WHAT APPEALED TO CHINESE

Consideration Accorded Women by British Authorities Evidently Made Deep Impression on Natives.

"If one were to ask a native of Weihal-wel what were the characteristics of British rule that he most appre ciated, one would perhaps expect him to emphasize the comparative freedom from petty extortion and tyranny, the obvious endeavor (not always success ful) to dispense even-handed justice the facilities for trade, the improve ment of means of communication. It was not an answer of this kind, however, that I received from an intelligent and plain-spoken resident, to whom I put this question," R. F. Johnston says in "Lion and Dragon in Northern China."

"'What is it we like best in our British rulers? I will tell you,' he said. 'Our native roads are narrow pathways, and very often there is no room for two persons to pass unless one yields the road to the other. When our last rulers—the Japanese—met our small-footed women . . . slong such a path they never stepped sside to let the woman pass by . . . An Eng-lishman, on the contrary, whether mounted or on foot, always leaves the road to the woman. He will walk deliberately into a deep snowdrift rather than let a Chinese woman step off the dry path. We have come to under stand that the men of your honorable country all act in the same way, and this is what we like about English-

WHY THEY ARE "DOUGHBOYS"

Origin of Nickname Applied to United States Infantrymen Traced to Mexican War.

The term "doughboy" as a nickname for the American infantryman is a very old one, dating back to the Mexi-can war of 1846. In that year the United States regular soldiers first acquaintanceship with the of mud-colored, sun-dried bricks that are seen everywhere, even today, in New Mexico, Arizona and the southern part of California.

These bricks are called by the Mexi-can adobes (pronounced "dobies"), a term also applied to the small, squat. flat-roofed houses built with them.

When the American invaders en tered what was then Mexican terri tory, the infantrymen found these dwellings-mostly deserted by their panic-stricken inhabitants-handy as offlets, and promptly occupied them as such. But the cavalrymen, who had to be near their picketed horses out on the open prairie, were unable to

Partly in envy, and partly in good-natured chaff, these christened their more fortunate comrades "doble dodgers," afterwards shortened to "dobles," a good, round-sounding nickname that was bound to stick, and which in course of time became corrupted into "doughboys."

John Burroughs' Rabbit.

In July the woodchuck was forgot-ten in our interest in a little gray rab-bit which we found nearly famished, writes John Burroughs. It was so small that it could sit in the hollow of one's hand. . . . We had to force the milk into its mouth. But in a day or two it began to revive, and would lap the milk engerly. Soon it took to grass and clover, and then to nibbling sweet apples and early pears. It grew rapidly, and was one of the softest and most harmless-looking pets had ever seen. For a month or more the little rabbit was the only company I had, and it helped begulle the time immensely. In coming in from the field or from my work, I seldom failed to bring it a handful of red clover blossoms, of which it became very fond. I would then moisten my fingers, dip them into the salt, and offer them to the rabbit. How rapidly the delicate little tongue would play upon them, darting out to the right and left of the large front incisors, the slender paws being pressed against my hand as if to detain it.

Tri-Color Not of Equal Proportion.

It is evident from the appearance of the French flag as a pictorial decoration that many artists are unaware that the tri-color does not consist of the three colors, blue, white and red, in equal proportion. When the famous fing was adopted in the year that gave the United States its Constitution, 1789, it was completeed that due to an optical illusion, the white, in the middle, looked narrower at a distance, than the blue, which is next to the staff, and that the red, on the fly end of the flag, looked narrower than the white. After numerous experiments, the proportions of the colors were ordered to be, as they are now, "In every 100 parts, blue to be 30, white, 33 and

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One day it fell slyly to licking my to the German government, Salih hand, and I discovered it wanted salt. Gourdji, former president of the Ottoman official news agency, is a refugee in this country. This journalist fied from Turkey late in 1914, but the authorities refused to permit his wife and two children to follow him. They

Napoleon's Descendant.

A great-grandson of Napoleon Bonaparte was killed recently in action not far from Reims, where he was at the head of a machine-gun section. His name was Daniel Napoleon Mesnard. and he was the son of a lady whose maiden name was Leon, and who was the daughter of Count Leon, a natural son of the emperor. The dead soldier bore himself bravely in defense of Reims, and was mentioned in dispatches.

Ominous Quiet.

"How do you account for the fact that Crimson Gulch has become so

"It isn't penceful," replied Broncho Boh, "It only seems so because the boys are saving their ammunition for the Boches instead of wasting it on

STRUCTURE BUILT OF HAY

Alfalfa Growers of the Yakima Valley Used Novel Method to Adver-tise Their Product.

To advertise their agricultural products the folks of the Sunnyside recla mation project, in the state of Washington, built last summer a brand-new kind of structure. They called it a hay palace.

It was built wholly of baled hayalfalfa hay of the best quality, 6,000 tons of it, contributed by the farmers of Yakima valley. Some house! Well, yes. It was 150 feet long, 100 feet wide and 25 feet high, with an exterior effect somewhat resembling that

of a medieval fortress. Inside of it were exhibits of every imaginable kind relating to the field and garden products of the valley. Also an auditorium, with a stage for speakers, music and vaudeville acts. The palace was illuminated by electricity and cooled by electric fans.

But, although the Yakima valley produces wonderful fruits and vege tables, its big money-getting crop is alfalfa. The celebration at the bay palace (which was, incidentally, a sort of carnival) was planned mainly for the purpose of bringing together the grower and consumer of alfalfa hay, with elimination of the much-objurgated middleman.

On the last day of the fair the hay from which the palace was constructed was sold at auction to the highest bidders and the proceeds were distributed pro rata among the farmers who had contributed the material.

SURELY SOME CRAP SHOOTER

Dusky Stevedore in France Was Rap-Idly Getting Rich at Expense of His Comrades.

They used to shoot some craps in stevedore company No. ---, but they don't any more. This as a conse quence of a stern company order issued after a prolonged argument with the dice which followed the first payday on this side.

There was a game at every opportunity for about a week, and then came a full. Simultaneously with the full the men began to turn up shy of apparel and equipment. Investigation disclosed that one dusky private with a pair of dice that behaved partieularly well had made a sensational

He had gathered most of the francs in the company in the first three days and then started on personal effects. At the conclusion of the series he had nearly enough francs to finance a war of his own and more clothes than the supply sergeant, not to speak of 36 identification tags, seven boxes of C.C. pills, a bottle of castor oil, 11 towels, most of the soap in the company and a packing case full of other articles. At the suggestion of the captain he returned all of the belongings and most of the francs.

"Ah learned dat game in de old Tenth cavalry," he exclaimed, "and Ah just wanted to show dese new soldiers dat dey didn't know nuffin' about it." -Stars and Stripes.

He Did Not Forget.

More than two years ago, Charlie, an old fire department horse at Greencastle, left the station, his place there having been taken by a new motortruck. Since that time Charlie has been doing heavy hauling for his pres-

ent owner.

The other day Charley and his working mate were stopped near the fire department station, and one of the firemen ventured the statement that Charlie would still make a good fire horse if the old equipment should have to be resorted to. To prove his contention the fireman unhitched Charlie, led him to his old stall, adjusted the harness above the old wagon and sounded the alarm. The door opened and just as of old Charlie trotted out and ran under the harness ready to make a run. In two years he had not forgotten his lesson -Indianapolis News.

Mount Rubber.

"Remember Mount Rubber when you come to Newton," urges the Kansan Mount Rubber is a heap of rubber rubbish on East Broadway, near Main street, which, when it assumes the desired proportions, will be sold to old rubber collectors and the proceeds turned over to the Red Cross. The nation needs the rubber, the Red Cross needs the money and the public needs its riddance. "Anything like an old auto tire, bicycle tire, rubber boots, old garden hose, rubber out of your neck-in fact, anything in the form of rubber-can be chucked into the pile and it will be a jolt for the kaiser," says the Kansan.

Curlous Coconut Crab.

The coconut crab of Christmas island earns its name by the way it makes its living. Except for its annual visit to the sea, it lives in a hole in the ground lined with coconut fibers and climbs up the coconut trees to procure its food. According to Ameri-can Forestry, this "robber-crab's method of carrying eoconuts is to strip them of their husks and then to hold the nut under some of its walking legs, while it retires, raised high on the hips of those legs not used for this purpose," After removing the "hammers on the round depressions at one end till entrance is effected."

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