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**THINGS NOT ALWAYS WHAT
THEY SEEM.**
Only the leaf of a rosebud,
That fell to the ball-room floor,
Fell from the tinted clusters
Of the big bouquet she wore.
Quickly he stooped and seized it,
'Tis the leaf of a rose," said he,
'Tinted with summer's blushes
And dearer than gold to me.
'Lovely and fragrant petal,
Some sweet thought light, who knows,
I may have a chance to tell her
I cherished the leaf of the rose."
But when to his lips he pressed it,
He muttered in accents wroth,
'The blamed thing is artificial
And made out of cotton cloth!"
Women as Prospectors.

The excitement caused by the discov-
ery of precious metals in the Rocky
Mountains has induced women as well
as men to brave the fatigues and ex-
posure necessary to develop a new
country. Among the women who have
become prospectors and miners can be
chronicled Mrs. Josephine Smith, of
Summit County. Mrs. Smith with her
husband, became a resident of Kokomo
in its days of booming prosperity.
Later, when the town took a backward
turn, and business in the barber shop
became dull, Mrs. Smith resolved to
try her luck in the hills, and started
out with a pick and shovel, believing
that she had as much brains and min-
ing sense as any of the multitude who
had tried their fortunes in searching for
the precious metals on the slopes of the
continental divide. She toiled early and
late, clad in miner's costume, with boots,
mittens, and waterproofs, and was re-
warded by finding promising prospects
on the Ten Mile Range, Buffalo Moun-
tain, and Red Peak, all in Summit
County, north of the Ten Mile and west
of the Blue. Next it was necessary to
develop the claims, and while the hus-
band worked in the barber shop the wife
secured the assistance of some practical
miners and some limited capital to de-
velop the claims she had discovered.
In all these efforts the husband and
wife have been successful. They have a
fine body of claims near Frisco, about
the center of Summit County, which
they expect to work during the next
year. At present Mr. and Mrs. Smith
are conducting a barbershop.
This is one of the most conspicuous
examples of women being engaged in
mining in Colorado, doing the practical
work of prospecting and mining, al-
though many women have invested in
mining stock. It is an illustration of
what can be done by energy and deter-
mination in a good cause.—Denver Repub-
lican.

Pressed to Death.
In early times it was considered that
criminals accused of felony could not be
properly tried unless they consented to
the trial by pleading and putting them-
selves on the country. After reading the
indictment to him the question was put:
"How say you—are you guilty or not
guilty?" If he said "Not guilty," the
next question was, "Culprit, how will
you be tried?" To which the prisoner
had to answer: "By God and my coun-
try." If he willfully omitted either por-
tion of that answer he was said to stand
mute, and a jury was sworn to say
whether he stood mute of malice or
mute by the visitation of God. If they
found him mute of malice, that was
equivalent to pleading guilty in cases of
treason or misdemeanor; but in cases of
felony he was condemned, after much
exhortation, to the *peine forte et dure*—
that is, to be stretched naked on his
back, and to have iron laid upon him,
as much as he could bear, and more,
and so to continue, fed upon bread
and stagnant water on alternate days,
till he either pleaded or died. This
strange rule was not abolished until
1772, when standing mute in cases of
felony was made equivalent to a convic-
tion. A case actually occurred as late as
1726, when one Burnward, accused at
Kingston Assizes of murder, refused to
plead, and was pressed for an hour and
three-quarters, with nearly 400 weight
of iron, after which he pleaded not
guilty, and was convicted and hanged.
In 1658 a Major Straneways was pressed
to death. The object of refusing to
plead was that, as in that case there was
no conviction, no forfeiture took place,
and the property of the accused person
was thus preserved for his heir.

Where She Drew the Line.
A very thin woman had felt the power
of the spirit and had been converted,
and she appeared before the session to
pass the preliminary examination.
"Have you experienced a change of
heart?" asked the elder, gently.
"Yes, sir, I believe I have."
"And you want to live a new life?"
"Yes, sir, I hope I do."
"Are you willing to renounce the
world, the flesh and the devil?"
"Do I have to do that?"
"Certainly, if you would be a consist-
ent Christian."
"Can't I give up two of them and still
go into the church?"
"No, the renunciation must be com-
plete."
"Well, then, you must excuse me. I
want to be a Christian. I want to give up
the world and the devil, but if a woman
as thin already as I am has to give up
any more flesh, she might as well give
up wanting to be a Christian, and go
and join a side show as the great Amer-
ican only living skeleton. Gentlemen,
you will have to excuse me. I want to
join the church, but I'm not prepared to
join a side show this season."

When Words Get Into Print.
Phil. Sheridan never forgot Texas. "I
had been bumped over its sterile
plains," he said, in explaining it, "for a
week in an ambulance. I was tired and
dusty and worn out. When I got to my
destination I found some people there
who wanted me to talk and be received,
and that sort of thing before I had a
chance to get the sand out of my face.
One fellow was persistent. He asked
me, with pure American curiosity, what
I thought of Texas. In a moment of
worry and annoyance I said if I owned
hell and Texas I would live in the former
and rent out the latter. The fellow who
asked me the question was a reporter.
The next day it was in print, and I
never could stop it."

**Alligator Leather and Its Increasing
Usefulness.**
"How many alligators were slaughter-
ed to satisfy the demand last year?"
was asked a New York dealer by a Sun
reporter a few days ago.
"Not less than half a million."
"How do you get the skins, and where
do they come from?"
"Most of them come from Florida and
the other Gulf States. The alligators
are shot with rifles, and the negroes have
almost a monopoly of the business.
When an alligator crawls out on the
sand for his after dinner sleep he falls a
victim. The negro gets from fifty cents
to one dollar apiece for alligators. The
hunt is carried on so vigorously that the
reptiles are beginning to grow scarce.
Laws will have to be enacted to protect
them during the breeding season and
when young.
"All sizes from two to eighteen feet
in length are now killed. The choice
skin is six feet long. There is as much
difference between the six-foot skin
and the eighteen-foot skin as there
is between a calf skin and an ox hide.
The skin is packed in lime for two
months to remove the horny scales.
The remaining process is much like that
for any leather. It takes four months
to prepare a skin. There is a tannery
for alligator skins in Brooklyn."
"Has any one developed an imitation
of alligator leather?"
"The frauds are in using imperfect
skins. No lime will soften the horns
that have stood the attrition of red-hot
sand for half a century. Those skins do
not wear well between the scales. There
are other imperfections in the skins.
The demand for colored goods help us
out, however, as the coloring matter
covers a multitude of imperfections.
When you want an alligator leather
article of any kind choose the uncolored
goods, pay a fair price, and you will
get the cheapest as well as the hand-
somest and best."

What the Features Express.
Very quiet eyes that impress and em-
barrass one with their great repose sig-
nify self-command, but also great com-
placency and conceit. Eyes that rove
hither and thither while their possessor
speaks denote a deceitful, designing
mind. Eyes in which the white has a
yellowish tinge and is streaked with
reddish veins denote strong passions.
Very blue eyes bespeak a mind inclined
to coquetry; gray eyes signify intelli-
gence; greenish, falsehood and a liking
for scandal; black eyes, a passionate,
lively temperament, and brown, a kind,
happy disposition.
Of the nose—a Roman nose denotes
a enterprising, business-like character;
a long nose is a sign of good sense; a
perfectly straight nose indicates a pure
and noble soul, unless the eyes contra-
dict it; a nee retroussée signifies a spirit
of mischief, wit and dash; a large nose
generally indicates good mind and heart;
a very small nose, good nature, but lack
of energy.
Thick lips indicate either great genius
or great stupidity; very thin lips, cru-
elty and falsehood, particularly if they
are habitually compressed. Dimples in
the cheek signify roguery; in the chin,
love and coquetry. A lean face is an
indication of intelligence; a fat face
shows a person inclined to falsehood.
Irrascibility is accompanied by an erect
posture, open nostrils, moist temples,
displaying superficial veins which stand
out and throb under the least excite-
ment, large, unequal, ill-ranged eyes,
and equal use of both hands.
A good genius may be expected from
middle stature, blue or gray eyes, large,
prominent forehead, with temples a little
hollow, a fixed, attentive look, and hab-
itual inclination of the head.

Literary Men's Handwriting.
It is a popular error to imagine that
literary men write badly, and the very
fact that Greeley is remembered alike as
a great editor and an execrable writer is
the exception that proves the rule.
Without mentioning names, it may be
safely asserted that authors write dis-
tinctly and with legibility, while of
copy furnished a newspaper office, that
which is furnished by the reporters will
often pass muster than that furnished by
casual contributors. It is true there have
been men of genius and celebrity whose
chirography would scarcely serve as a
model for a writing class. The letters of
Copernicus look like a collection of spider
tracings; Calvin wrote illegibly, Oliver
Cromwell's hand was as crabbed as
his temper in later years; Addison's
English was almost faultless, but he
wrote it almost illegibly; Marlborough's
dispatches looked as though written with
a burnt stick; Bobespierre's hand could
scarcely be read; Burke's was thin and
scrawly; Sheridan's was shapeless; By-
ron's like a schoolboy's, and Macaulay's
bad. But the list whose penmanship
was good is a much longer one, and as to
be eccentric does not mean to be genius,
so it does not follow that a great thinker
need be a bad writer.

How to Get a Decoration.
I once conferred a vast number of de-
corations on an individual—that is to say,
I told him how to get them. He was an
Italian—rich, noble, and a fool. He
confided to me that life was a burden,
because he had no decoration. I said
to him: "Pay some one to write a book
upon the antiquities of your province,
pay some one else to illustrate and pub-
lish it in folio, and send a copy, beauti-
fully bound, to every crowned head in
Europe. Two-thirds of them will repay
you with a decoration." Two years later
I saw him again. He was covered with
pieces of metal attached to variegated
ribbons. He pressed my hand; tears of
gratitude glistened in his eyes. He
had followed my advice.—London Truth.

Why He Wanted It.
"I wished I owned an interest in that
dog of yours," said one neighbor to an-
other, whose dog would dart towards the
legs of anyone with whom he might be
talking, and then back up again and look
up into his master's face as much as to
say: "Shall I pitch into him? shall I give
him a nip on the leg?" "An interest in
my dog?" said his master; "what could
you do with it?" "Why," replied the
other, "I'd shoot my half within the next
five minutes."

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