Curious Observances of the Past and Present in England.

Some of the old Easter customs is Eugland are curiously barbaric, and even at the present time the observance of this particular festival is sur-inot intended for our ears, but are rounded with more or less superstition, just enough to lead to it the charm of leisurely on our way. A drunken man mystery.

Twentieth century maidens dor bright yellow garters, secure in their belief that they will be engaged before the year ends. Others give their tresses "a hundred strokes three times" with the brush while thinking intently of their heart's desire. And who does not take good care to wear their new things on Easter day?

Among the earliest of Easter cus-

toms are the following: At Queen's college, Oxford, a herring placed by the cook to simulate a man on horseback is set on a corn salad and brought to the table. This is supposed to represent a red herring riding away on horseback and is the last vestige of the once popular pageants of rejoicing for the end of the Lenten fast,

It was erstwhile a habit in English towns for the boys after the Easter service to run into the street and smatch the backles from the shoes of the girls whom they were able to catch.

Easter Monday, however, it was turn about, and the women chased the men. If the men refused to pay a sixpence or happened to wear boots the women tried to snatch their hats, and to recover a hat cost a sixpence.

brought to church and there divided among the young people.

A singular Easter custom was that of "lifting and weaving." A man sitting contentedly in his home was sur-The man was forced to sit in the chair and be lifted by the women, to each of whom he must give a sixpence. On a day in Easter week, either Monday or Tuesday, the man lifted the women with similar attendant ceremonies.

Edward I. was lifted in his bed by violent paroxysms of rage. While it his ladies and maids of honor, and a lasts you are one of the most violently record shows the payment made by insane persons I ever knew. In your him to have been some \$2,000 in six-

In older days in England monks at Easter acted plays in churches, the favorite subject being the resurrection Not only were these plays enacted in French cathedrals,

Easter day,

In Ireland great preparations were made for the last day of Lent. Holy Saturday, about 9 o'clock, a ben and a plece of bacon wore put in the pot, and ties if we hadn't, but the point is this at 12 there were eating and much mer-Ned, do try and be lenient with others. rymaking. At 4 all rose to see the sun dance in honor of the resurrection.

Your Habitual Expression.

What kind of an expression do you wear habitually? Is it sour, morose repellent? Is it a mean, stingy, contemptible, uncharitable, intolerant exgry expression, which indicates an avaricions nature? Do you go about among your employees with a thundercloud expression with a melancholy despondent, hopeless look on your face or do you wear the simshine expresproach them, or do they shrink from you and feel a chilly goose flesh sensation come over them as they see you

It makes all the difference in the world to you and to those whom you influence what kind of an expression you wear Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine,

Red Hair.

When red hair makes its appearance on a human head all lukewarmness is at an end. It is either loved or loathed. Its admirers, with artists in the van. are almost hysterically enthusiastic. exactly that shade. A red haired woman is sure of a success in some quarter, however plain her face or insignificant her agare. The detractors of red hair say it is a sign of bad temper or

Dirty Washing.

Natives of Morocco think that Eurohabit to which they object is that of washing the hands or face in a basin and, still more, taking a bath where the water is not running. The cleaner the bather becomes, they say, the dirtier the water he is washing with must the magnificent trees that tower above necessarily become. And eventually him, and the ring of the woodman's from water which is no longer clean.

Be Kind Today. spent on the living would bring about many happy results. Hearts are break ing, loved ones wait and tears flow all because of the withholding of kind words unspoken and letters never sent. The aged father and mother far off in ling to him. He would never see the the country would often be cheered did beauty and grandeur of some magnifithe son or daughter more frequently send them a letter. Behold the sad mistakes of others, their remorse, and profit by the same before it is too late Today, now, speak the loving word, send the tender message, write the letter you put off day by day, and don't wait until you forget it or until bitter memories haunt you.

Lowell and Mahaffy.

James Russell Lowell and Professor Mahaffy met for the first time at a friend's house in Birmingham, England, and talked together for four the carriage he exclaimed to his host, while others are weaklings. It has "Well, that's one of the most delightful been so through all ages and will confellows I ever met, and I don't mind if tinue to be so until the end of time you tell him so!" The friend did so, We cannot afford to condemn an erring and Mahaffy received the compliment with equal grace and modesty. "Poor Lowell," he exclaimed. "To think that should be thankful that we are strong he can never have met an Irishman be. and reach out a helping hand to the

How much we hear by chance as we journey through life; things that are wafted to us as we pass hurriedly or reeled across the sidewalk the other day, but he was not so much under the influence but what he could make an attempt to lift his hat and apologize to a little lady he had narrowly missed running into. Two gentlemen who were passing at the time made this

man the theme of their conversation and I was interested in what they had to say. "There ought to be a whipping post for men like that," said one of them, with a shrug of his shoulders. "I don't agree with you Ned, "quietly responded the other. "You don' know what you are talking about. happen to know that young man, and he comes of as fine a family as you would wish to know." "Then all the more reason why he should be punished for making such a beast of himself on the street and disgracing his family I say a few applications of the cat-onine tails would cure him of this disgusting habit that makes him a terror to his family, a disgrace to the community in which he lives and-" "It's a disease," interrupted his friend. "Nonsense; all this excusing parties who al-In some old towns great cakes were low themselves to go so low as to fall into the gutter, by terming it a disease makes me weary. Call it a weakness and the other was simply tolerated. if you like, and I will acknowledge the truth of your assertion." "I say it is prised by the servants and women of a disease, and physicians who have his household, who entered bearing a made intemperance a study all over the few. great armchair lined with white and the land can vouch for the truth of my decorated with ribbons and favors. statement. If you will excuse my be-

Drive your own mother from the house

ing personal, I want to call to your mind one of your failings." "My violent temper, I suppose." "Yes, that is just it, Ned. You say you can't help it when you fly into one of your anger you would slay your best friend.

if the happened to cross your path. You know to your cost and great sorl row how close you have come to taking the churches on these festival days, but a life when you were in one of your terthere was dancing, particularly in the rible attacks of rage. You say yo can't help it, that you are unaccounta-Even the sun, it is said, dances on ble for any of your acts when angry and I believe you, so do all your friends or we wouldn't have stood by you and

"You are not slow to condemn that poor unfortunate fellow whom we have just passed. He is one of those sensitive, refined men who nearly dies of remorse whenever he has a spell like the one he is in now. But he can't help it pression? Do you wear the expression any more than you can flying into a of a building a grasping, greedy, hun- rage at times, when seemingly there is no provocation for it. That man cursed with an appetite that has been the besetting sin on both sides of his family for three generations back to my knowledge, and there is no telling sion which radiates good cheer and how much farther back this appetite hope, which indicates a feeling of good sprang up to make people wretched and will and of helpfulness? Do people unhappy. Possibly it will be days be smile and look happier when you ap- fore he comes out of this, and then he will be a trembling tottering creature of humanity, feeling his disgrace keenly

and suffering tortures that you know nothing about. You must not feel offended at the tion, if everything is going your way, that comes out of the earth is not often almost melancholy nature. Another in the slough of despondency. Ansees beauty in every plant, leaf and failed. shrub, and revels in the heart of Nature. He is ready to take his hat off and look with almost a reverence upon the bather steps forth as cleansed ax would cause him to thrill with genuine pain, while to the practical man every stroke would ring with the word and acres of land, and also other inter-Less spent on the dead and more silver dollars would be music to him, when the melody of the birds, the

music of the brook, as its clear, crystal waters rippled and sang on its way between mossy banks, would be nothcent tree in the forest, but with a cool and since that date over ninety attorand calculating eye would reckon it up into so manny feet and cords. Some men revel in the light and would pine away without the sunshine; others are content to dwell in the shadow. Some want to dwell on the heights of the mountains, while others seek the valleys and lowlands. 'Tis a good alds, a pair of pearl ear-rings, two gold nest egg." thing that we are not all made alike, my friend. Some have naturally high principles, while others grope along of jewelry being from a Pompelian blindly from a sense of duty. Some hours. When Lowell drove away in are morally and physically strong,

brother. If they are weak, then we

less fortunate." "You have hit me vite into a room.

pretty hard, but I guess I deserved it," said his friend. "I know I am too prone to condemn instead of reaching out a helping hand. You are so thoroughly good yourself that you find it easy to do for others, while with me it is so natural to pass those things by that I should do; I acknowledge that I'm in the wrong, but I'm afraid I can never be a martyr for the good of oth ers, like you are. You don't deserve all the credit in the world, either, old fellow, for being perfect, for it's just as natural for you to be good as it is for me to be selfish and unreasonable. It is as hard for me to have those gener-

wa'er to run up hill."

I couldn't help thinking as these fice to hear the trials and tribulations the other going in an opposite direction, that one who had found the key to humanity that should and would bring not only himself but others happiness. He would be always ready to give others the benefit of the doubt, and to extend a helping hand; he would be slow to condemn and quick to praise, and the world would be the better his for having lived. The other was mercenary, wholly selfish, and was ready to demand the almost impossible from his fellow man. He would judge harshly, find fault, and make things decidedly uncomfortable unless they were going his way. He would pluck the rose while the rest might take the thorns. One was loved by all who were fortunate enough to know him, One might die mourned by legion of friends; the other will pass out into the great unknown unwept except by

BRIEF REVIEW.

Woos Daughter and Wins Her Love. A remarkable affair, reminiscent of the old Greek tragedies, has occurred

at Appensell. Nearly twenty years ago a young ler deserted his wife and infant daughter and emigrated to Mexico, where he succeeded in amassing a considerable fortune.

During his absence his wifedied, and the little girl was adopted by a farmer of Appenzell named Schloss. The child assumed the name of Schloss, and was generally regarded in the dis-

trict as the farmer's own daughter. A year ago her father, who called himself Hielder after leaving his native country, sold out his business in helped you out of your many difficul-Mexico and returned to Appenzell. He was informed and naturally believed that both his wife and child were long since dead. Later he met his daughter, and, ignorant of her identity, fell in love with her. She is now nearly 20

years old, while he is 41. For four months the returned wanderer wooed the girl with her consent. It was only when he asked the approval of the farmer Schloss that he learned the girl's history and recognized that he had won the hand of his

own daughter. Rushing from the house he traveled it once to Bale, whence wrote to the armer, confessing everything, and olacing \$15,000 to the girl's credit in a Zurich bank. Nothing more has been heard of him, and his daughter is eartbroken.

Adrenalin Made from Coal Tar.

An article in the Journal of Physiology by H. D. Daken of the Lister Institute, London, who claims to have discovered how to prepare adrenalin plain way in which I have spoken to from coal tar products, has attracted you, but you are human just like the much attention. Adrenalin is an actrest of us, and we are all prone to see | ive principle of super arenal capsules the failings in others and forget that of the body. These little organs which we ever err or step aside from the nar- are like cocked hats in shape, are siturow path of duty. You are blessed ated one above each kidney. Until with a sunny, happy-go-lucky disposi- 1893 their purpose was unknown, although it was shown they were essen-They call it golden, though the gold while another man is of a serious and tial to life, for if they became diseased muscular prostration and death folman may be of a temperament that he lowed. In 1893 Professor Schaffer and is either soaring among the clouds or Dr. Oliver obtained from these glands very active juice, which, from its powother man is of a practical nature that erful effect upon all muscles, made immorality or both and therefore to be never sees the poetical side of life; facts many regard it as the body's natural scrupulously avoided. - London Queen, and figures interest him, and the tonic. Takamine, a Japanese scientist, rythm of poetry, tingling with senti- in 1901 obtained the active principle of ment, would bore him nearly to death. this juice in a pure crystalline state, Another man is blessed with a lova- but until Dakin's discovery all atpeans and Americans are dirty. The ble and and appreciative nature that tempts to produce artificial adrenalin

Old Lawsuit Settled.

The oldest lawsuit in North Carolina is now being finally settled. It is that of the eastern band of Cherokee ndians against W. H. Thomas and others, involving a great many thous--coin. The klinking of good, hard ests. Thomas was for some years before the civil war the chief of the eastern band, and raised a legion of troops from among his Cherokees which was in the Confederate service, being one of the North Carolina regiments. The case began in 1867, in the Federal Court for the western North Carolina district. neys have been employed.

Pompeiian Epoch Gems. Excavations near Pompeii have reeton and near by four solid gold bracelets of beautiful design set with emernecklaces set with pearls and emeralds and two emerald rings The articles epoch are of great artistic value.

culture for it is the tool that cultivates the mind.

A change of scenery is necessary to health and happiness.

TOURING IN RUSSIA.

The Difficulties of One Who Canno Speak the Language.

Nijni Novgorod, where the great Rus frontier of Asia, I found the most diffi and then take me to a shop, a steam ble clash and click of the returning ous and forgiving impulses as it is for reduced to the numiliating necessity of thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide the trade of Russia was in German two men parted, one going into an of- hands, I started out afoot in search of of his clients, for he was a lawyer, and close cropped blond beard and spec tacles. Such a man I found, and he stands the warder in charge. The where I had breakfast with the aid of brick wall. more crude cartooning. "Coffee" is good Volapuk, and the waiter under stood me at once, but I had to sketch a number of elliptical figures in my notebook and finally make a spirited drawing of the common or garden her before he knew I wanted "eggs." For dinner that night I went to a res

taurant overhanging the Volga. It is ligible. one of my most baffling memories of travel that when in my thirst I made the sign of drinking and pointed to the river the waiter lowered a backet out of the window into the stream and brought it to me filled with rich brown water.- New York Mail.

THE MUD DAUBER WASP.

She Entombs Living Spiders as Foo For Her Young.

When summer warmth has awakened the maternal instincts of the insect world the mud dauber wasp may be seen gathering mortar at the margin of stream, pool or puddle. Filling her mandibles, which serve as both spade and hod, she bears the load of mud to some rough surface, rock or wall of board or beam. She spreads and shapes her mortar until, after many visits to ly keen. the mud bed, she has built a tubular cell about an inch long and tiace

Then her huntress instinct awakens and her raids upon the spider realm be gin, for within this cylinder the moth er mason will put a single egg. In course of time this will hatch into a ravenous larva whose natural food is living spiders, and these the mother proceeds to centure and entomb within her mud daub nursery. On this errand she may be seen hawking over and near cobwebs of various sorts, venturing within the meshed and beaded scares that prove fatal to most incomers and sometimes even to herself. If the occupant, expectant of prey, sallies forth to seize the intruder, it finds itself a captive, not a captor. The wasp shakes the silken filament from wings and feet, turns upon the spider, seizes and stings it, bears it to her cell and thrusts it therein. - H. C. McCook in Harper's Magazine

Old Man of the Mountain. The title "Old Man of the Mountain"

was first applied to Hassan Ben Sab bal, who founded a formidable dynas ty in Syria A. D. 1000. He was the prince or chief of the sect of the Mo hammedans Having been banished from his country, he took up his abode din a hand o' followers, who soon beame the terror alike of thristians. Jews and Turks. They paid the most replicit ob dience to his commands; and believed that If they sacrificed heir lives for his sake they would be rewarded with the highest joys of paradise. For 200 years these "Assas-1 sins," as they called themselves, continued to be the terror of the country. Whenever their chief, the "Old Man of the Mountain," considered himself injured he dispatched some of his assassins secretly to murder the aggressor. This is the origin of our use of the word assassin for a secret murderer.

Ills We Might Have. A famous writer said. "Man in gen eral, or, as it is expressed, on the aver age, does not live above two and twen y years, and during these two and wenty years he is liable to two and twenty thousand evils, many of which are incurable. Yet even in this dreadful state men will strut and figure on the stage of life. They make love at the hazard of destruction and intrigue, carry on war and form projects just as if they were to live in luxury and delight for a thousand ages."

A Need In Schoolmasters. We should like to see a regulation

that every schoolmaster before the age of thirty should for one full year at what life is will never take too nar companions. lon Post.

Dartmouth University.

'Dartmouth university." Dartmouth the legislature had no right to do this, and it was so decided by the United dear sir, are" State supreme court after a memosulted in the finding of a human skel- Webster. The Gazette pokes fun at these dishes."-Minneapolis Journal. the university, which, it states, "has one student," who "may serve as a

Wenk Human Nature. From many selections from Marcus prima donna who is trying to hold Aurelius we choose this as showing his the world's supremacy in song comes de congregashun-every hat but one. keen insight into this weak human na- | before her audience. Then our work | and dat one de Lohd passes right unture of ours: "I have often wondered would breathe out the vigor and vital- dah yoh nose fo' help in his cause an' Thought is the first step toward how it is that every man loves himself ity and freshness which we put into it. more than all the rest of men, but yet Then life would be glorified, and the Journal. sets less value on his own opinion of work of the world Illuminated, transhimself than on the opinion of others." formed.-O. S. Marden in Success.

THE TREADMILL.

A Punishment Still In Vogue In Many English Prisons.

The treadwheel is still in vogve at sian fair is held, far on toward the many English prisons. Within the walls is a little building, built of blue gray cult proposition in all Europe from the stone, standing somewhat apart from standpoint of the traveler seeking rest the main structure in a corner of the and refreshment. I knew only one exercise ground and prison garden. On word in Russian, "vodka," and one car the chocolate colored door are painted pronounce that too often. Nobody in white letters the two words, "Wheel seemed to speak anything but Russian House." As the door opens the dull I could not get a cabman to take me to grinding sound that we heard outside a hotel. One isvoschie after another grows a little louder and clearer. The would pick me up, seem to understand door closes behind us with the inevitaship pier, a private residence. I was bolt. The house is an apartment some making pictures of hotels, beds and On the left hand side are the wheels, feed of all sorts-and quite without four of them, in two tiers, divided by a avail. At last, bethinking myself that gallery running the whole length of the house and communicating with the floor by a staircase at the opposite end. any mercantile looking person with On the right hand side there is another lower and shorter gallery, on which directed me in German to a traktir | wheels are separated by a section of

Each wheel is divided into compart ments, cutting off each prisoner from the others. The object of this is to prevent the prisoners from seeing and hearing one another, although conversation in a low voice pitched in a dif ferent key from that of "the music of the wheel" is perfectly easy and intel-

AFRICAN ELEPHANTS.

They Are Shy of Travelers or Hunters In the Forests.

"Elephants are but rarely seen in the forests of Africa, however numerous they may be," writes an old hunter of big game in the dark continent "This is due to many causes. In the first place, they are naturally extreme ly shy animals and detest the neighborhood of man. In the second place, they are largely nocturnal feeders and rarely drink or bathe except at night. They often travel immense distances to and from the water and retire during the day to the remotest portions of the forest, where they doze away the long, hot hours under the shadiest trees that they can find. Lastly, their scent is extreme-

that they can recognize danger at a his name. But when quite a young alarm is given they move quickly but noiselessly away. As an elephant disturbed or frightened will frequently travel twenty or thirty miles without a them over with branches and grass to stop, and as his pace under such cirhour, it is easy to understand that travelers in the forest, although frequently coming upon absolutely fresh tracks, but seldom see the herd that has caused them."

INSURANCE SYSTEMS.

They Date Away Back to the Time of Claudius Caesar.

The principle of combination for protective purposes has been traced to the time of King Alfred, and according to Francis' "Annals of Life Insurance," assurance on its broadest basis was practiced in the Saxon guilds.

Marine insurance dates back to the Emperor Claudius Caesar, who during map a corn famine encouraged merchants thereon to send ships for supplies by engaging to make good the value of any vessel lost in the public service. The Greeks | tries to act up? had a somewhat similar practice, and so had the Jews, for when banished from France in the twelfth century Month Lebanon, gathered around they took out policies of insurance up on all their effects in transit.

The earliest English statute relating to insurance is dated 1601 and says "It hathe bene tyme out of mynde an usage amongste merchantes both of this realm and of forraine nacyons, when they make any great adventure to give some consideracion of money to other persons, to have assurance made of all their goodes, which is commonlie termed a policie of assurance.' Pearson's Weekly

Seventeenth Century Customs. In the seventeenth century Englishmen thought it injurious to sleep in rooms facing the sun, so most of the rooms faced north and east, opening off a passage or else out of each other. At the head of the stairs slept the master and his wife, and all the rooms tenanted by the rest of the household were accessible only through that. The daughters of the house and maidservants lay in rooms on one side, say the right, with the maids in those most distant; those of the men lay on the left, the sons of the house nearest the chamber of the master and the serving men farthest away.

AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE.

Difficulties of Addressing Guests When the Ocean Swell Is High. As the liner cleared the heads and least be banished from the school world | the heavy swell of the open Atlantic |

and from the academic life even if for became noticeable dinner was served. that year he had to work as a navvy, a The twenty-six places at the captain's sailor or a commercial traveler. The table were filled, and as the soup apman who, being educated, only knows peared the captain addressed his table and four times as strong as women). "I trust that all twenty-six of you

will have a pleasant trip," he said, "and that this little assemblage of twenty-four will reach port much ben-In a copy of the Portland Gazette efited by the voyage. I look upon the published in 1817 there is an allusion to twenty-two smiling faces as a father upon his family, for I am responsible college was founded by a charter grant- for the lives of this group of nineteen. ed before the Revolution, and the state I hope all fourteen of you will join me of New Hampshire sought to take later in drinking to a merry trip. I away the charter rights and use the believe we seven fellow passengers are property as a part of the new uni- admirably suited to each other, and I versity, which was chartered by the applaud the judgment which chose legislature. The point was raised that from the passenger list these three persons for my table. You and I, my

The captain chuckled. "Here, stewrable exposition of the case by Daniel and, bring on my fish and clear away

Each Day's Supreme Event. Every day's work should be a supreme event in every life. We should come to it as carefully prepared as the

The regard one shows economy is, Thin people should bathe as often as than cold.

THE SWELLING TOAD.

Points About This Oddity

Among Animals. The wonder of the genus batrachia and the greatest natural history oddity to be found along the Atlantic coast of the United States is the swelling toad, a semiaquatic creature known to naturalists as bufomachalatus. It is occasionally met with from New York city to Jacksonville, Fla., but is most common along the coasts of Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. When in its natural state the "swell toad" is about the size of a large builfrog. but looks more like a fish than it does like either a frog or a toad. It is about six inches in length and has the curious faculty of being able to swell to the size of a football, in which state its legs, tail and head are scarcely visible

Irritation appears to be the chief factor in causing these curious creatures to inhale air until they swell almost to bursting. The bellies of both the males and females are nearly pure white and are covered with spines which give that portion of their anatomy the appearance of a well ripened fimson bur. Persons who understand the "swell toad" and know what an irritable little rascal it is catch it and rub the spines on its belly, when it swells up until it is utterly helpless Another curious point about the creature is that as long as It is kept on its back it is unable to expel the air so as to reduce the swelling.

THE DOUGLAS PINE.

Tree That Is the Memorial Both of a Man and a Tragedy.

A tree whose name is at once the emorial both of a man and a tragedy the Douglas pine, famous for its agnificent cones. Now, David Dougame under the notice of Sir William oliector of rare plants to the Hortiultural society. He traveled for the ciety in all parts of the world and as extraordinarily successful in his tads. It was he who discovered lu tins, eschscholtzias and godetias as well as many magnificent varieties of "This sense is so largely developed rine trees, including the one bearing an he met a tragic fate while plant unting. He was in the Sandwich sles, and there the natives dig deep pits to catch wild animals, covering enceal their openings. On to one of these treacherous pits Douglas walked one day when alone and was at once recipitated to the bottom. No help was at hand, and he was devoured by a wild beast which was also impris-

DID YOU EVER WONDER-

Why a baby carriage isn't known as a crycycle?

Why it is so much easier to be wrong

than it is to be president? Why some people manage to talk t great deal without saying anything? Why so many of our coming men seem to ' handicapped from the start! Why e company that issues the the only curveless railroad

makes a fool of himself every time he

Why men are nearly always embarrassed when they propose either financially or otherwise?

Why so many men who are anxious to avoid it when well?

they are painted and some are not as white as they are whitewashed?-Cincinnati Enquirer.

HUMAN QUALITIES.

According to This Writer, Women Are More Civilized Than Men. Havelock Ellis in his study of "the most interesting beings in the world' the conclusions that there is hardly an kind that is not unlike in the sexes. A man is a man even to his thumbs, and a woman is a woman down to her little toes. Let man, with his vaunted superiority in everything, cultivate s proper feeling of his real standing in view of Mr. Ellis' statement that wo men "are unquestionably superior in general tactile sensibility and probably superior in the discrimination of tastes," with (to be perfectly impartial) no advantage either way in the other senses, but they have better memories, read more rapidly, bear pain better, recover better from wounds and serious illnesses, are less changed by old age, live longer and have relatively larger brains, especially in the frontal regions. Women, to put it in a fer words, are more civilized than men On the other hand, Mr. Ellis finds men are slower in mind, with greater strength of body (they are two, three quicker in movement, with much greater lung capacity, more blank corpuscles and exhale twice as much car bon dioxide, but these last qualities are rather drawbacks than otherwise, since men are less able to endure confine-

...ree Days He Didn't Like.

ment and bad air.

Lord Burleigh once said: "Though I think no day amiss to undertake any good enterprise or business in hand. yet have I observed three Mondays unlucky-the first Monday in April, when Cain was born and his brother Abel was slain; the second Monday in August, which day Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed; the last Monday in December, which day Judas was born. who betrayed ('hrist."

The Hat They Miss.

"Dere's a lot ob you fine women folks," said an old negro preacher at Excelsior Springs one Sunday, "dat comes to chu'ch an' sees every hat in to sabe yoh black souls."-Kansas City

A Hard Worker. Slimson - Willie, they tell me you have the reputation of being the worst like that we show an old aunt who is possible in warm water. Warm water boy in school. Willie-Yes, father, and struggle.-Life.

A WONDERFUL MONSTER.

Description of a New Battleship In the Seventeenth Century.

Is it true that our ram battleships are but old inventions in new forms? It looks like it. Some one has unearthed a curious announcement which appeared in the Mercurius Politicus for Dec. 6, 1653, to the effect, as stated by the Dundee Advertiser, that "the famous monster called a ship built at Rotterdam by a French engineer is now launched." In a description of the vessel its capabilities are thus detailed:

"(1) To sail by means of certain instruments and wheels (without masts and sails) as swift as the moon or at least thirty miles every hour. (2) Both ends are made alike, and the ship can be stopped at pleasure and turned as easily as a bird can turn. (3) In time of war it can with one bounce make a hole under water in the greatest manof-war as big as a table and in an hour's time will be able to sink fifteen or sixteen ships and in three or four hours will destroy a whole fleet. (4) She will be able to go to the East Indies and back again in eight or nine weeks. (5) She may be used to kill whales in Greenland, so that a hundred ships may be laden in fourteen days. (6) She may be used to break down any pier or wooden great ease.

A wonderful "monster" have been. What, one is know, was her fate?

Pling Out Your Sunship What a satisfaction it is to go through life radiating sunshine and ope instead of despair enco ment instead of discouragement, ar to feel conscious that even the newsboy or the bootblack, the car conductor, the office boy, the elevator boy or as was originally a Scotch lad who anybody else with whom one comes in contact gets a little dash of sunshine! Hooker, the well known botanist, and It costs nothing when you buy a paper grough his influence was appointed of a boy, or get your shoes shined, or pass into an elevator, or give your fare to a conductor, to give a smile with it, to make these people feel that you have a warm heart and good will. Such salutations will mean more to us than many of the so called great things. It is the small change of life. Give it out freely. The more you give the richer you will grow .- Orison Swett Marden

> Long Lived Carp. The ordinary carp, if not interfered with, will, it is said, live 500 years. There are now living in the Royal aquarium in Russia several carp that are known to be over 600 years old, and it has been ascertained in a number of cases that whales live to be over 200 years old. A gentleman in London has had an ordinary goldfish for fiftythree years, and bis father informed him that he had purchased it over forty years before it came to the present

WON WITH A REVOLVER.

An Incident of the Cambling Halls at Monte Carlo.

owner's possession.

Much excitement was caused a number of years ago at the public gambling establishment at Monte Carlo by an elderly man who was said to be an American named Captain Clyde. Having lost \$6,000 at the tables, he ques-Why the average man invariably tioned the fairness of the play and abused the crouplers, whereupon orders were given to debar him from playing again. When he returned on the following day the doorkeeper attempted to prevent his entrance, but he drew a revolver, walked in and took to work when sick are just as anxious his seat at one of the tables and began to play. One of the inspectors who at-Why some men are not as black as tempted to eject him was knocked down, and when a ring of the attendants was formed around the captain with the object of hustling him out be retreated in a corner, drew his revolver once more and after denouncing the managers as thieves and swindlers declared that he would not leave the place until the \$6,000 he had lost on the previous day was restored. After some hesitation the managers, seeing -namely, men and women-formulates that he was determined and finding their employees unwilling to expose organ of the body or quality of any themselves to the fire of his revolver. complied with the demand.

HEAVY LOADS.

Wonderful Carrying Power of the

Hill Men of Tibet. There are these famous weight carriers, known to all travelers, the Swiss mountain women, who walk up the steepest slopes with pack baskets of manure on their backs, and the porters of Constantinople, one of whom will hike a small piano on the curious saddle he wears, Perceval Landon, London Times correspondent in Tibet. speaks of hill country carrying that is most extraordinary.

On the Indian plains porter eighty to a hundred pounds, but hill men when working by the job take three times as much up frightfully bad paths. "I have myself seen carry into camp three telegraph poles on his back," writes Mr. Landd "each weighing a trifle under ninety pounds. Farther east the tea porters of chuan are notorious, and loads of 350 pounds are not unknown. Setting aside the story of a Bhutla lady who carried a piano on her head up from the plains to Darjeeling as too well known to be likely to be exact, the record seems to be held by a certain Chinese cooly who undertook in his own time to transport a certain casting. needed for heavy machinery, inland to its owner. The casting weighed 570 pounds, and the carriage was slowly but successfully accomplished.

A Brazilian Household Pet. Brazilians train a snake called the gibela as a rat catcher. It is fifteen feet long, is harmless to the human being, becomes quite a household pet. is lazy in the daytime, but at night roams about the house in quest of its prey-rats. These animals it promptly kills by twisting their necks. When Brazilians have to pass from room to room in the dark they first put on their elippers. It would not be pleasant to plant one's bare feet on a cold slimy

snake of that size. Comforting Him.

"And now," whispered the lover as be caught her in his arms, "what shall we do about the rope lauder? We shouldn't leave it hanging there.'

"Don't worry about it," replied the A bright face is a good thing to in- to leave us something at last. Shen- is absorbed by the skin more readily I can tell you I didn't get it without a eloping damsel. "Papa said he'd pull it up again so I couldn't get back."