Tillamook Headlight, December 22, 1911.

OLD MIRACLE PLAYS

Grudest Kind of Scenery. the beginning of the pageant id mystery and miracle plays od bigbly artistic productions of ras the work of these early acbut the stage setting, although uplicated effects were ated was of the crudest. The mystwo story scaffoldings. on very visible ropes. The flood Red sea were represented by dug in the square and diled acht only with difficulty turn Here sea voyages therein. nade from Marseilles to Palesrith one shove of the oar. These the properties. Irrepressible meimagination did the rest.

mystery plays were dramatizaof the Bible performed by the nt trade guilds of the town. id giving the part of the story ed as its own by immemorial The fishwives and prentices the country round thronged fort or Chester whenever a pagras to be given. Royalty freof graced the performances .the Four Seas.

BRIDES IN WHITE.

as Mary Stuart Who Set the Fashion For That Color. majority of brides choose white selecting their wedding dress beit is the conventional color, and persons are of the opinion that ways has been favored. As a mutat fact, it is of comparatively modrigin, and in most eastern counpink is the bridal color.

ing the middle ages and in the nce period brides wore crimthe exclusion of all other colors. of the Plantagenet and Tudor s were married in that vivid hue, ich is still popular in parts of Britwhere the bride is usually d in crimson brocade.

was Mary Stuart who first changed olor of the bridal garments. At marriage with Francis II. of re in 1558, which took place not e the altar, but before the great of Notre Dame, she was gowned ite brocade, with a train of pale Persian velvet six yards in length his innovation caused a great stir he fashionable world of that time. was not, however, until quite the of the seventeenth century that white-the color worn by royal ws-became popular for bridal pents.-London Sketch.

Jefferson and the Patent Office. e first patron of our patent system fhomas Jefferson, who during

years gave his personal attention ttorney general to examine and prevailed. nize with him, and they did it so ghly that in one year-the firstcanted only three patents. The |

JAPAN'S BOOKS ALL ALIKE.

Tewn Squares With the Originality Net Considered a Virtue In the Mikado's Land.

The position of literary men in Japan differs in many especial respects weith century to the elabor from that which is accorded writers of prominence in the western world. atteth is indeed a far cry. Not writes Paul S. Reinsch in the North American Review. The individuality as the modern histrionic stand- of literary fame and literary personbeen developed in the orient to nearly the same extent as in the west. The sere performed in the town great books to which men return again and again for guidance and inspiration and angels descended from have been written thousands of years. and those men who earned fame thereafter won their laurels by writing commentaries upon the classics. No merit ater and so small that a row- attached to originality. Moreover, most writings were anonymous. Especially if they were original was it advisable that the author should not make his personality too prominent. While learning was always respected. authorship never had the position in Japan and other oriental countries that it has enjoyed in the west from the Greeks down to the present.

The Japanese mind will excel in the future in many directions, but the greatest development may be expected in those activities for which racial and social experience has best prepared the intellect. A strong but selective realism in literature, delicate word painting, the successful search for mastery over the forces of nature, a grasp of social and political relationships-these are among the things we may expect from the Japan of the

TACT OF AN ACTOR.

future.

Sothern's Happy Thought and the Unruly Gallery Gods.

It was in the year 1863 or 1864. During the summer months Sothern, with John T. Raymond and several other well known actors, occupied the local theater of a seaside summer resort, to which he and his company drew a houseful of people several nights in the week to hear and see them actrehearse it really was in preparation

for their next winter's New York sea son-the most important of their plays. The little building had, of course, a gallery, and in the gallery the "gods" became so obstreperous on occasions that it was with great difficulty the play could be proceeded with. The ringleader, a well known rough of the town, was a man named Bill Hanra han. One night a happy inspiration seized Sothern. Having learned the name of this prominent member of the rowdy element, he addressed him in the midst of the most unearthly noises as follows: "Mr. Hanrahan, will you be good enough to take charge of the gallery and keep order for me? I shall

feel very grateful." The result was magical. Bill became at once an official of the theater and as such cracked the heads of a few of his erstwhile fellow rioters very application for a patent. He | with such good effect that it was only call the secretary of war and a little time before the best of order

A Matter of Business.

There is a reason for everything.

A TURKISH SINECURE. Easy Job of the Man Who Was Ap-

pointed Buoy Tender. Some years ago it was resolved to buoy the shoals in the sea of Marmora, some of which extend to a mile or more from the shore. An English naval officer was lent by the English to the Turkish government in order to carry out this and other measures.

He laid down the buoys and was surprised to find that the Turks thought that thereupon the whole business was concluded. He pointed out, however. that buoys require care, that it is necessary to repaint them from time to time, to pump the water out of them and to see that they remain duly anchored in their right position. To convince the Turks of this took a considerable time; but, being at length convinced, they appointed a man espe-

cially to take charge of the buoys. Some months later, however, the English officer heard shocking reports of these buoys and many complaints of them, and on going out to inspect them he found the paint worn off and most of the buoys waterlogged. Hereupon he wrathfully found the man in sharge and demanded an explanation. The man informed him that he had pever been supplied with a boat and

had therefore never been able to visit the buoys since he had been in charge of them !- London Family Herald.

DEAD RECKONING.

One Way of Determining a Vessel' Course on an Ocean Voyage.

Dead reckoning simply means the computation of a ship's longitude and latitude from her movements as recorded in the log and without having recourse to astronomical observations. The chief elements from which the reckoning is made are these:

The point of departure-that is, the latitude and longitude sailed from or last determined-the course or direction sailed in as ascertained by the compass, the rate of sailing, measured from time to time by the log, and the time elapsed.

The various principles or methods followed in arriving at the reckoning are known among navigators as "plain sailing" and "middle latitude sailing." However, the data thus obtained are always liable to considerable errors by reason of currents, leeway, fluctuations of the wind and changes in the declination of the compass. The results arrived at by dead reckoning, therefore, must of necessity be corrected as often as possible by observation of the heavenly bodies. No navigator would risk relying wholly on this method of determining his position on an ocean voyage .- New York Times.

Pointing the Point.

"I think," remarked Biggs, "one of the funniest signs I ever saw was this: 'Teeth Extracted While You Wait.'" Higgs laughed long and loudly at

this, and shortly afterward he tried it on Jiggs. "A friend of mine," he said, "told

me of a funny sign he had seen-Teeth Extracted While You Wait." **Jiggs** reflect

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first patent of all was given to et was not one for creating reve, but for encouraging a production bat which is to be of benefit to the e people. In the first twelve years agle clerk in the state department a few pigeonholes were all that business of the office required. a Dr. Thornton took charge of it levoted himself to it as a hobby.

The Coster Girl's Plumes.

Ostrich plumes are as much of a ne-mity to the London coster girl on her ags as are the pearl buttons to masculine companion, and the big med bats with their drooping ers are familiar in all gatherings his class. Many of the girls cannot at to keep their money tied up in is plumes, and there thrives a industry in the hiring of these ers. The loan of a single plume day costs a quarter, or for a dola gorgeous trio may be had for an to be returned promptly the morning. Weather conditions the terms to fluctuate somewhat. rea wet or foggy day will take the aut of the feathers and make rea necessary, for which "'Arriet" pay an extra quarter .- London

"Stint" and "Stunt." a good word as a noon. As heb it means something not quite so I Do not confound it with bowever. A stunt is something useless. It is the borseplay of mountebank and has nothing in on with bonest, productive labor. mut is the warning to the wise that enting demands to be accompliabed. and to the laggard that time is on mg-Atlantic.

Gone to Waste. th," complained the new they sprinkled in pienty nd applause." but how about all those -Kansas City Journal.

Cruel. John. I gave Fido one of these made, and be went and Hub-I'm not surprised took it for a bone .- Boe

Just What They Wanted. Bes a chronic grouch." what we want is a good the To American

even a train news agent's reluctance el Hopkins in 1790 for pearl ash. to pass through the cars with his Mr. Jefferson held that the patent packet of newspapers first. A woman who had traveled fifty miles out of New York before she had a chance to buy the afternoon paper she had neglected to provide herself with said to the boy who finally appeared with papers:

last?"

"Why do you always come through first with books and then magazines and leave the newspapers until the

"Why?" exclaimed the astonished boy. "Because it's business. If I came through first with papers everybody would buy a paper and read that all through the trip and leave me with all these dollar books and twenty-five cent magazines on my hands."-New York Press.

Getting Rid of Fear.

"What is meant by autosuggestion?" writes a correspondent. The phrase simply signifies self suggestion to good ends. For instance, if not particularly dislikes to do something one ought one may conquer the disinclination by resolutely saying over words expressing the necessity of doing the thing at once and with pleasure. The person who is afraid to go upstairs in the dark may, it is said, overcome this fear by saying, "I am not afraid; darkness is friendly; nothing can burt me."

The underlying idea is that the mind is the real ruler of the body and that by allowing the mind to take command of a situation from the higher and not the lower point of view ill may be vanquished and good accomplished --Christian Herald.

Notifying the God. One of the odd things the visitor to

Burma will notice is the large number of bells about the pagodas. These bells are usually bung on sacred posts

a few feet above the ground. They are sweet toned, as all Burmese bells are, but they are not furnished with tongues. The worshiper who comes to pray before the pagoda strikes one of these bells with a wooden mallet. This is to attract the attention of the god.

Supreme Solf Esteem. "I am afraid Bliggins is a bit of ego-

st." said the ready made philosopher. "Has be offended you?" "No. I offended him. I ventured to remark that nobody is perfect, and be took it as a personal slight"-Washington Star.

Time never drags sor does life ever ways working, thinking, learning and

"What is there funny about that?" he asked. "I don't quite catch the point."

"Can't you see? The man who put up that sign used five words when one would have been enough. The word dentist' covers the whole round. Every dentist is supposed to pull teeth. isn't he?"

"Oh, yes; I see. Ha, ha, ha!"-New York Mail.

Arm In Arm With a Tigress. It is related of Sir Edward Bradford that he once walked arm in arm, so to

speak, with a tigress. He was out shooting and, always a fearless sportsman, had come to close quarters with his quarry. He fired, and either the ball failed to take effect or but slightly wounded the animal. She sprang at him and seized his left arm above the elbow. The pain must have been terrible, but Sir Edward kept cool, and, realizing that it would be death to drag his mangled arm away and allow her to spring afresh at him, he de liberately walked a few agonizing paces until his comrade was able to take aim and kill the brute. Thus his courage saved his life, though the amputation of his arm at the shoulder proved necessary.

Fire Extinguishers.

About 1840 a Mr. Thomas Philips of London invented an apparatus for putting out fire, but it was not much of a success. When put in action the steam and carbonic acid which were to extinguish the flames were not generated in sufficient quantity to do the work. A Frenchman named Carlier patented a fairly successful extinguisher in 1862, since which date they have been used more or less all over the world to put out incipient fires. though, of course, they are valueless after the fire has acquired much head way .- New York American.

The Gladiators. Usually gladiators were matched in pairs. They fought in different waysin full armor and with the lasso. Nets some over the head of an antagst, dispatched him with a three pointed lance or trident.

Convenient. Dick-Bill writes that he's living in a magnificent cottage. Sam-Why, it's so small that you can stand on the reof. reach down the chimney and open the front door .- St. Louis Republic.

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