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a week. The condition of the skin depends almost entirely upon the care given to the general health. The girl who is up late at night, gives no care to her dist, indulges in various stimulants, bathes but seldom and exercises less is certain to bave either a dull, muddy looking skin or one covered with disagreeable looking black and red spots. One should avoid many sweets and much pastry and not allow herself to become a slave either to tea or coffee any more than she would to some vicious drug or strong stimulant. She should also remember that unless she is in good condition internally she will be anything but a pleasant object to look upon externally."

SOME LIGHT UPON HOW LONG IT HAS

Man With a Mine of Information Not Take a Tempting Bet.

An elderly man, with a gray mustache, looked up from a plate of spa-ghetti which he was eating in a restaurant and spoke to three others:
"Say," he said, "what do you people

know about asbestus?" Two of his companions preserved a modest silence, but the third, who was

a little man, spoke up:
"I know all about asbestus," he said. "Do, eh?" queried the man with the spaghetti on his plate. "Then how long's it been in use ?"

"Well," said the little man, hesitatingly, "p'raps 30 years."
"You're away off. Of course you didn't know that Charlemagne had an asbestus tablecloth?"

"Who's Charlemagne?"
"Well," said the elderly man,
"Charlemagne was king of the Franks
and emperor of the Romans about 1,100 years ago. He was a great fighter and

"Don't believe it," said the little man. "I never heard of asbestus until the Centennial." "Well, Charlemagne had the cloth

all right," said the elderly man. "He it didn't burn. Asbestus became quite fashionable after that for towels and napkins. It saved laundry bills. All a man's wife had to do was to throw the week's wash into the stove and it came

out as clean as chalk."
"Say." said the little man, incredulously, "do you think you can string me like that?"

"It's so," declared the elderly man. "But of course you never heard that Benjamin Franklin had an asbestus

"No. Had he?" asked the little man with a sneer.
"Of course he had. He took it over to England with him and sold it to a man in Bloomsbury, London, for a big

"I suppose," said the little man, with a wink, "that the Englishman was a friend of yours, and you know his name. "No," replied the first man,

never saw him, but he was called Sir Hans Sloane, and he had a museum." "Dime museum?" grinned the little man. "Not a bit of it," smiled the elderly man good naturedly. "It was a sure enough museum, and as a matter of fact it constituted the nucleus of the British museum. I dare say that Ben-

jamin Franklin's asbestus purse is there The little man looked a little crestfallen, but the elderly man consoled

lots of people besides yourself who are shy on knowledge regarding asbestus. It wasn't much used during recent centuries. In 1676 an asbestus handkerchief was shown to the Royal society as a great curiosity by Dr. Plot, who had bought it from a traveler on his return from China. They called it salamander's wool. Dr. Plot saturated the handkerchief with oil and threw it into a fierce charcoal fire. The oil burned off, but the handkerchief remained intact. The fellows of the society were much interested and were not greatly surprised when the price of asbestus in Chinese Tartary was quoted at \$400 a Chinese ell. which isn't much more than an English yard. It's likely that the price had risen since the days of the yer want to keep still till yer do. ancients, for those old fellows had big sheets of asbestus, which they wound

around corpses before cremating them. "That's a long time ago," said the little man sententiously. years, there was a book published in London, 40 years ago, giving accounts, among other things, of remarkable experiments previously made at Milan, in Italy, by the Chevalier Aldini, who had used asbestus in the construction of a picked. Dern my buttons of I did, colosuit of fireproof armor. The coverings for arms, legs and body were of heavy cloth which had been soaked in a strong solution of alum. The belmet, gauntlets and stockings were of asbestus. Then there was an overdress, covering the body, thighs and feet, of wire gauze, 20 meshes to the inch. With this armor on, men stood on a big gridiron over a blazing fire for ten minutes and buried their heads in piles of burning hay and shavings, but nevertheless they came out unharmed. They also handled bars of white hot iron and did other things which seemed quite miraculous. That was over 40

years ago. "Well," said the little man, "it's hard to believe that for several hundreds of thousands of years the world was so full of chumps that there wasn't room for a man smart enough to utilize asbestus. On the whole, I guess I'll go on doubting. "All right." returned the elderly

right. Perhaps your doubts are strong enough to uphold a bet of \$10 against right. But the little man wouldn't bet .-

"I've got \$5,000 that says I'm

New York Times.

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Cumberlands. "I'm looking for a place," I said after a few preliminaries, "where I can stop for a week or so while I look up some timber I have in this neighbor-

hood. Do you know of any?" "There ain't much uv that sort eround here," he replied, "exceptin you go to Mount Pleasant, an I reekon that's too fer. But hol' on," he broke in with a sudden thought, "thar's the "Don't worry." he said, "there are Widder Tackett. She axed me yistidy to see some uv you folks at the mill and tell 'em she had a place to sleep and eat two er three men ef they wuzn't too

pertickler." "Is it a pretty good place?" I inquired thoughtlessly.

The young man's face flushed.
"Well, I reckon," he said with some emphasis. "She's goin to be my mother-in-law come next September."
"Oh, I beg your pardon," I hastened
to explain. "I only asked to know if she had good eating. Some of that we get in private houses even in the cities, you know, is not the best in the world."

"Cities be derned," he said with a Ain't nothin like it nowhere, no matter what kind uv a pie she sets afore yer. It's all ne plusibus unum, an no mistake. Why, I'm tellin you that I sot down to one uv her pies last week, dern "Well." continued the elderly man. of I recomember what kind it wuz, ef "if you want to come down to later I ever knowed, an I wuz eatin right into it like a hot shovel goin into a snow pile, an Bill Rogers acrost the table frum me called me a liar, an I never said a deru word to him tell I had plum e't my pie and got my teeth

I did not like to inquire further into the mystery of what happened to Mr. Rogers after the last taste of the pie was safely housed by my informant, but I made a fair guess and went on to see the Widow Tackett concerning board and lodging for one man for one week. -Washington Star.

A Brave Briton.

When the attack was made on Sidon, during the war with Syria, it became necessary for the British troops to advance across a long, unprotected bridge, in the face of a battery of six guns, which completely commanded the approach. The men were unwilling to expose themselves to certain death, when Arthur Comming, carefully dressed in full uniform, stepped forward to the middle of the bridge. It was immediately swept by the fire of the battery. When the smoke had rolled away, there stood Comming intact, carefully brushing the dust from his boots, after which stood erect, fixed a single glass in his eye and locked back at the men. This was too much, and they captured that bridge and battery with a whoop.

A few weeks back a wedding breakfast was given by a substantial farmer blessed with five daughters, the eldest of whom was the bride. A neighbor, a young farmer, who was boncred with an invitation, thinking no doubt that he ought to say something complimentary upon the event, addressed the bridegroom thus: "Well, you have got the pick of the

batch. The faces of the four unmarried ones were a study.-London Fun.

Eugene. No Fixation In Space.

The common idea as to the path of the earth being "fixed in space" is tak-en exception to by astronomers on the ground that there are few if any things in the domain of astronomy that can really be called fixed space, that fact being that unceasing changes are going on, though these changes are generally so slow as to escape the notice of a so perficial observer, but are fortunately periodic, so that they fall within the possibility of computation. Thus the earth's path is not fixed, since the ecliptic undergoes a very slow change, so that, while at present it is a few seconds more than 23 degrees 27 minutes in about 15,000 years, astronomers calculate, it will be reduced to 22 degrees.
15 minutes, after which it will begin to increase again, a change so slow and within such narrow limits that it can produce no sensible alteration in the seasons.—Kansas City Journal.

Even Up. While some Swiss militiamen were resting from their drill one of the m eigar from that of the officer. The latter took this evidence of the "spirit of freedom" in good part, but said, "In

the Prussian army you could not have done this, John." "Right you are," was the prompt se-ply, "but in the Prussian army you could not be an officer."

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Drenching Her Concett. Helen-He thinks the world of me. And such nice things he says of met He said last evening that I was a dream. Harriet—A dream may be beautiful when one is under its influence, but one



out to seek his first position to the chis business life, his health has a we do with his success. When out to seek his first position to the end of his business life, his health has a world to do with his success. When a wing man applies to a business man for a position, his personal appearance has a deal to do with the ontcome. "Personal appearance" does not mean dress alone. It does not mean exterior cleanliness alone. A young man may be clean, so far as soap and water will make him, but be disfigured by unsightly pimples, cruptions and ulcerations on the skin. These are due to impurities in the blood. The blood becomes impure because it is improperly nourished. Instead of receiving the life-giving elements of the food, it receives the foul emanations of indigestion, bilousness and costiveness.

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