

BANDON RECORDER.

RUSSIAN WEDDINGS.

The Part the Bride's Brother Plays in the Ceremony.

In no country in the world, says the author of "Wooings and Weddings in Many Climes," is the tie between brother and sister closer than it is in Russia.

In many districts when the groom comes to claim his bride her brother places himself beside her and with a stout staff or a drawn sword prevents the groom's approach.

On the wedding day the groom comes to her parents' home and claims his bride. Then there is a touching little bit of ceremony, one of those pretty human comedies which are called "empty shows and forms," but are written in warm, tender emotions.

The maiden kneels before her parents and asks them to pardon her for any and every offense toward them of which she may ever have been guilty.

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POLLY LARKIN

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HONEYBEE QUEENS.

THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE FED BY THE WORKERS.

There are numerous safeguards in the hive to provide against the administration of poison.

The safeguards provided against the administration of poison to the despotical rulers are rudimentary compared with those which stand between the queen and the bees.

Curiously enough, this is a phase of the internal economy of the beehive which appears to have escaped observation.

In the British isles no poisonous honey is collected. It exists there in abundance, notably in the honey from at least one dangerous plant, the deadly nightshade.

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BRIEF REVIEW.

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NEW SHORT STORIES.

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ON THE PARIS CHANGE.

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For Several Years Eager Fortune Seekers Worked Over It.

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A MONKEY'S JOKE.

It Gave Him a Good Dinner, While It Startled the Cook.

I remember in a description of India or Ceylon some forty years ago a story of an Englishman who had a monkey. Looking out of his window one day, he saw his cook getting a fowl ready for boiling.

When the cook came back and saw the fowl left preparing for his master's luncheon turned black he was, as may be supposed, struck black with terror at this manifest intervention of the evil one.—London Spectator.

Shorthand Pioneer.

That the ancients were thoroughly conversant with shorthand is an undisputed fact. It subsequently became a lost art until revived or rediscovered toward the end of the sixteenth century.

At this time there lived William Lawrose, who died in 1622 and was buried in the cloister of Westminster abbey. There the visitor may read his epitaph, which includes the following lines:

Tennyson and Browning.

As the world knows, Robert Browning and Tennyson were always the best of friends, and there was never a shade of rivalry on either side.

A Merryman's Preference.

"She despised him because his parents were poor, but honest."

Which Was Far Worse.

Williamson—Does your wife always have the last word? Henderson—Well, if she doesn't, old fellow, she looks it.—Smart Set.

How the Japs Record Time.

The Japanese divide the twenty-four hours into twelve periods, of which six belong to the night and six to the day, their day beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset.

War News at Nantucket.

Nowhere in this country will war news be watched for more eagerly than down on the island of Nantucket, according to the Buffalo Commercial.

Canadian Millionaires.

Lord Strathcona, the Canadian high commissioner in London, has, according to Mr. James Lumsden in his work "Westward," a fortune estimated at no less than \$125,000,000.

Millions in Cultivation of Roses.

In the growing of cut flowers the greatest advances have been made with roses, carnations and violets.

His Start.

"Your son is going in for literature, I understand."

The Happy Future.

Mrs. Waggles—Everything which have here in the house is so old it is shabby. Waggles—Have a little patience, my dear. When they get a little older they will be antique.—Judge.