REALLY NO TROUBLE AT ALL

Possibly American Colored Cook and French Baker Belonged to the Same Lodge.

The American Red Cross canteen a Dijon, France, boasts the possession of Tom, a colored cook from the state Georgia. Saturday nights Tom makes "something special." The last Saturday in August the special was chocolate layer cake. Thomas had no suitable oven, and so without the aid of a single word of French he induced a nearby French baker to loan his idle ovens.

"How did you do it, Tom?" Miss Field, the directress, asked him.

"Oh, I jes' told him that these here boys of ours would certan'y appreciate it if he would bake a little cake for 'em. An' he didn't make no fuss 'bout it.' 'Certainment,' he says, and so I puts the cakes in the oven, an' that's all there is to it."

"Tom," replied Miss Field, "you are a wonder.'

That is what our boys said when they ate the cake.

Deserves a Better Job.

We climbed into a motor accompanich by Marcus. Marcus, by the way, is one of the characters of the unit, Major Theodore Waters writes in the Christian Herald. He is more than that; he is an institution, is Marcusproduct of the peculiar stress through which Jerusalem has passed. He says he is 14 years old. But he looks much younger and acts much older. He can read and writes English, Russian, French and Arabic, and he passed through all the regimes, Turkish, German and English and he has taken toll of each in the acquiring of languages and baksheesh. Yet, strangely enough, he is both industrious and honest, and is the sole support of his widowed mother. If you would know what he looks like, imagine a gnome about three and a half feet high, as broad as a brownie and as brown as a filet, a device perhaps borrowed from berry, with two big dark eyes that shine out of the middle of a perpetual

New Motive Power for Barges.

In a novel English method of propulsion for canal barges, a small air pump driven by the engine creates a vacuum in the chamber containing the propeller, and this draws the water above the level of the canal. This ar rangement is claimed to lessen the erosive effects making increased speeds at the Courier.

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practicable. A barge of 32 tons was prepared for trial by mounting on it an old motor car engine of 18 to 20 horse power, and from preliminary tests was expected to run about five miles an hour when loaded, and eight or nine miles when empty.

Heroic Frenchman.

Lieut. S. Coulier, French ace, twenty years old, and who has brought down 17 Boche planes in France, has given onlookers thrills by his nervy performances at all fields in the United States. He came over from France a few weeks ago as instructor. His favorite pastime is to execute all the great stunts, such as spinnig nose dives, loops and Immelman turns, with 200 feet of the ground. The average flyer, even if expert, prefers to try this game several thousand feet higher, where he is safe.

Golfing Prospects.

An artillery officer, who had been a fairly well known golfer and a keen enthusiast, was looking out across a rolling plain in France that only recently had been heavily pounded by shell fire.

"I've seen some well trapped courses," he said, "but I must say this is the best bunkered course I've ever run across. There's a pit every 20 feet. Par here must be about 200."

Early Egyptian Hairdressing. The hairdressing of early Egyptian times is interesting. Wigs were ex-

nastles, for both men and women. The women, however, in various instances, were rather more inclined to let their own hair grow long, arranging it with extreme simplicity by hanging a forelock over each shoulder in front and letting the rest hang straight down the back. It appears, from some old statues, that they occasionally interwove bends or some sort of a pendant with these front locks, which doubtless helped keep them in place. Then, too, they sometimes were a sort of the Greeks. More elaborate head-

dresses were also indulged in. Some statues show strange, almost conical affairs upon the heads, which archaeologists say contained balls wet with some fragrant oil which trickled slowly through the hair and over the neck and shoulders. Perfumes were said to be extremely popular among these early people.

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Painting the Salmon. Red is the preferred color for salmon flesh. It is the "dog" salmon's misfortune to have ment of a dirty grayish hue, so that it is almost unmarketable.

Recently, however, a fish dealer in Boston made a delightful discovery. It was that some salmon-colored paint (which he happened to be using for painting a truck) would transform a dog salmon offhand into a fish of the

most expensive variety.

The way it worked was really ** markable. It appears that the stuff was a coal-tar product, and when freely applied with a brush so saturated the meat with dye as to give it a fine salmon-red tint clear through.

Unfortunately, the local health authorities, lacking appreciation of the fine arts, seized the fish and the paint and shut up the studio.

Arctic Cold.

Beards do not freeze except where he moisture from the breath is converted into snow; but the color glands are rendered somewhat torpid by the cold, and dark beards gradually become lighter, until after a while they seem entirely changed in color.

Another curious fact about the cold of the Arctic regions is that when a person stops walking or working in any way whereby the feet get exercise, the sole of the foot loses all sense of feeling.

In all extremely cold lands, the moisture exhaled from the body conlenses into small, hard crystals which make quite a bit of noise as one walks about.

Nitrogen From Atmosphere.

There has been erected at the United States department of agriculture's experiment farm at Arlington. Va., the largest experimental plant in the United States for the production of nitrogen from air. The nitrogen so produced is combined with hydrogen to form ammonia, which can be used in the manufacture of explosives and fertilizers. Expertments with the view of increasing the efficiency of the process are now being conducted by the bureau of solls. The Haber process of manufacturing nitrogen is being employed. This process involves the production of ammonia from hydrogen and nitrogen. The two gases are mixed in the proper proportion, put under high pressure and subjected to intense They are then passed over a spongy tron, whereupon a portion of the mixture combines to form am-

"LATIN QUARTER" OF TOKYO

All Kinds of Schools and Colleges for the Seeker of Knowledge to Be Found There.

Tokyo, considered the educational center of the country, vibrates with student life. In addition to its Imperial university, there are two large private universities with over 12,000 students, various technical schools, commercial schools, normal colleges, high schools, middle schools, a foreign language school, Buddhist and missionary schools and 234 primary schools, Gertrude Emerson writes in Asia Magazine.

The presence of thousands of young students from distant parts of the country who have answered the lure of the capital has brought about a curious housing problem. Many schools provide their own dormitories; most of the provinces support one, and certain philanthropic persons make contributions. The greater number of these Tokyo dormitories and boarding houses are located in the quarter of Kanda, or the "Latin Quarter," as the students themselves euphemistically call it. Jimbo Cho, the principal thoroughfare, with its rows and rows of little open-faced second-hand book shops catering to the promiscuous student taste, almost rivals the Quals of Paris. A tour of inspection will throw an interesting side light on young Japan's mental furniture. There is invariably a section devoted to foreign books, most English translations of such writers as Maupassant, Zola, Baudelsire, Macterlinck, and the Russians; Ibsen, Oscar Wilde, Shaw and, by the way of showing the open mindedness of the age, Schopenhauer and Conan Doyle very frequently side by side on the same shelf. Then there are volumes of theology and innumerable "Self Helps to Practical English." It is a curious, indigestible, ill assorted mass of literary material—this that the Japanese student avidly swallows, like a prescribed dose, convinced that with one gulp be will become mas-

DEMAND FOR HOLY PLACES

ter of all Western wisdom.

Long as Religion Exists There Must Be Spots Devoted by Men to Veneration.

As long as religion exists men will look for its holy places. If they do not find its sanctuaries ready at hand in the natural features of the country in which they live, or if they are not provided with places consecrated by the history of the past, they will make them for themselves in their churches and their shrines.

Men need some special place where they can know that they are in the Divine presence and can offer their homage before his throne. The places of men's veneration are frequently impressive and beautiful, but, on the other hand, they may be the barest buildings, having nothing of grace or beauty to please the eye. Yet the meanest building becomes ablaze with Divine glory to those who have met God within its walls. And where generation after generation of men, each in its turn, has bent in reverence to worship, or to listen in faith to the word of the most high in warning, encouragement or comfort as they most need, they have dedicated holy places with a reverence due to the honor of God and the memory of his people.-

The Ancient Quipu. The quipu reached its most elaborate form among the Peruvians, from whose language the term "quipu," meaning "knot," is borrowed. It consists of a main cord, to which are fastened at given distances thinner cords of different colors, each cord being knotted in divers ways for special purposes, and each color having its own significance. Red strands stood for soldiers, yellow for gold, white for silver, green for corn, and so forth, while a single knot meant ten, two knots meant twenty, double knots two hundred. Such simple devices served manifold purposes. Besides their convenience in reckoning, they were used for keeping the annals of the empire of the Incas; for transmitting orders to outlying provinces; for registering details of the army.

Individuality in Groves.

To many people a grove is a grove, and all groves are alike. There is as marked a difference between different forests as between different communities. A grove of pines without un-derbrush, carpeted with the fine-fingered russet leaves of the pine, and odorous of resinous gums, has scarcely a trace of likeness to a maple woods, either in the insects, the birds, the shrubs, the light and shade, or the sound of its leaves. . . At any rate, the first pines must have grown on the sea shore, and learned their first accents from the surf and the waves; and their posterity have borne it fuland to the mountains. Henry Ward Beecher, war white

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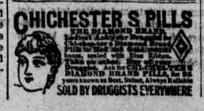
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Scientists of the Pratt Institute and the United States bureau of fisheries have been experimenting with fish skih as a substitute for leather, and the raw hide of sharks and porpoises already is in commercial use. Porpoise skin rasor strops have been used for years, and other kinds of fish leather would have been on the market long ago, the scientists say, had it not been that there was an abundance of real

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