JAPAN'S WOMEN DIVERS.

In the Water and Learn to Swim Almost From Babyhood.

pearl divers of Japan are wo-Along the coast of the bay of Ago and the bay of Kowasho the thirteen and fourteen-year-old girls after they have finished their primary school work go to sea and learn to dive.

They are in the water and learn to swim almost from babybood and spend most of their time in the water except in the coldest season, from the end of December to the beginning of February. Even during the most inclement of seasons they sometimes dive for

They wear a special dress, white underwear and the hair twisted up into a hard knot. The eyes are protected by glasses to prevent the entrance of water. Tubs are suspended from the waist. A boat in command of a man is assigned to every five or ten women fishing grounds.

When the divers arrive on the grounds they leap into the water at once and begin to gather ovsters at the bottom. The oysters are dropped into tubs suspended from their waists. When these vessels are filled the divers are raised to the surface and jump into the boats. They dive to a depth of from five to thirty fathoms without any special apparatus and retain their breath from one to three minutes.

Their ages vary from thirteen to forty years, and between twenty-five and thirty-five they are at their prime. -Oriental Review.

DO NOT BE A LEANER.

Learn to Be Self Reliant and Strong

and Original. Power is the goal of every worthy ambition, and only weakness comes from imitation or dependence on others, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine. Power is self developed, self generated. We cannot increase the strength of our muscles by sitting in a gymnasium and letting another exercise for us.

Nothing else so destroys the power to stand alone as the habit of leaning upon others. If you lean you will never be strong or original. Stand alone or bury your ambition to be somebody in the world.

The man who tries to give his children a start in the world so that they will not have so hard a time as he had is unknowingly bringing disaster upon them. What he calls giving them a start will probably give them a setback in the world. Young people need all the motive power they can get They are naturally leaners, imitators, copiers, and it is easy for them to develop into echoes or imitations. They will not walk alone while you furnish crutches; they will lean upon you just as long as you will let them.

One of the greatest delusions that a human being could ever have is that he is permanently benefited by continued assistance from others.

The question, "Was Napoleon himself at the battle of Waterloo?" does was at work upon him, and the physical decay, while it in no way affected his mind, told heavily upon his will. It was, for instance, observed that during his last campaign he was often found to be in a sleepy mood, that he talked instead of acting, that he frequently asked for the opinions of others, a thing that he had rarely been known to do before, and that he seemed quite often to waver in his resolution, whereas he had always been noted for the rapidity of his decisions Mentally it was the same old Napoleon, but the great intellect was sorely handicapped by the stomach trouble that was so soon to kill him.-New York American.

Raisin Bread. Incorporated with bread raisins con-

stitute a valuable diet and help out the meat problem. It is stated that the raisin contains nearly 5 per cent protein and over 65 per cent carbobydrates and therefore is a very important energizing food. For invalids and children raisin bread is invaluable, says Life and Health. The simplicity of the loaf makes it an ideal substitute for the lard, butter, sugar, egg, cream and citron laden cake. It is therefore an important addition to the domestic menu, and the woman who has her children's health at heart will see that at each baking two or three loaves are well filled with raisins, kneading them in just before the loaves are put into the pans.

How Kaffirs Treat Children.

All travelers and magistrates testify to the unbounded kindness to children shown by the Kaffirs in their own trants. Such a thing as a deserted Kaffir child is unknown, and the elder people put up with all the little annoyances of children with exemplary good humor. Actual cruelty to Kaffir children is practically unknown. - Diamond Field Advertiser.

"If all sick people had good cooks," greater might be the proportions of recoveries!" The value of the patent foods which are advertised so much lies largely, it says, in the ease with which they are prepared for the table.

Misfits at the Bargain Sale. Nell-I stopped in at a bargain sale today. Belle-Did you see anything that looked real cheap? Nell-Yes; several men waiting for their wives .-Philadelphia Ledger.

CHANGING THE SEASONS.

In China It Is Summer When the Emperor Says It Is.

emperor of China has some strange duties. One of these is the ordering of the seasons. It is summer in America when the sun warms the earth and not until then, but in China it is summer when the emperor says it is summer. As soon as the emperor declares that summer has come everybody in China puts off winter clothing and arrays himself in summer garb. no matter what his feelings on the subject may be. All domestic arrangements are made to suit the season as proclaimed by the emperor, although they may not suit the individual at all.

The nearest approach to the Chinese system of ordering the seasons is the practice observed in France in all public buildings. There it is winter on and after Oct. 1. Fires are then lighted in all government offices, and the divers to carry them to and from the employees exchange their white summer waistcoats for the thicker and darker ones of winter. At that date the public libraries are closed at 4, and in the streets the sellers of toasted chestnuts make their appearance. In official France it is winter, no matter what the weather may say and no matter what unofficial France may think .- New York Press.

PAPER MADE BY WASPS.

Way the Insects Gather Material and Form the Product.

Wasps are wonderful papermakers. They make real paper, too, just as truly as human papermakers.

A wasp files to a flower and covers the front of its body with the dust of the blossom. This is moistened and mixed with the wax which is secreted on the surface of the wasp's body. Then the insect repairs to an old fence or other piece of weather worn wood that has a loose, fuzzy, fibrous surface.

The wasp rubs itself on this fibrous matter just as it did on the dust of the flower, and a layer of such matter adheres to the insect's body and becomes mingled with wax in the same

Then away goes the wasp to the nest which it is building, places itself just on the spot where it wants the layer of paper to lie and then works itself into a heat by a furious motion of the wings, so that the wax is moistened next to the body, when the paper drops off in the right place, where it may be adjusted properly and fas-

The paper of the wasp is as much paper as the product of the paper mill. -Harper's Weekly.

Trichromic Vision.
In a recent discussion before the British Royal society of the phenomenon of "trichromic vision" the case of a scientist known for his researches in electrical science was described. When looking at the bright spectrum of sunlight this scientist sees only three colors-red, green and violet. For him there is no definite color in the part of the spectrum that appears to persons with normal vision pure blue. He can distinguish nothing of the nature of pure yellow in the spec- put together. - Buckle's "History of not himself physically. The dread disease of which six years later he died greenish violet the blue parts as he sees them. In testing with colored yarns the wool changed color to him when contrasted, although a normal sighted person saw no difference. These facts show how different colors may possibly appear to those about us.

> Handicapped His Humon. The staff humorist approached the editor with a lugubrious face and his resignation. "Why, you are doing all right," said

the editor. "What's the trouble?" "Well, you see, sir," replied the staff humorist, "it's this way. I got married a few weeks ago, and now if I print a joke about wives my wife thinks I mean her, and if I mention a mother-in-law her mother comes around and raises the roof. Then, too, one of | boast of the refluement of the art." my wife's brothers is a plumber, another an iceman, and the third is a coal dealer. More than that, she has a half brother who is a book agent, and they are all big, husky fellows with ugly tempers. If you don't mind I'd like to retire from the humorous department and take a position as obituary editor."-Boston Transcript.

What It Would Mean. In a secluded nook they sat, sur-rounded with paims. He had been

buzzing softly for ten minutes. "But do you understand what it would mean if I were to give you such a beautiful solltaire ring?" he asked

She thought she did, but she wanted to hear him say the blessed words. 'What?" she cooed.

"It would mean that I should have to wear old clothes for a year and live on free lunches." Then they returned to the reception room.-Lippincott's.

Didn't Have to Be.

New Suburbanite-I suppose this is

Pasteurized milk, my friend? Village Milkman (witheringly) - Not so's ye kin taste it, I reckon, mister. In fact, I'll hand ye a five dollar note if 7e says the London hospital, "how much kin prove any uv my cows wut erst bit by a mad dog.-Puck.

One idea of a resourceful woman is one who can stand her family skeleton in a corner of the parlor and make folks believe it is bric-a-brac.-Galveston News.

Evasion is unworthy of us and is atways the intimate of equivocation .-

came a Town's Name.

Tucson on a prospecting tour into the Dragoon mountains, Sonora, or somewhere else were advised to give up the undertaking, for if they perished they would find neither mine nor fortunes. but their "tombstones" instead. The boys bravely bade goodby to their friends, though emphatically warned that they never would return alive. The prospectors set off and, following the "blind trail," came to the plain and made their camp. On examination they found a ledge of ore cropping out several feet, all marked and rich with the precious metal. "We have found our tombstone!" they exclaimed, and no other name would do to designate the camp.

The town has kept the name, which.

In the sacred books of the Scandinavians pork is represented as the principal food even in heaven. It was the chief food of the Irish in the twelfth century and also of the Anglo-Saxons at an earlier period.

In France it was equally common. and Charlemagne kept in his forests immense droves of pigs. Late in the sixteenth century there was a particular disease said to be caused by the quantity of pork eaten in Hungary, and even at present the barbarous Lettes are passionately fond of it. in the middle of the sixteenth century Phillip II. when in England generally dined on bacon, of which he ate so much as frequently to make himself very ill.

By a singular contradiction the African Mohammedans now "believe that a great enmity exists between hogs and Christians" (Mungo Park). Many medical authors have supposed that pork is particularly unwholesome in hot countries, but this requires confirmation, and it is certain that it is recommended by Arabian physicians and is more generally eaten both in Asia and Africa than is usually believed.

The North American Indians are said to have "a disgust for pork." Do bell believes there is more pork eaten in China than all the rest of the world

The Word "Picnic."

found set out in the London Times of nish the dish marked against it, which the bill of fare. As the cookery is furnished by so many people of fashion, each strives to excel, and thus a picnic supper not only gives rise to much pleasant mirth, but generally can

The Immensity of Nature. They were on a trip in Switzerland and had that day braved all dangers and ascended one of the highest points in the Aips. He was very fat, and as be stood panting and mopping his brow at the top of the mountain be turned to his wife and said, with pathos :n his

ter half. "Why, you're standing in front of me, uiding the whole of Mont Blane and the best part of the valley of Chamonix !"-Exchange.

"I have decided to quit this company tonight." said the prima donna as she flounced into the manager's office. "But my dear Miss Rivington," be

"That's why I have decided to quit

Larger Ceming result of the day)-it's a forme fish for the size av ut. Them'll run about three to the pound. Angler-Hardly that, I should say. Boatman-Well, maybe the other two'd be a bit bigger. -London Punca

Example If you want your child to love the love them yourself.

"Mirth is God's medicine." sale Dr.

THEIR TOMBSTONE.

It Proved to Be a Rich Find and Be

There is a certain natural pride felt. after success has come, in wearing the epithet given in contempt by those who prophesied failure. Instances are not uncommon of triumphant sects and parties and even nations retaining the very title first given them by their enemies. A case in point is Tombstone, Ariz. How did it come to have such a name? It was not borrowed or stolen from any other place on the globe nor even suggested by any novel or romance. The story is that two young men. brothers, when about to start from

if not poetical, is certainly original. A valuable tombstone, too, it must be confessed, for the Schieffelin brothers sold their half interest in the mine and mill inte in the eighties for something like a million dollars.-New York

PORK AS FOOD.

Scandinavians Believe It Is Eaten Even In Heaven.

Few people know the original mean ing of the word "picnic." It is to be a hundred years ago: "A picnic supper consists of a variety of dishes. The subscribers to this entertainment have a bill of fare presented to them, with a number against each dish. The lot which he draws obliges him to furhe either takes with him in his carriage or sends by a servant. The proper variety is preserved by the talents of the maitre d'hotel, who forms

"See, dear, how small one is in the face of the immensity of nature

"Small, indeed!" answered his bet-

She Knew It.

protested, "we have nobody to take your place."

tonight."-Chicago Record Herald.

Irish Boatman (surveying the solitary

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