## THE PERSIAN SEER.

## An Individual of Considerable Importance and Very Little Learning.

The Omonajem, or astrologer, is a power in Persia. He is recognized as a man of science, a member of a learned profession. The chief astrologer is a high court officer, from whose ruling there is no appeal, for his decisions are based upon knowledge that is communicated direct from the stars. Thus, if he decrees that the Asylum of the Universe must not start on a hunting expedition on Thursday, but that half an hour after midnight on Saturday will be the fortunate hour, he is able to give irrefragible reasons for his conelusions by showing that Saturn is in the ascendant in one case, while on Saturday night, at the precise time mentioned, there will be a happy conjunction of Venus.

If another astrologer is consulted he will give the same story. Every hour in the day, and every day in the year. is thus worked out as fortunate, indifferent or unlucky in the astrologer's books of fate.

Besides these calendars they have as their stock in trade a plumb-line, a level, a celestial sphere and an astrolabe. The astrolabes are in the form of a gigantic watch and are often beautifully made. Every large town contains at least two astrologers, and they are very far from being poor. A Persian may find an astrologer very useful, especially if he be an officer and desires to evade some responsibility. Thus, suppose a provincial Governor is ordered to the capital and that he does not want to go, what more powerful reason for delay in starting than to reply that he is waiting for a fortunate hour, and what easier than to induce the astrologer to fail to find one? In the meantime the officer has time to administer the necessary bribes at court, and the storm blows over.

Istikhara, tossing up, or drawing of the lot, is done with a rosary. A bead is grasped at at hap-hazard; "Good," "Bad," "Ind fferent," is ejaculated at each bead, till the big terminal one is reached, and that decides the question. Answers are given in conversation, bargains are made or refused, and serious acts are undertaken under the guidance of this formula. Another way is to thrust a knife into the leaves of the koran or one of the poet cal books, and be guided by what is found at the place. The diviners are real quacks and gain their success by working on the fears of the people. The guilty party in a scandal or criminal inquiry in his nervousness is provoked to do some act that brings about his detection. - Popular Science Monthly.

# PERFECT EQUALITY.

#### Why It Is Essential to the Carrying On of a Fair Discussion.

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can be carried on with any degree of chusetts, we should have temples fairness unless each person recognizes every way worthy of the Most High the other as his full peer in that dis- God. cussion. It matters not that one person is older and more experienced and better informed than the other; consenting to enter into the discussion of a given point, the superior thereby assumes the position of one who may be in error at that point; of one who may be shown his error by the other person; and of one who is ready to weigh fairly and candidly the views and arguments presented to the other in the course of the discussion, and to be convinced by them if they are such that they ought to convince him. He who does not recognize this as his duty in every discussion in which he bears a part is incompetent to conduct a discussion intelligently. If, indeed, one deems another unworthy of being counted his peer in a discussion, then he has the privilege of de lining to enter into a discussion with him, even though he would be willing to be his instructor, or to give him all needed information; but a discussion once begun must be carried on on the basis of perfect equal ty between the disputants as disputants, or it is not a true discussion. It is in view of this truth that one who has any real, or apparent, superiority over another, with whom he is discussing a point, must be scrupilously careful to refrain from asserting, or seeming to think of, that superiority. If it be a learned teacher in discussion with a young scholar, or a trained expert in discussion with a layman, or a wise father in discussion with a forward child, or a host discussing with a guest at his own table, the discussion as a discussion must go on as between peers. The moment that the superior asserts or intimates the claim that he is to be regarded in this discussion as a superior, or that his opin on is to have more we ght than the other's opinion-that moment he proposes to deny his op onent the rights of an equal in a contest which the two have entered as equals. If, indeed, he who has superiority in other respects can show his superiority as a disputant, his superiority is entitled to prompt recognition accordingly; but until a disputant can show his superiority as a disputant, he ought to be ashamed to assert, during a discussion, his right to be recognized in that discussion as a superior on any other ground. -S. S. Times. -A medical authority says there are some peop e who can breathe sewer gas with impunity. We know that it is so. The plumier, for instance, can live and thrive for weeks in a house where he says it is suicide for the family to remain another day .- For Populi.

## BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES.

## Why They Can Not Be Considered a Waste of Capitol. Are beautiful churches a waste?

Perhaps so, from a strictly economic view-point, though of that I am not sure. 1 am willing to grant that there is no return in hard money for these real-estate valuation can recognize. There is a value in the mighty catar-ract that has nothing to do with water-power. So there is a value in the cathedral spire that is not computable in coin. A spiritual value inherent in the sublimely beautiful. 1 pass St. Patrick's every day, and there is always some one gazing up at those towers that take the thoughts as well as the eyes away from the rattling pavement, and hundreds, yes thouand some moments of that conscious spiritual uplifting, which is, in pro-portion to its nower a moment of the pro-BURGH, PA. portion to its power, a mount of transfiguration. The most beautiful church I ever saw-or ever expect to see, until I worship in the "house not made with hands "-is not a full-grown church; it is only a chapel-a small, low building, put up at an expense of about a thousand dollars. It is beauti- to \$25,000 a year from the sale of his books. ful, because the cellar wall is a free-

will offering from poor farmers who had a right to claim a winter's rest and costiveness. after the busy harvest season; because each timber of the frame-work represents hours of toil in making aprons and holders, by the sale of which to cleansing when they do not do their duty raise a few dollars-hours needed for rest of some mother's weary head and ting in order that it may act as nature intired hands; because every clapboard tended it should. tells of a pipeful of tobacco less for tells of a pipeful of tobacco less for the father; every shingle, a cup of teal will regulate the bowels, stimulate the less for the mother and the daughter; liver, improve the digestion and drive and every nail, a stick of candy less away dyspepsia. for the child. It is beautiful in con-taining an organ, while there are no land, according to statistics. organs in the homes of the givers; in "I DON'T WANT RELIEF, BUT CURE,"

on Fifth avenue? There, instead of a sease. temple of self-sacrifice, it would appear an ugly, wooden box of niggardliness. The church architecture of liness. The church architecture of Fifth avenue represents a certain amount of self-sacrifice, though very far, I fear, from attaining unto that of the people who built the little Dwight's chapel. • If into the beauty of form and of color of our larger city churches could be injected the spirit of self-denial that built the chapel in the little hill-town of Massa-No discussion between two persons chapel in the little hill-town of Massa-

One of the latest uses to which paper has been put is the building of chimneys. It is made in the form of blocks which are joined with silicious cement.

TWO WAYS. CHOOSE WHICH:

There are two usual ways of doing what Nature sometimes does incompletely, namely, to relieve the bowels. One is to swallow a drastic purgative which evacuates profusely, abruptly and with pain, the other is to take Hostetter's stomach Butters, the effect of which is not vio is no return in hard money for these enormous outlays, if admitting this will give our utilitarian friends any satisfaction. But it is useless to at-tempt to strike a money balance in these matters. There is a value in the massive mountain that no book of ully relaxing the bowels, the Bitters arouses a

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-The Japanese students at Cornell University have a way of cooking English sparrows so that they make a very palatable dish, and the Japs like them so much that they make a standing offer of three cents apiece for all the sparrows brought to them.

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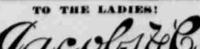
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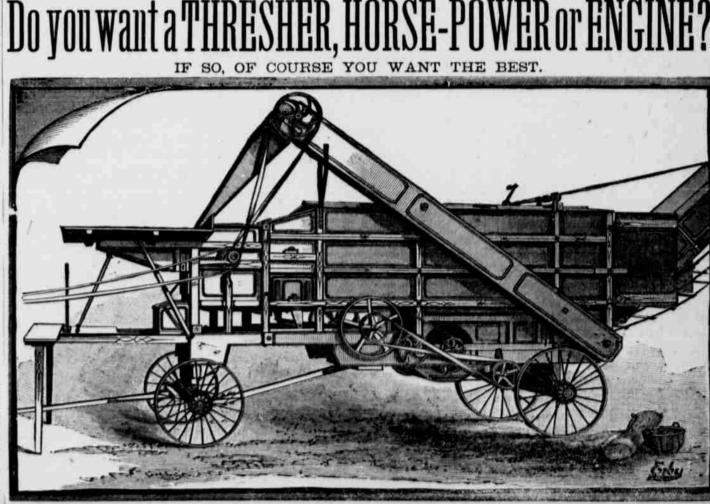


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