AFTER DEATH.

b this the couch where she lay yesternight, With awed, pale face, and fleeting, painful

breath,
And great, sweet eyes that would not shrink
from Death?
Is this the pillow, soft as down, and white,
On which her dear face lay, turned from the I downward lean, and lo! could almost

swear I feel the old, soft goldness of her hair! id Heaven! if but for one dear time, I might Kind Heaven! if but for one dear time, I have a least press trembling lips upon her cheek—
Her slim, pale throat—her whiter browher hair—
tender eves wherein the love-light

Her tender eyes wherein the love-light -but once-to hear those sweet lips

speak! I should be glad that she is free from

But ob, this first and awful night alone!

- Ella Higginson in Overland Monthly.

Coffee in the East.

How long coffee was in use among tern nations before being introduced into Europe is not known. Aljeziri Alhambali, a noted Arabic author, states that it was first made known about 870 of the Hegira, and so quickly did coffee houses and booths multiply throughout Arabia that the government several times made strenuous attempts to suppress them, fearing they would lead the people into idleness.

Notwithstanding these efforts, the "cof-

fee habit" took such a firm hold on the people that the beverage was made and drank in secret. They even went long distances into the desert and there prepared the seductive concoction without fear of molestation.

Some pious Mohammedans thought it might be included among the intoxicating beverages forbidden by the Koran, but Alhambali, in an able pamphlet entitled "The Support of Innocence," proved that it was not in the prohibitory section of that book. As a consequence the followers of the prophet once more returned to the delights of coffee.—Detroit Free Press.

One Woman's Bedtime Hours.

A lovely woman who was talking with a friend one day about the enjoyments, disappointments and heartaches of childhood, said: "The sufferings I endured when a child were more acute than any I have known in later years, and the pleasantest remembrances I have of those far away times are of the bedtime hours, when my mother sat by our beds in that low roofed chamber and taught us the songs she sung as a child, told stories, some of which were of her childhood, while others were conjured up in her own head. Some of the sweetest hymns and sacred stories I learned then, and there ever comes to me when I close my eyes a faint picture of my devoted mother sitting there in the twilight. I think the only reason that the darkness had no terrors for me was that it nearly always came while she was with us. The sound of her voice dispelled all fear; it was associated with tenderest words, sweetest lullabys, softest good nights." -Anna P. Payne in New England Home-

Art in Telling Lies.

Telling the truth is an art, but not nearly so difficult an art as telling lies. It is within reach of any man's power, if he will take time and pains, to relate the thing that is. It takes a man of imagination and strong memory to bring forth the thing that is not. Besides, the Har cannot carry his He all over the world and back to the creation; at some point or other he must piece it on to the universal truth, and to do that neatly he must be a good workman, but this is Recorder. only part of the greater question as to and virtue generally. Virtue is for all who love it; in order to become an accomplished villain a man must have natural aptitude, careful training and immense powers of application, and at any time the villian may be ruined, as a life of conscience.-All the Year Round.

Silver Dollars 675 Miles High.

The treasury counts its silver by weighing it, which is part of wisdom, in view of the fact that a man, counting at the rate of 200 dollar pieces per minute steadily for eight hours per day, Sundays included, would be kept busy for considerably over eleven years.

Piled one upon the other, the \$400,000, 000 in the treasury would attain a height of 675 miles, and placed side by side they would carpet a room 50 feet wide and nearly 24 miles long.-David A. Wells in Harper's Weekly.

The uses to which the sword has been put seem to have been almost as varied as its appearance, when we recall the anecdote told of Charlemagne, who said, as he used the pommel of his sword to put his stamp on treaties, "I sign them with this end, and with the other I will take care that they are kept."-Kate Field's Washington.

Her Hubby's Teachings. Friend-Why do you get married so

soon after the death of your husband? Widow-My dear, if there was any one thing that my poor dead and gone husband insisted upon, in season and out, it was that I should never put off till tomorrow what I could do today .-New York Weekly.

It is now suggested that many dwelling house fires caused by lamp explo-sions might be averted by keeping some of the ornamental vases in the rooms filled with sand, so that it would be always at hand and ready for use in case of need.

"He who discovers a new dish confers a greater benefit on mankind than he who discovers a new star," says, a famous writer, and the majority of persons would be willing to accept the statement without dissent.

The artificial honey is becoming a formidable rival of natural honey. Its composition is sugar, water, free acid and a small proportion of mineral salts.

Every Japanese workman is ticketed. He bears on his cap and on his back labels giving his name and business, as well as his employer's name.

From the receiver's standpoint all gifts and things that we don't want. It takes no-particular skill or grace to receive ship is worth attention. The two ordinary reasons for not wanting things are the vulgar one that they do not strike us as intrinsically desirable, and the more complex reason that we don't want to receive them from the particular giver. A general remedy applicable to reluctances due to either of these causes is to keep strenuously in the mind the happiness of the giver in giving.

Remembering that, you are delighted cause it makes you happy to have been even passively instrumental in procuring him the happiness of giving; applying the same principle, you can accept ever so costly a gift from some one for whom you care little without any irksome sense of obligation, since of course the giver sacrifice one's personal inclinations and accept, than to refuse. Remember persistently that by receiving with due grace

Wedded at Last in a Cotton Patch. About a year ago C. W. Strickland, a gencer. young farmer, living about six miles southwest of Paris, fell in love with Miss Ida Porter, a charming young lady of the same neighborhood. The lady's relatives objected, but the young folks resolved to elope. Mr. Strickland got a license, but the issuance of the license was published in the papers and before a chance came to use it the relatives of the lady saw it and sent her away to Missouri.

A few weeks ago she came back. Her relatives thought the affair was ended, but the young folks still loved each other. There were some private negotiations of which her relatives did not know. Auother license was procured, but the fact was not published in the papers. The same minister was engaged again. Miss Ida Porter, who did not usually pick cotton, suddenly became very industriously inclined, and concluded to help pick out the crop. She went into the field and began work. Pretty soon her big brother, not suspecting anything, went to the gin with a load of cotton, and about the time he was gone Mr. Strickland and the preacher came along, and right in the cotton patch the ceremony was performed that made the blushing maiden and the gallant lover man and wife.-Galvestor

The Zodiacal Light.

The curious phenomenon of the zodi acal light may now be seen in the early morning skies a little before sunrise. In this latitude it takes the form of a portion of an ellipse whose longest diameter is inclined somewhat from the perpendicular, and may be looked for in that part of the sky where the sun is about to appear. Its pearly gray light is caused by the reflection of the sun's rays from countless swarms of meteors which revolve about him at different distances. It has recently been suggested that these meteors are the medium by which the electrical connection between the sun and the earth is established; in fact, that they play the same part in the solar system that the copper wire does in the con-

Bidding Texans to a Wedding.

This morning an unusual sight was seen on Brenham's streets. It was a horseman gayly decorated with ribbons of every hue of the rainbow. These ribbons were hung in clusters and festoons the city hall a few days ago. villain, by the unexpected coming to all over the rider and horse. The horse's ears and forehead were covered with a cheerfulness, became boisterous in their of bright colors, surrounded with resettes Judge Cavin. and knots of ribbons

The rider was Fritz Wiesepappe, and questions about his startling decorations when it was red, appeared as counsel for elicited the information that he was the inviting agent to a marriage-a sort of animated wedding card. His brother, Herman Wiesepappe, and Miss Bertha Schultz are to be married next Thursday at the home of the bride, in the Post Oaks, five or six miles east of here, and he was summoning the guests.-Galves-

To Exhibit Aborigines.

Anthropologists all over the world are said to be aroused by the proposition of Professor Putnam, of Harvard, to gather at the World's fair in Chicago living representatives of every race of aborig-ines to be found on the American continent, in their own houses and costumes. Should the proposal be carried out, students of man from all over the world will flock to America for the occasion and seize eagerly this only opportunity ever offered. The cave dwellers, whose mode of life Walt McDougall treats with much historical correctness in fiction, will then be either demonstrated as actually existing or proved to have died out .- New York World.

In Jail for One Hour. The shortest term of imprisonment ever given in Massachusetts was imposed on Lemuel E. Demelen a few days ago in the United States circuit court in Boston. The prisoner, charged with interfering with a United States officer inthe discharge of his duty, was fined \$100 people had a good time and found and imprisoned for one hour in the enough red ears to satisfy them.—Philaand imprisoned for one hour in the county jail .- Exchange.

The yield of the orange crop in Florida this year was over 3,600,000 boxes, and an average box holds 150 oranges. About half of the crop will be sent by rail to the western states.

If a man abuses his wife in Butte, Mon., half a yard of crape is tacked on his door as a reminder that any trouble in the future will be followed by a call by an undertaker.

The development of the industries of The development of the industries of Steam whaling yessels are soon to try the south is shown in the fact that it the waters of the South Pacific, as recent now has 1,200,000 more spindles than it reports show that whales are again frehad eleven years ago.

An act was given at Cordray's auditomay be divided into things that we want | rium performance recently that was not printed on the programme. Stanley and Mason do a perilous act in midair on the things that we want, but as, in times of trapeze. There are two bars suspended general giving, like Christmas, the larger by ropes from the ceiling, one large and part of the gifts we get are things that one small. Stanley was on the small we don't want, that branch of receiver- trapeze near the ceiling, and Mason on the lower one. The man on top was preparing to hang by his legs, let go, drop, and, falling, catch his partner by the feet. Stanley, who had a boil on the inside of his leg, slipped and fell. His partner could not save him.

Every eye was riveted on the falling acrobat and every heart stood still. To the man himself it seemed an age. Mason, who was below, as quick as a flash measured the distance, and saw that if with a trifle from some one you love, be- his partner fell in that position nothing could save his neck from being broken. so, as Stanley descended, he gave the falling man a quick turn, somewhat broke the fall, and the performer fell to the floor with a hard sound and struck on his back.

A dozen men rushed up the aisle to had the best of it any way, and it is a pick up the man, and for a moment quite great deal kinder and more generous to an amount of excitement prevailed. He was picked up and carried behind the

He had fallen twenty-five feet, and his you secure to another person a desirable only injury was a rough shaking up and form of happiness.—Scribner's.

a bruised back. Two minutes later George Stanley appeared before the foot-lights and bowed.—Seattle Post-Intelli-

An Eclipse Dinner.

"I have been to an 'eclipse dinner," said a young woman. "There were any number of them, you know, of course with the part of Hamlet left out. At the one at which I assisted three gilt boys at each end and in the center of the table held aloft, respectively, in flower figures, the dates of the last, the present and the next eclipse, garlands of flowers passing from one to the other. At every corner lay a pretty sketch, showing earth, moon and sun in space and in the proper positions to produce the eclipse,

"The ices were served in gilt stars. The host, who is an enthusiast in astronomy, had a small telescope mounted on the roof for use had the night been clear, and, to be frank, I had crammed all the afternoon to be equal to the occasion. It was love's labor lost, however, for we did not even go up to the roof, messengers being dispatched from time to time to return with the invariable cloudy report. But it was great fun, and everybody laughed when lobster cutlets a la totalite were served."-New York Times.

His Intentions Misunderstood.

There is a certain small boy living in the vicinity of the armory who has concluded that the finding of a pocketbook is a misfortune. He picked up one the other day on the street containing about ten dollars. Being on his way to the baker's he generously paid a score of \$1.25 that was "hung up" there against the family, and then meandered down town to invest another dollar in a Buffalo Bill gun and ammunition. But when he reached home maternal persussion so quickened his conscience that he again started out in a sorrowful quest for the owner of the money, who was soon discovered. .

And it is further alleged that this owner would not abate anything from the full amount lost and that the man who sold the little fellow the gnn refused veyance of electric energy from the to take it back after all the circum-dynamo to the electric lamp.—New York stances had been explained, so that even to this day the mention of that pocketbook causes a shadow to creep over the countenance of that boy.-Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Effective Work by a Lawyer. A very amusing incident occurred at

A couple of men, while in a state of

sort of cap in which were stuck feathers wordy warfare and were taken before friend of the two belligerents, who

had also been looking upon the wine The self constituted attorney had talk-

ed but a moment, however, when Judge Cavin said, "Discharge the prisoners and lock up their attorney.' The order was complied with amid an

outburst of laughter.-Galveston News.

Mr. Klein's Private Rain.

The story of a wonderful phenomenon comes from Rossville, nineteen miles west of Topeka, on the Union Pacific. For nineteen days, it is said, rain fell insantly on the orchard belonging to H. Klein, a prominent Rossville resident. This orchard is in the town and is bounded on the east by Mr. Klein's residence, on the other three sides by lines of fences. The rain did not fall outside of Mr. Klein's premises, but for nineteen days there was no intermission in the fall, and it was only stopped by a cold snap.

—Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

There is a farmer in Massachusetts who got his corn husked this fall without cost. Last spring he sowed a quantity of red corn in his field among the yellow, and then incidentally mentioned the fact to some of the male pupils of a neighboring high school. At once they solicited the privilege of husking his corn and furnishing the refreshments besides, and he granted both. The young delphia Ledger.

The rage for blond locks has infected Italy to such an extent that even the children's heads are blossoming out in golden carls. At this rate the raven tresses of Italian song and story will soon

This country has nearly 2,000,000 acres devoted to the raising of flax and hemp. It is proposed to make a grand showing of these industries at the World's fair.

quenting that locality.

Telegraphers' stories are unique some-times, and they do not hesitate to tell them to one another. It is said that the operators in New Haven, having always lived there, seldom hear of anything beyoud the limits of the city and their operating rooms. The fact was illustrated recently when an operator in New York remarked to the man he was working with in New Haven that Parnell had

"Who?" was the inquiry.
"Parnell," was the reply.

After a short interval, during which, it is supposed, the New Haven operator was in conference with somebody, this message was sent: "If you mean P. T. Barnum, we heard that long ago, but no one knows who Parnell is."—Telegraph

New Alloys.

Two new alloys for making boring and cutting tools have been invented in England. The metal equals steel in hardness and temper, and does not lose its temper when heated by friction. The alloys consist of pig iron, ferro-manganese, chromium and tungsten in proper proportions, melted together in crucibles und charcoal and calcined borax. This compound is then remelted with bar iron and proportions of nickel, copper and alumin-ium are added. It is then cast in sand molds.-New York Times.

Losses are presaged by a dream of ridlong season. To see one pass will rid you of troublesome friends. If you are in a stage coach and it turns over without injuring you, you will be lucky in your speculations, but if you dream that you are killed by the fall you must expect misfortunes.-New York Herald.

imples.

eruptions were due to a "blood humor," for which they gave potash. Thus all the old Sarsaparillas contain potash, a most objectionable and drastic mineral, that onstead of decreasing actually creates more eruptions. You have no ticed this when taking other Sarsaparillas than Joy's. It is however now known that the stom ach, the blood creating power, is the seat of all vitiating or cleansing operations. A stomach clogged by indigestion or constipation, vitiates the blood, result pimples. A clean stomach and healthful digestion purifies it and they disappear. Thus Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla is compounded after the modern idea to regulate the bowels and stimulate the digestion. The effect is immediate and most satisfactory. A short testimonial to contrast the action of the potash Sarsaparillas and Joy's modern vegetable preparation. Mrs. C. D. Stuart, of 400 Hayes St., S. F., writes: have for years had indigertion. I tried a popular Sarssparilla but it actually cansod more pimples to break out on my face. Hearing that Joy's was a later preparation and acted differently, I tried it and the pimples immediately disappeared."

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