MOST PECULIAR PEOPLE.

The Bicycle Has Nearly Emancipated the Parsi Women.

The most peculiar people of India are the Parsis (or "Parsees," meaning "Persians"), who feed their dead to the vultures upon the Tower of Silence. They fled to India from Persia when that land fell into the hands of the Arabs twelve centuries ago. Their men are the first very singular persons the traveler sees on board the ship which takes him to India, their singularity consisting in their long sallow faces and large eyes, their shiny, patent-leather-looking, tubular hats and their long and ugly coats. They are most numerous in Bombay, but one meets them in other cities on the "Bombay side," and in Madras and Calcutta on the other shore. They are the richest natives of India, and have made and still make money in trade.

body, admire and cultivate Western progressive ideas, who treat their women fairly well (according to our day and 9 A. M. on Mondays. ideas), and who permit their widows to marry again. Their first rule of life is to practice benevolence, and no people do this more liberally. They maintain nearly two-score charitable institutions in Bombay alone. They are the only people in the world who do not smoke, and this is because they will not trifle with fire, which is sacred in their belief. They never spit and they will not in any way contaminate the earth or water or defile the trees 85. and flowers. That is why they destroy their dead without burning the bodies.

They have no beggars among them; they are monogamists; they are not to 500 cars. caste-ridden (or rotted), like the Hindoos, for they acknowledge two classes -the priests and the people. They keep New Year day, not only as a relig- day's notice of a demand of a 10 per lous fete day, but, much as we do, as a day for general visiting. Their women are not imprisoned with their servants or otherwise degraded, but may be met anywhere and everywhere to the same extent as English women in India. So often are these women comely, and so beautifully are they cladin such soft and exquisitely colored silks-that, as one writer says, "they appear as houris floating about the earth in silk balloons, with a ballasting of anklets, necklaces, earrings and jewelry." It is no more than fair for the Parsi men to let this be as it is, for they are the ugliest men that crawl upon this globe.

An English lady advised me to go and see the rich Parsi young women riding bicycles on the road beside the sea at 4 o'clock of any afternoon. What an idea! The bicycle has so revolutionized young womanhood in England that men who return there after a short absence can not credit their senses as they note the change in the maidens and their home government. What will it do-or not do-in India? Truly that modest-looking toy has worked as much of the change in this swift-booted century as many of our most important inventions. It has proved a steed which leaps the highest bars of prejudice, runs away with the deepest-rooted conventions-even out-

expert rat killer.

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better than that of men.

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heard at the distance of a mile.

American and Australian butter is

They are the only Indians, who, as a healthy one will endure for 600 years. ealthy one will endure for 600 years. Two-thirds of the crime in London is regulates the bowels and improves the ap-but after the second performance we perpetrated between 2 P. M. on Satur- petite.

> cleanliness, yet nearly every town in in one load. It was carried in a spe-Mexico has a public bath house.

Miss Helen Gould has contributed the Berrian collection of works on Mormonism to the New York public library.

Louise Froebel, widow of Friedrich Froebel, iounder of the kindergarten system, died in Hamburg at the age of

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Soap enough to supply 150,000 for Chicago to Philadelphia."-Philadel-Mexicans are not noted for their one year has recently arrived in Denver phia Inquirer. cial train of 45 carloads, and if stacked up, one bar on top of another, this soa would make a pile over 135 miles high.

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have gained an increase of wages from \$2.50 and \$2.75 per day to \$3 per day, The production of prunes is increas- and the coal handlers from \$9 per week ing raudly in Oregon, the annual ship- to \$10 for single and \$11 for double

A Pittsburg company is now engaged in an order for fitting up the palace of the Mikado, in Japan, with everything in the bath and sanitary line. Shipments are also being made to Australia, South America, China

More Precious Than Diamonds.

Mistress-Did Pat give you a diamond ring when you promised to marry him?"

Bridget-No, mum; but he be afther givin' me a hug that made me ribs crack !"-Jeweler's Weekly.

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An Empress Who Wrestles. . The empress dowager of China is de-The native hen of New Zealand is an is practically the first opportunity the scribed by an English lady, who has British pilitary authorities have had spent the greater part of her life in the of putting the cycle corps to a real test. Celestial empire, as a much more re-The cyclist corps attached to the Dur- markable woman than most Europeans ban Ligh infantry recently covered a suppose. She is an ardent painter, and route ofginety miles in one day, for her pictures are said to be admirable the purpoe of obtaining information of specimens of Chinese art. Strange as As a rule, the eyesight of women is the Boer prees, doing some skirmish- it may seem, her majesty is also said ing on the way. The yeldt in dry to be fond of wrestling, and frequently weather s admirably adapted for indulges in this rather virile form of cycling, as was demonstrated recently exercise. She is well read, is fond of by the feit of an Englishman, just | European music, and has some skill as after the catbreak of war, who rode a pianist. She is said, both by her from Pretria to Ladysmith on his friends and enemies, to be absolutely The sorg of the nightingale can be wheel, pasing several detachments of without any sense of fear, and, needcavalry on the way,-Collier's Weekly. less to say, her life has been attempted a number of times. -N. Y. Herald.

OGDEN AND DENVER.

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senger agent, Salt Lake City.

Women's Journal.

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During the last year 25, 202, 901 bu-h els of grain and 2,198,513 gallons oi sequence of the scenic and other attrac. molasses were used for the manufacture tions of the route, has recently justified of liquor in this country, which produced 107,618,120 gallons of spirits At Springfield the electric workers connection with the Denver & Rio and 1,657,808 gallons of rum, making Grande and Colorado Midland Railroads a total of 109,275,928. This is about says the Salt Lake Tribune, in estab- one gallon and a half to every man, lishing a triple daily tast passenger woman and child in the country.

> Spiders are a serious plague in Japan. They spin their webs on the telegraph wires, and are so numerous as to cause a serious loss of insulation. Sweeping the wires does little good as the spiders San Francisco, also a perfect dining car begin all over again.



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Breeding and Feeding Microbes.

and Japan.

paces the plans of women for their own emancipation. I try to fancy what It may do in India, but, after all, it has only a few thousands of Parsis upon whom to work .- Harper's Magazine.

The Kentucky Monntaineers.

There are no more strikingly interesting people in America than these isolated mountaineers who make their homes generation after generation among the fastnesses of the eastern section of the "dark and bloody ground." The waves of civilization which swept westward along the St. Lawrence, the Erie canal, and a dozen other routes seem to have found at this point in the Appalachians an insurmountable barrier and rolled back, leaving the descendants of the pioneers of a century and a half ago with many of the same habits and customs and traditions dear to the hearts of their forefathers.

A man who knows the whole country as a child does his first picture book told me that if any person took the trouble to go through a copy of Shakspeare and pick out all the obsolete words he would find nearly all of them n common use among these mountain tolk. In their phraseologoy we find "holp" for "help," "hit" for "it," and ther words which, far from being corsuptions, are the pure old Anglo-Saxon. Even their ballads are mementos of iges gone by, and I know of one man who, after riding 200 miles through the mountains for the purpose, finally picked up, from hearing the women! wing them, the full thirteen verses of an old Scotch ballad which proved to be identical with those recorded in a liary bearing the date 1665 .- International Magazine.

Female Postal Employes in England. The English postoffice employs not lar short of 30,000 women, and it is probable that the largest number are employed in telegraphy, or in duties reating thereto. In London alone the number would appear to exceed 1,500, of whom no fewer than 1,000 are employed at the central telegraph office it St. Martin's-le-Grand.-Scottish American.

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