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Cliffs Within the Arctic Circle Where Millions Nest. Within the arctic circles are the

most remarkable is that of Svaerholt Klubben. Every inch of this wonderful clift, which rises about one thousand feet from the water's edge and is of considerably greater breadth, says the Denver Times, may be said to be used by the birds. The discharge of a small cannon in the immediate neighborhood

with the undisturbed millions. These consist almost entirely of the means of a long ladder placed against only the house of commons, but the nathe foot of the cliff, he proceeds to col- tion itself, is more set upon small lect the eggs. Of these there are at things than it used to be and less aux-

mains absolutely untouched.

THE PERIDOT.

A Precions Stone Which Is Just Now the Fad of the Fashionable.

A precious stone on which the decree of fashion has, at the present moment, set a fancy value is the peridot, or "evening emerald," as it has been called. It is certainly a lovely stone, with its exquisite shades of transparent green, the best suggestion of whose hue is the effect produced by looking at the light through a delicate leaf. Jewelers say that the peridot is a

species of olivine, of the same class as the beryl, aquamarine and topaz-and that it is, in fact, the ancient "topazion," otherwise known as the chrysolite. It is found in Egypt, Ceylon and Brazil, good crystals being extremely rare. Of its various shades of green-olive, leaf, pistachio, or leck-the clear leaf green is the most admired as a rule.

At a recent fashionable wedding one of the most beautiful and costly of the presents was a set of ornaments composed of peridots set in amethysts; the exquisitely artistic. Of all the precious stones the peridot

is the most difficult to polish, says the given on a copper wheel, moistened with sulphuric acid. The stone has the peculiarity of becoming soluble. Sometimes it is cut in rose form, or en cabochon, like the carbuncle, but it is better and more valuable when worked in small steps, as the brilliance is thereby increased.

A Valuable Manuscript A hitherto unknown work of Maimonides, the greatest Jewish theologian and philosopher of the middle ages, has been discovered by Prof. Gaster among a number of Hebrew manuscripts which he acquired from the east, and is soon to be published by him, with a translation and notes. It is a short treatise written in Hebrew, entitled "Commentary on the Sacred and Profane Names of God in the Pentateuch, by Rabbi Moses ben Maimon," intended as a guide to the scribes of the Sacred Scroll, who, if they made a mistake, could erase and rewrite the profane names of strange deities, but might not erase the sacred names of God, and so must copy over the whole column.

The geronaut, Cayazza, claimed recently that his parachute was so con-structed that he could, to a certain extent, control his flight through the air, | again. and to prove his assertion designated before his last ascension at Paris the spot where he would effect his descent. He rose with his balloon to a height of twelve thousand feet, and actually came down on the appointed spot, although the wind was not favorable to his descent. It seems, therefore, that his steering apparatus works satisfac-

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The House of Commons a Network of Small Parties with Diverse Objects. Parliament is no longer in the main great bird colonies. The largest and the image of the whole nation, says the London Spectator; it is a network of petty miniatures of all sorts of factions of the nation, the Irish party, the Welsh party, the disestablishment party, the temperance party, the labor party, the socialist party, and the antivaccination party. The larger interests, moreover, are all growing weaker, and the smaller interests stronger. will darken the air with millions of Even the conservatives can hardly hold birds, but even then a field glass will together on the traditional lines. They reveal the innumerable ledges white go home to dinner while the smaller groups, full of the petty enthusiasms which are engendered of sectional dismall gull (Rissia tridactyla), and they visions, ignore the wants of the body are a source of considerable income to for the pleasure of taking their little the owner of the colony, who lives at revenges and enjoying the sense of the little fishing station close by their temporary power. And the go for twice what I pay for her."

most three to each nest, and the num- ious about its larger and more characber taken averages from six thousand teristic life. Not only the house of comto ten thousand annually, or the prod- mons but the nation, is in fragments. own prices. uct of, say, three thousand pairs of "A plague of microscopes," as Emerson said of Goethe, has fallen upon it. The Ropes are not used for this purpose habit of devoting one's self to small at Svaerholt, as they are in the Faroe | causes has superseded that large sleepy isles, so that the bighest of the above pride in national integrity which used figures represent only a very small per- to predominate among us. Instead of centage of the yearly production of the being Englishmen any longer, we are to the utility of war dogs were recent- black and nickel wheel, the equal for colony, as by far the greater portion of almost all of us becoming devotees of ly made in connection with the Dresthe time being of any duchess or queen the cliff face, where the nests are some small, though it may be excellent, den international dog show on the of them all. packed as closely as they can be, re- purpose, the relative insignificance race course near Dresden, says a foreign of which we quite forget. We exchange. A company was supposed

lism or monometallism, or in ar- horses against an imaginary enemy. dent opposition to the opium traffic, or in the Gothenburg system, or in prosuffrage, or in recreation classes for fasts. All these may be most useful of life depends upon the dne proporwho is more eagerly devoted to the purposes of his group than he is to the purposes of country is really even more lost to his country than if he ignored politics altogether, for in the former case he adds to the disintegrating forces of the hour, while in the latter case he is morely neutral.

THROUGH THE AIR SHAFT. Sounds That Break in the Stilly Night on

the Ears of the Flat Dweller. "In the hot nights, with the windows into the air shafts all open," said a New York flat dweller, "we hear the voices blending of the soft mauve green was of old and young in all sorts of tones and modulations, and speedily become used to them and pay no attention to them; they are duri of the routine of illadelphia Times. The final touch is life to which we become accustomed, as we do to the sounds of the streets, to the rustling of trees or the flow of waters. But suppose you wake up in the night in intense quiet; your own air shaft windows wide open and all the rest the same. The voices you heard in the evening now are stilled; there is no sound. Then you hear the striking of a clock, and then you hear more clocks; some close together, some far apart, but no two striking together, stroke and sound as they are in time; gong, colocless clocks, charming clocks, on the door under the clock face. Iron rattle of chess pawns. clocks, wooden clocks, marble clocks,

> A MUSCULAR SERVANT. She Is Very Popular Because She Can

Thrash Peddlers. "My wife is an invalid and is nervous, and a peddler or a book-agent or canvasser could corral her in the parlor and talk her into buying anything, she is so timid, and she would be sick a week afterward with nervous prostration. Mary, the girl, noticed the injury to my wife and she said she would keep the peddlers out and I told her to go ahead," quotes the London Tele-

"The next day, as I went home to lunch, I met a man coming down the walk with a portfolio of etchings scatred all over the lawn. He had his hat jammed down over his nose and his necktie and collar were hanging down his back and as he came up to me he said: "Save me, for Heaven's sake!" I helped him pick up his etchings from the wet grass and I asked him if anything had occurred to mar his happi-

"He said he had mistaken that anylum for a private residence and had erawled in when the door was opened and one of the female lumates, a most violent case, had taken him by the throat and with a power almost superhuman, had thrown him out and frightened him nearly to death. He usked me if I were the doctor of the marium and said I ought to put the girl in a straight-jacket. He went away quietly with his collar in his band and when I went in the house Mary and my wife were laughing very hard, and my wife was better than I had known her for a

The other day a man rang the bell and Mary went to the door. He was selling matches and pencils, and was deaf and dumb. He made signs to open the serven door, which was locked but Mary told him it was not necessary to open the door, as she didn't want anything in his line. This made him mud and he kicked tha sere in door and that made Mary mad, and she opened it and pure him a blow thing to patent? Protect your bless of they may bring you would. Write JOHN # Property and the shoulder right out the none and he fell luckward over the railing to the control of the patent above the railing on the patent that price out.

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He turned over and on his knees, and, earliest of women riders, and it is said the poor deaf and dumb peddler looked to Mary and said in the purest French: "Howly jabers, woman, yez must be John L. Sullivan's sisther!" and he got up and took his basket over the fence. No, sir, I wouldn't let Mary "I wish you would give me the ad-

man, taking out a pencil and paper "If I could get such a girl as that I would continue to keep house.' The demand for good muscular girls is increasing and they can get their

dress of Mary's sister," said the other

DOGS FOR USE IN WAR.

Trained to tarry Ammunition and to Seek Out the Wounded in Battle. Some very interesting experiments as have become absorbed in bimetal to be covering some transports of

In order to do this more effectually some non-commissioned officers, accomportional representation, of women's panied by dogs, were sent forward to watch the approach of the enemy. the overworked, or in children's break- They advanced about a mile and a quarter, whilst keeping up communiobjects, but we have lost our hold of cation with the company by means of the true proportion of things. We are the dogs. In this way the company forgetting that the whole significance was kept fully informed as to the movements of the enemy, and could tion of our interests, and that a man stop the transport of horses in good time before the attack.

The same dogs were also used for carrying ammunition to the firing line, each dog being provided for this purpose with a kind of saddle holding about three hundred cartridges. The animals will go along the lines, stopping in front of every man, who takes the number of cartridges he requires. When the ammunition is exhausted the dog will hurry back to receive a fresh ! tribution.

The dogs are also trained to find the the ambulance men in various ways. some remaining near the man and barking until assistance arrives, some rnnning off to find an ambulance man and lead him to the spot, and others taking the man's forage cap or tearing away a piece of his clothing and carry ing it to the attendants.

RIP VAN WINKLE IN CHINA. He Stopped to Watch a Lengthy Game of

Chess. A Chinese writer, Tcheng-Ki-Tong. describes Chinese chess as a game of patience. It is played with three hunand they are as different in manners of dred and sixty-one pawns, and the player sometimes deliberates half an there are no two nilke. There are hour before moving one of them. Litciocas with a snarp, quies, shrill crary men and ladies are said to be strike, clocks with a slow cathedral fond of it, and what sounds more likeiy, "people who have retired from medieval clocks of the kind they made business." There are three sounds, forty or fifty years ago-you know the writer says, which help to turn them by the strike, Gothic in pattern one's thoughts toward what is pure and and perhaps with a picture of Melrose | delicate; the sound of falling water, the abbey or something of that sort painted | murmur of wind in the trees, and the

In the time of the Tehing dynasty, as onyx clocks, nickel clocks, all sorts of the story goes, a woodcutter who had clocks, old and new, rise before the gone to the top of a mountain for a mind's eye as they tell each its tale of day's work found two young men there the passing time, and when they are playing chess. He stopped to look on, all done there comes after an interval and presently became deeply interestone more, a deep, ponderous distant ed, and after awhile one of the playboom, and after that comes silence ers gave him a piece of candied fruit to eat.

The game grew more and more exciting. The woodentter forgot his work. barber, with much dignity. and sat hour after hour with his eyes on the board. At last he happened to look at his ax. The handle of it had sotted away.

That frightened him. He jumped up and has eped down the mountain to the village. Alas, among all the people of the street he recognized not one, and be found on inquiry that several evoturies had passed since he started out with his ax.

THE VICTORIOUS WHEEL.

It Is Capturing the Royal Ladies of Europe.

The bicycle, according to the London Queen, is pushing its triumphant way into the most exclusive and impenetrable circles of society. Among royal ladies, the first convert was the beautiful Queen Margherita of Italy, who is such an enthusiastic wheel-woman that the cycling club of Milan recently presented her with a golden bicycle—the first in the world. Her everyday wheel, however, is of English make. The dochess of Assta was among the |dead!"

was taken to task for it by the king, her uncle, but succeeded in converting both him and the queen before the matter was ended. The young queen of Holland rides, while the princess of Wales and her daughters ride tricycles at Sandringham, and even appeared in the parks of Denmark on tandem tri-

With such high examples, of course, the ladies of the nobility are not left behind; and some of them possess very beautiful wheels of ivory or silver plate and oxidized metal. Lady Dudley owns one enameled in white, with lining of blue and gold, and ivory handles. But with all this magnificence these ladies probably reap no more pleasure or benefit than the untitled American who spins along democratic roads on a plain

BACK YARDS ARE WASTED. Old Gardener Tells How the Space Can

Be Well Utilized. An old gardener told a Cincinnati Times-Star reporter that the most wonderful thing about city folks is their ignorance of what they could do with the little strips of ground surrounding their iouses, and especially with their back yards. "They are not big enough for lawns," said he, "so most people just use them to walk on, but if they had some gumption they could enjoy many a garden delicacy of their own raising. A strip twenty feet long and a foot wide against the wall would furnish enough grapes for two toeat. The next foot would supply them with peas; the next with beans; the next with radishes and turnips and lettuce; one bush in each of the four corners would produce plenty of gooseberries; another foot in width would supply all the strawberries, another foot raspberries; another, blackberries; another a month's supply supply, and thereupon resume the dis- of potatoes; another, sweet potatoes; another with several fine messes of counded and attract the attention of planted, but give what I have named twenty feet, as almost any city back-yard could do, and they would grow wonderfully. A back yard twenty by twenty would raise plenty of small truck for two people, yet how many back yards are wasted!"

QUEER SHAMPOO.

The Whiskbroom Boy Got His Instructions Rather Mixed.

In one of the hotel barber shops a small Italian boy named Joe officiates with the whishbroom. The other day, says the Buffalo Express, the hotel housekeeper sent down to the proprietor of the shop and asked him to fix her up a bottle of shampoo. He fixed it and told Joe to take it up to the house-

"You tell her," said the barber, "to take half a teneup of the shampoo and put it in two teacups of water and

Joe took the shampoo and went up to the housekeeper with it. In a short time he came back, and the barber asked: "Give it to herall right?"

"Yes," said Joe. "With the directions?"

"Yes," said Joe, again. Half an hour later the barber noticed the housesper out in the hall, looking curiously into the shop. He walked out to where she was. "Hello," she said. "Which is it? Are

you drunk or crazy?" What do you mean?" asked the You must be one or the other, judg-

ing from the message you sent up with that shampoo." "What message did I send?" "Joe told me you said to tell me to make a cup of tea and put it in the bot-

tle and lie about it!" Mr. Joseph Willard, for a long time clerk of the superior court of Massachusetts in Boston, relates in his "Half a Century with Judges and Lawyers"

many good anecdotes. Col. Edward G. Parker, who was rather pedantic, wrote a life of Mr. Chonte. He was relating an incident which happened in the third century before Christ, about the time of the death of Ptolemy III., and he appealed to John S. Holmes, who stood by, "Didn't he die about that time, John?"

"Who's that that's dead?" asked "Ptolomy III.," said Parker. "What! What!" said Holmes, stretching out his hands. "You don't say he's

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