English and American Women

English and American girls bear off the ilm among the nations of the world There is however, a difference between their respective qualities of beauty have elsewhere sufficiently portrayed the sweet and coy beauty of our American girls not to tell them the whole truth on this occasion The English girl is thor oughly active in her pursuit of healthy exercise, she walks, and runs, and plays lawn tennis a great deal, riding, if sh have the means, is one of her most favor ite amusements; while boating and tri eycling is eagerly sought whenever op portunity occurs. Our American "resubuds," on the contrary, have a very trying climate to control with; they take too little exercise and too much iced water.

The result is that English girls are able to bring a more resente bloom to their cheeks, to walk longer distances and to stand much more fatigue, they are, in fact, more robust and have better devel oped figures; and although there are, no doubt, in New York, or in any other large city of the United States, a dozen women as perfectly beautiful in form and face as any chiseled by the greatest artists, our discussing. In writing there is a hesi-American girls are in the main less bright in color, more delicate and pale than would otherwise be the case if they more stead fastly resorted to the invigorating means of health, outdoor exercise, long since adopted by their English sisters, and to which, doubtless, the latter owe their ex quisite forms and also the fact that the remain youthful in appearance much longer than our compatriots; in fact, an English woman of 40 looks younger than an American woman of 20 years; of course I do not now refer to women of the work of the brain, which is still further weak ing class. - Frank Leslie.

### Russia's New Railway Route.

The Siberian Pacific railroad has not yet been commenced, and already a new Siberian railway is projected. It will be called after the river Obi. Its connection with the bed of that stream and with a suitable port to the west of Walgatz island will open a double new road to Si-beria by land and by water. It is pro-posed to "circumvent" the mouth of the river Obi, the peninsula of Yalmal, and the Kura sea, which are difficult of access, owing to the masses of drifting ice. The new route will only be 400 versts long. taking a northwesterly direction from the mouth of the river Obi to the Walgatz sea, in a bay of which a harbor is to be built. The site chosen for this harbor is sheltered from the wind by the Pae-Choi

The country being level and well stud ded with forests, the construction of the line will offer little difficulty. The entire cost, including the harbor, is estimated at 20,000,000 rubles. Under existing conditions the transport of merchandise to Barnaul, via Tlumen, Perm and St. Petersburg to London takes three months, whereas by the new line two months, will be saved. Western Siberia produces annually 20,000,000 Russian poods of wheat. The opening of the Obi line will materially increase commercial inter-course with the west, and be the means of supplying the European market with wheat at a considerably lower price than that produced at home.-Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

### The Whole Art of War.

We are disposed to adopt the customs of European uations without taking into consideration why they exist there, and the possibility that they are not necessary in our country. So long as the French nation was considered the first military power in the world, we used French tae ties and were French uniforms. When the Germans conquered the French we donned the helmet. We adhere to rigid lines in ranks and drills, and to unneces sarily complicated systems, when every officer of experience knows that they have no value and are not used in actual A member of the national guard is

liable to think that he knows the whole art of war if he can take the prize at a competitive drill or a target practice, on an armory floor and with an uncostructed range. In actual war he would not be able to accomplish the facings in a plowed field any better than the volunteer of a few weeks, and the accuracy of his fire would be materially affected by the unfamiliar ground and the knowledge that there was an enemy who might fire first. Modern warfare is influenced in a greatly dimin ished degree by what remains to us of the tactics of Frederick the Great and his time. All that is ever used of the endless drilling, when in actual campaign, is the passing from column into line and from line into column by the simplest methods. and no other movements, no matter how favorable the ground or how perfect the drill.—Gen. August V. Kautz in The

### Bond of a Bank Messenger.

"It would be difficult to convince a person that there was a single walk of business life which was not overcrowded," said the bookkeeper of a down town bank But in our business there are always places open for alert young men as mes-sengers. The reason why the demand is always greater than the supply is on ac-count of the large security required by the bank. The messengers, who have certain districts to cover and who handle large sums of money every day, are required to furnish bonds for \$10,000. The salary is 8000 per year, not counting the bonus which every bank pays all its em-ployes around the nolidays and which ounts in their case to \$200.

"There are many honest young men who would look upon such a job as a god send, but they are unable to furnish the bond, while those who can command the security are apt to turn up their noses at a job paying less than \$3 per day. The \$200 bonus, if collected in a lump, would prove a nice little nest egg to many of these young men, but I am sorry to have to say that such is seldom the case. There is sure to be a Shylock in every bank who makes a business of advancing on this bonus at exorbitant rates of interest."— New York Evening Sun.

Robert Louis Stevenson's Mistake. The other day, when reading Mr. Ste-Venson's charming story, "Prince Otto," I came across the following: "The night was warm and windless. A

shaving of new moon bad lately arisen; but it was still too small and too low down in heaven to contend with the im-

Mr. Stevenson is commonly supposed to be an accurate observer of nature, and yet ere we have him writing of the new here we have him writing of the new moon as having been 'lately arisen,' when in fact it must have been just about setting. But this is not all. By a sort of double barreled blunder he makes the time of this remarkable rising to be 2 o'clock a.m., that is to say, when such a moon as he describes (say two days cldimust baye been, not merely invisible, but at its very lowest point below the horizon, midway between setting and rising.—F.

T. Jones in Belford's Magazine. Seain Workers and Lest.

Some brain workers toil on year after year, contenting themselves with the relaxation of a day or two now and then. I They have no real vacations, and the brief intervals that they are away from their duties do them but little good, not being long enough for them to forget their work and vexations and get out of the groove they have been running in. There comes at last to these men a time when memory weakens, when it is hard for them to fix the mind upon one subject, and their work seems to grow more and more irksome, and in conversation there is a slight tendency to incoherence. It is rather difficult for them at times to express themselves clearly: the suitable words do not come to them as readily as they once did.

When conversing they start in well, but after a short time their ideas are somewhat confused, and they are obliged to make considerable effort to keep their attention fixed upon the subject they are tancy, especially on long words or sen tences. They are obliged to stop and think, seeming to drop the thread that they have been holding. These are signs of mental failure, which must not be disregarded. In this condition of brain exhaustion, not only are the reasoning faculties sluggish, but unusual effort is required from the weakened will to keep the attention fixed. Good mental work is then accomplished only at the expense ened by every intense effort.

The time has now come when mental rest is imperative, and it should be as complete as possible. A long vacation should be taken; short rests are not likely to do any good. A sea voyage promises the greatest good to the weakening brain worker. On shipboard he seems to drop almost entirely out of his old life. His vacation should not be of less than a month's duration, and it ought to run on for several months. Failing to take the needed rest, insanity is very likely to be the penalty. -Boston Herald

The Toad and the Duke of Wellington. Short Cuts has unearthed a peculiarly delightful letter of the Duke of Welling ton's, which runs as follows: "Strathfieldsaye, July 27, 1837.—Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington is happy to inform William Harries that his toad is alive and well." During one of his country walks the duke found a little boy lying on the ground bending his head over a tame toad and crying as if his heart would break. On being asked what was the matter the child explained that he was crying "for his poor toad." He brought it something to eat every morning, but he was now to be sent away to school a long distance off, and he was afraid that nobody else would give it anything to eat and that it would

The duke, however, consoled him by saying that he would himself see the tond well fed. and by further promising to delightful than that of the duke's indig nation when he found that a party of children at Strathfieldsaye-among whom, we believe, was the present prime minister-were having their tea without jam. The incident roused him to immediate action, and he at once rang the bell and issued a general order that "children's tea" was never to be served in his house with such "maimed rights."-Spectator.

### A Shoe Blacking Syndicate.

The syndicate shoe blacking on the Pennsylvania ferry boats is not a success The company receives \$2,000 for the privilege from the padrone who employs the boys who nominally polish passengers' boots. The padrone is a regular slave driver, and the boys in order to satisfy his demands try to polish three pairs of boots on one passage. They are not able, in the time occupied by the ferryboat in crossing, to give more than a few daubs of blacking and a hurried brushing, and by the time the passenger gets to Broadway his boots are dull and

The boys are also very persistent, filling the cabins with their calls until they have become a regular nuisance. It was a sorry day for the railroad's reputation when it sold this privilege to the Ital ians. Meanwhile the padrone is clearing about \$3 a day out of every boy. He gives them \$4 a week and keeps two on each boat. It is estimated that the padrone makes \$10,000 per annum on the Pennsylvania boats alone, besides large sums on the Staten Island boats and the other North river ferryboats. - New York Gor. Philadelphia Bulletin.

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