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And see a world of showers and flowers

A lass who watched the swallows
Skim just beyond her hand
And where the flickers fled and sped
And nests of hang birds fanned
And felt those birds were fairy folk
On wing to fairyland.

In her warm fist she carried, Trudging o'er hills and dales,
In tiny papers laid and weighed
As if in fairy scales
The salt that catches bobolinks
When sprinkled on their tails.

A little lass and wistful, Who gazed up the tar sky,
And reached for fairy things and wings
In vain and wondered why;
Poor little lass, I wonder still,
Could she be really 1?

—Harriet Prescott Spofford in Collier's.

ALLAH AND AMERICA.

Persian Legend About the Creator's Visit to Earth

In Persia, on a morning after the vermin had been particularly vigorous, I said something caustic about getting back to God's country. An Armenian who had reposed in utter comfort in the same caravansary heard it and smiled. Being an Armenian, he hated the Persians, probably. Incidentally the Persian reciprocates.

Well, this Armenian, rubbing his hands and with his head skewed over on one side, said: "The Persians have a legend for everything. They have a

angel, 'I will see this world which I

and the first place at which they arrived was France-that is, in Ferenroads, and the tramways, and the theaters, and the great picture galleries.

these things.' that is, England—and there were is prepared in an extremely cleanly mighty ships in the harbors and huge manner. No one is debarred from enmills which make all sorts of things tering the kitchen, and a visit thither and food in plenty. And again Allah sends one back with renewed appetite said: 'Alas, no! This is not the world to the untidy eating room. So many the land and said, 'No; this is not it.'

"At last, in despair, the angel led the way to Persia, and Allah sat himself flavored dishes. down upon a very high mountain, and,

thing is changed. The people whom 1 put there have done nothing."

when the waiter is wanted, some one emits a shrill yell which brings an answering whom from the kitchen fol-

America."-Harper's Weekly. An Old New Jersey Schoolhouse, The pupil of today would think his school of that period is thus described

in an old letter of one of its attendants: The building was constructed of logs, and instead of glass for windows, It is curious and interesting to note sheepskins were stretched over the that under American management the apertures made by sawing off an occa- tone of these places is lower than when sional log. The windows had one the Chinese are in sole control. merit-they prevented pupils from being interrupted in their study by good, either in a moral or a culinary what was going on outside. The time was regulated by an hourglass, and is usual to speak as if Mott and Pell the pupils drank water from a tum- streets were the city's sink of iniquity,

ground shell. In spite of these differences of equipment, the schools of a century ago-re- two up town. The clientele of the sembled those of today in one notable respect—they had for the most part a rule. Chinese drop in for their meals, the same great literary works that are and dwellers from up town come either the standards of our language now. from curiosity, or because they have The greatest literature is fortunately learned to like good Chinese cooking. the possession of many centuries.

He had been trying all evening to all his humorous stories and had given one impassioned speech from "Cyrano," but was still unconscious. Thick skinned, he failed to perceive all her efforts to get rid of him. Finally there commission; salary paid each Saturday and ex- was a deep silence. Fidgeting, he se money advanced each week. STANDARD grew nervous and cast about for some-

41-14 thing to say. "Do you wear that sort of collar as a rule?" he stammered foolishly. "No," the haughty maid replied frigidly; "as a collar."

Then he fled .- New York Times. Her Opinion of Compliments.

"No," said Miss Cayenne, "I don't care for people who continually pay compliments." "But it shows an amiable disposi-"Perhaps, but the habit reminds me

at some people are willing to pay

what costs them nothing and what

they don't really owe."-Washington Seen at the Wrong Time. Employer-Mr. Redink, you got off

yesterday afternoon under the plea of being ill. I saw you afterward going to the races, and you didn't appear to be at all unwell. Clerk-You ought to have seen me after the second race, sir. I was bad

enough then.-Tit-Bits. It is folly to attempt to please everybody. It matters not in which direction a man faces he must of necessity turn his back on half the world .- Chi-

CHOPSTICK DINNERS.

A FAD WITH WOULD BE BOHEMIANS IN NEW YORK.

Chinese Restaurants There Tolerate a Free and Easy Etiquette, and Everybody Does Just About as He or She Pleases.

In the last few years a surprisingly large number of Chinese restaurants have made their appearance in up town districts in New York. The tawdry outward decorations of red and blue lights and huge gilt Chinese characters are in every case the same. The same, too, are the unattractive entrances, the walls decorated with colored pictures of pretty Chinese girls and marvelous specimens of landscapes, the little tables covered with white ollcloth, the general dilapidation of the establishment. Nothing about them seems attractive, and yet these places thrive, and their number increases with astonishing rapidity. The reason is not far to seek if one is at all familiar with the facts. There are several characteristics of the Chinese restaurant which recommend it highly to certain classes and seem to indicate that its popularity

is not a mere fad. In the first place it should be understood that most of these places are really what they are supposed to be, eating houses carried on under Chinese management. The cooks are invarialegend for what you said just now. It bly true Celestials, and in only a few cases are the proprietors Americans. "Allah-that is God-once said to his The food is prepared, therefore, according to the most approved methods of the Middle Kingdom, with the result "And so Allah and the angel descend- that in cheapness and savoriness (if ed invisible in a cloud to the earth, you like it) it can easily outclass similar places run by American cooks. The Chinese is a master of the art of makghistan. And there they saw the rail- ing palatable dishes out of next to nothing or rather a little of everything. Not even the French cook can rival And Allah looked in disappointment him. The insipidity of cheap chopand said: 'Alas, no! This is not the houses and the sameness of the dairy world which I made. I made none of lunch counters are thus escaped by frequenters of these restaurants. More-"So they journeyed to Inglezistan- over, in spite of appearances the food which I made.' And everywhere they traveled in the cloud Allah looked upon the land and said, 'No; this is not it.' who while possessed of a small share who while possessed of a small share traveled in the cloud Allah looked upon the land and said, 'No; this is not it.' cheapness and grow to enjoy the highly

There is also a free and easy atmoslooking far on every side, he saw nel- phere about the Chinese eating house ther railroads nor tramways nor thea- which attracts many would be "Boheters nor picture galleries nor ships nor mians" as well as a goodly share of a mills nor schoolhouses nor plenty to class below the lowest grades of the city's many graded Bohemia. Visitors "And Allah sald: 'Yes, at last. This loll about and talk and laugh loudly. is the world which I made. Not a When the waiter is wanted, some one swering whoop from the kitchen, fol-"Why didn't he come to America?" I lowed sooner or later by a little Chinese at a jog trot. Any one who feels Persia they had not even heard of try a little pigeon English on the cook. The proprietor will teach anybody to use the chopsticks and roar with laughter over the fallures of the novice. Everybody does as he or she pleases withopportunities very great if he could in certain very elastic bounds. The see the school equipment of a hundred limit is reached sooner in some places years ago. A Morris county (N. J.) than in others, for while some of the houses are before midnight at least perfectly well conducted others are of more than questionable respectability.

way, as those down in Chinatown. It bler made of a cow's horn or from a and so they are in some respects, but there are no Chinese restaurants in the neighborhood as disreputable as one or down town places is above suspicion as Up town the bills of fare are more limited. "Yockaman," "chop suey" and "chowman" are the pieces de resistance. They answer the purpose cermake a good impression. He had told tainly, for 25 cents' worth of some kinds of chop sucy served with rice will make a toothsome dish for two people. Tea is served free of charge, and the quantity is not limited. But no one should judge the Celestials' culinary skill by these up town houses.

These new up town places are not so

Many of the guests in these restaurants come regularly. Frequently men and women come with palls to buy the food and take it home. Negroes are in disproportionately large numbers. They seem to like the Chinese, and indeed the noise in the kitchen reminds one of the similar condition of southern kitchens under negro management. However solemp the Chinese may seem to be in public, he is a cheerful creature in his own kitchen. Talk and laughter, even music during "off" hours, float out to the dining room. All the servants seem ready to break into smiles at the smallest provocation. They are always ready to exchange jests with their patrons, but familiarity never becomes impertinence. The Chinese doesn't care what happens so long as he is left unmolested. He likes everything to be slipshod and merry.-New York Trib-

Why "Wedding Breakfast?" "In all my experience of wedding breakfasts," said a guest at a wedding,

have never understood why the feast was called a breakfast and not a luncheon. Now I have learned. It is eagle is. The turkey is a ha from the custom in the Church of England, where the bride and bridegroom always receive the holy communion before the ceremony, receive it fasting and remain fasting until after the wedding, when the most which is arround to ding, when the meal which is served is really a breakfast"-New York Times. tical Poultryman.

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"But one night a fellow as big as the side of a house came along, and we trouble. We put him up against the heaviest man in our party, who, though he only tipped the ty, who, though he only scales at 180 pounds, had two good hands and a head that you co hurt with a piledriver. But the stranger was no slouch, and at the end of the fourth round we began to about the tenner.

stage there were two windows. So I says to our man as I sponged his mouth, 'Work him over to one of the "It wasn't no easy job, but he did

duffer backed up near the window he got a crack in the head from behind that dumped him in a heap. That's the way we saved our ten.
"But the funny part of it is that our champeen had caught the local guy on

out."-New York Sun.

Duncan Ross, the Scotch athlete, brought to New York with him so years ago a valuable bull terrier, faus for the blue ribbons he had won in India. Mr. Ross lived across the Harlem river, but his business, took him daily to the lower part of New York. Invariably he was accompa to his office by the bull terrier. As it was known that he always came down town on the elevated railroad, his friends wondered, knowing the embar-

Their repeated questioning finally persuaded him to reveal the secret, and he invited them all to the office one evening just as he was starting for home. He took out of his desk a stout piece of wrapping paper and, opening it out flat, spread it on the floor. Then he whistled to the dog, and the bull terrier walked to the center of the paper and curled up in a limp lump. Mr. Ross then produced a piece of stout cord and made a very neat parcel of his pet and tucked it under his arm.

down town for two years," he said, "and no one has ever had the faintest suspicion of its animated contents Clive is so well trained that he never makes a sound or moves a muscle. leave a little opening at one end of the package, so that he has plenty of air."

The turkey is our great national bird instead of the eagle, which I don't take much stock in. Turkeys are good to ent. Eagles are only fit to put as stamps on coin. The eagle is a raven-ous, vicious thief. There is nothing brave or good about the eagle. The eagle cannot be tamed and is of no earthly use to any one anywhere at any time or place. A hawk is braver than the eagle. If the eagle had the courage in proportion to his size of the sparrow, he would be a wonder.

It was a mistake-a sad, pitiful blun der-to make the eagle our national bird. And a movement should be pu on foot now to place the turkey on our coins and remove the eagle from where he has no business to be. A bird so useless should not be worshiped as the and in every way a better bird. On al ne without the turkey .- Prac-



could handle.

"The ring was on the stage at the front of the hall, and at the rear of the

the jaw the same moment, and could never persuade him that it wasn't himself that secured the knock-

An Animated Parcel.

go placed upon dogs, how he procured transit for the bull terrier.

"I have carried this parcel up and

The Engle and the Turkey.