LEATHER GLOVES.

of What They are Made-Technical Terms in the Trade.

There are several terms in the glove trade that may be worth explaining. The word "kid" really means kid leather, and there can be little doubt that the better grades of what purport to be such are made of the cuticle of the infant goat. About twice a year some newspaper revives the old yarn that kid gloves are made of rat-skin and tells how the rats are hunted for that purpose in the sewers of Paris. The only foundation there is for the story is that some years ago experiments were tried with ratskins. The results were unfavorable, me largest skins being too small for any but a child's glove, and the pelt too ten-

der to be of any service.
"Chevrette," a term used to distinguish some gloves of a dressy character for street wear, is both French and English, and has several liberal meanings. It is from "chevre," a goat, and we are justified in expecting a chevrette glove to be of young goat-skin, in distinction from the heavy goat gloves used for rough work. Great progress has been made, however, in tanning sheep and lamb-skins in recent years, and they are now rendered so elegant and so durable as to be practically indistinguishable from goat leather in looks or wear.

Until within a few years "dogskin gloves" were always made of lamb or goat skin, never of the real canine cuticle. Lately, however, the difficulties of dressing have been overcome, and now excellent gloves are made of real dogskin, though the quantity is not very large. Only the finer grades of skin are suited to street wear, the heavier skins being dressed in oil for hard

Gloves called "castor" have had quite history. The word indicates the skin of the beaver, but the best French castor gloves were formerly made of thin deer skin, and were soft, durable and expensive. Latterly shaved lamb or sheep skin was used, and the goods were unsatisfactory. These were displaced by American easters made of antelope skins from our Western plains. They are sewed with silk and are handsome and durable. Of late years a new leather has been brought out called Mocha castor. It is the skin of the Egyptian sheep, and is very thin, tough and durable, and has a rich, velvety appear-

Colt skin is a new comer for glove purposes, and is an exceedingly smooth, fine leather, suitable for in or out door wear. Such expressions as "Craven Tan," "Cis-Atlantic," "Gant de Luxe," and others, are the trade-marks of particular makers, and are indicative of special designs.—Men's Outfitter.

TO CURE FROWNING.

A Bad Habit That Makes the Face Look

Ten Years Older. A great many earnest thinkers, especially those of a nervous temperament. fall in the habit of scowling when they read, write or talk seriously. This causes two little perpendicular lines to plow in between the eyes. You will notice these lines in portraits of the first Napoleon, Bismarck, the late Emperor William, Whittier and thousands of others. The effect, as of all wrinkles and distortions, is to make the face ten years older.

Now, this does not so much matter in a man, to whom good looks are of small concern, but it is a blemish on a girl's face. This habit of scowling or frowning is a habit almost impossible to correct, once formed, and it is a habit formed by a great many young people. Even in sleep their brows will be drawn together in this little frown that is an aider and abetter of age. A smooth, white brow is one of the

greatest attractions in a girl's face, and it is a shame that more attention is not paid to the correction of the bad habit, It is not so difficult if taken at the beginning. Practice speaking without moving any thing but the lips, and avoid raising and depressing the eyebrows while laughing or talking. A calm and even tone and avoidance of fits of temper will save many a wrinkle.

If the lines are already there it is sometimes possible to remove them by mechanical means. A bright, studious girl found herself the victim of this scowl, which had already made two fine hair lines in her white brow. She set herself to work to cure the habit by setting her mirror before her face when she read, wrote or studied; but as this distracted her attention from her work, she finally placed a ribbon band tightly across her brow, tying it in a knot at the back of her head, and at night she slept in the band.

After several months the little hair lines disappeared from her pretty forehead, and she is quite cured of the dis-

figuring habit. But the best plan is to avoid these marks. Don't frown. Check yourself and have your friends check you. Like all bad habits it will become less and less difficult to overcome with each effort, and in the end it will disappear en-

tirely.-Golden Days.

A Banner Made of Snake Skin. A Kansas City lady has a most unique banner. It is as beautiful as it is unique, and is prized by its owner for its beauty and oddity. It is made of the skin of an enormous rattlesnake, with a background of plush. The snake skin was sent the lady by a friend who lives in Texas. It is beautifully tanned, the back being colored and covered with spots resembling small scales, which on the background of plush look for all the world like mosaic. The skin is over five feet long without the head and tail, and fourteen rattles denoted its age. In the widest part the skin is nine inches in width, thus showing that in life the rightful owner of the skin which now adorns the lady's parlor must have been an ugly customer. A letter which preceded the present states that belts made of rattlesnake skins are much worn by the young ladies of Texas, and are a Chicago Herald

THE OREGON SCOUT. THE PACIFIC COAST.

Butcher Knife.

The Yakima and Columbia Canal to be Completed by June-Other Interesting News.

Robbers plundered a Mariposa stage. San Francisco's wharves are overcrowded.

Four inches more of snow have fallen at La Grande.

Snow continues to fall heavily on the Central Pacific.

West Seattle has incorporated with a \$500,000 cable road.

The loss on the Hassayampa (A. T.) dam was \$8,000,000.

The Yakima and Columbia canal is to e finished by June.

A Baker county bridge went down with a herd of cattle on it.

The Union Pacific will double its force at the La Grande shops.

San Francisco is trying to provide employment for its idle people. Puget sound has been experiencing un-

precedentedly rough weather. Reports from Nye are very discourag-

ing as to sheep and cattle losses. An eight-foot mammoth's tusk has been unearthed near Goldendale.

The Oregon and Washington road has increased its stock to \$10,000,000.

Connection with the Hunt lines is the chief commercial topic at Portland. Lee Chuck, the Chinese murderer, is

on his third trial in San Francisco. The Berkeley (Cal.) hotel was completely destroyed by fire.

Falling on a circular saw cost E. H Clarke his life at Vancouver.

San Francisco has thirty-two deep

water American ships in port. The Southern Pacific is reported to

have purchased the Cuyamaca road. Mrs. Mary Johnson, an aged lady, was

burned to death in her home at Stockton. The Government has purchased a site for a quarantine hospital near San Diego. The disastrous rate war among Oakland

insurance agents has been patched up. Tacoma has had an electric car collision. None of the injured have yet objections to his silver bill. died.

Three miles of the Southern Pacific's lish an agricultural purcoasing agency in Berlin, track in Cow Creek canyon have been every county of the Union.

Independence is to have a new saw mill. Men are in Portland selecting the ment by street allway companies. machinery.

Navy officers and men from New York have arrived at Mare island to join the killed by the Republican Senators. Charleston.

brothers off the place with a shotgun. ing three people and wounding six. He was committed. The San Francisco Bankers' Mutual its maximum hight, and is now only 55

Relief Association is no more, and creditors are mourning. Miss Amy Fowler, who is on her way to nurse lepers at Molokai, Hawaii, has

reached San Francisco. Chehalis has incorporated a \$1,000,000 railroad company, to build from Shoal-water bay to the Columbia.

Repairs on the Oregon line are progressing rapidly, and it will be open for

travel in three or four weeks. Spokane is excited over the discovery that 15.000 pounds of rotten beef had

been delivered by its butchers. Taking of testimony in the Mrs. Terry case for defying a United States Marshal

is in progress in San Francisco. A heavy snow storm, the worst of this winter, is reported prevailing all over Montana. Cattle men are uneasy.

A good granite quarry has been opened on Nelson island, and a company is actively prosecuting development work. The cit'zens of Whatcom are seriously

discussing the question of erecting a new public school building to cost \$35,000. Father Stephen has been sent to Dakota by Miss Drexel to feed the starving

Indians. Better feed the starving farm-The \$33,000 penalty of the Union Iron

Works incurred on the Charleston has been favorably reported for refunding in Senator Allen thinks he will get through

his bill appropriating \$ 0,000 for the improvement of Fort Walla Walla military reservation. Snow again at La Grande and vicinity

Stockmen complain of the unusual length of winter, which is proving very hard on stock. William Travers, a brutal murderer, has been convicted at Nevada City, Cal.,

of murder in the first degree, with life imprisonment. Augustus Johnson, a Stockton (Cal.) rancher, was attacked by a Chinese cook with a butcher knife and terribly cut

about the head. Fred Myers, 27 years old, a son of Mattison Myers, committed snieide at San Diego at grief over his mother's death four months ago.

It is believed that the Union Pacific will make Umatilla junction one end of a freight division, and that shops will be located there also.

A hav and box warehouse at Centerville, Cal., was burned by an incendiary fire. Fifity-five tons of hay and 1,500 fruit boxes were destroyed.

Puget sound was so rough one day recently that small bea's from Tacoma and Seattle did not venture out. It was not

known to have been so bad for years. Commander Joseph B. Coghlan, who was recently relieved from command of the United States steamer Mohican, has

arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu. One branch of the Yakima and Columbia canal, to irrigate some of the Yakima country from the Columbia common article of a belle's apparel .- ! river, latest reports say, will be finished next June.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Unearthed in New York.

Bescendant of Zachary Taylor,

Dies at Louisville. John Jacob Astor is dead of heart

failure. Senator Allen wants Gray's harbor re-

surveyed. The Gila river is on the rampage and causing devastation.

The Rhode Island Prohibitionists have nominated a State ticket.

The letting of the Alaska scaling lease award has been postponed. The freedmen celebrated their twenty-

second anniversary in Chicago. A son of Bishop Esher of Chicago has been expelled from the church.

Senator Squire is coming to the front as an entertainer in Washington. A Mobile steamboat blew up, killing

three men and wounding several. Van Zandt, the crooked New York cashier, has been released on bail.

Two miners and fifty mules were lost in a colliery fire at Shamokin, Pa. Jacob Henkell, an extensive manufacturer of sugar boxes in New York, has

failed. Jack Hanley knocked out Jimmy Mitchell at Philadelphia in fourteen rounds.

John Stringer, a desperado has just killed his ninth man, Andrew Lane, at

Gray, Ky. Jubilant Chicagoans are painting their town red on account of their World's

Fair victory.

Ex-Governor Swineford is confident the Alaska Commercial Company will renew its sealing contract.

At Augusta, Ga., three children of Hunt Bead, while playing in their home, were burned to death.

The rescued crews of one French and wo American ships were brought into Halifax one day recently. Senator MacInnis has introduced a bill

in the Canadian Parliament to make year. Gaelic an official language. Senator Windom has been before the erpool docks have struck for higher House Coinage Committee, answering wages.

A bill is pending in Congress to estab-

Frauds are being unearthed in New York, perpetrated upon the city govern-The West Virginia Legislature has ad-

journed. The ball t reform bill was A boiler exploded in the saw mill of

A crazy man at Hubbard drove his James Hunter at Ruther Glen, Va., kill-The Ohio river has fallen a foot from

> feet 8 inches above low water mark. After a failure to borrow money in Europe to keep up the Italian army, Premier Crispi has turned to America.

onizing Nyassa by sending out German Rudolph Dubois, crazed with whisky, murdered his wife, mother-in-law and two childred at St. Albans, Vt., and es-

Rev. Henry Duncan, a white minister of the Free-will Bapt st denomination, was hanged at Ozark, Ala., for poisoning his wife.

Paddock has proposed a long and short haul amendment clause to the interstate commerce act in the interest of corn planters.

Jeremiah O'Donnell, the last Cronin jury briber, has been convicted and his Linge, at Munich was an immense sucpunishment fixed at three years in the cess. penitentiary. George Clark, one of the murderers of

in September, 1877, was hanged at Waynesburg, Pa. John O'Day, Vice-President of the St.

Louis and San Francisco railroad, has tendered his resignation. He says other surprises will follow. Noves, Norman & Co , wholesale boot and shoe house at St. Joseph, Mo.,

burned out last Sunday afternoon; loss, \$158,000; insurance, \$117,000. Colonel John M. Barbour, a wellknown business man and politician of

Louisville, Ky., is dead. He was a direct descendant of Zachary Taylor. A boiler in Lanier's distillery at Salis-

building. Two men were killed, two fatally injured and several seriously hurt.

At Salinas, Kan., Mrs. Baker and her eight-year-old son went to their stable with a lant rn at night, accidentally set fire to the hay, and both were burned to

Piper & Schulley of San Antonio, the largest wholesale hardware firm in Northwest Texas, made a special assignment for the benefit of local creditors. No statement. Gill & Forrest's roller mill at Hills-

boro, N. D., burned last Sunday morning; loss, \$50,000. The town had a narrow escape from burning, owing to the high wind prevailing.

Reports from Northern Texas say that hundreds of range cattle have been frozen to death during the present co'd spell, and unless the weather speedily moderates the loss of stock will be very severe.

The New York Central Labor Union indorses the action of Keefe in "breaking the chains of bondage" of the Nat onal Basebalt League, and promises to patronize all games played by the New York League.

The operation on General Ben Butler's famous eyelid has proved entirely successful, and the sight of his left eye has been completely restored. The General's right eye, too, has been developing of late years a drooping lid on a miniature scale. It is now veiled more than the left eye, and will probably be made the object of another operation in the near

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Chinaman Cuts a Farmer with a Street Railway Frauds Being German Socialists Make Great Gains in Late Election.

> Introduced in Parliament Against Parnell.

Lord Auckland is dead.

Tennyson is much improved.

Cholera has abated in Persia.

Influenza is raging in Eastern Syria. Rich coal finds are reported at Dover. The Duke of Orleans is to be pardoned. Emin Fasha has arrived at Zanzibar. The young King of Spain is again in-

Webb, Home Ruler, succeeds Pyne in Parliament.

The King of Bavaria smokes thirty cigarettes daily

The White Star line has sold the Celtic

The condition of young Abraham Linceln is unchanged. Two slight earthquakes in Rome have

caused great alarm. Hebrews will hold a congress at Amsterdam this summer.

Albanians are torturing their victims to death in Old Servia. Dr. Hereira Obes has been elected

President of Uruguay. The Queen has been advised to assent to the new divorce bill.

Bernhardt will play the Virgin Mary in the new passion play.

The Socialists have made great gains in the German elections. The premium on gold in Buenos Ayres

has advanced to 13414 per cent. A falling cupola at Hamburg killed five and wounded thirteen people.

The Pope has been petitioned to take Roasted Mocha a stand against defamation of Jews. The report that the King of Spain had

suffered a relapse is officially denied.

The passion play at Oberammergan will not be permitted there after this Two thousand men on the North Liv-

Non-commissioned officers to reinforce Major Wissman in East Africa have left

The remains of Joseph Bigger were interred at Carmony, Ireland, on the 24th ultimo.

Ex-King Milan of Servia has just gambled away \$100,0 0 at the Monte Carlo tables.

Dom Pedro will return to Brazil, re-

nounce his throne and be given back his imperial suite. Premier Tierard of France has tendered his resignation, but President Carnot Oranges, Seedless

would not accept it. By the recent election in the Sandwich islands the Anglo-Saxons retain control of the government.

The German Consul at London is col-

clerks-300 at a time. London musicians must be licensed and submit their work to a censor before

it is publicly performed. Denunciatory resolutions against Dillon, O'Brien and Parnell are still being introduced in Parliament.

Salisbury is being accused of tampering with letters from foreign governments to their London embassies The festival in honor of the 70th birthday of the German poet, Hermann von

Lord Abington is co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by a commoner, who William McCausland of Alleghany City claims that his wife has erred with the

> Gladstone is said to have made a compact with Parnell withdrawing opposition to Catholic schools for Irish support on other things. General Case is to be tried by court-

> Minister of War, in a speech to the cavairy at Meux. The Atlanta and Boston of the American squadron of evolution have arrived at Genoa. The Chicago and Yorktown

martial for attacking Freycinet, French

are at Spezzia. A son of R. D. Morier, British Ambassador to St. Petersburg, was wounded by bury, N. C., exploded, wrecking the the accidental discharge of a pistol which he carried.

Sir Edward Baines, proprietor of the Lerds Mercury, one of the most influential Liberal organs in North England, is dead, aged 79 years.

It is semi-officially stated in Paris that treaty exists between England and Italy for concerted action on the west coast of the Red sea. In Bessarabia the cold has brought the

upon the villages of the valley. Many lives have been lost. Emil Neumann, who is under arrest at Berlin for the murder of his son, is

well known all over the world by his " History of Music." The Congo Free State has empowered the Brusse's Anti-Slavery Society to send an expedition to Africa to aid in suppressing the slave trade.

the British ship Sovereign, sunk in collision with the steamer Highgate off the British coast, is still missing. The leading European topic of interest hinges upon the complete returns from

the German elections, and is, will Bis-

A boat containing six of the crew of

marck be thrown out of power? A Pole, who died recently at a pauper hospital in Paris, has bequeathed 1,000, 000 francs to found in the Polish language a gazette in that city, 200,000 francs for the erect on in Paris of a monument attesting Polish gratitude to France and a large sum for the publication of a Polish dictionary.

FOREIGN LANDS. PORTLAND MARKET.

The local markets present much the same general features that prevailed last week, with indications of an improvement in the volume and charac er of business in progress. Staple groceries have been in better request, and there is an increas-Colonel John M. Barber, a Direct Denunciatory Resolutions Still Being feeling is very hopeful all along the line; ing demand noted for dry goods. The and settled weather, together with an time. easier money m rket, would surely stimulate almost every branch of business ac-

> Sugars have advanced ic as the logical result of the situation in San Francisco.

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Eastern Oregon.

Umpqua, lambs and fall.

Valley

spring clip.

THE FORGOTTEN FAN.

A Faithful Account of Its Sudden But Ill-Timed Recovery.

They had just three minutes to catch their car, and were at the gate when

Mrs. Suburb halted and said: "There, I've come away without my fan, won't you run back and get it, dear? I can't get along without it, and" - but Younglove was already bounding up the stairs three steps at a

"Its right there on the dressingcase," Mrs. Younglove screeched after him. "Hurry or we'll lose the car."

Half a minute later Younglove puts

his head out of a window and says: "Where did you say it was?"

"Right there on the dressing-case."

hand corner of the upper drawer. Per-

haps I didn't take it out, but I-hurry,

"I can't find it there."

"I'm sure I left it there." "Well, it's not there now." "Look in the green box in the left-

George; it's time for the car.' "I can't find it in the drawer," eries George half a minute later.

"Well, that's strange. It must be there.'

"I turned every thing out of the box and its not there. "O, well; look in the blue box in

the next drawer then, and do hurry! We're late now."

"It isn't near the bed."

"It's not in the blue box!" "Dear, dear! Where can it be? See if I left it on the bed. I must have it, for-

"Well, you needn't take my head off if it isn't. Look on the mantel. I'm sure its there some place if you only

"It's not on the mantel. I can't find the thing!

"O, you must! I don't see how I can get along without it." "Look in the drawer in the closet and don't muss everything up as you-

isn't it there?" "No, it's not; and I'll be --- "

"Why, if I haven't it here in my pocket! Dear, dear! And there goes our car and there won't be another for a quarter of an hour! Dear me! We might as well stay at home now."-Time.

WELDING COPPER. The Lost Art Relicovered at Last by &

Pittsburgh Man. The art of welding copper was well known to the ancients; but the secret by which two pieces of copper can be joined so as to present as perfect a union as that made in welding iron was by some accident lost, and many millions have since been spent in resuscitating it from oblivion. The lost art is stated to have been at last rediscovered by Mr. James Burns, of Pittsburgh. The economic value of the process lies in the fact that, ewn by the best methods now known to metallurgists, copper scrap can not be economically utilized because of the difficulty in welding a mass of pieces into one body. Mr. Burns recently demonstrated before a critical audience that his process is not a mere sham. After flattening a rod of copper three eighths of an inch in diameter, he formed a disconnected ring. The usual "scarfing" process-forming a union by means of au oblique joint-followed: and then the operator, after sprinkling a certain powder over the piece, proceeded to make a weld, which, when cooled, showed a perfect union. He next took the ring, which measured two inches in diameter, and submitted it to a strain until its longest width had been extended three-quarters of an inch, its shorter width being narrowed to a corresponding degree, a circle being thus changed into an ellipsis. This was a more severe test than iron is expected to stand, and demonstrated conclusively that the union of the two ends of the rod was not the mere "brazing" of

the coppersmith. Mr. Burns' discovery opens up a new field in working copper, and will in all probability cause great changes in some lines of manufacture. At present, tomake a copper ring for fitting over a joint, or making a gasket or joint, it had to be cut round out of solid plate, causing great waste. To repair broken or defective pipes, brass had to be used; and should an intense heat strike the brazed parts afterwards, the brass would melt and ruin the piece. But by the Burns process the economic use of copper is assured, and copper scrap. now worth but one-third its weight of new copper, would be as high in value as ingot copper. It is said that the ingredients which form the powder used by Mr. Burns in welding are very cheap. - Chambers' Journal.

Origin of a Famous Poem. Mr. James E. Murdoch, the veteran

actor, recently related this story to a party of Philadelphia friends: "Some time ago I was at a meeting of a club or society of which Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is an influential member. Upon the evening of my attendance a discussion arose amongst several of the party, including Dr. Holmes, in regard to the themes upon which a poet usually writes, the general opinion being that the poetic field is limited. 'I do not think that is so,' said Dr. Holmes. 'I believe for want of a better subject I could write a poem upon a basket of chips.' The other men doubted this 25 00 assertion, and one said, speaking for the party: Well, I tell you what we will do. There is that old chaise that 17 00 has been down at the wheelwright's shop for many a year. If you can write a poem on that we will become converted to your idea.' Dr. Holmes accepted the challenge and at the next meeting of the club he read to the astonished members the 'Deacon's 19 #20 Masterpiece; or The Wonderful One 10@14 Hose Shay,'"—Philadelphia Ledger.