same at these meetings. A certain active worker electrified the audience by announcing off."-Lewiston Journal.

Catarrh of the ears and catarrh of the Eustachian tubes often cause deafness. Catarrh of the stomach loads the stomach with tough phlegm and interferes with digestion. Catarrh of the gall bladder obstructs the outflow of the bile, which is absorbed into the circulation, and thus gives rise to jaundice. Catarrh of the bladder is a dangerous disease, from the difficulty of getting rid of the mucus.

Weldless steel chains are being experi-mented with in England. The chains are cut from a blank after the same general methods employed in cutting out a chain from a single piece of wood. As steel is used, it is asserted that the weight can be reduced one-third from what was necessary in old chains of similar strength.

The largest yawl on the Atlantic coast is said to be the Whitecap, eighty-three feet over all, owned by Dr. J. T. Rothrock, of Philadelphia. The Whitecap is well known in Massachusetts bay, having here for the same of the same for the same ing been formerly owned by D. H. Rice, of the Hull Yacht club. She was built in Essex, and rigged first as a schooner.

Of the 11,000,000 square miles of Africa, only about 4,500,000 remain which have not been claimed by some European power, and more than half of this area lies within the desert of Sahara.

The word muslin comes from Mosul. in Asiatic Turkey, where it was at one time largely manufactured, just as at a r date cambric received its name from

The following states have no state motto: Indiana, Mississippi, New Hamp-shire, New Jersey. North Carolina. Ohio

OLD LONDON PICTURED.

COMPARED WITH THE CITY OF TODAY TWAS A SORRY SIGHT

Its Houses Were Dwarfy, Squalld Structares and Easily Pulled Down-The Climate Then Was Colder and More Unbearable-Famine and Pestilence.

Who can rebuild before the eye of the mind a single ordinary dwelling of the vanished London of the middle of the Thirteenth century? It was a dwarfish. squalid structure of such crazy unsubstantiality that, with a stout iron crook and two strong cords, provided by the ward, it migh be pulled down and dragged off speedily in case of fire; a structure of one story jutting over a low ground floor, with another jut of semblance to the back of a couple of huge stairs, and the whole a most rickety, tumbledown, top heavy, fantastical thing Chimneys were fairly in vogue then, so it had them-squat, square. wide mouthed, faced with white plaster red tiles or gray pebble work.

Red tiles covered its roof. Its walls were rough planed planks or a wooden framework filled with a composite of straw and clay, buttressed with posts and crossed this way and that with sup porting beams, the whole daubed over with whitewash, of which the weather soon made graywash. In front was a stairway -sometimes covered, sometimes not-or a stepladder set slantwise against the wall for an entrance to the upper

The doorways were narrow and low. the windows also, and the latter, darkened with overbrows of wooden shutters, propped up from beneath and sticking out like long, slender awnings. were further darkened by sashes of parchment, linen or thin shaved horn. for glass came from Flanders, and was costly and rare.

ROMANTIC BUILDING. Such, joint and seam and tile being cosened into crack and cranny and crevice everywhere, was the dwelling of the London citizen as the eye might see it in the middle of the Thirteenth century Multiply that dwelling into a tortuous and broken perspective of like buildings. some joined by party walls, some with spaces between, all pent roofed or gable peaked, heavy eaved, stub chimneyed narrow latticed, awning shuttered, stair-cased, post buttressed, beam crossed dusky red roofed, dingy white walled. and low under the overhanging vastness of the sky, and you have an ancient London street, which shall be foul and narmire, overstrewn with ashes, shards and

There were indeed at that period. thinly interspersed here and there houses of somewhat better description. solidly built of stone and timber, though at best strangely deficient in comfort and convenience, according to the fashion of that most inconvenient and uncomfortable age. Here and there, too, for those were the times of the feudal soldier and priest, rose in dreadful beauteous contrast with the squalid city the flesh of the Chinese is peculiarly the architectural grandeur of church tender and palatable, owing to rice being their staple article of diet. There is now palace of bishop or earl. But all around stretched dwellings which our poorest modern house excels, and on those dwellings all evils and discomforts that can befall had their quarry.

glimmering into their darkened rooms. Queensland surveyor recently reported Summer heats made ovens of them. The square point and plunge into cold water. e terms to the government: "The old gray family of London fogs rose If broken point will scratch glass the blacks have stolen all my provisions and from the marshes north of the city walls. quality is good. To test tenacity, a 'sampled' two of my Chinamen."—Lon- from the city's intersecting rivulets. hardened piece will be driven into cast within. Down their squat chimneys swept the smoke, choking and blinding. Rams such as even rainy England knows not now soaked them through for weeks

A TERRIBLE PICTURE.

Cold such as English winters have forgotten now pierced with griping blast and silent sifting snow to their shiverwhose study was the land of the sultan ing inmates. Foul exhalations from the filthy streets hung around them an air one evening that "his was a sorrowful of poison, or rising from the cesspools, report," adding, in all seriousness, "that the Turkeys had all had their crops cut discharged themselves in deadly maladies. Lightnings stabbed their roofs or rent their walls, hunting for those they sheltered. Conflagration, lurking in a spark, upspread in dragoonish flame and roared through them devouring.

Whirlwind swept through them howling, and tossed them down by fifties. Pestilence breathed through them in recurring seasons, and left their rooms aghast with corpses. Civic right or in-testine war stormed often near them and brought them death and sorrow. Famine arose eyery few years and walked through them on his way to England. leaving their tenants lean and pale, or lifeless. Often into them broke the midnight robber, singly or in gangs, often to them came the gatherer of taxes or of tithes, upon them hung per-petually all the bloodsuckers, every vampire which an age of ignorance and tyranny could spawn, and in them herded fiendish bigotries, crazy superstitions, brutish illiteracy, and all that darkens and depraves the soul.

For that was the mournful midnight of our mortal life centuries ago. The old, sad stars that governed our conditions still kept their forceful station above the brawl of brutal and internal dreams: and one alone, now risen from Geber's east, hung dewy bright with the world's hope and promise, while science builder of life that is holy, beautiful and gay, was but a wondrous new born child in Roger Bacon's cell, dreaming of things to come. - Atlantic Monthly.

Drawing the Line.

A native New Zealander was induced to wear a shirt, a paper collar, shoes and a hat, and he almost concluded to eat with a knife and embrace Christianity Then they asked him to wear suspenders, and he went out and hanged himself. It was pushing civilization too fast. - De-



How to Drive Flies from a Stable. Chloride of lime scattered on a board in the stable will clear it of all kinds of

How the Point of Break in an Ocean

Cable Is Discovered. If the metallic conductor is broken, the surrounding insulation remaining perfect, the electrostatic charge of the cable, or the amount of electricity which it absorbs in becoming charged, is electrically weighed by building up an artificial line until the current flows equally eaves above, its roof perchance engrailed into the cable and such artificial line. with gables, its front bearing an odd re- If the insulating covering of the wire is broken the current will flow freely from the conductor to the surrounding water. and its strength, if the power of the bat-tery be known, definitely measures the electrical resistance, and consequently the length, of the conductor. In other words, the battery power, divided by the indicated current strength, gives the line's resistance, and therefore its length.

Bow to Dye Dress Goods Red.

Boil the goods ten minutes in one ounce of cochineal, one ounce of muriate of tin and a little cream of tartar for each pound of goods, dissolved in enough water to cover them. Hang up to dry.

How to Clean Hair.

Wash well with a mixture of soft water, one pint. sal soda, one ounce, and cream of tartar, one-quarter ounce.

How Ships "Speak" Each Other at Sea. Communications are made from ship to ship by means of an international code of signal flags. A number of flags of various designs and colors are hoisted one under another, each symbol or combination having an arbitrary conventional meaning attached to it. Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing blue. red and black, or telling yellow from white, the tendency is to reduce all signs to black and white, singly or in combination, trusting to shape for different signals.

How to Make Sandpaper. Powder common window glass-that having a green tint is best-and sift through sieves of varying fineness, for coarse and fine sandpaper Cover any coarse paper with thin glue and sift the powdered glass upon it. Let it stand a day or two, when the refuse sand is shaken off and the paper is ready for use

How to Make Family Wines from Fruits Take ripe fruit, crushed, twenty-four pounds, soft water, one gallon; loaf sugar, four pounds, cream of tartar, 1; ounces, brandy one quart. Dissolve the cream of tartar in water, mix all the ingredients, and let them stand one week before drawing off.

How to Destroy Acid on Clothes. As soon as possible after exposure to the acid dampen with spirits of ammonia, which will destroy the effect of the acid immediately

How to Test Steel. Good tool steel will fall to pieces with a white heat; with bright red heat it crumbles under the hammer; with middling heat it may be drawn to a needle Light came dim and sunshine dimly point. To test hardening qualities, draw under a low heat to a gradually tapered from the Thames below, and crept in at iron by a hardened hammer; if poor it every opening to make all dark and chill will be crumbled. Soft steel of good quality gives a curved line fracture and uniform gray texture.

> How to Engrave on Eggs. Write upon the egg shell with wax or varnish, or with tallow, and then immerse the egg in some weak acid, such as vinegar or etching liquor Wherever the varnish or wax has not protected the shell the lime of the latter is decomposed and dissolved in the acid, and the writ-

> ing or drawing remains in relief How to Make Liquid Glue. Take soft water, one quart; best pale glue, two pounds; dissolve in a covered vessel over a water bath or in a vessel immersed in boiling water; cool, and and add gradually of nitric acid (specific gravity) 1.335 ounces, when cold put it

How to Preserve Insects.

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