PECULIAR CUSTOMS

Baptismal Superstitions Prevailing Among the Tronsylvania Saxons

The Saxon mother is careful not to leave her child alone until it has been baptized, for fear of the malignant spirits, who may steal it away, leaving an uncouth elf in its place. Whenever a child grows up clumsy and heavy, with large head, wide mouth, stump nose and crooked legs, the gossips are ready to swear that it has been changed in the cradle, more especially if it prove awkward and slow in learning to speak. To guard against such an accident, it is recommended to mothers obliged to leave their infants alone, to place beneath the pillow either a prayer-book, a broom, a loaf of bread or a knife stuck point upward.

Very cruel remedies have sometimes been resorted to in order to force the evil spirits to restore the child they have stolen, and take back their own changeling. For instance, the unfortunate little creature, suspected of being an elf, was placed a stride upon a hedge and beaten with a thorny branch until it was quite bloody; it was then supposed that the evil spirits brought back the stolen child.

The infant should not be suffered to look at itself in the glass till after the baptism, nor should it be held near an open window. A very efficacious preservation against all sorts of evil spells is to hang round the child's neck a little triangular bag stuffed with grains of incense, wormwood and various aromatic herbs, and with an adder's head embroidered outside; a gold coin sewed into the cap will likewise keep the spirits away.

Two godfathers and two godmothers are generally appointed at Saxon peasant christenings, and it is customary that one couple should be old and the other young; but in no case hould a husband and wife figure as

-parents at the same baptism, but each one of the quartet must belong to a .l fferent family. This is the general custom; but in some districts the rule demands two godfathers and one godmother for a boy-two god mothers and one godfather for a girl.

If the parents have lost other children before, then the infant should not be carried out by the door in going to church, but handed out by the window, and brought back in the same way. It should be carried by the broadest str et, never by narrow lanes, else it will learn thieving.

The god-parents must not look round on their way to church; and the first person met by the christening process on will decide the sex of the next child to be born-a boy, if it be a man.

If two children are baptized out of the same water, one of them will soon die; and if several boys are christened successively in the same church, there will be war in the land as soon as they are grown up. Many girls denote fruitful vintages for the country when they have attained a marriageable age.

If the child sleeps during the baptismal ceremony, then it will be pious and good-tempored; but if it cries, it will be bad-tempered or unlucky; therefore, the first question asked by the parents on the return from church is generally: "Was it a quiet baptism?" and if such has not been the case, the sponsors are apt to conceal the truth. -Popular Science Monthly.

BEAUTY ALWAYS WINS.

Disagreeable Results of a Peculiar Bet

Several gentlemen were seated the other day in a London Strangers' Club, discussing the subject of female beauty. One of them, Sir Arthur McCamur, expressed the opinion that there was no situation in life in which a beautiful woman has not twice the success of her less attractive sister. Beginning with the stage at the top, upon which the beautiful actress already has half the game in her hands, down to the common beggar-woman in the streets, he eloquently illustrated his thesis. The company was not unanimous, however, and finally Count Patrick made a wager with Sir Authur McCamur, which was carried out in the following manner: A remarkably beautiful chambermaid of the club, and at the same time a stewardess, plain almost to ugliness, were provided with precisely similar and common clothes, and sent out to beg the whole afternoon in an aristocratic neighborhood, with instructions to meet again in the club at nine o'clock. The gentlemen passed the time at the card table, but dawn still found them there with the cards In their hands, and neither of the two beggars had returned. The reason of this turned out to be that both had shown themselves so inapt at their new business that they had been arrested by the police, and had passed the night in the cells. The two noble sportsmen appeared as witnesses, and made a frank confession to the magistrate of the whole affair. He thereupon asked the beggars why they had consented to such degradation. They replied, because these gentlemen had promised them three pounds each if they would do so. The magistrate answered: "I am not here to judge of the reasons which have led anybody to commit a breach of the law. What you have just admitted to me, .. far from being an exculpation, makes your case much worse than that of those who are compelled by need and distress to seek relief upon the streets in defiance of the law. You are both sentenced to eight days' imprisonment. Perhaps it may be agreeable to those centlemen who have come forward as witnesses to learn here in court the cases with which beauty has nothing to do, and that it has not the slightest in-

duence upon the decision of a judge."

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-Father- .. What do you think of a boy that throws a banana skin on the sidewalk?" Son-"I don't know. What do you think of a banana skin that throws a man on the sidewalk?"-Life.

-is any of the leading statesmen are good French scholars, and some of them have a critical knowledge of the languages. Senator Edmunds and Senator Hoar have their libraries well stocked with works in French, and the most attractive means of recreation which Thurman can find is to devour French novels by the dozen. John Sherman has many French financial books in his library.

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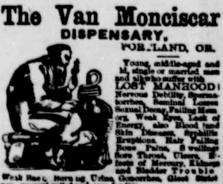
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