Stories of legendary worlds have at all times possessed a fascination for most minds and formed the subject of much curious speculation. However childish such tales may seem at the present day, once wielded sufficient sway, says M. Flamarian in his "History of the Beavens," "over men's minds as to gain their belief in the veritable existence of be places described, and in this way to ace their astronomical and cosmo-

Many such legends originated when geography was in its infancy and the ter part of the world's surface still unknown. From that time, too, travelers like Sir John Mandeville excited curiosity by relating discoveries which they professed to have made in their distant journeying, and which those who received them readily accepted as facts.

In process of time these mythical accounts were gradually circulated from one country to another and became interwoven with the traditions of the people among whom they were told. Hence, in one form or another, we find in most parts of the world numerous stories of legendary worlds still current, survivals of which may be traced to the literature of modern times. Thus, going back to early days, the poets and philosophers of Greece and Rome gave detailed accounts of the land whither mortals wend their way when this life is over, enumerating its rivers, its lakes. its woods and mountains.

Accordingly, Ulysses was said to reach the place of the dead by crossing the ocean to the Cimmerian land, Æneas to have entered it by the Lake Avernus, whereas Xenophon informs us that Hercules went there by the peninsula of Arechusaide. In early times the Canary Islands were regarded as the neighborhood of the terrestrial home of the blessed dead, and many wonderful stories were told of this enchanted lo-

Thus, as Washington Irving writes: "Occasionally this enigmatical spot would be visible from their shores, stretching far away in the clear bright west, to all appearance substantial like themselves and still more beautiful. Expeditions would launch forth from the Canaries to explore this land of promise. For a long time its sun gilt peaks and shadowy promontories would remain distinctly visible, but in proportion as the voyagers approached peak and promontory would gradually fade away until nothing would remain but blue sky above and deep blue water be-

This legendary land was, as the Portuguese and Spanish declared, an island which had sometimes been lighted upon by accident, but when sought for could not be found. But a king of Portugal is said to have made a conditional surrender of it to another when it should be discovered, and when the kingdom of Portugal ceded to the Castilian crown its rights over the Canaries the treaty included the island of Brandam, described as the island which had not yet en found. - London Standard.

Queer Filling.

There are numbers of dentists in New York who ought to be sawing wood. I had a friend tell me about a week ago of a severe pain in a tooth which he had only recently had filled. He argued that it could not be the tooth, because he had only a few days before sat in the dentist's chair. The dentist was unknown to him, and had been selected because his office was next the place where my friend boards. I advised him to go to a first class dental practitioner, which he years of service when they only expect was only half an hour's ride from Meaddid. Ness day he said to me: "Do you know what was the matter with my tooth? That fellow up by my boarding house did not clean the tooth out before he filled it. He had left pieces of cotton in the cavity and had piled the gold in. on top of it. No wonder it ached."-New York Press.

England's Early Coins.

When England was being made into mince meat and blocks of real estate by the Saxons and Danes silver and brass were in use as currency, but the Normans subsequently installed the aristocratic metal and left the democratic brass to take care of itself. Gold was first coined by Henry III, and copper made into British coin in 1672. Tin was used for coinage in 1680, and the national farthing was made of this Cambrian product, with a stud of copper set in the center. In 1690 and 1691 tin half pence were issued in considerable quantities. The only pure gold coins issued in English history were those of Henry III. -

Cutting Behind.

"cutting behind" we make a charge that cannot be proved. Every boy knows that the cutting behind is done by the man who sits in front with the whip. He cuts behind at the boy who hangs on behind, but the latter is used to it, and enjoys his ride as much as he does the jealousy of his companion afoot, who hind.—Harper's Young People.

She Never Had Seen 1t.

The other day a little girl was saying er commandments. "For in six days, repeated rapidly, "the Lord m heaven and earth, the sea and allthatin-themiz." Then she stopped. "Mamma," she said, "I've seen the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, but I never saw any allthatinthemiz. Where does God keep that?" The child had really believed that there was a certain separate cre-ation called "allthauinthemiz" that she had never been able to find,—New York Evening Sun.

The Sailor's Lot.

Merchant—You made good time from the Fever Islands. How is the crew? Ship Captain-Half of them are sick, "Sick of the fever?" 'No: of the fumigations." - Good

GENCE OFFICE KEEPERS.

Trouble Is Generally with the Employ-Who Is Usually a Woman - 1ujustice to Hardworking Girls.

A small tow headed boy, with a vacant look on his face, and a thumb worn old blankbook in his dirty hands, sitting on a short stool before a littered desk, whistling in a lazy, half hearted tone; a small stove emitting a fierce heat in an indignant sort of way, as if disgusted with itself and its surroundings; nine rickety chairs, set in rows along the walls; a faded old carpet, a smoke stained ceiling and a rickety table-these are the objects of furniture in a small square room one one of the east side avenues.

The interior of the room is screened from the view of passers by a dingy blue curtain drawn over the lower half of the windows. A legend in faded yellow -once gilt-letters over the door and on the Erie. the windows announces that servants may be hired there. This is a typical

"Employment Agency. A reasonably careful observer will see many curious things in an hour in one of these agencies. It is always easy to get high priced help. There is plenty of it. But the less skilled and lower priced service is hard to obtain. That is the kind most of the agencies have to do Nine out of ten of the agents will tell you that the great trouble in securing satisfactory help is with the employ-A casual investigation goes to show that they are right.

VARIOUS OPINIONS. changed greatly in the last few years. Twenty years ago," said one of them recently, "when a young couple set up housekeeping they expected to start a permanent establishment. The women in those days were familiar with house work from their own house training. They were not ashamed to go into the kitchen occasionally and give the green help a little instruction. Then, too, we got a great deal of green help from the constant immigration which stopped

Now, all that is changed. The women either don't know enough, or are too high toned to go into their kitchens and give their cook a pointer when things don't go right. And the supply of green help from immigrants is cut off. They don't stop here any more. They go on out west, where the old way has not changed so much for the worse. It's almost impossible to get the ordinary plain help now."

·Very few people know how to engage help." said another agent. "They come here and talk to the girls for an hour at a time, and they don't know enough to pick out the one who will suit them. Four-fifths of the time they go to telling what I said to my last cook," or "what she said to me,' and the upshot of it is they make the girl think the place is too some other seat." hard and she won't go, whereas if they went at it in a businesslike way they could soon be suited."

"Yes," said a third agent, "the everlasting shifting is making a lot of trouble now. It's a rare thing for a girl to to, but she felt herself drawn irresistibly have a place more than a few months. even when she gives the best satisfaction. People go to Europe for the summer and go to Florida for the winter, and keep house in the intervals between their pleasant trips. Then they growl because from her seat, but she didn't seem to be they can't get first class help. They're able to get out the words she wanted to the people that do the kicking. They say. want servants to show references for to hire them for a few weeks or months.

TWO AGENCIES. There are two inside rooms at the place above described where girls looking for must speak to the old man or die. But work wait for possible employers. They come early in the morning and wait until the office closes at 4 o'clock in the bearded man took his valise and pre-afternoon. When an employer comes pared to leave his seat. The train bethe agent politely offers a chair and inquires into the needs of his customer. He then goes into one of the inner rooms and looks over his supply. The accomplishments and pedigree of each one in the inside rooms have been fully noted heart and, almost choking, she touched down when they applied to the agent, and he is pretty familiar with them all. He selects what one he thinks will best satisfy the visitor, and indicates with a graceful wave of the hand the one to whom the aspirant for work is to address herself. Sometimes a bargain is struck almost immediately.

There is an employment office in Sixth | call you Jass? any of the rest of them. It is run by a why—'
any of the rest of them. It is run by a why—'
"'Oh, Jass! I'm your sister Carrie! avenue that is just a little different from lish woman, who was for years the exclaimed my aunt, and her arms were housekeeper for a well known New Yorker. Her clientage is almost wholly When we charge a youngster with among the wealthy people. And the cutting behind" we make a charge that peculiar part of it is that they scarcely just what I want, and I trust you to get

it for me. Some day this woman will wake up to the fact that she has a valuable lot of autograph letters from many of the best scher that it was the boy who cut be- Baltimore and other towns. An auction returning to the coast. This had occur sale of these autographs would interest a great many people and be very profit-able to her.—New York Sun.

A Practical Joke. Tramp-You gave me a counterfeit \$7 bill a few moments ago

Practical Joker-Hel ho! Found it out, eh?

"Yes, sir; and on my information an officer is now looking for you. Gim'me \$5 in good money and I'll throw 'em off the track. Thanks. Ta, tal"-Good

She Craved Appreciation.

A little three-year-old girl was taken to church for the first time, after promising that she would sit still and not talk. For some time she was as quiet and as prim as possible, when suddenly she turned to her mother and said aloud, "Mamma, isn't I a good girl not to talk"—Boston Traveller.

### CHOOSING A SERVANT. A WOMAN'S ODD CAPRICE

OPINIONS OF SEVERAL INTELLI- UNACCOUNTABLE, YET IT MADE HER SUPREMELY HAPPY.

With Ordinary Unskilled Help the Chief A Sudden Whim Seizes Her and She Started on a Visit to New York by a Circuitons Route-She Meets a Long Lost Brother.

> "My aunt, Mrs. O. P. Smith, of St. Louis, started east to visit relatives of her husband in Dutchess county," said one of those relatives, a well known railroad man. "Her direct route was by the New York Central's system to Fishkill. and that was the way the trip had been laid out. Half an hour before starting. however, Mrs. Smith surprised her husband by saying that she intended to go by the Erie route.

That would necessitate a roundabout way by New York city or by Newburg and across the Hudson, and her husband tried to argue her out of her sudden and unreasonable determination. She stoutly insisted, however, that she must go by

I can't tell you why I have such an inclination to go that way, she said: but I have that feeling, and I do not believe I could bring myself to go any other way.

"Of course her husband gave in to her whim, and put it down to woman's ca-My aunt is a native of Richmond, Va., and during the war, being about sixteen, her only sister died, and her brother was killed in the defense of Richmond. This left her without a known relative, unless the oldest one of the family, a brother, who had gone to California in 1855, was living.

"She found a home, however, with The agents say that the business has a Richmond family, who moved west after the war, where the orphan girl, whose name was Allison, subsequently met and married my Uncle Smith. She was ten years old when her brother went to California, and he was then twenty-five. She had never heard anything from him since the war broke out. Although her father died when she was but eight, she retained a vivid remembrance of his face and manner.

A STRANGE MEETING. "At Meadville, Pa.; the next morning after leaving St. Louis, my aunt kept the other sent of her section and said:

" Excuse me, madam, but I'll just drop down here while the porter fixes up things in my section. I'm only going to the next station anyway."

"My aunt opened her mouth to reply but she didn't speak. She simply fast ened her eyes on the old man opposite. He was tall and bright eyed, with a silver gray mustache and goatee, the latter long and pointed. He wore a wide brimmed felt hat. My aunt's manner seemed to nettle him, and he exclaimed.

"If I annoy you, madam, I will go to

"My aunt managed to loosen her tongue then, and putting out her hand begged him to be seated. He sat down again, and my aunt looked out of the window, or at least she says she tried to look covertly at the gray bearded stranger. When the porter had arranged the stranger's section, and he arose and went to it, my aunt's eye followed him. She tried to speak to him as he went

The next station was Union City. It ville, and as the train drew nearer to i my aunt says she could hardly breath her heart beat so, and she felt as if she somehow she could not. At last the train whistled for Union City. The gray gan to slow up. The old man walked toward the front end of the car. He was passing my aunt's section.

THE RECOGNITION. "She pressed one hand on her thumping the stranger's arm and gasped:

'Why, yes: my name's Allison. " 'Charles Jasper Allison?'

" 'Yes,' said the stranger, looking still more surprised. " 'Didn't your sister Carrie used to

around the old man's neck and he was holding her to his breast, while both of the Cholera Morbus the S. B. Pain Cure them sobbed like a couple of children.

"The long lost brother did not get off ever visit her office. She has a whole at Union City. He was the very image deskful of letters which say, "You know of her father when he died, my aunt of her father when he died, my aunt said, and that is why she felt from the very first that he was her brother Jass The brother is still a Californian, an extensive vineyardist, and while in Chiout of revenge yells, "Cut behind!" to the known women of this city, with not a old friend of his was in or near Union for sale by all druggists. driver, and then maliciously informs the few from Philadelphia, Washington. City, and he resolved to visit bim before red about half an hour before the train he was to take left Chicago, and he was just able to catch it by an extra effort.

"Suppose my aunt hadn't suddenly taken that whim to travel by the Eries Or suppose her brother hadn't suddenly bethought him of his old friend in Union City? And how do you account for it all, anyhow?"-New York Sun.

Derivation of Two Common Words. Our common word abridge has no connection with a bridge. It is a modifi-cation of the Greek brachus, short. through the French abreger, to shorten. Nor has mildew anything to do either with mill or dew. The word is the old High German militon, rust on corn. The likeness between mili and mel (honey) suggested a connection which resulted in the translation of the second part of the word into dew, as hinting at the sub-stance known as honey dew.—Harper's Young People.

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