MAY DAY SUPERSTITIONS.

Strange Beliefs of Georgia Colored People—Atlanta Street Scene.

"May day seems to be a day for peculiar superstitions," said one of Atlanta's charming young ladies to a reporter. "Last May day I was passing along Spring street when I noticed a crowd of negroes standing around an old well. As some of them were rushing around the yard in an excited manner, and one woman had her apron up to her face, crying, and a man was holding a looking glass so as to throw the light into the well, I naturally supposed that some of the numerous pickaninnies had fallen in. Upon investigation I found that they were only having a little innocent fun, though they seemed to be enjoying it in a very grim sort of way. They were using the glass with the firm belief that the image they saw reflected would be a likeness of their future wife or husband, as the case might be.

"All seemed to believe implicitly that something strange and supernatural was going to take place, and they worked themselves up to a very high state of excitement. Presently an old woman, a regular old crone, exclaimed 'Look! look! I 'clar fo' de Lord I see a 'oman laid out and two men kneeling on each side of de coffin, and hit looks like my Mandy what died last spring.' The negroes all seemed awestruck and proceeded to go into hysterics. A mulatto girl next took the glass and after patient waiting on her part and anxious silence from the others she declared she saw the best looking old gemin she ever sot her eyes on, an' he had on a white vest and a blue necktie. She was so entranced that she did not want to give up the glass to the many who now grabbed for it.

"Well, a big, burly man got it. Presently a broad grin illuminated the surrounding darkness of his swarthy countenance, and with a loud guffaw he declared that he saw 'stripes—broad, black and white stripes—and them's for that nigger Tom, there, what stole dem chickens last night.' But when they all exclaimed with one voice that whatever was seen that it was meant for the one holding the glass, he turned as pale as he knew how, dropped the glass and hurriedly left the throng who had so adroitly turned the joke on him."—Atlanta Constitution.

Servants in German Families.

In Germany it makes no difference to a nobleman whether you own a shop or are merely employed in one. In both cases you work, and that is sufficient. The effect of this is that the German shopkeeper and man of middle class does not keep his clerks and servants at half the distance that his American confrere does. An American shopkeeper lives in a fine house and walks about his "emporium of fashion" as haughtily as a czar. If his wife or daughter honor the place at all it is when they want a new dress or a check from papa. In France or Germany the same class of shopkeeper lives in the room over his shop, and in all probability has his wife keep his books and his daughter wait at the counter. At night, when the house is put to rights, the housemaid will come into the family sitting room, and while knitting listen to her employer read his papers or chat with the family. She is not kept in a back room in the attic nor thrown entirely on her own resources for amusement.

Hence the Germans and French do not experience that difficulty in securing capable domestic help which most American housewives too often encounter. They bring their customs, more or less, to this country; and in American cities the first to get good house servants and the last to lose them are not American but German and French families. Time was, in New England at any rate, when house girls were not called servants and were not treated as machines out of which was to be gotten all the work possible. They used to say "help" in New England, and when the "help" had finished her duties she not seldom rolled down her sleeves and took her seat at the table along with the family. That custom is no longer in vogue, except perhaps now and then in the country, or in very small towns, and as a result it is now as hard to get house help in New England as in any other part of the country.—Cor. Washington Post.

The Indians of "Rancho Chico."

The Indian village, Mechoopka, is about ten minutes' walk from the Bidwell mansion, beyond the orchard to the west. It lies in a group of cottonwoods, and is pretty and healthy. There is a school taught by a refined young American girl. The houses are plain wooden ones, quite as neat as ordinary Portuguese laborers' houses. When one enters, a few pictures, decent furniture, curtains, in some cases sewing machines and musical instruments are seen. They show great dignity and simplicity in their intercourse with strangers. When better acquainted they are happy hearted and childlike; they enjoy life, and have a delightful sense of humor. They seem entirely to lack personal pride in dress (except on really grand occasions), but they have solid self respect, and show it constantly.

The little girls taught in their school and in Sunday school are as modest and well behaved children as one could wish to see, no darker than the Italian peasant children, and often quite as pretty. Their singing is as genuine as that of negro children. The children, too, are now the strongest influence to civilize the elders, for the Indians are all proud of their educated children. Most of the little nice things of dress and home come in this way. The children read and write and use English, and so the parents follow. It is a pretty sight to watch the older children after school, telling to their parents all they have learned, or playing with the babies, in the village streets, like any other Californian girls and boys, healthy, happy and busy.—C. C. Parry in Overland Monthly.

Mrs. Leonora M. Barry, who has made herself famous as an organizer of assemblies of Knights of Labor, is a woman of fine presence, and her speeches are noted for their lucid eloquence. She makes her home in Philadelphia. She has two young sons at school near Albany.

Miss Jane Dutton, who died in Oakland, Cal., a few days ago, at the age of 88 years, was a Forty niner. She went around the Horn in that year and established a boarding house in San Francisco, and when she died she was worth $100,000. She was a New Hampshire spinster, and her property will go to some relatives there.

Mrs. Burnett has won a complete victory over Mr Beerbohm, who against her protest dramatized her charming novel, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," into a much less charming play. Mr Beerbohm is ordered to cancel passages copied or colorably altered from the novel and submit them for the plaintiff's examination when canceled and pay the costs of the action.

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L. F. CONN,
City Recorder.

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Salem, Or., September 23, 1889.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that A. Bush, president, and W. Breyman, secretary of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, on behalf of the Salem Flouring Mills Co, a corporation doing business and owning property in the city of Salem, have this day filed their petition praying an order of the common council vacating all of Front street between Trade and Mill streets in said city, and that Thursday, October 24th, 1889 at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., at said council chamber, has been fixed by the council as the time and place for considering said petition and taking action thereon.

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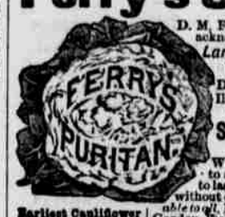

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