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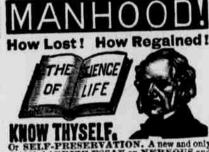
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gets nothing.

Machinery Has Affected the Shoemaker A man called a shoemaker thirty years ago made shoes; today, except in rare cases, he makes only a part of a shoe as he labors in some factory guiding one or the other of the numerous labor saving machines, and is known as a beater, binder, eyeleter, heeler, laster, pegger, stitcher, trimmer, filler, cutter or dresser. What is true of the shoemaking trade is true of other trades.—St. Louis Repub- L. Popoff in Popular Science Monthly.

STEALING A CROP OF BARLEY.

YARNS ABOUT THIBET.

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ons Chinese authors and travelers, has

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who has himself explored that mysteri-

On New Year's day at the capital city,

Lh'asa, there begins a season of festivity

One of the entertainments is called the

"Spectacle of the Flying Spirits." The

performers stretch an enormously large

rope made of hide all the way from the

top to the bottom of Mount Potala; then

they fasten grooved blocks of wood to

their chests and sail down the line like

so many swallows. On top of this same

mountain dwells the pope of the Budd-hist religion, who is called the tale lama.

He is also the incarnation of the god which chiefly protects mankind.

On the 30th of the month there is an-

other great sport when the king of the

devils is driven away. A priest is chosen

to play the part of the tale lama, and a

layman, selected for his wit and activity

takes the role of the demon. The latter

smears his face with black and white

paint, and goes before the pretended tale

lama for the purpose of mocking him.

The two have an argument on religion,

the issue of which is finally referred by

These dice are very big ones, about

the size of apples, but the poor fiend has

no show at all in the gamble, for his die

is blank on every side, while the lama's

has the highest number on each of its

faces. In Thibet, as in Christian coun-

tries, it is always laudable to defraud

Being beaten, the king of the devils is

frightened and runs away, with all the people after him, firing guns and cannon,

a hole in the mountain, where provisions

have previously been placed to feed him

for a few days while he remains in con-

cealment. There are nearly as many

demons in Thibet as there are human

inhabitants, and the priests or "lamas"

are kept very busy exorcising them, be-

cause otherwise they would swarm every-

POWER OF THE PRIESTS.

way the devils are responsible, and the

only sensible thing is to go and hire a priest to frighten them off. For this

purpose the lama reads aloud from the

sacred writings, blows a horn made

from a human thigh bone, beats a drum

manufactured out of two human skulls,

rings a bell and tells over a rosary of

disk shaped beads cut out of human

The lamas also do a large business in

fortune telling. Sometimes they ascer-

tain the fates with barleycorns; at

others they burn sheep bones for the

same purpose or gaze into bowls of

According to one author there is a

the shape of a plant that flies. It re-

hence it is the king of beasts." There

peaks of the Himalayas, says this imagi-

native writer, there is a "snow maggot,"

white clay that is good to eat. As fast

as the clay is eaten more takes its place.

Behind the convent is a large lake, and

evildoers who go near always tumble

into it. The Thibetans used to cast

Buddhas in copper, and the smaller they

POLITENESS IN THIBET.

differ every hundred li of distance, and

customs are no longer the same every

thousand li. Thus the ways of the

Thibetans vary, but in most parts it is

usual for a woman going to see a priest

to smear her face with molasses. If

this is not done it is said that she is try-

ing to captivate the lama by her comeli-

ness-an unpardonable crime. A sign

of politeness on meeting a person is to

hold up the clasped hands and stick out

the tongue. When a man dies one-half

One of the writers quoted observed

that in case of death the corpse is tied

up with the head between the knees,

and suspended in a rawhide bag from

the rafters. A few days later it is taken

to the corpse cutter's place, where it is

tied to a post. The flesh is then cut off

and given to dogs and the bones crushed

in a stone mortar and made up with

grain into balls, which are also thrown

to dogs and vultures. Both these meth-

ods of burial are considered highly de-

Chinese philosophers say that manners

were the more they were worth.

make one bleed at the nose.

If any one is sick or annoyed in any

where and do no end of mischief.

the devil.

skulls.

water.

mutual agreement to a cast of dice.

ous country of middle Asia.

Strange Doings in Chinese Writings.

an Exciting Battle in the Dark with Dangerously Armed Thieves. A daring attempt to steal a whole field of barley that had been thrashed has been made at the farm of J. M. Mumford, on the line of the Burlington ditch, nine miles northeast of Denver. The barley had been bagged, and the bags stood piled up in a field some distance from Mumford's house. Just at dusk a foung fellow who was taking a short cut across the fields saw four men at ing Thibet, as represented by variwork loading the sacks of barley into two wagons that stood outside the field. Two of the men were carrying the sacks to the fence and throwing them over and the other two were loading the wagans. He soon saw that they were not umford's farm hands. Mumford's

> with which these men were working. The young fellow went at first to Mumford's house and told him of what was going on. J. S. Foster, a neighboring farmer, was called in, and soon six men were got together, all armed, and most wonderful thing ever saw to they started out on horseback to catch heal such wounds. He applied it the barley thieves.

would work with the desperate haste

The night was dark and cloudy, and was impossible to see any distance, but they rode in the direction of the place where the barley was stacked, and soon they could hear the voices of the men at work. It was impossible to see anyfing, and a consultation was held to try to decide the best way to go about the capture. While the six horsemen were gathered in a group, talking in low ones together, a flash of lightning from the cloudy sky lit up the field. It disdosed a man with a barley sack upon his shoulder not fifteen feet away, and close at hand the two wagons, with the other three men at work. One of the horsemen, almost as quick as the flashing lightning, pulled his weapon and took aim, and before darkness once more and the scene a shot from his pistol rang ent upon the air. This was the signal for a general fusillade that filled tha dark night with flashing pistol shots. so that he is obliged to hide at length in

The thieves returned the horsemen's fre, and the horsemen kept it up until their ammunition was exhausted. The only aim for either side was the flashing pistol shots of the others, so that not their horses in a furious way. It was swident that the two men outside the free at F. G. Fricke & Co's. sence had fled and left their companions to take the consequences of their acts.
When the firing ceased, the six horsemen made a search for the remaining men, but they could not be found. They had fled in the darkness. An examination of the barley bags showed that a great many of them had been taken, and he horsemen at once went in pursuit of

About half a mile away they found the wagons, but the horses and men were gone. The wagons were half filled with macks of barley, and a number of empty bags were found with the marks of a Benver firm upon them, so that it seems probable that the thieves came from this city. The wagons are now at Mr. Mumford's place waiting for an owner.

very astomshing curiosity in Thibet in In the morning an examination was sembles a dog in shape, is the color of a made of the field where the shooting took tortoise shell and is very tame. If lions place. A trail of blood was found leador elephants see it they are frightened, ing to the fence, but there it was lost. The attempted robbery alarmed the is a kind of black donkey which can neighboring farmers, and an examination cope in fight with the tiger. On the icy was made, which resulted in the discovery that seventy-two sacks of wheat which one of the farmers had stored in a resembling the silkworm in appearance distant field had disappeared. It is supand weighing nearly a pound. It is exposed that the thieves were the same cellent to eat, but too much of it will ones who tried to steal Mumford's barlev. - Denver Republican. Seventy li from Lh'asa is a convent on top of a hill, and a great hole full of

Bishop Brooks' Way with Children. No one who has seen Dr. Brooks with children is likely to forget his "way with them." Sterner persons say that he makes them behave very badly, and, possibly in jealousy, others have called him fonder of youngsters than of grown people. No objection is heard from the children. They look midgets, indeed, on those knees, high and broad, in which two schools of churchmanship figurgain some of their power-over mothers only one American periodical for intercourse with the children? However literally true it may be, surely the story of Dr. Brooks going to a poor woman's rooms and keeping the children out of mischief while she went to church tells something of his spirit. And the story loses none of its point when one reflects of his property goes to charity and the that the woman could not hear one of other half to the lamas. His family her visitor's sermons.—Harper's Weekly.

Patent Leather and Patent Calf. While many may apply the term patent leather" to all kinds of enamel leather, still, strictly speaking, it is only used in the harness trade and in the cheapest grade of shoes, while patent calf is the material from which fine shoes are made. Only the very finest calfskins are used, the examel being applied after the skin has been through a long course of treatment and all the stretch taken therefrom, and is, therefore much more durable than patent leather, which is made usually from cowhides,-Shoe and Leather Facts.

The Allanthus Tree.

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One Way of Putting a Spell on Enemies. It was a custom in the time of Catharine de Medici to make figures of wax and melt them slowly before the fire or stab them with needles, in order to bring suffering to enemies. This operation was called putting a spell upon them .-

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