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Proverbs, like grammatical rules, are liable to exceptions. For instance, the charming story of how courtships are familiar saying, "Lightning does not carried on among the elite of their so-strike twice in the same place," had ciety comes to us from this faraway its exception during the bombardment land. In certain districts in houses of Widin by the Russian batteries of wherein resides a daughter of marriage-Kalafat on the opposite shore of the able age, an empty flowerpt is encir-Danube. The incident is described by cled by a string and suspended from a Dr. Ryan in his book, "Under the Red window or the veranda Insead of sere-Crescent," the Turkish equivalent for nades by moonlight and oher delicate the Red Cross society.

at Kalafat were dropping incessantly proach the dw Ying of his weetheart within the fortress. One of them as it bearing some at ice plantin his hand, within the fortress. One of them as it pearing some exploded tore a great hole in the ground which he revere. ly proceds to plant exploded tore a great hole in the ground which he revere. ly proceds to plant exploded tore a great hole in the ground which he revere. large enough to contain a horse. A in the empty value Turkish woman, who was cowering when he is folly ware the mother and with her three children under the shad- daughter are at lome. was the least likely spot to be again hit proposal to the lady of hichoice. The by a shell. But scarcely had she crept lover, having settled the plant to his in and drawn the three children after mind, retires, and the liv is free to her when another shell, leaving the act as she pleases. If it is the right cannon's mouth at Kalafat, nearly two man, she takes every ne of his gift, miles away, dropped into the same hole waters it and tends it arefully with and blew mother and children to atoms. her own hands, that a may see that the Turks the grim exception was a the donor is accepted ass suitor. But vivid illustration of their doctrine of if he is not the favorite, r if the stern kismet, or fate. The woman's hour had parents object, the poor plant is torn come; kismet led her into that hole; it from the vase and the net morning lies was the place assigned for her departure limp and withered on the veranda or in from earth.

Another shell struck the angle of a one half of a room to ruins. In the other half of the room were a Turkish woman and two children. They were not the temperament of the painters' motheven hurt. Their kismet, according to er "was poetic, religious and her spirit

Embraced by a Devil Fish.

A diver engaged in Moyne river in Australia had a terrible experience not be handicapped more severely than with a sea devil. Having fired off a charge of dynamite and displaced a headed," well informed, unimaginative AURORA LODGE NO. 23 A. O. U. W., meets large quantity of stones he went to the bottom of the river and while engaged in which fairy stories are tabooed as in rolling over a large stone he saw something moving about in front of him. This object quickly came in contact with him and coiled about his arm The diver walked slowly and painfully along with the sea devil's feelers twined about his body and legs. He made tracks for the ladder and gained the boat, a throwing spilled salt over her shoulder curious looking object indeed, with this huge ugly thing entangled about his body. With the help of the sailors he was in time freed from his submarine companion. The body of the octopus We entertain a profound pity for men was only about the size of a large soup plate, with eyes like a sheep's, but it possessed nine arms, each four feet in length, at the butt as thick as a man's Trains leave Aurora for Portland and way Wrist and tapering off at the end like a penknife. All along the under part of the feelers of this strange sea creature are suckers every quarter of an inch. giving it immense power.

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Mellowing Superstitions,

Mr. Elbert Hubbard, speaking of Meissonier in The Philistine, says that had in it a touch of superstition-which is the case with all really excellent women.'

Mr. Hubbard is right. A child canby a mathematically precise, "clear mother. There are wretched households "absord," in which the "Arabian Nights" is pooh poohed, in which primers of science are forced upon little bands in which there is no Santa Claus, no stork, no werewolf, no goblin

A superstitions mother sees signs and omens for her ghildren. To find her or looking anxiously for the favoring position of the new moon is a more agreeable sight than to discover her in the act of teaching indisputable facts. who sneer at old wives' fables. The testimony, the deepest feeling of the centuries, is against the scoffers and with them we do not care to clink glasses or do business. - Boston Journal.

## Horseshoes.

In Japan most of the horses are shod with straw Even the clumsiest of cart horses wear straw shoes, which, in their cases, are tied around the ankle with straw rope and are made of the form a sole for the foot about half an inch thick. These seles cost about a LOCAL AGENT, for H. J. Ottenheimer, halfpenny a pair in iceland borses are shod with sheep's horn. In discussing this subject a writer in The Horseshoer's Journal says: In the valley of the Upper Oxps the antlers of the mountain deer are used for the same purpose, the shoes being fastened with horn pins. In the Sudan the horses are shod with socks made of camel's skin. In Australia horseshoes are made of cowhide. A German not long ago invented a horseshoe of paper, prepared by saturating with oil, turpentine and other ingredients. Thin layers of such paper are glued to the boof till the requisite thickness is attained, and the shoes thus made are durable and un. penetrable by moisture.

## A Policeman.

The Golden Penny tells an amusing story-some readers may think it improbable-concerning the examination of a young man who desired to be ap pointed a member of the Hampshire county (England) police.

He put in an appearance one morning, accompanied by his mother and was taken in hand for examination by the inspector. This progressed satisfactorily until the inspector observed:

"Of course you're aware you'll have Oregon. a lot of night work to do! You are not afraid of being out late, Isuppose?"

Before the candidate could reply his mother electrified the anazed official with the statement:

"That'll be all right, sr. His grandmother's going round withim the first two or three nights until 18 gets used to it!"

the robber. "Ha, bal" laughed theartist, and drew a pistol. The artist ad no money, and, according to thecritics, not much life, but that was it why he laughed. He laughed becase he belonged to the school which aws rapidly and boldly rather that the school

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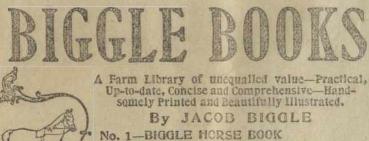
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