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HE sun blazed down on the white streets of Manila with a fury that to the perspiring sol diers was more annoying than

Spanish bullets. Sergeant Flynn had sighed gratefully as he entered the kitchen of an English resident, with whose cook. Bridget Maloney, he was on terms of ardent friendship.

Be it said in deference to the sereant's taste and Bridget's charms that damsel was not a typical cook in matters of age and weight, only in culinary skill. Bridget was hardly more than twenty-five, and her face was fair and her waist as trim as any to be seen on the dancing green at Donnybrook. But, though her eyes were blue as the softest summer skies, they could, too, dart lightnings on occasion, and soon the sergeant found those flames danc-ing disconcertingly about his devoted Will ye have the goodness to tell me

thot ag'in?" the soldier asked plain-tively after Bridget had exhausted herself by pouring forth a flood of elo-quence that was more vigorous than

"Sure an' it's mesilf 'as already spoke me moind," Bridget snapped. "An' yer father?" the sergeant haz-

"Yes, me father! Ye know 'im, I'n thinkin', an' a betther coachman niver cracked whip, though it's mesilf says

it as shouldn't.' 'Yes, sure an' I know 'im," the sergeant assented wearily, for he had no admiration for his prospective father-in-law. "But what is the matther wid

"Nothin' at all, at all," was the vigorous retort. "It's all thot fri'nd av yours, Pirate Casey be name. Faith an' thot limb ay Satan dhared to call me father a dhrunken scalywag, an' 'e thritened to knock 'is 'ead off av 'im. Sure thot's a rale nice thing to 'ave sphoken av an agid parint. If ye're a man, ye'll knock the 'ead off av Casey

fer love av me." "But, Bridget, mayourneen," the sergeant replied in much distress, "be me

owl, I can't do it." 'An' ye dhare to sit there, eatin' the cake I made wid me own 'ands, an' et me father be insulted be a man not 'alf the soize av ye! Ye're a coward, Mike Flynn!"

"Sure, I'm not a coward, but I'm not goin' to lick Casey, not for nobody." "Thin 1 repate me remarks, Mr. Flynn, ye're a coward, wid no more ophunk than a squeakin' rat, an' ye can whistle fer a wife whin ye want one, but it'll not be Bridget Maloney, I'm thinkin'. She'll have no man who 'asn't 'eart to defend an agid parint."

"Burst an agid parint!" cried the ergeant recklessly. He rose to his feet and attempted to bestow a chaste salute on the damsel's lips, an effort that resulted in his being soundly cuffed. Under this treatment his ardor

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volley of musketry, poured full on the Oceanic's deck. Out from the nodding grasses of the shore death leaped in a flame. Four of the men on deck fell henceth, that is a statement of the men on deck fell beneath that murderous fire. Major Howard tumbled in a beap. By him lay the clerk. Sergeant Flynn stood for a moment

less in the shock of surprise. In that moment the dying major stag-gered to his feet and cried as he fell

"For God's sake, sergeant, keep he going!" The sergeant seized a cowering Fil-

ipino and thrust him toward the wheel, bidding him, with a fearful curse, to hold the boat on her course. The terrified native did his duty in sheer dread of the sergeant's blazing eyes and frightful words. Then Flynn darted to the Nordenfeldt and fired a volley toward the foe in ambush, one volley only; then the gun jammed. The sergeant did not hesitate in this crisis. He took off the feed cases; he crisis. He took on the teed cases, he pulled out the empty cartridges with an ejector; he reloaded the chambers by hand. Then he elevated the muz-zle of the piece until it pointed through the awning of the launch, so high and so close was the enemy's position This done, the sergeant fired his sec

ond volley. The bullets sang their song of death all about him, but he remained un-touched. Again he loaded the Nordenfeldt and discharged it a third time.

A cry from the steersman rose above the rattle of firearms. The sergeant turned and saw the Filipino lying mo-tionless on the deck. Straightway he left the gun and pounced upon another gray faced native. He drove the trembling Filipino to the wheel, then sprang back to his post at the Nordenfeldt and discharged another volley at lele. the enemy. All this time the foe

maintained a brisk fire, but Flyns ned to bear a charmed life. As yet he had no wound.

A chance shot from the bank struck the wheel and shattered it. A groan burst from the sergeant's lips as he saw the catastrophe. This was a dis-



GOLD CANNON BALLS. the Jungle Hidden Treasure of an

East Indian Princess. Not long ago an old peasant was wandering in the jungle about half a wandering in the jungle about dait a mile from the city of Ahmadnager, in India, when he found a round ball of metal. It was black and looked like an old iron round shot, but when the old man lifted it he was struck with its immans weight. He carried it its immense weight. He carried it home and found on scratching it that it was a lump of solid gold. It weighed

eight pounds and its sale made the finder rich for life. There are many more of th

on balls, each worth a small fortune ying hid or buried in the recesses of this jungle, and their story is a curious one. At the end of the sixteenth cen tury Akbar, the greatest emperor Hindustan ever saw, was at the height of his glory. At the head of his conquering army he summoned Ahmad-nager to surrender. The city and its rich treasure were then under the rule of the Princess Cande. Knowing that esistance could be but short, and in bitter rage against the oppressor, she caused all the treasure of gold and liver to be melted down. She cast the metal into cannon balls and en graved upon each maledictions against the conqueror. These were fired into the jungle and when Akbar entered the city, instead of the rich hoard he

had hoped to win, he found a treasury absolutely empty. That this is not the only occas on which cannon balls of gold have en cast is proved by the fact that in the treasury of the shah of Persia there may be seen in the same room where stands the famous peacoch brone two small globular projectiles of gold. They were estimated by a reent visitor to weigh about thirty-or pounds each and are roughly made. Their origin or purpose is, however, totally forgotten. It is only known that they are very old.—Chicago Chron-

WILD ANIMALS.

The Bealers Get Most of Their Lion

From Nubia. Dealers in wild animals get m eir lions from Nubla. There the na-

ives search for a lioness with newborn ubs, kill the mother and bring up the oung beasts on goats' milk. When they are two months old they are taken to the coast on the backs of camels and shipped to Europe. Lions are also obtained from Abyssinia and Senegal. Formerly the Atlas mountains furnish ed the finest llons, but the species now no longer exists except a few specimens in menageries. Adult Nubias lions are worth \$1,000 apiece, while Senegal lions range in price from \$500 to \$750.

Tigers vary in price from \$375 to \$1,-500 apiece and more, according to the variety and rarity of the animal. Siberian tigers, for instance, sell at the latter figure. They are large, beautifully striped creatures. In the winter they grow a long, woolly winter coat. full grown tigers are captured in pitfalls, but most specimens of these animals are caught while small cubs and raised on milk.

The hippopotamus, the rhinoceros and the giraffe are difficult to secure. It is practically impossible to capture a full grown beast of these species, and

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MASTERS OF MUSIC.

THE GREAT COMPOSERS AND THEIR PECULIAR METHODS OF WORK.

Secentrie Habits, as a Rule. Linked With This Phase of Genius. Hayda's Dress Suit and Sapphire Ring and Beethoven's Wild Walks.

All the great musical composers had ng tellers are inclined to resent even their own peculiar ideas and manner of working. They had their peculiar traits, their moods, their eccentric hab its, such as are generally said to mark the genius. In "Musical Education" M.

Lavignac tells of their peculiarities. "Haydn was a very early riser." he writes, "and yet he never worked ex-cept in full dress, in which he was like Buffon. He began by shaving himself carefully, powdered himself and put on his finger a certain ring, a sapphire, I believe, surrounded with brilliants, which had been given him with a great Frederick under him at party then states that the amount by the great Frederick, unless it was paid him exceeded that named in the Prince Esterhazy. That done, he shut check, but the teller still maintains himself up in a quiet room and wrote for several consecutive hours, five or six, without stopping. "Mozart, the gentle and pious Mo-

zart, was sometimes less particular to politely inquire as to the nature of and composed a little everywhere and the same? The inference is that tellunder all conditions. Happily the ideas came often enough and pursued ers are possessed of so much vanity and conceit that they lose the amount him even into the restaurants of Vien-na, Prague and Munich, where he was very fond of playing billiards and smoking a pipe and composing in his

head. "Rossini composed almost constantly Von Liebig was skillful in correcti

and in all ways, rarely at the plano, most often in the evening or at night, and, like Mozart, often found inspiration in a carriage or post chaise. In the irregular joltings of these vehicles he perceived rhythm, and of these rhythms melodies were born. There I no doubt that he would have found them in the trepidation of the railroad if he had dared to try, but he had such a "read of this mode of locomotion that no one was ever able to induce him to

set foot in a car. "Gluck composed violently gesticu-lating, walking up and down and act-

ing all his characters, often in the ope air, on the lawn, in a garden.

Von Liebig had he opposed himself to such an error in the sixteenth century "Beethoven also undoubtedly found a powerful auxiliary to inspiration in when Kepler could only save his moth er from going to the stake for witch motion and walking. Whatever the season, every day after dinner, which craft by satisfying her judges that she possessed none of the signs essential to a witch. In those days Kepler did not dare to say that there were no such things as witches.-W. A. Shenwas at 1 o'clock, according to the Vien nese custom, he set out for a walk and with big strides twice made the circuit of the city of Vienna. Neither stone in Cornhill Magazine. cold nor heat nor rain nor hail was able to stop him. Then it was that his heat

of fancy attained its full ardor. He would enter a restaurant, sit down fo an instant and ask the stupefied waiter for the bill, without having ordered anything. His clumsiness was pro-digious. He usually broke everything he touched. Not a single plece of furniture in his house, and any article of a head on which are most distinct-ly marked phrenological attributes. "Imaginativa" occupies the place now value less than anything else, was safe from his attacks, and many times his ink pot fell into the plano by which he was working, which, religiously pre-served in the museum at Bonn, still retains its indelible traces. Although he had always lived in the midst of the ern "marvelousness," "estimantia" of "constructiveness," while "cogitan-tia" is given instead of "hope." The author states that the brain hath cells high Viennese aristocracy, in which drawing room dances were held in high honor, he never succeeded in dancor chambers, and each cell contains a ing in time. part of the understanding, and that

PAYING TELLERS' ERRORS. SERVAN'TS IN ECUADOR. The Traveler is Forced to His Those Officials Are Usually Ready to Many to Serve Him.

ectify Mistakes

Justus von Liebig

A bank officer, referring in a recent address to the responsibility of paying tellers, declares that the idea that such If you were living in Ecuador an wished to hire a servant you could hardly get one by himself or herself. officials were rarely willing to rectify but would be compelled to take up with mistakes had little basis in fact. He a drove of them, probably far outnum added: "How is it that there exists in bering your own family. For example, the minds of many the idea that pay- with a cook you would have to receive her husband and children, and perhap

ing tellers are inclined to resent even the suggestion that they make errors in counting money? I have never known one who made the slightest claim to infallibility. Who has not heard the ancient and oft told story of a teller who was asked by a person for whom he has cashed a check if he had not made a mistake? As the narrative usually runs the self satisfied money not made a mistake? As the instruction usually runs the self satisfied money counter behind the desk is inclined to become indignant and replies in a become indignant manner that he humanity to refuse them food and shel-

would work for so mean a master or nistress. The children of your cook may be utilized for light services, such

as running errands, weeding the gar-den and tending the baby, but the nu-merous brood is apt to be "light fingered" and certain to be lousy, dirty and probably diseased. There is no help for it, however, because "el costumbre" has decreed that for every servant you hire you must expect at least a dozen extra mouths to feed. Nor is this the worst of it. Occasion-

ally the cook's relatives from another village come to pay her a visit of a fortnight or two-lasting as long as you will tolerate it-men, women and chil-

Von Liebig was skillful in correcting popular delusions on scientific subjects. A notable example of this may be found in the overthrow of the once much discussed theory of "spontane-ous combustion," a comparatively mod-ern error, dating, it seems, only from the year 1725, but which persisted long after Lavoisier had explained the real nature of fire, which was from time to time put forward with success in the dren, bringing more dogs, pigs, chick-ens, etc., to be housed and fed. Fortunately, they are not accustomed to "downy beds of ease" or sumptuous living, but consider themselves in clover if plentifully supplied with beans, corn meal and potato soup, and will sleep contentedly on the stones the patio or the straw of the stable. The danger is that some of the stranger time put forward with success in the defense of persons on trial for murder and received its last support from Charles Dickens. His success in this hangers on may not be as honest as the cook herself is supposed to be, and cases are known where thieves and direction throws a pleasant light on even murderers thus gained admission the progress of civilization. One won-ders what would have been the fate of to the inside of the casa with disas trous results .- Philadelphia Record.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

Phrenology is usually thought to have been first expounded by Gall and Spurzheim and to be a comparatively

modern so called "science." But it can be traced back to the sixteentl century at least, for in a book pub ished at that time by "Mayster Jhe me of Bruynswicke" is a profile of

given on the charts to "ideality;" 'fantasia" takes the place of the mod

of streams and rivers.-Edinburgh Re

When the Barber Was a Wit.

A Lightning Change Artist.

gather one from an outdoor shrub and

whatever color is nearest. If one's

iress is of a brownish color so is

Her Advantage

'I seem to ache all over."

othing but the truth? Witness-I do.

reather bureau.

phis Telegraph.

"Oh, dear?" said little Harold's

other, who was somewhat rheumatic.

Well," said her sweet child, "I'm

orry, but not as sorry as I'd be for

"Why would you feel more sorry

Prejudice.

Judge-What is your occupation?

Witness-I was employed in

Judge-You are excused .- Philadel

chameleon's.

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The rapidity with which chamele change their color is marvelous.

view.

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Orere . Dr. Carl D. Ziele, pioneer druggist, 522 Pacific street, San Francisco, recovered himself and gave it to more than a dozen patients who re-covered.

Overed. Charles Engelke, editor of the German paper, an Francisco, recovered himself and told it to

Charles Engelke, editor of the German paper, Ban Francisco, recovered himself and told 11 to a number who recovered, one of them being Charles F. Wacker, the Sixth street merchant. R. M. Wood, editor Wine and Spirit Review, recovered, himself and told 11 to several who recovered, himself and told 11 to recovered, himself and told 11 to recovered, also three of his friends, viz: William Martin, Captain Hubbard of the Honolulu route and William Hawkins of the U. S. Quarter- master's Department of San Francisco. John A. Fhelps of the Hotel Repeller, San Francisco, and two of his friends, etc. etc. The kidneys are the sewers that strain the olso not or a short while, but when the interference becomes chronic (permanent), as ret explained by Hright, it is only a question of how long before death will ensue. It is then easied Brights Disease and Incurable. All kidney troubles develop into this form about the 8th to both month. The above cases were incurable by all other known means. People having kidney disease should begin af frist with the only known thing that will cure it if it has reuched the series are Kidiney Diseases, §1: for Diabetes, §1: 60. John J. Fulton Co., 400 Washington street, San Francisco, sole com- pounders. Send for pumphict. We are the sole agents for his city.

Save the Baby.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.
Most of us look best at a little distance from one another.—"Paul Ketzer."
Ti is only in higher circles that worm in the oran lose their husbands and yet remain bewitching.—"The Gray Wig.".
No man who is not an egotist of worse is ever sure of a woman's lov, till she bas told it with her own lips.—"His Daughter First."
When in doubt go to church, for there's nothing that lets a man think there's nothing that lets a man think there's hubber of there's nothing that lets a man think there's nothing that lets a man think there's nothing that lets a man think there's hubber of there's nothing that lets a man think there's nothing there's nothing that lets a man t

"Letters of a Self Made Merchant." I used to think that marriage made men old, sour and suspicious. I find I was mistaken. It is not the wife; if is the money market.—"Love and the Soul Hunters." I b'lleve in havin' a good time when you start out to have it. If you git knocked out of one plan you want to git yourself another right quick, be-fore your sperrits has a chance to fall. fore your sperrits has a chance to fall. L. C. MENDEL, M. D. -"Lovey Mary." have just tried the teethin es and in both it was a su Sirs-I hav How Climate Has Changed. In Switzerland a mean temperature cess. One was a very seri cal that it was brought to city for treatment. Fatal results we In three days the baby ceased wo commenced eating and is now well. In this case was remarkable. I vise you to put it in every drug sta-city. Yours, equal to that of north Africa at the present time is shown by its fossil flora to have prevailed during the miocene or middle tertiary epoch. An-I. M. PROCTOR, M. D. Sweetman's Teething Food will carry baby safely and comfortably through the mest dan-ing of the gums unnecessary. It inders inner lan and a blessing to shry. It inders inner or symptometers thropold apes lived in Germany and France; fig and cinnamon trees flourshed at Dantzic; in Greenland, up to 70 degrees of latitude, magnolias bloomed and vines ripened their fruit. while in Spitzbergen and even in Grinor symptoms but to commence giving it burth or fifth month. Then all the te reme or lancing. It is an auxiliary to th sgular diet and easily taken. Price 50 ce enough for six weeks), sent postpaid on elpt of price. Pacific Coast Agents. Inla brug Co., Mills Building, San Francisco. nell Land, within little more than legrees of the pole, swamp cypresse and walnuts, cedars, limes, planes and poplars grew freely, water lilles cov-ered over standing pools and irises lifted their tall heads by the margins

e retreated toward th door. With his hand on the latch he turned to say:

"Per'aps I niver told ye, but it's truth I'm tellin', thot Casey saved me olfe once in a fight. Casey can mop up the floor wid that howly parint av yours, but I'll not lay me 'and on 'im."

"Be all the saints, I never saw a man so chicken hearted; afraid to stand up to a man no 'igher than the stomic av ye! Sure, an' ver an ornament to

the army. Did ye iver see the loikes av 'im," she continued, addressing an imaginary audience while pointing the finger of contempt at Flynn-"a sojer for tin years an' niver a scratch on the tinder skin av 'im! Sure, if iver 'e's touched at all, at all, it'll be in the back av 'im." Then again she turned to the disconsolate sergeant:

"Not a word more will I sphake to ye. March out ov me kitchen, ve loafn' coward!"

That same night Sergeant Flynn himself ordered to accompany Major Howard, who was to start the next morning on the Oceanic, an armed launch, with supplies in tow for the Oeste in the Rio Chico. In its way his position was one of importance, an importance essentially increased by the small size of the expedition. In addition to Major Howard, there were only two white soldiers on the Oceanic-Sergeant Flynn, who was in command, and the engineer. There were, too, a civilian clerk, with the major, and two blacesmiths going up to report to the cavalry regiment. The crew of the launch above and below was made up of Filipinos.

The Oceanic steamed down to Arvat in Luzon, and there took in tow two huge caseos of supplies. The caseos had a guard of twenty soldiers, but this protection was rather theoretical than practical, inasmuch as the men in the boats were shut down beneath the heavy bowed mats with which the rascos were covered and were thus unable to fight except after clambering out slowly one by one from the central

Sergeant Flynn understood that this transit of supplies through the enemy's territory was not without risks Ju-deed he reckoned up the chances with-out enthusiasm. The launch was unprotected y armor. Her supply of is was limited to a single Norder feldt five barrel rapid firer. This weap on was wretchedly inefficient, for in constantly jammed.

However, nearly the whole distance was traversed without disturbance. Finally the Oceanic, with the cascos in mded the great bend at the uth of the Rio Chico, which from this point circles away toward Tarlac Here the launch was almost in safety. for hardly a quarter of a mile farther on lay the gunboat Oeste. The sergeant rejoiced, with a clear conscience, since the defective mechanism of the rapid firer was not his fault. The engineer blew a gay blast from the whis-tle as signal to the Oeste of their ap-

Here the left bank of the river no more than a hundred yards from the launch, and it rose to such a height that it seemed to overhang the boat. The sergeant peered with dread at that tangle of grass and bushes

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The bullets sang their song of death al

aster beyond remedy. Of no use nov to bring back the screaming Filipino who dived into the hold. There was no help for it-the launch must go un-guided as chance might direct. The ergeant turned grimly to his gun and fired another volley, while the air about him was hissing with the rush of missiles and the deck on which he stood had become slippery with blood. Now at last a bullet sought him out and plerced his shoulder. Yet he gave no head to it, for he was not disabled by the wound. He was determined to stay at his post and work the gun until

he fell beneath the enemy's fire But by a miracle the unguided boat held steadfastly on its way toward safety. And now, while the sergeant, incredulous of escape, loaded and fired and awaited death, a re-enforcement arrived.

The engineer, having at last cowed his native assistants into attention their duties, rushed on deck with a magazine rifle and, standing undaunt-News.

edly exposed in the stern, fired toward any point where a flash of light in the thicket of grass betrayed the lurking place of a foe. The sergeant gave a cheer in houor of his brave ally and discharged a last volley. Then a bullet

ouched his temple, and he fell. A moment later the launch sw round the bend of the river, and there before her lay the Oeste. Promptly then the machine guns of the Oeste, free now to open fire since there was no longer danger of hitting the launch, ooured their fury against the insur ts. Even the soldiers in the cascos, mbering one by one from beneath the mats, were able at last to send a few shots in the direction of the en-

"There's a young lady come to visit rou, Flynn, my boy," said the surgeon n the hospital at Manila two days after the engagement of the launch.

"Sure, it's niver- Has she blue eyes "Oh, it's the same girl!" quoth the surgeon dippantly. "And here she

Sergeant Flynn turned to see Bridget hurrying toward him. She fell on her

inces by the sergeant's cot and kissed his hand. "Oh, Mike, forgive me, me darlin'

An' 'twas mesilf thot called ye a coward, an' ye the bravest man in all the world! Och, I'll marry ye this blissid minit if ye say the word! An' father himsilf 'as licked thot Casey, bad cess to 'im!'

With Bridget's lips on his, that I trepid warrior, Sergeant Flynn, was at peace with all the world.

Clara-What came between you? Chloe-Oh, he showed so much impe-tience with Fido.-Detroit Free Press.

baby hippopotamus will drink thirty pints of milk a day and a baby rhiceros almost as much. Thus it reuires the presence of a large herd of oats in the wilderness to supply milk or such creatures. A hippopotamus worth from \$2,500 to \$3,000, a rhinoc eros slightly more, while giraffes sell at \$2,500 or more, according to size, age and condition.

Jamaica Crocodiles.

There are a good many crocodiles i the more distant reserves of Kingsto harbor and at the mouths of the Ja maics rivers, but they are exceedingly wary, and a most cautious approach is necessary if one wishes to get clos nough for an effective shot. Just as the lion has his jackal and the shark his pilot fish so the crocodil is almost always accompanied by small plover, which perches upon th scaly ridge of its back and is just vis ble above the flithy water in which it big patron loves to wallow. On the approach of man or any

danger this tiny bird flutters into th air and utters a shrill cry to warn it The crocodile dives, and you may s n your canoe and nurse your rifle fo an hour without a chance of a shot.

The Jamaican crocodile is shyer o man than most of its kind.-Chicago

The Dinner Hour. The hour for dinner has undergon several changes. About 1400 it wa 10 a. m. Henry VIII. dined at this time and supped at 4. In the six teenth century dinner was at 11, break fast at 7 and supper at 5 or 6. In the following century meals were an hou

Disraeli tells us that in the reig of Francis I. of France folks rose at l dined at 9, supped at 5 and went to bed at 9, which, according to a popu-iar saying, made them live to the age of ninety-nine. Louis XII., it is said astened his death by altering hi hours to please his young wife. In stead of dining at 8 s. m and going

to bed at 6 p. m., he took to dining a boon and often sat up till midnight The Ladder Dwarf.

"Among the strange and weird de by miners to haunt the workings un derground not the least horrible is the 'Ladder Dwarf,' " said a fermer pros

ector. "I never saw the creature my self, but he is described as hunch backed, with a short body, large head

and enormously long and powerful arms. In fact, he resembles an ex-aggerated gorilla. His favorite trick is climbing the ladders by means of which the miners leave the mines. raising himself with his long arms and as he passes the rungs kicking them out one by one. He is supposed to always do this just before an acci dent of some kind in the mine."

Men do not change much. after al Three hundred years ago a wise a wrote this: "A man knows little who tells his wife all be knows."-Atchi-

on Globe.

numming or singing, often in the Champs Elysees, and often passed his best friends by without recognizing Chronicle

"Gounod composed especially at th table, or at least in his head. When he wrote, everything was absolutely clear in his brain. His manuscripts prove

"Wagner liked to write standing up before a large table desk like the cash desks in the shops. His scores were written without erasures, in a supercalligraphic hand, admirable for its clearness and firmness and worthy of a professional copyist. "Berlioz, who played no instruments

but the guitar, flute and flageolet, necessarily worked at the table. "Franck, who was the head of school, scarcely composed at all til after 9 o'clock in the evening.

"Meyerbeer wrote in a regular man-ner in the evening, and his servant had orders to drag him away from the plano at the stroke of midnight. Schu-

mann would not admit that any one could write otherwise than at a table Mendelssohn made much use of the plano and preferred to work in the morning. Auber generally worked at night and very late, till 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, in order to avoid out

"Halevy had a table plano that had een made for him by Pleyel. From time to time he would draw out his keymadam. board, strike a few chords on it, and then push it back like a simple drawer

and continue to write. "Boleidieu also wrote at the plane Felicien David, not being much of a planist, sometimes sought the aid of his violin. Adolphe Adam almost always worked at his grand pieno, the right hand side of whose keyboard was stained with innumerable splashe of ink. He played eight, ten or twelve bars, and then wrote them down. Bize worked especially in the evening and still more at night; he often made use of a plano bureau by Pleyel, like Gounod and Halevy."

His Guers "Where were they married?" "I ain't jest sure," answered the

small boy, "'cause they left me home, but I guess it was in the steeple." "In the steeple?" "Well, I heard 'em say it was a high church wedding."--Chicago Post.

There are two kinds of unhappy peo ple in the world-those who are sad because they are not known and those who are miserable because they are known too well.

The Rattle as a Decoy. The Ratile as a Decoy. That the rattlesnake uses his tail to decoy birds has been observed a num-ber of times by a correspondent of the Scientific American, who says: "The suake hides himself in the tail grass and imitates the buzzing of a bee. The insectivorous birds, such as the phoebe and kingbird, are attracted by

sound and become an easy prey for his snakeship. I have seen rattlesnakes concealed in the dense foliage of trees twenty feet from the ground practicing the same deception on the birds and the same deception on the getting the bird every time."

parts may be exp the figure of the head. Phreno can at least disclaim against their beliefs being newfangled. - Londo

Hat Etigaette.

Tipping the hat is a rare thing amo men when there are no women around A few fine old fellows cherish the habi of tipping to each other and to stran-gers when introduced, but ordinarily the hand never touches the brim. In usiness offices there is no sort of etiquette. Men in the sweep and rush o ness have no time to give though to hats. But certain decencies she prevail. On entering a private office look at the head of the occupant. If he has his hat on, keep yours on; if his hat is off, remove yours. The removal of your hat is a compliment and a courtesy and does not indicate that you are inferior or subservient.-New York

Her Age. "Madam," replied the judge sternly

full of him. In Italy and Spain he was 'you must answer the question. What often the brightest man in town, and s your age?" "I was born the same year y honor was. That would make his shop was headquarters for with and intrigue. Jasamin became famous as a poet in southern France and re cited his verses with razor, scissors

"It isn't necessary to go into partic ulars," interposed the judge stiffy. "Gentlemen, have you any further use brush and comical gestures as he dres d the hair and beard of fine ladies and for the witness? You may stand aside gentlemen in his shop. He had a great run, made money, hived fame, and Smiles made a book about him.

A Typegraphical Error. "I've come," said the visitor, "to see why you called me a political jobber in

your paper today." "I regret that error of the type quite as much as you," replied the ed

"Ah! Then you didn't mean me that?" "No, sir. I wrote 'robber' very dis

tinctly."-Philadelphia Press.

Rejoluing with Ker. Minnie-Well, I'm glad Kit Spurlo is going to be married at last. Lutie-The tone of your voice do indicate it. Minute-But I am. When the list o

marriage licenses is published every body will find out she's thirty-sever years old.-Chicago Tribune.

Absent Minded. "Butterfly is awfully absent mind

father if he felt that way." your father. love?' "What is his latest?" "'Cause they'd be such a lot more of him to ache."-Chicago Record-Herald. "He was driving a nail and has mered his thumb. He howled and put

the nail in his mouth and tried to fling his thumb on the floor."-Cleve and Plain Dealer. Indge-Do you solemnly swear of the truth, the whole truth a

pert at It. Townley-This paper says that one of those idiotic colleges is going to make Senator Boodler a "doctor of laws."

Brownley-Well, that's appropriate enough. He doctors the laws every time he gets a chance.-Exchange.

A Pallure. "See here, young man!" said the min-ister. "You never paid me that fee for

marrying you. "You're mighty lucky I haven't sued a poet an' had ter steal ter keep

starvin'.-Judes you for damages "-London Tit-Bits.

Ancient Beds.

In ancient times the beds we read about were simply rugs, skins or thin mattresses which could be rolled up In original literature the barber is great figure, and Arabian tales are and carried away in the morning. At night they were spread on the floor, which in the better class of houses was of tile or plaster, and as the shoes were not worn in the house and the feet were washed before entering a room the floors were cleaner than ours. After a time a sort of bench, three feet wide, was built around two or three sides of the room about a foot above the floor and, covered with a soft cushion, was used during the day to sit or lounge on and as a sleeping place at night. The bench was times made like a settee, movable and of carved wood or ivory .- London Standard

No Sense of Proportion.

it immediately becomes dark, almost black, hissing and with its mouth wide open, threatening to bite. Meanwhile The young man who had spent his efforts for several years without re it is never still, but continues to crawl sult in studying art was talking with upward whenever possible-up you, up his practical uncle, who had patiently your sleeve, always upward. By depaid the bills. rees the engry black changes into

"Of course," said the young artist "I know I haven't made much of a go of it, but I don't think you ought to advise me to try something else. You know it's best to put his your eggs in one basket and watch that basket.' "Um! That may be, Charlie; but did you ever think how foolish it is to put so many baskets around one bantam egg?'-Youth's Companion.

The Great Porcelata Tower. In 1430 A. D., after nineteen years of ceaseless labor and an expenditure of about £800,000, the Chinese government finished the wonderful porcelain tower at Nankin, which stood for nearly four and a quarter centuries, until 1856, the most marvelous building ever erected by human hands. It was of truth and octagonal form, 260 feet in height, with nine stories, each having a cornice and a gallery without.

Cholly's Repartee.

"Cholly is so clevah at wepartee!" exclaimed Clarence.

"Isn't he?" said Reginald. "What's his latest?"

rhllanthropist-You say bad litera-ture brought you here? What more you read it? "A gweat, howwid bwute said to him, 'You are the biggest fool in this state.' And Cholly answered wight off. Convict-I didn't-I wrote it. I wur "I don't agwee with you!" "-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.