China and the Bean. The bean plays an important part in Chinese domestic economy, and, ac-cording to East and West News, one of the specially desired qualifications of the Chinese matron, throughout the morthern provinces, is her ability to concect from beauty ncoct from beans—green, black and llow—those staple dishes that the

The bean seldom appears on the Chinese table whole; it is not consid-ered as fit for food until it has been e form of bean curd, or bean go

se know as teu feu and linng

the form of bean curd, or bean gelatin, which are for sale in every rundside foodshop of northern China.

The art of producing these nourishing foods, which are the meat of the poor, is to the rural Chinese woman what the making of butter, cheese and jam is to the Occidental house. In the large cities bean ma lation of that sort is a craft and mercial activity, just as the making of jam and butter is in the i be called an industry, since it is still quite without organization. The beans ust be crushed, soaked, baked, boild, strained, and so on, before the es-

What Every Post Knows.

composition is a matter of so arranging words that they shall convey a meaning that is the sum of their separate meanings. But the poet knows better. He knows that it is a matter of so ordering them that they shall suggest verbally inexpressible meanings between the lines; that they shall, quite liberally, set spirits to dancing from sentence to sentence, flashes of intellectual electricity to leaping from page to page, faces to peeping forth at the reader from behind the letters like children from behind tree-trunks,-Harold Goddard, in Atlantic.

Driest Place on Earth.

The city of Payta, in Peru, is the driest place on earth. It is within five degrees of the equator, and the inhabitants see a shower on the average of about once in two years. Prequently, six or eight years charse between rainfalls, but when a shower does come, it lasts usually from 12 to 20 hours. Strange as it may seem, there are seven species of annual plants which exist in this place, and the nafives raise a kind of cotton with extrafonct roots, which go down far into the and obtain moisture from the bed an old, dried-up river which once through Payta.

BELOVED OF NEW YORKERS

ahington Square, Gothamitee Claim, le Without its Equal in the World for "Atmosphere"

Here, say the New York men of as-cetic faces and the women of soulful eyes, we have what our lives have long sought. Trafaigar square hasn't got it, the Place de la Concorde is too French, the parks and esplanades of Rio come a little closer. But here, in charming, quaint old Weshington

square, we have—atmosphere. Here, says the Philistine, is a nice place to flop while I read the comics in this morning's paper. In the cor-ner is a comfortable bench over which shade of a full-grown maple stretches soothingly. And there is a kid who will shine my shoes for a

where the cops might let me alone, Not much chance for a handout, but I might steal a snooze over there by the fountain. Ah, pleasant grass; pretty flowers.

Here, says the mother, is a pretty good place to leave the kids while l sneak down to the avenue for a yard or two of calleo. Now, mind, don't stir from this bench. Mike, give the baby his bottle if he gets to crying.

Here, says the visitor, is the Washington arch. How interesting! must weigh several tons at least, Now will some one tell me how I get to Cooper Union from here?

The Dense Oriental, At a dinner in Edinburgh, says E. V. Lucas, Baron Kickuchi, principal of

university, was a guest. Au Englishman present told the story of a Scotsman who went to his dentist's with an aching tooth and was asked if he would have gas; he replied that he would, but should like to count his money first. Everybody laughed but the baron. A Scotuman attempted to explain the joke as to the alleged folbles of his race; the baron remained impassive. Others tried, but the baron said, "I do not understand." Finally he stopped the explanations. "Gentlemen," he said, "you do not understand what I do not understand." His listeners gave rapt attention, "What I do not understand," he went on, "is not why the Scotsman said what he did, but how any Scotsman should not know, at any time, without having to count it, how much money he has in his pockets." The laugh was on the hosts of the "dense" oriental,-From

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Outlook.

NO ONE ENTIRELY SATISFIED ORIGIN OF THE HOE CAKE

Seems to Be Rule of Life That Man Must Desire Things He Has Not Got,

better from a country boy who wants to live in the city, "where things are doing." I know his present setting; a place where the needs and comforts of man are supplied with the slightest effort. His placid, sup-baked village, in ts parklike setting, glimpses the idealist's vision of the perfect life in perfect peace. All this seems to have palled on the taste of the young man and he yearns for the contentious, busy and

We all have visions of the peace and contentment of the country; the scent of the woods, the song of the birds, the drone of the bees, the roses, the grateful greenery, and maybe a cowbell tinkling somewhere. We have sensed this all, perhaps, in vacation time and thought it was paradise for two or three days, after which we began to get homesick for the city noise and trouble. This is the goal men speak of as desirable; peace, abundance, quietude—body and mind at rest in nature's setting—yet here is a boy, reared in this elysium, who wants to get away from it and come to the noise and dirt and selfishness of the

Probably the utopia to which so many of us aspire would not be en-tirely satisfactory if we possessed it. The quietude of a country place or a country town is often very dull. There are no daily sensations, no scandals, no banner heads in the daily newspapapers to interest one.

The high spot in the day is when you go down to the post office for the mail, or barter with the country store for codfish and matches. The weather is the lending topic of conversation; there are no very rich or very poor persons in the community; the popu tion is, perhaps, at a colorless dend level of mediocrity; there are no mil-Honaires to flaunt their wealth, no liveried conchmen, no "airs," no sristocracy or proletariat.

e rural conditions are what the idealists seem to be driving at, yet here is a boy willing to give it all up for the city Is it possible that ease and contentment pall on the taste, and that man is better satisfied when he is meeting some discomfort and discourngement in the buttle of life?--Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

All kinds of Commercial Printing the Courier Mas.

Southern Negroes Credited With Hav-ing Started This Delicacy on Its Way to Popularity.

Did you ever hear of hoe cake? If you have ever been in the southern part of the United States of America you have surely heard of it, and per-haps you have eaten it, too, for this dish originated in that part of the

Long ago, in the days before the Civil war, when great plantations flourished in the South and many ne-groes were owned by the planters, the slaves were usually sent out to work all day in the fields and given a lunch day meal. Wishing something hot to ent, they acquired the habit of mixing a batter, generally of cornmeal and water, with a little salt stirred in, and baking it upon their hoes on the hot coals of a fire which they built." It was the same thing which the hearth before the cabin fire, only, in the houses, they usually added about a tenspoonful of butter, lard or bacon drippings. They used just enough water to moisten the meal, so that they could spread it out upon their tins or boards.

Later on, so a Southern woman says, the white people, the plantation owners, made a similar dish, with variations, and liked it very well They added or, rather, substituted, milk for water, and added baking powder and more shortening, mixed the dough thoroughly, rolled it out, cut it into diamond-shaped pieces and baked it in the oven,—Christian Science

WHEN JIM CLAIMED ANNIE

Maid Was Sorry to Leave, but, as She Put It, It Was a Matter of Duty.

Ellis Parker Butler, the well-known humorist, has a story in the American Magazine in which the main character

"'Well, Jimmy had been with the Eurtons six years and Annie, our bired girl, had been with us five years, cuess everybody thought she bado't

other name at all until one eve ing when Jimmy came over and macked at the back door and asked nother if Miss Dornbacher was home. the visa't, because she had gone to the Evangelical Lutheran church, but titer that Jimmy used to come over, and Angle would put two chairs out in the yard under the apple tree and they would git and talk. Or Jimmy would talk, He would talk and talk and talk and every once in a while Annie would say, "Yes," and, after she learned it, "No." So, after a couple of years, Jimmy began to hold Annie's hand when he talked to her, and in a couple

of years more they got engaged. I guess they liked each other.

"I was in our diving room one day, looking to see if Annie had put any fresh cookles in the jar in the closet, when I heard my mother say, "Oh, Annie !" in the kitchen, as if she was sorry about something. So then Annie

"I bin sorry to go avay, too, ma'am,

but it is right everybody should get married once or twice.'
"I know,' my mother said; 'but I don't know what I will ever do without you, Annie.'

"So then Annie cried, and there were no cookles, so I went out."

What Makes Thunder Rumble. Why does thunder rumble? The path of a lightning finsh through the air may be several miles in length. All along this path the sudden expansion of the heated air-a true explosionsets up an atmospheric wave, which spreads in all directions, and eventually registers upon our ears as thunder. Since the lightning discharge is almost instantaneous the sound wave is pro duced at very nearly the same time along the whole path. But the sound wave travels slowly through the air. Its speed is approximately 1,090 feet per second. Thus the sound from the part of the lightning's path that is nearest to us reaches us first, and that from the other parts of the path afterward, according to their distance. In-termittent crashes and booming effects are due chiefly to irregularities in the shape of the path.-Popular Science Monthly.

Eggs One Hundred Years Old.

strange find was made at Northallerton, Eng., recently. While work-men were sawing through a large elm tree they came across in the very heart of the tree five dried-up starling eggs. The eggs were 18 inches from the external bark, and from the concentric ring it is estimated that they must have been deposited about one hundred years ago. It is surmised that when the tree was young a pair of birds had made their nest in a cavity. and for some reason the eggs were forsaken, and in course of time the wood grew around the hollow.

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