CUSTOMS OF WAR

Are Expected to Obey.

A GRIM CODE OF ETIQUETTE.

The Enemy May Be Starved to Death or Into Yielding by Stopping His Supplies, but His Food Must Not Be Poisoned-Prisoners of War,

War-that is, warfare between civilized nations-has its code of etiquette known as the customs of war, some of which are written, others tacitly agreed to, and these rules and regulations contending armies are supposed to regard as sacred and to obey them rigidly.

Obvious examples of fighting etilimits, expanding builets.

Nominally a general may use any subjection, but there is a well defined boundary line. A leader may cut off his enemy's food and water supplies. ly removed. He may subject him to all the norrors of famine and thirst, but he must not poison his tood or water.

outside the walls are wells which the cooked to suit him .- Youth's Companbesiegers cannot effectively hold and lon. which the besieged can reach under cover of night. The besieger would be justified in sending parties to fill up the stroy them with dynamite. On the other hand, to pollute the wells with them would be an infamy.

to do so. A prisoner on parole who at of a woman. STILE.

ished for his attempt, though he may upon the woman's finger. le placed in more rigorous confine-

prisoner, but it would not be fair to bodice.

put him to building fortifications. own side.

If thus tempted a man may pretend to turn traitor and deceive the enemy with false information. On the other hand, voluntarily to go over to the enemy, pretending to be a traitor or doct that is, if the pretended traitor

is an officer or soldier. A spy, of course, comprehends the hazardous nature of the mission he undertakes and is painfully aware of the fact that he carries his life in his bands, so to speak. Courageous and daring though he may be, the spy has no rights and is at all times limble to be shot or hanged at sight. Now adays, though, he is usually given the benefit of a trial by court martial.

An officer or soldier, however, caught in the enemy's camp must not be treated as a spy, but as a prisoner of war, provided be is not disguised.

If a commander takes part in a charge or persistently exposes himself to are he must take his chance of be ing shot, but in big affairs it is not the "game" to detail marksmen to try to every effort may be made to capture

A person who, not belonging to any recognized military force, takes up arms against an invader is liable to be

mission of a similar act on the other. this act of retaliation has been fre- ard quently enforced, even to recent fears. -Lardon Answers.

Doctoring a Doctor.

another doctor?"

"Ca. res." Well, tell me this. Does a doctor distor a doctor the way the doctored ing glass."-Harper's. doctor wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor the other doctor in his own way?"-Kausas City Journal.

He is happiest, whether he he king

BOILING AN EGG.

If It Gives You Trouble You Might Try John Randolph's Way.

The boiling of an egg seems a simple Rules That Contending Armies matter, but many a breakfast has been spoiled and many a temper rasped by the cook's failing to observe the precise number of minutes the process should occupy.

> That very original man, John Randolph, is said to have invented a method of getting his eggs cooked exactly to his taste that worked perfectly. As is the case in many country homes in the south, the kitchen was in a separate building at some distance from the house, and servants were plenty.

When the "sage of Roanoke" took his seat at the breakfast table there was a line of servants from the dining room to the kitchen. Mrs. Randolph. the mother of the statesman, held an open watch in her hand.

"ln!" exclaimed Mr. Randolph, and quette are the rules which prote; the the word "in" was passed from mouth Red Cross flag of the ambulance and to mouth until it reached the waiting forbid the use of explosive or, within cook, who dropped the eggs into the water. After the requisite number of seconds the holder of the timeplece means in his power to bring his foe to signified that the cooking was done. "Out!" went forth the command in like manner, and the eggs were quick-

The system required six or seven servants to cook one egg, but Randolph was accustomed to declare that this Suppose a place is besieged and that was the only way that he could get it

AN INGENIOUS CLOCK.

wells with earth and stones or to de- Curious Automaton That Was Made In London a Century Ago.

One of the most wonderful timepoison or to throw dead animals into keepers known to horologists was made in London, England, a hundred A "prisoner of war" has his rights years ago and was sent by the presi-He may be asked to give his parole- dent of the East India company as a i. e., to promise not to escape but he gift to the emperor of China. The must not be forced to give his parole case was made in the form of a and is not to be punished for refusing charlot, in which was seated the figure

tempts to escape is liable to be shot. This figure was of pure lvory and either when escaping or it retaken gold, and the right hand rested upon a tiny clock, fastened to the side of the An unparoled prisoner may also be chariot. Portions of the wheels which shot while in the act of escaping, but kept track of the flight of time were If recaptured it would be murder to hidden in the body of a tiny bird. shoot him, and he should not be pun- which had seemingly just alighted

There was a canopy above, so arranged as to conceal a silver bell. The A prisoner may be compelled to earn bell was fitted with a little hammer, his "keep," by working at his trade, if also of silver, which, although it did he has one, or by doing work for his not appear to have any connection captors not of a purely military nature. with the clock, struck the hours regu-Thus he may be ordered to assist in larly and could be made to repeat by draining the camp in which he is a touching a diamond on the woman's

In the charlot, at the woman's feet, The customs of war justify the em there was a golden figure of a dog. ployment of spies, but under certain and above were two birds, apparently rules. If a soldier voluntarily turns flying before the charlot. This beautitraitor the other side is entitled to ful ornament was made almost entiremake use of him, but it is not nonor. Iy of gold and was elaborately adorned able to tempt a soldier to betray his with precious stones.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Never Can Happen Again.

The Montenegrin law which ordains that any found valuable shall be placed where the loser can find it reminds one deserter, would be dishonorable con of an anecdote told of Grimaidi's grandfather in Dickens' life of the famou clown. On one of his visits to Leadenhall market with nearly £400 in gold and silver upon him "he found that his shoe had become unbuckled and, taking from his pocket the bag, he placed it upon a neighboring post and then proceeded to adjust his buckle." Having afterward to pay for a purchase. he missed his bag of gold and burried back to the post where he bad buckled his shoe. "Although more than three quarters of an bour had elapsed. . . there it remained, safe and untouched. on the top of a post in the open street! That was in eighteenth century London. Could it happen now?-London Chronicle

A Curious Coincidence.

The story of a queer coincidence was pick off your opponent's general, though traveling upon the continent be visited told by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, While a certain mountain inn, which was in When a city or town is bombarded two men. These men, prisoned in a winter, he learned, occupied only by public buildings-unless used for de waste of snow and ice, had for all that fersive purposes—should be spared as period no communication with the far as possible. When a place is cap-world below. Here was a situation for tured the victorious foe is entitled to a novelist! And the novelist accordseize art treasures, and so on, and to ingly began to let his imagination play hold them to ransom. To injure or de about the possibiltes of tragedy surstroy them would be the act of a rounding the two men on their mountain height. But the story was never When a country is invaded the in- written, for, happening to come upon vader can compel the inhabitants to a volume of Guy de Maupassant, which supply him with food and other sup- was new to him, he found therein, unplies and to act as guides, workmen der the title of "L'Auberge," the very story he had meant to write.

The Herons of Andalusia. Of all the birds be had studied, said shot like a dog when captured. Re W Farren in a lecture, none showed taliation is sanctioned by the customs conjugat affection in quite the same of war. It is military vengeance and way as the brown backed berons of takes place when an outrage commit- Andalusia, in Spain. Whenever the busted on one side is avenged by the com- band relieved his wife at the nest be invariably laid his neck over bers in a Thus an unjust execution of prison- momentary embrace and then took up ers by the enemy may be followed by his position while the other bird flew the execution of an equal number of away. The herons never omitted this prisoners held by the opponents, and affectionate smutation.-London Stand-

Cause and Effect. . What a concelled little bump Bin gleton is!" said Hawkes. "I won "I say, doctor, did you ever doctor he ever gets a glimpse of himself in the glass."

"I guess that's the trouble," said Jinks "He probably uses a magnify-

Not at Home. Caller-Is your father at home? Little Daughter What is your name, please? Caller Just tell bim it is bis old friend Hill. Little Panghter-Then. or pensant, who finds peace in his own | tell numma if any bill came be wasn't

GLASS IS PECULIAR.

It Has a Number of Curious and Contradictory Qualities.

Glass is one of the most interesting as well as one of the most peculiar things in the world It has curious and contradictory qualities, and many astonishing phenomena are connected with it Brittle and breakable as it is, yet it exceeds almost all other bodies in einstleity

If two glass balls are made to strike each other at a given force the recoil, by virtue of their elasticity, will be nearly equal to their original impetus. Connected with its brittleness are some very singular facts.

Take a hollow sphere with a hole and stop the hole with the finger, so as to prevent the external and internal air from communicating, and the sphere will fly to pieces by the mere beat of the hand Vessels made of glass that have been suddenly cooled possess the curious property of being able to resist hard blows given to them from without, but will be instantly shivered by a small particle of flint dropped into their cavities. This property seems to depend upon the comparative thickness of the bottom; the thicker the bottom is the more certainty of breakage by this experiment. Some of these vessels. it is stated, have resisted the stroke of a mallet given with sufficient force to drive a nail into wood, and heavy bodies, such as iron, bits of wood, jasper, stone, etc., have been cast into them from a height of two or three feet without any effect, yet a fragment of flint not larger than a pea dropped from a height of three inches has made them

ELIZA WAS GENEROUS.

Her Munificent Offer For an Original Five Act Tragedy.

People are likely to look back commiseratingly upon the past in these days of modern progress. When we hear what the most prolific of present day novelists receives a word and what the weekly royalties of any well known playwrights are we say that the literary profession has come into its own. Some hark back to the contrasting tale that Milton received only £5 for the first copyright of "Paradise Lost," an epic in twelve books containing a total of 10,565 lines, but that was over two centuries Poe received \$10 for "The Raven." That may be dismissed with the statement that poetry never paid.

The modern way of making money by literature is even more recent than is generally thought. Alexander Hill of Cincinnati, one of the best known bookmen and collectors of the middle west, has a letter in his collection of autographs that proves this point.

Two generations ago Eliza Logan was a leading actress in America. Rend her letter, O budding genius on the typewriter, and be glad that when you are paid it is space rates for the local paper:

Tremont House, Boston, May 17, 1854. E. Dusseault, Jr., Charlestown, Mass Sir-I wish an original five act tragedy-the feature to be a heroine, myself the personator of it; the scene not to be laid in this country; the plot to be optional with the author-for which, if I like it, I ELIZA LOGAN.

-Roston Post

American Leaf Colors. It has been observed that the leaves

of American trees, such as maples, schriet oaks and so forth, which at home exhibit splendid colors in the autumn, fall below their reputation in this regard when transplanted in England or on the continent of Europe. An Euglish observer, who has been studying the causes of the autumn tints of trees, thinks the superiority of our woodlands arises from the soft and mild yet glowing climatic conditions prevailing here in the fall. England, it is added, is rarely blessed with an Indian summer. When the climatic conditions permit the leaves to retain considerable vitality in the autumn the colored pigment is normally developed: bence the glorious forests of the United States. - Chicago Record- time.

Regulating Price of Books

The price of books was once a matter for legi lation in England. An act of 1534, which seems never to have been repealed, provides that any complaint regarding the price of books should be considered by "the lord chamberlain, the lord treasurer and the justices or any two of these," and that those dignitaries should have "power and authority to reform and redress the enhancing of the prices of printed books and to limit the prices of the books and the offenders should lose and forfeit for every book by them sold whereof the price be enhanced the sum of 3s. 6d."-London Mail.

She Didn't Do It.

The family jar waxed flercer. "You talk about my being to blame for our marrying!" shrilly exclaimed Mrs. Vick-Senn, "John Henry, did I bunt you out and then make love to

"No!" he sported "But you could have given me the glassy eye and sent me about my business, and you didn't do it. madam-you didn't do itl'-Chicago Tribune.

Capital Punishment. "Mamma, did you love to flirt when ou were young?"

"I am afraid I did. dear." "And were you ever punished for M. "Cruelly dear 1 married your father."- Parts Rire.

The hours we pass with happy pros perts in view are more pleasing than se crowned with fruition.-Gold-

JOY OF CREATING.

Put Your Heart In Your Work, No Matter What It May Be.

While every man who makes a living not a genius, yet the real joy of creating can belong to each of us in just as real and true a way. If we put into farming or banking or our school work the sense of making something we get the great treasure out of it. When we fill any task with ourselves we make something.

A girl says, "I made the room tidy," which simply means she put something of herself into the disorderly room and so beautified it. After she had made it tidy it reflected something of berself; it looked some idea of order such as she had in her own mind. A boy says, "I made a good recitation in school yesterday," and he is right, for, although the lesson was already there. it had to wait for him to come along and make it a recitation.

So it is everywhere. Making anything means, no matter bow simple the task, that we bring out something that did not exist before and that that something is to some degree like the maker of it. We get out what we put in. If any one wants to be miserable the surest way is just to do things without putting his whole heart and self into them. Think of the mere outside of the tasks and they are not worth doing. But once put yourself St. Nicholas.

A LEGAL LEGEND.

The Tale of a Telling Comparison In an Oriental Court,

When Abd el-Hakk was poor, as he was one day traveling across a weary plain, he came to the house of the Widow Zaidah, who was also poor, but when he made known his hunger she set before him two hard boiled eggs, all the food there was in her house.

Later, when Abd-el-Hakk lived in Marakesh and was very rich, Meludi, the lawyer, disliking him, persuaded the Widow Zaidab to sue him for the eggs, but not for the eggs alone, for they would have become two chickens, which in time would have so multiplied that the whole fortune of Abd-el-Hakk as the fundamental basis for all life. would not now pay for them. When The smallest particle of it goes through the case came to trial the rich man was not in court

"Why is the defendant not here?" demanded the judge. "My lord." said counsel for the de-

fense, "he is gone to sow bolled beans." "Boiled beans?"

"Boiled beaus, my ford." "Is be mad?"

"He is very wise, my lord. Surely if hard boiled eggs can be batched boiled

beans will grow." The suit was promptly dismiss with costs to the plaintiff .- Pearson's stincts he bound together in the cell Weekly.

A Wonderful Escape.

Louis Philippe of France in July, 1835. The king was riding along the lines of Temple. There came a crash and a fly and ivy teaf move in spite of themrush of bullets. Louis l'hilippe's arm seives in chemical subjection to light, was grazed, his horse was shot in the heat and odors, which the scientist neck, Marshal Mortier fell dead and calls "emanations."-From "Man as a about thirteen other people were killed Mechanism" in Metropolitan. and thirty wounded. Fleschi had taken the upper floors of a house several weeks before and there rigged up an oaken frame four feet by three feet six inches, supported on four posts of oak and itself supporting twenty-five gun barrels fixed in grooves at various angles so as to command au area of twenty five feet in length and ten feet in height. When he fired the train of powder that let off his battery the king would have been killed if four barrels had not burst and two missed fire.

. Borrows of Authorship.

"Paradise Lost" brought Milton only a paltry 65-about \$25 of our money. Hawthorne for twenty years con tinued to be, to use his own words, "the obscurest map of letters in America." "There is not much market for my wares," he said at another

Thorean is an interesting example A thousand copies of his "A Week on the Concord and Merrimac Rivers' were printed, but very few of these were sold, and a considerable number were given away by the author. The remainder were returned to him and were stored in his attic. He grimly observed. "I have now a library of 900 volumes, the greater portion of which I myself have written."-New York Press.

Railway Station Library. In the refreshment room of a Sussex (England, railway station the traveler may see a small rack of books. If he is sufficiently curious to look he will discover from a written label that the books are the property of the vicar of the town, who places them at the disposal of any passenger who likes to take a volume away, the only condition being that he shall return the volume to its place on his return or post it to the vicar.

Magistrate (to witness)-I understand that you overheard the quarrel between the defendant and his wife! Witness - Yes, sir. Magistrate-Tell the court, if you can, what he seemed to be doing Witness-He seemed to be doin' the listenin'.

His Part.

Pretty Bad.

Wife-Tom. I wish you wouldn't play poker. I don't even like the name of the game. Hab-Why not? Wife-It suggests "playing with fire."-Boston Transcript.

It is easy to learn something about everything, but difficult to learn every thing about anything. - Emmen.

GORGEOUS CHORISTERS.

Boy Singers of the Private Chapel In St. James' Palace.

There are ten boys in London who every Sunday and on state occasions wear suits of clothes that in each instance cost something like \$200. The inds thus expensively and brilliantly attired are the choristers belonging to the king's private chapel in St. James' palace. When arrayed in their state suits they are truly a gorgeous sight.

Scarlet cloth is the foundation of this costume. Bands of royal purple between rows of heavy gold lace are the adornments. Old lace ruffles are worn at the neck and wrists. These ruffles are so valuable and so difficult to replace that they are worn only on the most special occasions. At other fimes white lawn bands take their place. The boys must take great care of their suits, which must endure three years. The "undress" suits are placed every eight months.

stitutions of Great Britain, and many of its old time customs, including the dress of the boys, are retained to this day. The choir has numbered among its singers such distinguished musicians as Sir Arthur Sullivan, Edward Lloyd. Sir John Goss and Dr. E. J. Hopkins. It is the right of the head boy to demand a guinea as "spur money" from into them and all that is changed. - any officer entering the chapel wearing anurs It is said that when Arthur Salfivan was head boy the Duke of Wellington would always come spurred to the chapel, in order that he might have favorite chorister .- Harper's Weekly.

UNITY OF LIFE.

Cells of Animals and Plants Alike and Governed by Same Laws.

Protoplasm, the literal translation of which means "the first man made," was the name given by a German scientist in 1846 to the shiny, granular, semifluid contents of vegetable cells. It looks like the white of an egg. and it can be analyzed into four chemical elements-carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen. It is now recognized what is known as the cycle of lifefree motion, feeling, feeding and reproduction. When in some unconscious way it grows a membrane for a covering or a little nucleus, a kernel somewhere within it, science calls it a cell.

These cells are the same in plants and animals. Professor Jacques Loeb showed the importance of this fact. Although plants, he explained have no nervous systems, they have "instinctive movements." In analysis of tecommon to them the plant and the worm at the root of the plant-as some day, perhaps, the tree of life and the Fieschi tried to assassinate King serpent may be bound-and he called their reflex actions "tropisms."

Then be pointed out that tropfsms the national guard in the Boulevard du are mechanical acts-that moth and

Disraeli's Fine Digestion.

Disraeli appears to have been eedowed with a most accommodating digestion When he visited Spain in counts of "the most agreeable dish in built up, a wonderful preserving the world-an olio I will explain it drips. to you, for my father would delight in There are two large dishes, one at each end of the table. The top one

Natural Spectacles.

Many birds are provided with natural spectacles, a transparent membrane called the third eyelid. This third eyelid when not in use lies folded in the inner corner of the eye. Two muscles work it, spreading it over the cornea or folding it up again much more cleverly than a man can put on or take off his spectacles. But for its third eyelid the engle could not look at the sun. The spectacled bear be longs of Chile. Its Latin name is Ursus ornatus. It is black and around Its eyes pale rings are drawn which have exactly the appearance of a pair

Disilllusioned.

"Bhe had played in amateur theatricals and threatened to go on the stage If her parents wouldn't let her marry the duke.'

"And what did her parents do after that threat?" "They let her go on the stage, gave

the duke a check for a front seat and were not at all surprised when he sailed back to France the next moreing."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Bobby you have been lighting with count ten before you struck him. so 1 have always told you to do?" "No, but I was told that somebody

counted ten after he lauded on we." Chicago Tribune. His Title.

"No. I shall never marry." sighed the old bachelor.

The spinster gazed at him scounfel "You coward?" she blased Phil

NO CASTE AT OXFORD.

Duke's Son and Cook's Son Shore Alike In Sports and Studies.

Actually there is no university of each lege in America at which distinctions of birth or wealth count for less then they do at Oxford. There was once & lime when there existed a class of "paktlemen commoners'-John Rackin 1 believe, was one of them-who enjoyed special privileges and exemptions.

But that peculiarity has long been swept away. Not only are the quirements for graduation identical im all comers, but the social life with each college of the university is spen on equal terms to every one on the "Duke's son" and "cook's son" stars alike in sports and studies, and R 1 personal qualities alone that determ the position an undergraduate bell smong his contemporaries.

The late F. W. Walker, for many years so successful as high master St Paul's school, was once interviewed by the rather snobbish mother of an This choir is one of the historical inintended pupil. "Of course." she mid. you are very particular about the parents of the boys you admit to your school," "Not at all, madam," was reply. "As long as your son behaves to cently and attends to his work we shot! not ask any questions about his 395 ents.

> The hend of any college at Oxford of Cambridge might have given a similar answer.-London Cor. New York Furt.

SILVER PLATING.

the pleasure of paying the forfeit to his An Accident Pointed the Way is the Original Process.

In 1742 Thomas Boisover, a See chanic of Sheffield, England, discovered the art of silver plating He was to pairing the handle of a knife in which both ropper and silver were used. Lecidentally the two metals were for together. Based upon this observation

he developed the new process. Upon a thick ingot of copper to bound by fron wire a thinner inget a silver. The whole was then heated in of the silver ingot were observed begin to melt. The two ingots were then removed from the furnace, slowly cooled and pickled, cleaned and rolled to the desired thickness. The rest was a plate of copper more or less thinly covered with silver on one side. This was the first Sheffleid pints. For fifty years following the co was plated on one side only and the cut edges showed the copper. Later the process was so perfected that we copper was left exposed. All the rerplate of the world was made this process until electroplating discovered and made comme Popular Mechanica.

Real Use of the Boo's Sting.

"The bee's sting is a trowel, set & rapier," said a nature student. "It be exquisitely delicate little trowel with which the bee finishes of the buner cell, injects a little preservative incide and seals it up. With its trown-like sting the bee puts the final touches an the dainty and wonderful work. Who the sting it puts and shapes the bondy cell, as a mason puts and shapes a redrops a wee bit of poison into the book This is formic acid. Without it bee would spoil Most of us think the bee's sting, with its poison, is a weapon cair. It is a weapon secondarily, but per marily it is a magic trowel, a trowel 1830 he wrote his mother glowing ac from whose end, as the honey calls are

Destroving Money

Paper money is nothing but a procontains bouilli beef, boiled pork save ise to pay so much coin. If you desage and black pudding. The other is stroy a five dollar note, for instance. a medley of vegetables and fruits, gen- you simply release the government of erally French heans carayanserus and the hank which issued the note from whole peas Help each person to a the payment of the \$5 in gold which portion of the meats and then to the the note called for Of course these medley. Mix them up in your plate fore, you are not punishable in any together and drown them in tomate manner for destroying the note if it a sauce. I have eaten this every day, vone own. There is no penalty for the It is truly delightful "- London Stand tillating gold or silver coin if you been it in your own possession, but to co have thereby destroyed a considerable part of its value you must not tre to pass it at par after the mutilation.

Flame and Wire Gauss.

To Sir Humphry Davy belongs to redit of discovering that the fame of burning gas will not pass through wire gauze having 784 meshes to the square inch. This contention may be tested by bringing a flame in contact with similar gause, when it will be found that the flame will not go through the eshes. This is owing to the coules action of the wire, which tends to duce the temperature of the fame be low the ignition point, the unbured gas passing barmlessly through. course if the gause becomes overthe flame is able to get through

Almost a Threat

Police Inspector-Haven't 1 often in structed you that you are not to allow the public to pick the flowers in this park? Park Keeper-Yes: that is us wife, who used to be your cook. Perhaps you will tex to make her sing-Meggendorfer Biatter.

A Curious Word

There is a word in the English lesguage the first two letters of which uify the male, the first three a female, the first four a great man and the whole a great woman. The word is "heroine"- Ladles' Home Journal.

Vory Necessary. Hewest-1 expect to leave footpress on the sands of time. Jewett-it tobar

sand to do it - Woman's Home (Van

All must recess t those who respect

themselves bear observed