FACTS IN FEW LINES

Electrified eggs are said to prolong

France spent \$30,000 on the Faul Jones ceremony and \$125,000 on King

Alfonso of Spain. An estimate of the accumulated capital of the United Kingdom puts it at

about \$60,000,000,000. America alone, during the present era of prosperity, consumes more champagne than is produced in all France.

There are said to be nearly fifty different rural telephone lines in Crawford county, Kan., owned by farmers. Professor Gilmore of the chair of physiology in the University of Nebraska claims to be able to make short men

A Liverpool man spends some hunfreds of pounds every year in having Scriptural texts printed on business

A couple were recently married at St. Peter's church, Dorchester, whose respectives names were Charles Rose and Rose Charles.

A regatta was rowed on the Zambezi the other day to mark the jubilee of Dr. Livingstone's discovery of the Victoria falls. There were 700 visitors.

In some of the cities of Spain beggers are licensed to carry on their trade. Recent figures place the num ber of beggars in that country at 190,-927 of whom 51 948 are women.

Although only 197,000 workers are employed in the shoe industry in the United States as against 290,000 in the United Kingdom, the United States makes more shoes than any other country in the world.

To raise money for the French treasury the municipal council of La Courtine gravely proposes that a tax be levied on every dress a woman pos sesses over and above one for everyday wear and one for Sundays and fete days.

Werda, a small town in the kingdon of Dahomey, is celebrated for its temple of serpents, a long building in which the priests keep nearly 1,000 serpents of all sizes. These are fed with birds and frogs brought as offerings by the natives. Jake Stout, the Donlphan county

(Kan.) sheepman, has purchased nineteen miles of wire fence, 50,000 pounds sheep pastures. The fence will divide 1,200 acres into 30 pastures, ranging in size from 5 to 80 acres. Assistant Corporation Counsel Blake

of New Haven, Conn., says that there are about 4,000 persons who owe the city taxes and have either refused or neglected to pay them. This large number of delinquents has been accumulating for thirty years.

Mr. Holyoke, a British writer, re members a time when "only four men in Birmingham had the courage to wear beards," and only military officers were allowed to wear a mustache. In the good old days one pump in a yard had to serve working class

Of late a number of natives of west Africa have practically refused to accept any other coin than that having the profile of King Edward engraved upon it. They have an idea that now that Queen Victoria is dead the British government may repudiate coins bearing her image.

There are about 25,000 persons em ployed in the watch factories of Switzerland, not including several thousand engaged in the "house industry." There are 627 factories, 218 of which manufacture complete watches, 209 cases and the rest dials, crystals, hands, springs, jewels, etc.

Moroccan troops who lined the road to the palace in honor of Mr. Lowther, the head of the British mission, when he had an audience with the sultan re cently, were clad in khaki uniforms. which they wore for the first time. In many cases the sale tickets were still affixed to the garments.

It is the amiable custom of the house of lords to preserve, duly docketed, places in the cloakroom for young respect, there is a place reserved for the baby marquis of Donegal against the arrival of his twenty-first birthday

A safe now being made for the Premier Diamond Mine company is in tended to hold \$10,000,000 worth of diamonds. It will be the strongest safe ever constructed. Seven feet high, six feet wide and weighing twenty-one tons, it will cost between \$7,500 and \$10,000. The steel door alone will weigh Ave tons.

Archbishop Ireland seems to have put a quietus on the discussion as to whether Lincoln was a Catholic by quoting the statement made to him by Father St. Cyr; the missionary, in which Father St. Cyr told him that while Lincoln's father and stepmother were both of the Catholic faith Abraham never had been and never was a Cath-

Among the receipts in the French colonial budget there figures a sum of four lacs of sicca rupees, equivalent at the present time to about \$143,135, by the British Indian government. This money is paid annually in virtue of a treaty made in 1815, by which France conceded to England the exclusive right to buy the salt manufactured in what remained of the French possessions in India.

Our ambassadors of the first rank are those at London, Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg. They get \$17,500 a year. The ambassadors of the second rank are those at Vienna and Italy. who get \$12,000. The English do far better by their diplomats, as they not only are furnished with houses, but salaries are much larger. British representative at Washington gets \$32,500, the one at Paris \$45,000 and those at Berlin and Vienna \$40,-

The Real Issue.

Stern Parent-Well, young man, know nothing against you, but I'm not very well acquainted with you. Before you marry my daughter I'd like to have something in the nature of references or- Suitor-I can give references from three clergymen, sir. Parentreferences from many bankers? -Cleveland Lander

I was waiting for a street-car the after money. A man can be as straight Well, so long." and honorable in his dealings, and looked up to as a shining example of politicians-who are known to be cored his car. "Trust her? Why, she's meant it for the best,' and handed over the most deceitful and spiteful person the coin to straighten things up." I ever saw. She-" "He did me an ill turn and I'll get even with him if it takes me a lifetime." "So she's enin all, and will use it to inclose his gaged; don't admire her taste. Goodness! she tried hard enough to catch him." "The circus has come," piped more ago lacked much of our modern hitchin' when you want him to go to-day which were launched before ever kin go like chain lightning." Another doyen of these grand old men (or say couple passed in silence, but they were or should we say grand old women of deaf and dumb. They kept their fin- the sea is a Danish vessel. The three gers going and carried on, let us think, Sisters, which took the first plunge ina conversation less charged with un-

words. long before he was married. He same ripe age, owned by a Copenhagen and if she was goose enough to do it he would accept it with thanks. Same girl never went with him twice until he met Margie and she, like a simpleton, turned over everything she had to him before she was married. What peers awaiting their coming of age. To do you think of that? There's my show how thoughtful they are in this car. I take the blue one. Don't repeat what I have told you. Adios! "Their conduct is scandalous and there is going to be a great church scandal before many days that will give unbelievers a chance to down religion. "Somebody ought to put a flea in their ears and stop it before it goes too far.' "I have just come from a bargain sale, and my! but didn't I make twenty dollars fly!" "I was under chlore form for two hours. They say I fought like mad before I would give in and

take the chloroform. You see I was take chloroform as easy as falling off a long trail; cut square in the neck, ing of the dream to him with a wreath of tiny pink roses edging the nock and the sleeves, which stop at the elbow with a frill of creamy see-some my mother had on her wedding dress. Pink silk gloves come up to the elbow; pink satin slippers, and I carry pink carnations and asbe swell!" "I'm through betting. I scope of the Married Woman's Prop-lost a whole month's salary on that picked the winner, for I dreamed my

street corner, so I boarded my car and listened to the conversation around ling cannot be sued for debt, but the dressy waist with low, round neck me, and found it quite as interesting as that I had heard from the moving pictures on the street. Two gentlement were discussing the war situation as follows:

"You say you think your girl is goas follows: "Doesn't it strike you that Japan has heaped coals of fire on the Russian People's heads, and at the same time placed herself upon the never have much influence in life. pedestal of the broadest magnanimity that has thrown other countries in the shade and just about staggered the of other people. universe by her princely generosity? That's all very well, but can you give The whole world is marvelling at the stand Japan has taken. You can't cause a kindlier guide than the hard teach Japan anything about the Gold- heart.

en Rule, for she has acted it to the very letter." "Yes, Japan can go to WOMAN AND FASHION the head of the class, and other nations can take note. We had better recall our missionaries. First thing the Emperor's decision doesn't meet other day, and to kill time thought I with the entire approval of the Japwould note the conversation of the anese people. Some of them term it a especially to be desired for formal ocmoving throngs of the street as they 'shameful peace,' and I wouldn't be casions. Illustrated is a gown which passed me. It was so interesting after surprised to see the Emperor of Japan, I had once put my mind on it that I if not assassinated outright, then delet several cars pass before I thought posed from his throne. I tell you he is one, which is always charming, while of boarding one. Out of fifty men tottering in his high position for the the embroidery is executed in pale that passed, and that represented all generous stand he has taken." "For the stations of life, from the elegantly some reasons I would not like to be in attired man who could write his bank his shoes, in others, for instance, lookaccount with a good many figures after ing at it in the light of doing to others it to the street laborer and the scavan- as you would have others do unto you, ger, there were only two out of the the stand he has taken is all right and number who didn't emphasize their appeals to the Christianized part of the remarks with profanity. I wonder world." "But, quoting the old warwhy it is that so many men, from their cry, 'to the victor belongs the spoils,' youth up, think that it is necessary to You can't blame the Japanese people be profane to express themselves and for feeling sore over the treaty as signed add weight to their remarks? Boys by their Emperor. They fought long in their teens rounded up every sen- and hard, endured all sorts of privatence with an oath, evidently think- tions, sent regiment after regiment infi it was manly and gave them pres- into the jaws of death. Their lives tige with the others. This was the were nothing in comparison with their sum and substance of what I heard as love of country. Relatives went down the men, women and children passed : by the scores-but they died for their "Graft will be the undoing of San country. There was no time for grief, Francisco. Look at some of our lead- and the ranks immediately filled up. ing men; ain't they tottering now?" I tell you there is something noble said one pompous looking man with a about these little people. Smart as a diamond on his finger which sparkled whip they managed to oppropriate a in the sunlight as he stroked and lot of Uncle Sam's carefully concealed twisted his moustache. "Yes, that's ideas. Think of a war officer acting all you hear now-a-days, it's graft! as an ordinary servant in U. S. Army graft! graft! Ain't no honest poli- headquarters to ferret out the secrets ticians now-a-days; all of them are that have been successfully used by us

"My mother-in-law has arrived, integrity, but let him aspire to a polit- God bless her. She is not one of the ical life and be elected to office and his mothers-in-law you read about, but is doom is sealed. He will turn out to be our fireside angel. She heard about the same common clay as his brother that failure of mine and here she came bag and baggage to inquire into it. rupt." It is his finish as a rule," said Not one word of censure. All she said the diamond-decked man, as he board- was, 'mistakes will happen, and you

BRIEF REVIEW.

Old Men of The Sea

If our forefathers of a century and a little voice in a high key. "Got lots skill in designing ships, they had at of elephants, giraffe's and thousands least every right to be proud of the solof horses. I'm a-goin' if I have to idity of their workmanship, says an steal to get in." "It's the circus of English paper, for, while many of our the world," said a larger boy. "That's ironclads are being sold practically for what I call a first-rate trade. Traded scrap-iron after a generation or so of exoff his old hoss that stands without istence, there are wooden ships affoat most for an old spindle-shanks that Nelson set foot on the Victory. The to the sea at Rudkjobing as long ago as generous thoughts than many of those 1772, the year in which Captain Cook who could give expression to their set sail on his voyage of discovery in the requires a certain type of face. The Jewish high priests were bells of gold Antartic waters. For 132 years has this fine old ship been carrying mer- tures may wear it and find it chic and rison the Greeks employed bells. The "I reckon there never was such a chandise over the seas of the world country as this one. No tornadoes or The oldest surviving English vessel cyclones to blow the garden truck out registered at Lloyd's is the Hannah of of the ground and carry your belong- Yarmouth, a vessel of 108 tons gross ings they have made into kindling register, built in 1704, the year of Lord wood into the next county, and no Howe's great naval victory, and has earthquakes to speak of." "Her hus- thus sailed the seas in three centuries. band only gives her a mighty small Other centenarians among ships are allowance and she has to supply the the Rousseau, an American bark, built necessaries of the family with that, at Philidelphia in 1801; the Havlfisken He was always noted for his stinginess a Danish brig of 195 tons and of the would take a girl to a picnic or theater firm; and the Eropa, also built in 1801, and afterward would foot up the ex- at Kragero. Thus there are at least pense account and ask her to pay for it, five of these old merchant vessels of wood still doing duty after more than a

century of service. Roosevelt a Rapid Reader.

President Roosevelt is a wonderfully rapid reader. His faculty for speedily absorbing matters placed before him in written or printed form susprises even his intimates. On one occasion a Congressman called with a statement and presented papers connected therewith. The President continued conversing the while he glanced over the papers, which he handed back in a minute or wo, having extracted from them all the valuable information.

Sultan Hates Darkness.

The Sulan of Turkey strenuously obects to darkness and his apartments in the palace and the surrounding garafraid they would begin to operate be- dens as well are flooded with light on fore I was under the influence." "I every night. He is read to sleep by a brother or a favorite servant, and if he log." "I'm to be the maid of honor. dreams as interpreter is summoned di-My dress is pale pink crepe, with a rectly he awakes to explain the mean

The legal position of Queen Alexan

dra is very curious. So far as her private business is concerned, she is not regarded by the laws and customs of England as a married woman at all. She is the only woman in Great Britparagus fern." "My, but won't you ain who does not come within the last prize fight. Thought sure I'd affairs of state consume all the time of the king, and therefore no responsibilman had won three nights in surerests upon him. If the queen contracted debts in her husband's name, I couldn't wait any longer on the he would not be responsible for them liceuse and commission of the king's

If your character is bad you will

Our sins are never of dark a thos

The soft heart is often a safer, be

Suitable For Autumn None of the many attractive silks for which the summer has been so remarkwe know the little brown men will be able gives better service than pongee. sending missionaries to us." "It is all The many plain colors are quite suffivery well and looks fine on paper, but ciently smart for ordinary use, but there is a peculiar distinction found in the embroidered sort that renders it combines the material with oriental banding and yoke of tucked muslin, the color of the pongee being the natural



green. The design is graceful, and, in addition to serving as suggestion for immediate wants, will be found desirable for the between seasons gowns and also for genuine autumn. Fashion, with all her craving for change, has ordered no material difference in skirts, and those that are gracefully full, yet confined at the hips, will continue to be favorites, while bodices made with deep yokes are to be noted among many of the advance designs. Silk of all sorts, lightweight wools and, indeed, all seasonable materials can be utilized for the designs. The waist is soft and full below the pointed yoke and is made over a smoothly fitted lining. which can be cut away beneath the yoke when a transparent effect is de sired. Its sleeves are among the new est and best that the season has to offer. The skirt is circular, with a circular flounce that is cut in sections. all of which are shirred and joined beneath the headings. The fullness so obtained means abundant and graceful flare, while the upper portion is not too full to be becoming.

Concerning Hats.

In hats it is wise to avoid the polo but worn by the average woman it only affords an interesting study for the caricaturist. And the chances are that before the autumn is here it will have made so many other wise dignified looking women appear ridiculous that the best milliners wil refuse to make it up for winter wear.

Popularity of Checks The vogue for checks is such that the woman who wants a checked gowr need not curb her aspirations. The

loveliest of checks come in blue and green and in red and black and in the shades of green and violet and in other wonderful combinations. In fact, all of the checks are good, and you need not hesitate to indulge your fancy in any or all of them, for fall hints indicate that checks and plaids will be the vogue until winter.

Simple Girlish Waist.

Simple odd waists are useful acces sories to the wardrobe, and as they are easily made at home they need cause but little expense. Here is suggestion for a cashmere waist in the new burgundy red, so simple in design that the girl may almost fash-



CASHMERE BLOUSE.

ion it herself. A yoke and trimming piece of embroidered material are the only color contrast, while the double row of shirring around the voke serves also as adornment. The blouse closes

ing back on you? What leads you to such a supposition? Did she snub

"No, but she called her little sister into the parlor last night and had her recite to me."-Houston Post.

His Cost. "Yes, I quarreled with my wife about

"Why didn't you make up?" "I'm going to. All I'm worried about now is the indemnity."-Pittsburg Post. STEAMSHIP VERMIN.

The Way Ocean Liners Are Rid of

Rat and roach catching at the steam r docks and on ocean liners is one of the queer ways men have of making a living. And a good living they make at it, too-sometimes as much as \$10,-000 a year. The men who do it pever advertise, because the business does not sound as well as it pays, and a man whose house is built out of dead rats and cockroaches would just as soon not have his neighbors know it. Once a year docks and plers are turned over to the rat catcher for a night.

The man who has made a fortune at the business in New York still works with his men, for the secret of the business is his and he trusts it to no one Rats run everywhere, but roaches have a special liking for rope lockers, and here they swarm by tens of thousands unless the pier owners have a contract with the rat and roach catcher, who, after a thorough overhauling, guarantees freedom from the pests for a year. Whenever an ocean liner reaches port whether on this side or the other, it is turned over for a night to this same man. Cats do much toward keeping ships clear of rats, but, of course, have no effect on roaches. On this side of the Atlantic roach catching is the more important branch of the business, while on the other side wharfs are almost as full of rat catchers as the ships are of rats. These once worked with ferrets but

now they use chemicals. Large cagelike traps are used, in which lettuce leaves are placed after being sprinkled with a liquid-only the catcher knows

Whatever it is, it is as irresistible to rats as the weird piping of the pied piper was to the rats of Hamelin town. No matter how choice the food in the lockers and in the hold, the rats leave it instantly when they smell the mysterious liquid on the lettuce leaves. It does not kill the rats, and berein lies another secret of the profits of the business. Live rats are worth money in England, where they are used for training terriers. Dead rats are worth money, too, as their skins are used for gloves. At 5 or 6 cents aplece, forty or fifty rats mean something, and this is quite a usual catch.

For roaches a powder is used, but what puzzles all old sailors who used to have the job of clearing ships of roaches is that there are never any dead ones lying around next morning. The favorite way of the sailors when they had to catch roaches was to put a "cob" of bread on top of a coil of rope. Very quickly it would be covered with hungry brown bugs, and these they knocked into a well greased biscuit pan. The grease kept the roaches from crawling up the sides, and it was poor roach catcher who would not have two or three inches of roache when he was through, and in a few days he could begin and do it all over again.-New York Herald.

Bells have been employed in association with religious worship since the early days of Egypt. Cymbais and turban even if it is the rage at present. hand bells and small crotals served for This little pill box hat to look its best | the festival of Isis. Aaron and other young, slender girl with delicate fea- upon their raiment. In camp and gar-Romans announced the hour of bathing by their melody. Copper and tin, the old composition, is still regarded as the best bell metal. Steel has been tried, but does not make a successful bell. Glass bells are mellow and beau tiful in tone, but the material is too fragile. The one metal which is impossible is that which everybody imagines makes the best bell-silver.

There are some odd names for gam birds on the Chesapeake. A small shy snipe that flies with a twittering noise is called the horsefoot snine because of its fondness for the horsefoot or horseshoe crab. It is called also the turnstone from its habit of overturning pebbles in search of food. The telltale snipe bears that name because it always sounds a note of alarm at the sight of a gunner. Chesapeake gunners believe that a single telltale can clear a whole region of game birds The widgeon is locally called the hald pate, and the willet is so called because of its cry-will-will-willet.

Long Lines. Dumas pere, who was proud of the

prices he received for his work, was nce boasting of the fact. "Beyond a doubt," he remarked, "! am the best paid of living men of let ers. I receive 30 sous a line."

"Indeed, monsieur?" said a bystand er. "I have never worked for less than £5,000 a line. What do you think of that?"

"You are joking," responded Dumas in irritation. "Not at all." "For what do you receive such rates

"For constructing railways," was the answer.-Harper's Weekly.

Number of Feet a Second. Few men could tell if they were ask ed how many feet per second they walk. A press photographer whose

work requires him to know all man ner of speeds said: "The average man walks four fee per second. A dog on its ordinary jog goes eight feet a second. A horse trots twelve feet a second. A rein deer over the ice makes twenty-six feet. A race horse makes forty-three

A sailing ship makes fourteen

feet."-Chicago Chronicle. Battle of the Herrings. The battle of the herrings was the omical name given to a fight between in English force and a French detachment not far from Orleans in 1429. The English were conveying a large quantity of supplies, mainly herrings, for it was Lent, to the army that was besieging Orleans. The Eng-

lish had 1,600 men, the French 6,000.

The former repulsed the assailants and

son who has won with that of a per

son who has lost I have my doubts."-

Washington Star.

saved the herrings, so the battle was tomwhat Mixed. named in honor of the supplies. Seems Otherwise at the Trick. "Wealth does not bring happiness," said the ready made philosopher. tomary to cus the bride?"-Brooklyn "Maybe not," answered the man who Life frequents the race track, "but when I compare the facial expression of a per

men if they speak in haste or temporal.—Ben Jonson.

DENTAL DECAY.

Bad Teeth, It Is Claimed, May Lead to Appendicitie.

Appendicitis is often due to bad teeth, said Dr. E. S. Thompson, lecturing at Greshan college, London. The same organisms, he said, were present both in defective teeth and in the diseased appendix, which proved that dental decay was capable of causing appendicitie

"I see no evidence to show that our teeth are deteriorating to an alarming extent with the growth of civilization." he declared, and he pointed out that an even larger proportion of diseased teeth had been found among Egyptian and Roman remains than existed at

"Tobacco has an injurious effect on the digestion," he went on, "but I do not think that nicotine has any more effect on the teeth than alcohol. But tobacco certainly blackens the teeth and so causes many persons who are careful of their personal appearance to brush their teeth more often than they would otherwise do."

He had found cod liver oil amazingly successful in promoting the growth of teeth in children, and he recommended the toothbrush drill as part of the curriculum of schools. Dr. Thompson also urged the practice of washing the teeth after meals and rubbing them twice a day, and particularly the last thing at night.-London Mail.

A LOVER OF SNUFF.

The Queer Will and Funeral of The will of Mrs. Margaret Thompson

Somerset House, England, is a tribute to the delights and consolations of snuff. The testatrix directed that in her coffin should be buried with her all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so re freshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to bear the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk carrying and partaking of a pound of shuff. At every twenty yards a handful of must was to be delivered to the systanders, and at the door of the testatrix's house were to be placed two bushels of the same quality of snuff for gratultous distribution. In order to insure the carrying out of her wishes the testatrix made the legacies given by the will dependent upon an exact and literal fulfillment of the condition bove named. In closing she bade all

THE MOSLEM BIBLE.

ordial of nature

How the Koran, According to Tradi-In Arabic the word "Koran" means

'that which ought to be read." The Koran is divided into 144 chapters called suras, a word meaning really "row," these chapters are not numbered, but husband will be very poor. But if as bear titles, sometimes derived from the clock strikes no man comes to her the subject matter, but usually the first important work. Some chapters have two or more names because of differences in the manuscripts followed. Each chapter is divided into smaller portions, called verses by non-Moslems, but in Arabic known as "avat," signs or wonders. The entire book again is divided into sixty equal portions, called "shzab," each subdivided into four equal parts, or into thirty parts called "ajza," each consist ing of two "ahzab," and again divided into four. All the chapters except the ninth begin with the bismillah, "In the name of the most merciful God." Twenty-nine begin with certain letters of the alphabet, which are believed to be the peculiar marks of the Korar and to conceal several profound mysteries, the understanding of which, the more intelligent confess, has not been communicated to any mortal, their prophet only excepted.

According to Moslem tradition, the Archangel Gabriel paid 24,000 visits to earth while revealing to Mohammed the wishes of the Creator. Some few chapters were delivered entire, but the greater part was revealed piecemeal and written down at the prophet's die tation by Zaki, his secretary. The first revelation, it is generally agreed, contained the first five verses of the nine ty-sixth sura. After the passages had to the prophet's followers, several of them by heart, and the originals were order. For this reason it is uncertain when many of the passages were re-

abu Bekr, Mohammed's first succes sor, collected the originals, which were on palm leaves and skins, and had copies made by Zaid from the dictation of those who had committed the pas sages to memory. He further placed the suras in the order still followed putting the longest at the head of the list without regard to historical sequence. Some time later Osman had the Koran copied in the Quraish dia lect and suppressed the versions made by Abu Bekr.-Chicago News.

Burns and Fame.

It is amusing to learn that Burns when just emerging from obscurity jocularly anticipated that his birthday would come to be noted among other remarkable events. In a letter to his early patron, Gavin Hamilton, in 1786 he says, "For my own affairs I am in a fair way of becoming as eminent as Thomas a Kempis or John Bunyan, and you may henceforth expect to see my birthday inscribed among the wonderful events in the Poor Robin and Aberdeen Almanacks along with the Black Monday and the battle of Bothweil Bridge.

young man who was about to be married was very nervous and while asking for information as to how he must act put the question, "Is it kiss-

Many foolish things fall from wise

THE KAREN WOMEN.

They Have Peculiar Ideas of Person al Beauty and Adornment.

Like the Siamese, the Karen women are not good to look upon and do not improve their appearance any by the style of ornaments they affect. When very young their ears are pierced to admit a small round stick, which is gradually lacerated in diameter until by the time the little girls have become women their ears easily accommodate a two inch disk of blackened bamboo This stretches the ears hideously, as may be imagined, and when the ornament is laid aside temporarily-well, picture the thin strip of pendent ear lobe! As a rule, the Karen women wear their hair long, but, like the Slamese, some cut it short and others again keep in cropped close, except on top of the head, where it is allowed to grow to its natural length, which does not add to their by no means overabundance of good looks. Sometimes the unmarried woman wears a breast cloth, but for the most part men and women wear a loin girdle, and sometimes even that is set aside in hot weather.

To thoroughly appreciate Japanese women one should begin the far eastern trip at the Malay peninsula, journeying thence through Siam, Anam, Cambodia and China, though I confess to preferring a good looking Chinese girl to the alleged Japanese beauty Bracelets and necklaces of bamboo

are the other usual ornaments, except when they can afford a narrow neckband of silver, which protects, so it is believed, against many evils that lurk along life's wayside, even in the junwhich is preserved as a curiosity at The men also wear this neckband and bamboo an inch in diameter and about four inches long stuck through their ear lobes. Some of the boys are rather good looking. They wear their hair in a knot like a horn on the forehead or at one side or the other of the head or on top, and usually a turban crowns the topknot. All in all the Kurens differ not a great deal from the Stamese in physiognomy, but the people in this section of the far east shade into one another rather easily .- Caspar Whitney in Outing.

QUEER THINGS IN POLAND.

Superstition Plays a Leading Role With Young Men and Maidens

It is customary in Polish villages to strew straw over the Christmas eve supper tables and for the young people, blindfolded or in the dark, to pick out each a straw therefrom. Should the straw be green the lucky maiden expects to wear a bridal wreath or the youth to lead a blushing bride to the altar during the approaching year, but dried straw foretells to either long waiting, possibly even until death. concerned to regard suuff as the grand

In other rural Polish districts on the 'Christ's eve" wine, beer and water are placed by a girl between two candles on a table. She then retires into a corner or an adjoining room to watch the result reflected in a mirror hung for this purpose. If as the clock strikes midnight a man enters and drinks the wine she is happy, for her wooer will be rich. Should be drink the beer, she may be content, for the wooer will be "order," "series." In manuscripts well to do. If the water be chosen, her more than midnight terror, believing that she is doomed to be early the

bride of death. Poland is peculiarly rich in these observances, spreading themselves throughout the year, both sexes being equally superstitious in this respect. On New Year's eve the young unmarried men place themselves before a fire and, bending down, look beneath their legs. Should a woman appear in the background it is the one they will marry, but if they see a shape as of a coffin it forebodes for them death during the year close at hand.

THE WEARING OF SHOES. Custom That Is Almost as Old as

the Race Itself. What is regarded as the earliest ref erence to shoes is found in the Old Testament where Abraham refuses to take as much as a shoe latchet from the king of Sodom. Among the Jews the shoe played an important part in many social usages. When buying or selling land it was customary to deliver a shoe, and the act of throwing down a shoe on territory implied occupancy. The finding of sandals on Egyptian mummles proves that the wearing of shoes is almost as old as the race itself. In Venice in the seven been written down they were published | teenth century every lady of any pretension to fashion or position wore whom took copies, while most learned what were called "choppines," high clogs or pattens, to elevate them from then placed in a chest in no particular the ground. Thomas Coryat, a traveler who visited Venice in 1611, says of them: "They are so common in Venice that no woman goeth without either in her house or abroad. It is a thing made of wood and covered with leather in sundry colors-some white, some red, some yellow. Many of them are curiously painted; some also of them have I seen fairly gilt. There are many of these chaplneys of a great height-even half a yard high-and by how much the nobler a woman is by so much the higher are her chapineys. All their gentlewomen and most of

> not fall."-Chicago News. Classical Advertising.

their wives and widows that are of

any wealth are assisted or supported

either by men or women when they

walk abroad, to the end that they may

It seems curious to American ideas to know that there is a firm of house decorators in London which has been mentioned by some of the most eminent English writers. It started in 1695, and Jane Austen. Thackeray and Lord Lytton are among the many writers who have placed their heroes or herotnes in rooms decorated by this firm. This might be called classic advertising.-New York Tribune

Rebuking His Presumption. The girl with the auburn hair had suffered him to put his arm on the back of the seat, but when he tried to take her hand she drew it away.

"Mr. Spoonall," she said, "you mustn't try to stretch a base hit into a three bagger."—Chicago Tribune.

Some people make themselves at home wherever they may be except at