

WONDERLAND.

(George Edgar Montgomery.)

My heart to-day is like a summer flower
Which lifts its blooming challenge to absorb
Sweet colors from the air. For, like a flower,

Along the solemn quietude of the air.
Ye I can hear faint voices, which are like
Echo in the evening music; there is speech

PREPARING SEALSKINS.

THE COLORING ALL DONE IN ENGLAND—
MONOTONOUS WORK FOR GIRLS.

In a small, gloomy room at the top
of a dingy building in a down town
street eight girls sat yesterday working

"They are picking the long black
hairs out of the skin," said the fore-
man, rubbing his hand over one of

"Why are the long black hairs you
speak of not taken out in London?"

"Well, I don't know that there is any
particular reason except the economi-
cal one. The London concerns charge

"How many hours do the girls work
a day?"

"They come at 7 o'clock and leave at
11. They are paid fair wages. Of

"Monotonous work?"

"Oh, it's overpoweringly so," said the
shabby foreman, shrugging his shoulders

"Where the best society reigns."
Philadelphia Press.

After all, in a city of a million and a
half of people, what is society? This

CREEDS AND THEIR ADHERENTS.
The Catholic mission at Lyons has
published some statistics concerning

HUNGRY JOE'S DEFEAT.

[New York Times.]

On the 27th day of August a man arrayed
in store clothes, a slouch hat, and blue spec-
tacles, registered at a fashionable hotel on

Mr. Ashley had been gone from the fashion-
able Broadway hotel precisely eleven days,

"Did you wish to see me. I am Mr. Ash-
ley."

"Eh?" queried Hungry Joe, with a startled
look. "You're not Mr. Benjamin Ashley?"

"Yes, of Abilene, Kan. How can I serve
you?"

"The thin lips of the confidence man were
rather white by this time, and they were

"I have no doubt of that," continued the
clerk with a slight air of superior knowledge

"You are a fully warned," observed the
clerk, as he handed over the amount, "and it

EUROPEAN HOTELS.

Observation of a Traveler on the
Continent.

Not Up to the American Standard of
Comfort and Convenience—
Some Desirable
Customs.

[European Letter in Pioneer Press.]

Though my experience of hotels on the
continent has been chiefly confined to the
Alpine regions of Switzerland and France,

"I believe I do. Why do you ask?"

"I have now been abroad four
months. But, my young friend, these ques-

"Old!" echoed the Broadway man. "Well,
I should think they were. If you are Ben-

"I am very sorry for you, but you have unquestionably
been swindled. For my part I shall not have

"He does," said Hungry Joe mournfully.

"And that's the cuss who got off to Europe
with my money, lang who burst in the

"The London 'Masher.'"
The Gaulois thus sums up the modern Lon-
don "masher." He never laughs or puts off

"Never mistake perspiration for inspira-
tion," said an old minister in his charge to a

WINE DRINKING.
But this is a digression. I was speaking of
the European hotels. In the list of American

THE HEAD PORTER.
But I was going to say that the organiza-
tion and regimen of the continental hotels

THE MEALS.
It follows from the nature of his duties
that the head-waiter or chief butler is also a

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A NEW NARCOTIC.

Coca, a Wonderful South American
Plant—Its Remarkable
Properties.

[New Orleans Picayune.]

Humboldt and other travelers tell how the
mail-carriers, traveling on foot and bearing

A SEVERED HEAD ALIVE.
A Remarkable Recital by a Veteran
Chicago Engineer.

"How was it about the explosion you wit-
nessed?"

"Well, one was near Susquehanna, on the
York & Erie, now the New York, Lake Erie

"And you really think the head heard your
remark and answered it by winking his

"Shake Shays In."
[Detroit Free Press.]

"My boy Shake he comes a big shoke on
me," said a pleasant-faced farmer at the

"By Shimmy; but I never thought of dot
pefore. Dot's so—dot's so. Shake vhas no

Leon Abbett.
[Gate in New York Tribune.]

Twenty-five years or more ago I saw and
heard Mr. Leon Abbett, now Democratic

That a plant which is possessed of such re-
markable properties should be so little known

Said the doctor in substance: Coca is now
coming into use by the medical profession in

In reply to an inquiry as to the purposes
for which this medicine was administered

Under the direction of the doctor the re-
porter visited a druggist near the Poydras

Said the druggist, reaching down from a
shelf a metallic can, closely sealed: "The

"As a tonic for persons who are suffering
from alcoholism or the opium habit, it is

A Thrilling Hide for a Jug of Liquor
[Boston Traveler.]

One night a Carolina judge had been out
very late and on his return, after stabling

His order given, and the slow and stutter-
ing Sambo from the room, the thirty son of