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MEXICO'S SIGN LANGUAGE. Gestures With a Meaning Understood by Every Tribe.

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A general upward movement of the body, shoulders shrugged, eyebrows raised, lips pouted and palms outspread, varies in meaning from "I den't know and I don't care" to a most respectful.

move the right hand palm outward from the body toward another person means "Just wait; I'll be even with you

The index finger on the temple moved with a boring two means "He's drunk." The right hand held to the lips, three fingers doubled, thumb and little finger erect, varies from "He drinks" to "Have one with me."

To move the open hand over the cheek in imitation of a razor has reference to the idiom "playing the barber" and means "to flatter." All four fingers and the thumb held points together and moved toward the

mouth means "to eat. The right hand held before the face the two middle fingers moving rapidly, is a familiar salutation.—"Modern Mexico."

FELLING BIG TREES.

The Methods by Which the Woodsman Brings Them Down.

The chopper approaches the tree with a plumb line. If the top does not lean more than two feet in the case of a large tree or more than four in the case of a small one, he considers that he can fell it in any direction he may desire. He then views the ground and selects the most promising "lay out," and the undercut is made exactly facing it. The "undercut" usually extends about one-third through, and then the tree is sawed in from the back to meet it.

When the two cuts are within six inches of meeting, the saw is removed, and the tree is wedged up until the top passes the center of gravity, when it falls by its own weight, easily breaking the strip of wood remaining.

Where the surface of the ground is such that it is necessary for the butt and the top to strike the ground simultaneously, the stump is snubbed off at place to rest and perforce slides to the alive.

one side, half the undercut is slanted, and a pile of chips is placed on the flat surface of the other half. The result never fails to manifest the efficacy of this device. Again, by leaving one side of the uncut wood between the undercut and the saw cut thicker than the other, the tree may be drawn considerably away from its natural course.

Eggs and Germs. It was formerly thought that an egg must be safe eating whatever the surroundings, since its shell covered completely the part caten, but it has now been shown unmistakably that germs of disease can even find their way through an eggshell. For instance, the typhus bacillus and the cholera bacillus have both been found to make their way through an unbroken eggshell in about 16 hours and locate themselves in the

nutrient contents. This is a clear indication, therefore, that the greatest care should be exercised in the storage and handling of eggs, since they may thus be made vehicles for most deadly poisons. Doubtless the immunity from such evils which we enjoy in our use of eggs as food is due to the fact that we generally cook them in a high temperature before we savings in a leather bag in the coiling, eat them and thus deal death to the but the rats got at it, so that the family germs and safety to ourselves.—Good Words.

the injection of serum into the brain. That is not the method of treating lockjaw out in Missouri. Several years ago a citizen of Liberty, Mo., was suffering from tetanus. Local physifans failed to relieve him, and Dr. Wood of Kansas City, a gruff old gentleman, was called. Arriving at the home of the patient he found the room physician proceeded toward the sick man and remarked, "Why in --don't you shut your mouth?" at the same time giving him a severe "chuck" under the chin. The effect of the blow caused the mouth to close, and the man soon recovered. - Chicago Post.

This word is used throughout the Australian colonies in connection with e corpner's inquiry. It does not figure in any dictionary that I am aware of not even in Professor Morris' "Austral-English." It seems distinctly jour-nalese. How does the "i" come in, for one could understand the expression "a coronal inquiry?" Is it a variant of "corony + al?" Perhaps somewhat akin to the formation of "baronial" from 'barony + al. '-Notes and Queries.

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DEWEY AS A DISCIPLINARIAN. his Method of Subduing Some Refractory

"I was with Commodore Dewey when he was the executive officer of the Colorado," said a financier, "and I ren ember one incident which shows the manner of man he is. We had a fine crew, some of them as powerful men as I ever saw. Four or five of them went ashore one day and came back fighting drunk.

"Three of them were men who would singly have been more than a match in strength for John L. Sullivan. The order was given to put them in irons, and it was found impossible to carry out the order, for the men were dangerous, Dewey was notified of the situation. He was writing a letter in his room at the

"He went to the place where these giants were and he told them to come out and submit to the irons. They did not stir. Then Dewey said quietly to an orderly, 'Bring me my revolvers,' and when he had his pistols he again called upon the men to come out, but they did not move. Then he said, 'I am going to count three. If you are not out here with your hands held up on the third the undercut, which provides a slanting surface, so that the butt has no count, you wan t come out of that place

"He counted one, then he cooked the expected to hear the report, for we knew that Dewey meant what he said. The men knew it too. They sterped out just in time to save their lives and held up their hands, and they had been partially sobered by their tight and the moral effect of Dewey's glance.

"One of them said afterward that when he saw Dewey's eyes he knew that he would either be a cead Jackie in a moment or he would have to yield, and when the irons were put upon him he was as sober as he ever was in his life. Dewey went back to his room and finished the letter he was writing."-Philadelphia Press.

"The Lucky Duffs."

"The Lucky Duffs" is the title of an article in The English Illustrated Magazine in which Mr. J. M. Eullock traces the rise of the Duke of Fife, like a prince in a fairy tale, from a little farmer in the north of Scotland 200 years ago. One good woman of the ouse used to ride to market with a huge pile of plaiding, which she had spun from her sheep, in the crouper be-side her and duly brought back its value in morks. These she hearded in bags. On one occasion she banked her dined amid a downpour of ducatoon. The family flourished so well that each of her three sons got an estate of his Recently a young man in New Jer- 36 children into the world, while Wilsey was treated successfully for tetanus liam became the father of the first Earl

Queen Wilhelmina. There is no longer any doubt that Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands, is engaged to marry Prince Bernhard of Saxe-Weimar, who is now 20 years of age and the second son of the late hereditary Prince of Weimar. The full of sympathizing neighbors. The young queen has lately been in Paris seeing the sights and selecting a trousseau. Her dresses, rides in the Bois and goodness of face and character have been items of interest in the Paris journals. They deem it significant that she shops in Paris instead of Berlin and believe the future queen a valuable person

Thoughtful to the Last.

"Didn't your absconding cashler "Yes. He left a line in the cash box transferring to me his paid up memberthip in a Don't Worry club."-- Chicago

Gladstone as a Linguist. A remarkable illustration of the scope

of Mr. Gladstone's power as a linguist was given many years ago when he addressed an assembly on the island of Corfu in modern Greek, a little later spoke to an assembly in Florence in Italian, a few days later conversed with ease in German with Bismarck, soon afterward responded in fluent French to a toast at a bar met in Paris, and then crossed the channel to deliver a five hours' speech in parliament on the

Ordinary tumblers will hold water because the globules of water are too big to squeeze through the glass. But air blows right through it, because the

specks of air are smaller than the holes. Put a bell into a big globe of glass, seal up the vessel, pump out all the air, then ring the bell inside, and you hear nothing. There is not air enough in the globe to carry a sound. But lay the globe aside for a month or so, and matter how carefully you have sealed up the neck you will find that you then can hear the bell when you ring it. Air has got into that globe—enough anyway to carry a sound has leaked in through the substance of the glass.

The ordinary incandescent lamp glass globe with the air pumped out and after a few months sufficient leaks through to dim the light w charcoal inside.

We can make plenty of vesse hold water, but nothing has been which will hold air without any age. The air sneaks in throwhich are too small for the hur

In fact, everything leaks. -An When the eminent botanist Pro Aitman of Glasgow was a small l he had the present of a silver 1 whereupon his mother was so worried with questions as to what he should de with it that she exclaimed, "Really, you had better go to Thomas Elliot's

well known pharmacist) and buy six-pence worth of patience." Down the street marched the lad and demanded of the chemist, "Mr. Elliot, please give me sixpence worth of pe

Mr. Elliot, taking in the situation a glance, said: "Certainly, my bo there's a chair. Just sit down and wa till you get it." Professor Aitman's endeavor to pur

chase patience was a great success-made a deep impression on the lad ar was one of the factors of his success The new rector gazes middy at a small boy in the Sunday school and says, "My dear little follow, have you read the 'Thirty-nino Articles?"

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