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## FRENCH MAY QUEĖNS.

A Pretty Castom Whith in still in Vogre In some Villages. An anclent custom which still ob-
tains in many villages in the sonth of France is a pretty variation of of choosing of the May queen with of the we are so famillar. The wayor and six of his political officers choose from among the village maidens the most beautiful girl. As soon as the choice is made known the queen, dressed in white, even to a long white vell and a wreath of white roses, assembles with her parents and all the rillages in front of the mayor's house. Here he and six friends, dressed in frock coats and top hats, form in procession, the mayor and queen leading, and march to the church, whare there is a short ceremons,
They then harch back to the mayor's house, where a favored few are entertained at luncheon. When he proposes her health he enumerates her
virtues, kisses her on virtues, kisses her on both cheeks and hands her an envelope which contains the prize, $\$ 200$ in money. But the ceremony does not end here. They form in procession, the band leading thls time, and in a sort of "follow my leader" game walk through the village, up lanes and over hills for three hours. That evening a ball is given at the inn, where the queen dances first with the mayor and his six friends and afterward with the lads of the village, and so the celebration ends. The queen's white vell, with the vell and wreath, are carefully folded away and are brought out again only when she becomes a bride.

Rough on the Doctor In the middle of the night not long ago there came a terrffic ringing at a London doctor's bell. "Who's there?" London doctor's bell. "Who's there?"
he called down his speaking tube. In response a tofce came back asking him to go at once to a house a mile and a half distant. The doctor got up, dressed and went out with the man whom he found waiting for him at the door Together they walked over to the callTogether they walked over to the call er's residence. The disturber of he had slumbers told the doctor that he had
Illness in his house and would like hlm Illness in his house and would thke him to have a look at the case. When "Ney entered the sickroom he said, Now, be good enough to tell me if the case is serlous enough for me to send at once for my own doctor or if it will do if walt until morning."

Not Timid.
"They say capital is very timld," remarked the young man with the gold headed cane.
"Well, I guess you wouldn't think so," answered the young man with the clgarette, "If you'd have seen the way Mazie Goldrox's father treated me when I asked for her hand."-Yonkers Statesman.

The Open Door.
"I-I would k-kiss you," stammered the diffident young man, "If I d-dared." "Oh, don't be afraid"" rejoined the girl in the parior scene. "I wouldn't strike a defenseless man:"-Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Conclunive.

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