FACTS IN FEW LINES | CE

Cannons were first used in 1346. A man's heart beats 92,160 times a

It is said that no real Mormon ever plays poker. Greater New York consumes 1,388,-000 quarts of milk a day, and the peo-

ple never see a cow. It costs on an average \$200 to put out a fire in London and \$700 to extinguish one in New York.

Classes for the study of German and Yiddish have been organized by Lon-

don's commissioner of police, Skeletons are now being sold in Russia for \$1.15. Before the outbreak of the war in the east they were worth at least \$7.

Sugar refining in Russia gives employment to more than twice as many people as the grinding of grain-110,000 against 48,000,

Of the 720,000,000 acres of land mak ing up the total area of Argentina 24, the hotel vestibule. 000,000 are arable. The principal crops are corn, wheat and flax,

Reports just issued show that the Irish flax crop last year yielded 33.7 stones per acre, which was well above the decennial average of 29.9 stones of fourteen pounds to the stone.

Dr. William Henry, an English physician, states as the result of experiments that in all forms of animal life, the head waiter, insects included, exists the taste for alconol. He says that fishes are the only "real teetotalers" in creation.

A recently discovered manuscript written by a schoolmate indicates that Napoleon I, knew so little of the French language when he was sent to the military school at Brienne that a private teacher was engaged for him.

Fifty numbers of a newspaper 300 years old have been found in the state archives at Stettin, Pomerania, con taining quaint descriptions of the plague, shipping disasters, etc., the news of January being given only in

Perhaps the finest mausoleum in existence is that in Agra, India, which was built by the Emperor Shah Jehan for himself. It was twenty-two years in course of erection, and on it 20,000 men were constantly employed during that period.

A man arrested in Dinapore, Bengal, died before his case could be heard, but the local magistrate nevertheless tried the left." And the graceful figure and convicted and fined the dead man turned to the outer door, and then ordered the heirs, his nephews, to pay the fine. The high court has reversed the judgment.

Argentina reaches into the equatorial hot belt on the north and through the temperate zone on the south, having thus wide ranges of temperature. Two thirds of its people nearly are native. Italians to the number of almost half a million lead the foreigners.

Wuchang, China, who had an appointhad waited for him six hours.

Professor Tuxen, Danish court painter, sold a copy of the painting of King Edward's coronation to the ezar for 12,000 rubles. Upon the presentation the bankers said the ezar's checks were never paid in full. His Russian majes ty afterward made up the difference.

The watchman who is maintained by the rallroad at the base of Mount Washington during the winter slipped ly and rolled about 300 feet before he was stopped by a rock. He broke no bones, but was badly shaken by the

It is very seldom that a steamship of 1,000 tons disappears, leaving not a trace, in a voyage that should have taken only five days. But that is the case of the Idum, which sailed from Drammen, Norway, on Nov. 15 for Preston, England, with a load of wood pulp.

At the Paris Opera Comique recently the refrain of a song, "Au jeu, au jeu." "To the Game!") was mistaken by a spectator for "Au feu, au feu," ("A firel"), and by repeating the words at the top of his voice he created a temporary panic among the audience, says the Paris Eclair.

Scotland is becoming alarmed at the increase in the number of "Burns relics." Chairs enough are now known to have furnished a dozen Burns cortages. Even the well known habits of the poet cups and mugs that are scattered guest. around the world,

Cuba telephone systems are in operation, and permits are granted from tions, stations of the rural guard, near- to whom I spoke?" est city hall or adjoining plantations.

A lot of land was sold at North Adams, Mass., at auction the other day bewilderment. "Oh, I know. They for \$2,200. The bids started low, and are doing penance." all but two bidders dropped out when That is the meaning, madam, though \$2.000 had been offered. When \$2,109.50 not the term they use." had been bld the opponent raised it 49 cents, which was immediately raised a lous tone in the low voice. cent, and the bidder got the property.

ST. KILDA ISLAND.

The Natives Have Colds Only When

Visited by Foreigners. There are many places where it is impossible to catch cold because there is no cold to eatch. There is St. Kilda, that lonely rocky island which was visited by Dr. Johnson when he and Boswell were making their famous teur of the Hebrides. There are about a hundred inhabitants on the Island. The coasts are so precipitous that for 4 eight months in the year it is practically inaccessible. Several vessels from the mainland call there during the summer. And, strange to say, whenever a ship reaches the island from the mainland every inhabitant, even to the infants, is seized with a more than 200 years and was of great dined with ladies, Interest to Dr. Johnson, who was skeptical concerning it.

long puzzled men, who never dreamed sympathetically, that it was an infectious disease and that without the possibility of infec- Miss Waring was graciously courteous, tion it is impossible to catch it, no mat- as became a hostess, but even a dull ter what the exposure may be. That is man in Lester's place would not have to say, it is due to a micro organism, presumed upon the situation. and without the presence of this micro "I thank you for your escort, Mr. organism the disease cannot be con- Lester," said the girl dismissingly as tracted.-New York Herald.

Miss Waring's OTHO SENGA Escort

Cappright, 1904, by Otho B. Senga

Six shabbily dressed men lounged in front of the fashionable hotel. Five, evidently comrades, conferred together in low tones; then one approached the sixth man, saying guardedly, "Are you one of us?"

The man smiled half satirically. "Naw; I'm de real ting, see?" His questioner turned away in dis

The man laughed softly, the low, enjoyable laugh of one who appreciates.

denced wealth and refinement entered One of the five groaned softly.

"Who is she, Dyke?" eagerly ques tioned another.

Worth half a million and eccentric, clothes are very becoming." Visiting Cousin Dorothy, And me in this beastly tramp's rig!"

the great dining room was arrested by put it on." "This way, madam," courteously, "I

room." Miss Waring glanced about her.

"It is not necessary," calmly. "I will remain here." "Pardon me, madam, but ladies with out escorts are served in the room at

the right. I will conduct madam"-Miss Waring's calm glance survey ed the small crowded room at the right and then returned to the great, cool drives me on again-the devil of my room in which she stood, with palms conscience. I suppose it will yet drive cinnati Commercial Tribune. and ferns in profusion. She noted the me back to"-his face grew grave many vacant tables and the number of and his voice harsh, but he kept stoicalladies present.

"I do not wish to go in there. I preing the statement tranquilly with the ranch." air of one accustomed to have deference accorded her slightest wish. "The rule is imperative, madam,"

with courteous firmness, "Ladies without escort"-"Reserve that table by the window his eyes filled with sudden joy. with the ferns beside it, the third on

There was no hesitancy in Miss War-

ing's voice or manner as she addressed | names"the group of shabby men. "Will one of you gentlemen do me

a favor?" clearly and unsmilingly. Six shabby head coverings were off cheek.' in an instant, and six more or less manly forms bent low before her. "Thank you all," gravely, "I want

Far eastern punctuality was illus guest, that I may be accorded the privi- have often heard him speak of the trip trated the other day by the viceroy of lege"-the searlet lips curled a trifle- abroad that you two made together ment to review 5,000 school children at chosen to have it. I will ask you, name seemed so familiar. Will you go 8 a. m. and appeared smiling on the re | please," turning abruptly to the one back to Colorado?" view ground at 2 p. m. The children who had designated himself as "de real He took her outstretched hand in ting."

"Oh, but" - began one of the unchosen eagerly.

Miss Waring's face and gesture forbade further words. "I thank you all for your courtesy.

If this gentleman accepts". "It is a privilege, madam," bowing "The real ting,' is he?" cried Dyke

vengefully when they were out of hearwhile descending the mountain recent. | ing. "Did you observe his speech and that bow? He's one of the fellows set to watch us!" "Nonsense, Dyke! There isn't a man

in the class as old as he. He's seen actual tramping, I'll stake a thousand on it. Why didn't you tell Miss Waring who you are?"

"Aren't we under oath not to disdose our Pientity?" demanded Dyke hotly. "Besides, look at me!"

"I or ered a table reserved," said Miss Waring to "de real ting." "I see it third on the left."

He led the way with easy grace, a light of amusement gleaming in his dark eyes at the evident consternation of the waiter, who hesitated slightly before seating the serene young lady and her strange escort.

Miss Waring ordered the dinner with precision and discrimination. "I hope," she remarked pleasantly when the waiter had gone-"I hope you

approve my order." There was not the slightest embarrassment in her manner or condescenwill not account for the array of Burns | slon in her speech-the man was her

"The order is perfect, madam, and, In the larger towns and cities of permit me to say, admirably given."

Miss Waring smiled. "Are all of Boston's"-she paused time to time for the construction of for an instant in search of a word that private telephone lines connecting might not embarrass her guest-"subplantations, etc., with railroad sta- merged, such Chesterfields as the six

> "The others are Harvard students." "Harvard students!" In momentary

"Are you?" lightly, yet with an anx

"I am a genuine hobo," She passed her cardcase to him. "You should know who is your hostess," graciously, "and I will ask the

name of my guest." He took out two cards, writing on the back of one and returning it to her with the case. She glanced at the writing:

JOHN LESTER, HOBO.

NO ADDRESS. BORN IN BOSTON.

"Thank you, Mr. Lester. I hope you are as genuinely hungry as-as your profession would, indicate."

"I am, Miss Waring. I can do full justice to the dinner you have ordered. You might remind me if-if I forget cold. This fact has been known for anything. It's a long time since I have

The tone was serious, but there was a dancing light in the fine eyes that The question of this St. Kilda cold Miss Waring caught, and she smiled

There was but little conversation.

there recently ent

"I am your debtor, Miss Waring," earnestly. "If I were not a hobo ! would ask when and where I might pay my dinner call."

A sudden impulse prompted her re-"Tomorrow evening. My present ad-

dress is on the card you have." In all her twenty-five years Kate Waring had never before been so curi ous or so anticipative. She smiled approval at the card he sent up, a slip of paper with "John Lester" boldly writ- ner, as it was the cook's day off."

She was still smiling when she entered the drawing room, but the smile vanished as she noted the fashionable clothes he wore.

He was quick to see the change. "You are sorry I came? It was taking an advantage"-

"Pardon me, I am somewhat disappointed. It was a pleasure to find something genuine. I do not like imi-A tall young woman whose attire evi- tations, not even an imitation hobo." "It is now that I am the imitation, Miss Waring. The clothes are hired for the occasion."

She held out her hand cordially. "Consider yourself welcomed, Mr. Les-"Miss Kate Waring of Denver, ter, and allow me to say that the He flushed boyishly.

"It's five years since I've worn Miss Waring's stately entrance into rig like this. I hardly knew how to

Miss Waring led the conversation to topics of interest to a man of eduwill conduct you to the ladies' dining cation and refinement-books, music. the drama-finding her companion conversant with the best.

"Will you tell me something of yourself"-she asked presently-"why you are a-a wanderer and how you live? er. Even a traveler must eat, I suppose." He hesitated but an instant.

"I have tramped for five years. work awhile in a place till the devil ly on-"to Denver, where I am wanted for the murder of Manuel Laredo, a fer to have dinner served here," mak- Mexican, whom I killed on Starbright She rose excitedly.

"I bought Starbright ranch last year, Manuel Laredo is among the workmen there!"

He sprang to his feet, his face aglow, "He did not die, and I am not"-

Then his face paled again. "I forgot," hoarsely, "there may be a dozen Manuel Laredos; those Mexican "It is the same man," she interrupted

positively. "I have heard the story and seen the scar of the bullet on his She talked on, waiting for him to regain control of himself. "We should be friends, Mr. Lester.

one of you to act as my escort and my Royal Thornton is my stepbrother. "of having my dinner where I have years ago. I know now why your

both his own. "As your escort, Miss Waring?" She smiled assent, flushing beauti-

A NOTABLE DWARF.

The Witty Debut of Borulwaski, the Famous Little Pole.

A very notable dwarf was Borniwaski, the Pole, of whose debut the following story is told: As a boy of fifteen, when he was just one inch higher than a two foot rule, he was presented to the things as miracles there are none now. Empress Maria Theresa, who was so charmed by his grace and good looks that she seated him on her lap and gave him a hearty kiss. "And what do and is still on the water wagon.-Chiyou consider the most interesting sight | cago Record-Herald. in Vienna?" she asked the boy. "What I now behold," he answered. "And what is that?" "Why," said the tiny courtier, "to see so little a man on the lap of so great a lady." Naturally a tie. youth who exhibited such a ready and courtly wit had a distinguished career before him. From that day Borulwaski became the pet of the courts of | troit Free Press. Europe. He was a special favorite of Stanislaus II., who took him to England and introduced him to George III, and his family, and for more than half a century he made his home in England.

Borulwaski, who at his tallest was a yard and three inches high, had a sister whose head was just level with her big brother's shoulders. He was not only a handsome and courtly man, but a scholar of repute. He lived in five reigns and was laid to rest in Durham in 1837 side by side with the Falstaff ian Stephen Kemble.

HEART DISEASE.

Don't Let the Idea That You Have It Scare You Into Sickness.

Comparatively few people know that It is rare to find a perfect heartbeat. What is termed "palpitation" is an irregularity in the beat. It is most commonly caused by some disturbance of the digestion; by undue indulgence in tea, coffee, tobacco or alcohol; by worry or by excitement. Many persons, detecting such an irregularity, think they have some serious disease of the heart that may end their life at any moment. This is a very grave mistake in a double sense-first, as to the fact itself, and, second, as to the influence on the health of such a morbid

Again, there is a notion that heart disease is a destructive process; that the flesh is affected in much the same manner as when the skin is ulcerated or the lungs are consumptive. That is very seldom true. The most serious disorders of the heart are quite different in their nature.

When a man or woman is under the impression that he or she has heart disease there is one obvious duty-to visit a reliable doctor, have the heart examined and either have one's fears set at rest or be given such advice as will serve to remedy the condition.-Home Notes.

Not Negotiable. "Do you ever look back, Blobbs, on the days of your boyhood, the dear faces in the home, the moon shining on the river, the hills, the valleys,

"No," interrupted Blobbs brusquely, "it doesn't pay!" "Doesn't pay what?"

"Dividends." - Chicago Record-Her-

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Her Future Assured.

She was one of five beautiful sisters. and the young man didn't seem to be able to center his affections on any particular one of them. "Yes," she said shyly, "I have been

working in the kitchen all day. Mamma thinks it is wonderful the way I have learned to cook. I baked bread and ples today and besides that got the din-"That is fine," said the young man.

'Miss Imogene," he continued, while she tried not to look expectant, "there is a question I want to ask of you, and on your reply will depend much of my future happiness." "And what is it?" she asked, edging

trifle nearer to him. "If I should marry one of your sisters will you make your home with

us?"-Judge. As Ordered.

An author who was his own publishertadvertised one of his works as fol-"Send 5 shillings for my new book,

vith autograph." Shortly afterward he received this order from a country reader: "I inclose 5 shillings. If the autograph is one of those talking machines, send it on by train. I don't want the book."-Birmingham (England) Post.

The Elephantine Blewett. Blewett-What a wonderful thing an elephant's trunk is! It can pick up a pin or it can uproot a tree. It has both delicacy of touch and brute pow-

Toppler - Somehow reminds me of yon, Blewett. The delicacy of your "touch" is only equaled by the power with which you butt into this cozy corner when you are not wanted .-- Cin-

One She Buried. Dumley-I met a fellow today who was simply nutty about a buried treasure Couldn't talk of anything else. Peckham-That reminds me of my

Dumley-Oh, does she talk about one? Peckham-Yes. Her first husband I'm her second, you know.-Philadelphia Press.

A tiame of Leapfrog.



As to Miracles.

Mrs. Walsingham-I can't under stand why if there ever were such Mrs. Wappington-My dear, there are miracles now. My husband has attended two stag parties within ten days

Not Secure.

Clerk-This, sir, is the very latest in neckwear. It is called the matrimonial Customer-No, thanks. I've had two

Settlement Work. Grayce-Mr. Bliggins tells me that he s interested in settlement work. thought it quite noble of him. Glayds-Well, not so noble as you might think. His particular branch of

Economy.

settlement work is bill collecting.-

Pittsburg Post.

"You say you are economizing?" "Yes." "But you bought a twenty-five cent tears. -Life.

"That's true. But I was tempted to buy a fifty cent one. I have saved a quarter."-Washington Star.

Taken Literally. Eager Mother-Has he expressed any admiration for you?

The Daughter-No, but he said he'd The Mother-Well, that's encouraging.-Yonkers Herald.

Sure Cure. "Doctor, I have terrible nightmares."

"Well?" "Well, what can I do to cure them?" "You might try sleeping days." Houston Post,

Duell-What for?

Discouraged.

The Rest Was Easy. Sympathizing Friend-Tommy, did the tooth come out hard?

Tommy-N-no, ma'am; not after the dentist got it started .- Chleago Trib-Well Earned.

Not Pushing. spare me an old pair of trousers, mum? relic chamber." Mrs. Winrow-Yes; do you want any thing else? Chesterfield Chauncey-Oh, yes; I'd like about fifty millions walt .- St. Louis Republic.

ODD INDUSTRIES OF PARIS.

There Are Night Hawks of Many Peculiar Varieties.

The ramasseur de nuit is the hum-

lest member of the ragpickers' corpo-

ratioa. He is generally a laborer out

of work and collects whatever he can find and judges salable from a scrap of paper or an orange peel to a dilapi dated stove. Take old books, for example. However bad, they have a market value, for they always contain in the in tep one sound piece that can serve again and generally two or three more at the heel and the back. Old provision tins, again, are full of money the lead soldering can be removed and melted into cakes, while the tin goes to make children's toys. There are about 6,000 of this class of night birds In Paris. Another quaint night bird is the "guardian angel." The "guardian angel" is a person attached to the e-tablishments of some mastraquetslow barkeepers-and certain public houses for the purpose of looking after the safety of drunken customers. He accompanies them to their homes, defends them in case of need, as often as not has to put them to bed and leaves them only when they are without the reach of mischief. He earns about 50 cents a day. Cases are also on record where grateful drunkards have remembered the "angel" in their wills. To return the compliment the "angel" has invested some of his funds in the purchase of a barrow, the object

of which is but too obvious. An important night bird is the memper of the guild des pattes mouillees. He deals in tobacco manufactured from stumps of cigars and cigarettes picked up in the street and holds assizes on the Place Maubert, by the statue of Etienne Dolet, twice a week at 3 a. m. On these days the square is called the "market of wet paws."

The industry is quite remunerative on a modest scale, of course, and would be even more so were it not for the government which stepped in with characteristic greed and on the grounds of the monopoly it holds proceeded to tax the tobacco collected necked, surplice effect, finished by with so much painstaking care.

YOUR WORK.

Do it cheerfully, even if it is not con-

Make it a stepping stone to something higher. Keep yourself in condition to do it as vell as it can be done.

Endeavor to do it better than it has ver been done before. Make perfection your aim and be satstied with nothing less.

vourself the weaker part. Recognize that work is the thing that dignities and ennobles life. Regard yourself as a coworker with

Do not try to do it with a part of

the Creator of the universe. Accept the disagreeable part of it as heerfully as the agreeable.

which nature has fitted you. Believe in its worth and dignity, no | lar with tiny pearl buttons, and through natter how humble it may be. Remember that work well done is the | which is left without being tied, but highest testimonial of character you which has all the effect of a wide bowcan receive. - Success Magazine,

First Jewelry Store. It may interest women to know that the first jewelry store was started in the city of Chang On about 3,000 years 120. The Celestial millionaires of that period knew nothing of the fascination f diamonds, because diamonds were not in vogue at that B. C. period. Pearls and jade and coral and other unpolished mineral substances had to outent them, and, as if to make good the glitter of revieres and tlaras, the princes of Chang On employed artisans to fashion them the most wonderful gold and silver ornaments, which in themselves were far more ders which renders it eminently de-

matrimonial ties already, and I could Order. not make either of them work!-De-The chair lady rapped sharply. "It should not be necessary for the chair to remind members," she said severely, "that under our rules of order, to say nothing of common courtesy, only one member may be silent at a time. Any member who becomes silent at the same time that another member is silent is distinctly out of distor."

The ladies of the club visibly cringed under this merited rebuke. Many of them flushed to the roots of their hair, and several there were who burst into

Dog's Kisses Caused Tumor.

The danger of kissing dogs is illustrated by the experience of a young lady which is told in the London Lancet. She had been in the habit of fondling and kissing a pet dog, and when she developed a tumorous growth it was discovered that her trouble was due to the presence of a number of worms which had been transferred from the dog to the tissues of her cheek.

A WONDER OF RANGUN.

The Great Shony Dagon Pagoda Covered With Pure Gold.

on which is built the great Shoay Da- and all the long list of shirting mais completely renewed by public sub- at the upper edges, giving the broad scription. Yet throughout the inter- line of the season. For a woman of this way to express their veneration rial twenty-one or twenty-seven or two and to add to their store of spiritual | yards forty-four luches wide. merit climb up daily with little flut-Stinjay-See here, when are you go tering packets of gold leaf, which they ing to pay me back that dollar you bor- fasten on some fraction of its great

will remain in the cloth.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Smart Skirt For Misses. The smart skirt here pictured may be worn with any style of shirt waist or blouse, and the design is adaptable to a

variety of materials. As illustrated it



TUCKED CIRCULAR SKIRT.

chine stitching for a finish. It is circular in shape, and three groups of inch wide tucks are laid in the lower part. up in fine tucks, and an inverted box the money on it. plait finishes the back. Cheviot, serge, voile and linen are all suitable for reproduction. The medium size will require three and one-eighth yards of forty-four inch material.

Summer Frocks. There is a revival of the partly low neck frock for summer house wear, not merely the collariess blouse which was so trying to all but the few, but a V quillings of lace or rutles of material. These are usually becoming and certainly give a comfortable feeling of coolness during the hot summers Amerneed not have a lining. They are worn Do it in the spirit of an artist, not an over lawn petricoats and corset covers, and as the modern corset is a thing of beauty the effect is very charming. Many of the new ones have vertical strips of beading every two inches, through which is run colored ribbon, and this color is matched by the girdle and the hat.

Spring Neckwenr. The collar-in fact, neckwear of al kinds-is a formidable consideration to begin with. There is quite a fad for the plain linen collar again. The smart est is a high turnover shape fastened with jeweled links and made with but tonholes large enough to slip through them tulie or ribbon which is tied in : bow just above the links. Another Choose, if possible, the vocation for plain high linen collar has these nar row straps in front fastened to the col these straps is pulled a silk necktie knot, as in front the bands make it look narrow, and then the ends flare out

wide.-Harper's Bazar.

Smart Collars. Canvas will enter very largely into the construction of smart collars and turnovers this season, and many of them will be elaborately embroidered either in white or in colors. It will further be pressed into the service of the waistcoat, as are linen, pique and white

Stylish Shirt Waist. There is a certain style about the shirt waist that is tucked at the shoulcostly than diamonds. Boston Herald. strable for all to whom it is becoming This one includes also the very latest sleeves that are tucked above the



Rangun, the principal city of Bur straight cuffs and is smart in the exma, grew up around the sacred spot treme. Madras, linen, lawn, dimity gon pagoda, one of its principal won- terials are desirable, but in this in- look out. She'll take her account to Dyer-Ferris has sold his automo- ders. "Rising to a height of 360 feet, stance white madras embrokdered in some other bank and resume her deterits size is greatly enhanced by the fact | ring dots is shown with the and stock | mination to have 'her rights.' Oh, the that it stands on an eminence that is of the same, finished by a little turn- inexperienced woman is almost as an-Dyer-He had it six months and only itself 166 feet above the level of the over collar of embroidery. The waist noying and far more numerous than ran over one dog. Tarrytown (N. Y.) city," says a writer. "It is covered is made with a wide box plait at the dishonest women, so far as banks are with pure gold from base to summit. front and back that extends well over | concerned!" - Cincinnati | Commercial and once in every generation this gold | the shoulders, while the sleeves are full Tribune. val the process of regilding goes on medium size the waist will require erpetually. Pious people who seek in three and seven-eighths yards of mate-Tribune.

The "Thin Rice" of the Chinese. The very first thing that a Chinaman rowed? Borroughs-Why, man alive, surface. There is no more picturesque takes when he gets up in the morning I carned that dollar. I had to work sight offered by it than that of a group is a bowl of hot "congee," or, as he with you for a couple of hours before of these silken worshipers outlined high calls it, "thin rice." This is simply I got it out of you. - Philadelphia against its gold in the act of contrib- rice boiled away to a thinnish drinkuting their small quota to its splendor. able consistency. If allowed to cool it The pagoda itself has no interior. It would thicken into paste. Some care Chesterfield Chauncey - Could you is a solid stupa of brick raised over a is required to make it properly. "If the water is visible and not the rice," says Yuan Mei, "that is not congee. When the soup has a greasy look If the rice is visible and not the water pour it, when hot, through a cloth sat- that is not congee either. The two and a seat in the senate, but dat kin urated with cold water, and the fat must be indistinguishably blended before you can call the result congee."

WOMEN AND BANKING

ODD NOTIONS OF SOME OF THE FAIR SEX ABOUT FINANCE.

A Veteran Banker Exhibits a Curious Line of Sample Cases That Came Under His Observation in the Course of Business.

"Business women of course," said a veteran banker, "understand the routine of banking from the customer's side of it about as well as men, but the queer ideas the average woman not in business has about a bank would make a totem pole laugh.

"I lost an awful good account once because I couldn't convince a woman that a note put in the bank for collection is not money. She came in one day, made out a deposit slip and tried to deposit a note just due. The teller told her that he would forward it for collection. That seemed to strike her as all right, and she kept on writing checks against her account.

"She overdrew in a day or two and we sent her notice. She came down in a towering rage and asked me what my bank meant by insulting her. Overdrawn? Ridiculous! Why, she had deposited \$5,000 only a few days ago. What had we done with that money?

"I tried to explain to her that the 'deposit' she referred to was only a note sent out for collection; that it had not been paid and might be returned unpaid. She flew into a passion. What did she care about it? She had given The fullness in the upper part is taken | it into the bank, and she meant to have

"What were banks for? I cautioned her against checking against the amount of the note until it had been paid, but she went away in a huff and kept right on making checks until we had to stop her. We refused her checks, marking them 'No funds,' and then she withdrew her account. It turned out to be a dandy afterward, but to this day, I understand, she can't see any difference between notes, checks, drafts and currency.

"Strange as it may seem, the number of women-honest, absolutely guileless women-who write other persons' signatures to checks is large. Only toicans have to endure. These gowns day, for instance, the daughter of one of our best customers came into the bank with a check for \$500 made pay-"Her father's name was signed to it,

> and he had plenty of money in the bank, but his daughter had signed his name herself. We explained to her that we couldn't pay out money on such an order or request. "'But,' said she, 'we haven't a cent of money in the house. Papa is on the

train somewhere between here and

New York, and I-you don't suppose he'd hesitate to give us \$500, do you?" "That young woman did not and could not understand why she didn't have as much right to use her father's credit at the bank as she had to use it at the dry goods stores and the butcher shops. I wanted to tell her that she had really committed forgery, but I didn't. I advanced the money on my personal account, and she went away a bit miffed and fancying that we were a fussy, unreasonable lot of

money gatherers. "Things like that are always coming up in every bank. We had one depositor, an inexperienced young widow. She had over \$30,000 in the bank. One day she came in and wrote a check for the full balance, payable to herself. The teller stared and asked how she'd have it. Any way would suit her, she

said, only she wanted the cash. "He sent word to me and began to count out the money in \$100 and \$500 notes. After counting them over she wrapped the whole sum up in a newspaper and went out. We were all puzzled, and we were afraid she might be robbed, so I sent two of the clerks after her to see what she did with the money as well as to protect her. She walked through the crowded streets about six blocks to another bank and deposited the whole \$30,000 to the credit of a poor young lawyer to whom, we afterward learned, she was en-

gaged to be married. "I don't think he was then aware of her intention to transfer her money to his account or he would have advised her to get a certified or cashler's check instead of lugging her fortune through the downtown streets of a city like "The woman depositor who can't un-

derstand why other persons' checks de-

posited by herself are deducted from

her account when they are no good is a familiar character in nearly every "When such a check comes back and they are asked to take it up they will look unutterable scorn at the teller or collector and say: 'I put it back? Well, I guess not. Why should I pay it? I didn't make it out. Mr. So-and-so gave it to me, and if it isn't good that's his lookout. Go after him. The idea! Surely you don't expect me to pay out my own good money for Mr. So-and-

"By drawing several diagrams, exerting much patience and diplomacy, you may convince such a woman that she has to cover the bad checks she deposits, but very often she refuses or fails to be convinced. She will probably insist on realizing on every cent the teller gives her credit for in her bank book, and if she doesn't get it

Working the Claim. "That Englishman who is visiting the Nuritches claims to be a lord." "Yes. And the Nuritches are working the claim for all it is worth."-Detroit

A Story of Napoleon III. Napoleon III., who had no fewer poor relatives to help on than any other sovereign, was trying one day to convince a cousin, whom he had already generously aided, that it was impossible for

manner. "Decidedly you have nothing of the great emperor, our uncle."

him to increase her allowance. The

princess took the refusal angrily and

as she was leaving said in a taunting

"You mistake, my dear cousin," replied Napoleon, with a cheerful smile. "I have his family."