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shop windows of the universe, and we wouldn't exist if we weren't looked at. It's bred in us. The she baby squalls if she ain't looked at every hour. really, I saw it with my own eyes!" There doesn't exist the school girl, big or little, that doesn't flink her braid or fuss with her skirt when little Tommy comes whistling out of the next door basement gateway; or isn't an awkward squad of grinning. he would go and take the cash for heavy-treaded schoolboys keeping safe keeping to his home first, and abreast with her on the opposite side- complain and ask for the restitution walk. And it goes right on. Life's of his lost property afterward. He a failure if we young women don't get was a sensible man. So was I, and looked at or looked after, and if you knowing what was coming, the momeet with any who complain of this ment he had gone I went into the attention just put it up that that's only another way of carrying the then took another clean panel and news to Mary—her particular method smeared it with the scrapings of my of showing the rest of us that she's

leered at. That's a different thing used to call 'getting noticed,' to be nal agonies. approvingly looked over, to know that we are attracting a mild and pleasant attention, and even to be discreetly followed by a pair of masculine eyes. Now, as Jack says, 'that's right,' and I have no patience with those who think that to deny is to be strong, and that a confession of fact, even if it is a little damaging, implies weakness.

"And why should we not like to be looked at, pray? I say that there is no sight so good for men's eyes as that of the girls. We're nature's best piece of work, and don't you forget it; the most attractive half of the human family, and we know it. We have got to be looked at, and the Richmond schoolmaster had better have I seen an expression of relief to quit contributing to the curiosities of equal that of the priest. He had not Virginia's town laws and read the felt half his soul so much going out of bible a little more. He'll find he's him, but he certainly felt it coming not even poultry farming, which has kicking against the primal and trying back again, says the Fortnightly Reto stop the eternal, for as long as life lasts the sons of men will look at the daughters of women. And even if you didn't want to look, that would not mend matters, for we'd make you."

Omnipresent Bacteria.

Many species of bacteria are capable of doubling their number every hour. short of 17,000,000, to be exact, in fortyeight hours the offspring of this minute germ, which is not more than 1-15,000 of an inch in length have increased to the surprising number of 281,500,000,000, their bulk being sufficient to fill a pint measure.

The Keeping Still. Her lip quivered.

"Another woman," she faltered, would not suffer in silence."

The great, broad-shouldered man stared blankly through the window into the blinding autumn storm. "Pardon me," he observed icily.

'My experience teaches me that any woman would suffer in silence." Gliding to the plane she played and sang, and in time felt that she was

Nomen and Governments.

avenged .- Detroit Tribune.

Women used to have a few of the manding. Women sat in council with the Saxon tribes; abbesses deliberated with the king, bishops and nobles at Beconceld in 694, and five of them signed the decree of the assembly; in the reign of Henry III and Edward I III six countesses were distinguished

Reducing the Population. Superintendent-The poor-house is

over-crowded. Deacon Grim-I wondered why taxes was so high. I s'pose it wouldn't

"Of course not." "No; come to think, guess it wouldn't, but I'll tell you what to do. Get 'em to discussing 'Is Suicide a Sin" Then leave the doors unlocked, so them what goes crazy can get to the river."

Among the Chinese there is a curious belief that it is possible to economize in food by abstaining from muscular exertion. Thus when wages fall below a certain point, poor Chinamen prefer not to work, because they consider that they would have to take more food to repair the waste than the work done would produce.

A Fearful Retribution.

Miss Fanny-That hideous old Mr. Jones had the impudence to propose

Miss Jennie-You gave him the mitten?

Miss Fanny-No. I dld not. Just to punish him I accepted his offer. He is worth half a million.—Texas Sift-

LOST HALF HIS SOUL. Terror of a Buddhist Priest When His Portrait Was Painted.

Crowds of people assymbled as we arrived at the inn, just before sunset. and among others I spotted the fine head of an old Buddhist prie-t. After a long confabulation and a few strings of eash, which passed from my pockets into his hands, I was able to induce him to sit for his picture, and I dashed off a sketch in oils before he had time to change his mind. Unfortunately, the large crowd that had Record. gathered around, especially the women folks, seemed to scold him and talk angrily at him for his silliness in sitting, owing to the strange notion that provails in China, and, in fact, nearly all over the East, that if an image is reproduced a soul has to be given to it, and that the person portrayed has to be the supplier of it at his own expense. The venerable old Buddhist priest, who was nursing his "eash" on his lap while being immortalized on a wooden panel, and had a curious twinkle in his eye, resisted bravely for some time and sat like a statue, but finally had to give in.
"You will die," cried an old woman

at him. "I saw your soul coming out of you and go into the picture. I did "So did I," cried a hundred other

voices in a chorus.

By the time the priest had got up they had half convinced him that at least half his soul had really gone out room and packed the sketch safely. palette to show him instead, in case he would come back and wish the pic-"You understand, young man, that ture destroyed. Twenty minutes had when I say 'looked at' I don't mean not elapsed when he was back again, of course without the "cash," holding entirely. I mean what we young ones his stomach and complaining of inter-

"I am going to die," he cried, the moment he saw me; "you have taken away half my soul."

"Certainly I have," said I, stornly. You did not expect me to give you all that 'cash' for less than half your soul, did you?"

"Oh, no! but I wish it back, as I feel so bad now without it."

"All right," said I, "I shall go in the room and destroy the image I did of you. Will you then be satisfied?" "Yes."

Here the other panel smeared with palette scrapings was produced, after making a pretense at destroying it with a knife, and never in my life view. He could swear by it. He was now perfectly well again.

MOTHER-OF-PEARL.

Decoration Used as a Veneer in Italian or Oriental Designs.

is mother-of-pearl veneering, which fashioned In this case, in the short space of may be carried out either in the Ori- selves. There was no mistake made would increase to a number but little it is suitable for picture frames, boxes, were placed where our feet are and our cabinets and even tables.

which it may be used is a great recommendation.

Oriental designs are the simplest in form and do not require a highly polished surface as a background, says the Philadelphia Times; the pattern count for the origin of our dollar may be made of mother-of-pearl only, mark (\$). connected by incised lines, traced should be well rubbed down with glass States. paper, tinted with some dark stain and polished.

French polishing, although simple money unit. in theory, is sometimes difficult in lation is not light and even. A pad Spanish term signifying thard dollar. form, in order that all the corners the symbol 8. should be reached by the narrow end. With it the polish should be laid on first in long strokes backwards and motion; it may be worked up with a Neueste Nachrichten. veined with black. The work may be struggle. then polished and the mother-of-pearl added as before.

She Hoped Not.

When the lady came into the passenger coach all the seats were occupied, except one next to a big burly fellow, who had a lot of stuff piled around him to take up room. paid no attention to the lady until the ary?—Chicago Record. conductor requested him against her protestations to make a place for her. "Of course," he grunted as he shoved the plunder out of the way;

"she can set down. I'm no hog." "I'm glad to hear it," she retorted. "for I roally am very fond of bacon at breakfast," and she went into the next car to find a seat.

A CO-OPERATIVE TOWN.

An English City Where Everybody Joins la Ownership.

Oldham, Lancashire, although comparatively speaking a motern town, and peopled almost exclusively by the working classes, holds and leads in many respects, but especially in its co-operative movements. No town in the kingdom owns as many joint stock or limited companies; which in their turn, have created other co-operative combinations, says the Philadelphia

Its co-operative stores consist of two societies, each with a membership of nearly 11,000. These societies were the ploneers of the "limited" movement in Oldham, and the cotton industry was the first business they began with. Such rapid strides has it made that Oldham is known far and wide as the "divi." The co-operative societies spread still further, and now in conjunction with the societies in adjacent towns own a large corn-mill, thus sharing the profits to be made in grinding the grain There are in Oldham district, in the

cotton trade alone, about 150 limited companies, the majority of which have been formed since 1872, with capitals varying from £10,000 to £15,000. chiefly divided into £5 shares. These companies, seeing the profits accruing from buying the raw material, at once formed the Oldham cotton buying company, limited, almost every company having shares; consequently it is to their own interest to do business with the company, and thus share in the profits. But they do not stop here. Seeing the large profit made by the insurance companies, they decided to form one of their own, and the Federative insurance company, limited sprang into existence, each company holding a number of shares and encouraging it by transferring their insurance business to it.

It is no uncommon thing for some cotton companies to consist of 400 or 500 and in some cases 700 shareholders; almost all residing in Oldham. Scarcely a family in town but what owns a share in some cotton company

The company movement does not stop with the staple trade (cotton). The butchers were not long behind, and then was formed the Oldham hide, skin and fat company, limited, which effectually demoralized private companies in that direction. Even the bill posting and advertising business was invaded, the printers forming the Oldham bill-posting company, limited, through it posting their own bills and advertisements. The publicans were not left in the cold and very soon two aerated water companies were in full swing, each publican, so long as he dealt with the company holding so many shares. These he must relinquish when he ceases to deal with escaped the company craze, and it is a by-word that at one time you could have floated a dog kennel in Oldham

"Depend upon it, children," said the benignant old gentleman who was An effective variety of decorations addressing the Sunday school, "we are by a wiser power than ourfeet where our hands are, how could The technical difficulties are insig- we get along? It would be exceedingnificant, as the mother-of-pearl may ly awkward, children; exceedingly be obtained in thin flakes that may be awkward. I stretch my hand out this cut with a pair of scissors, so there is way. I move my fingers this. Now, no necessity for using a fret-saw or what is it an evidence of, children?" making any depression in the wood, There was no reply, and after waiting which would be unavoidable if dealing a moment the speaker answered the with thicker substances. Being near- question himself. "It is an evidence ly transparent, these flakes should be of design. Don't forget that, chillined at the back with thin white pa- dren," he continued, impressively. "It per, to which they should be neatly is an evidence of design. Suppose secured with white glue. The luster for instance, my eyes, instead of having of the thin mother-of-pearl may not lids and lashes, had legs. How could equal that of stouter pieces, still the I use them?" "You could use them effect is good, and the facility with in running your eye over the congregation, couldn't you?" replied a deeply interested little boy near the door.

There are several theories to ac-

First-Some say it is a combination with a sharp instrument upon the or monogram composed of the letters wood before it is colored. The wood U. and S., the mittals of the United

Second-It may have been derived from "H. S.," the mark of the Roman Third—It is probably a combina-

practice, especially when the manipution of P. and S., from Pesoduro, a composed of linen and cotton wool A fourth reason assigned is that it is should be folded in a pear-shaped a "piece of eight," and designated by

German Red Tape

An amusing instance of German red forwards, afterward with a circular tape is recorded by the Berlin A Munich little linseed oil. When the desired citizen came to the registrar of births effect has been obtained, the mother- to report an addition to his family. of-pearl may be neatly glued on. For Being asked as to his religion he de-Italian designs, when the wood has clared himself a Christian. The ofbeen prepared, the pattern should be ficial looked over his list of religions, left unstained, and the stalks, with but could find no pigeonhole for Christprobably some of the leaves, should lanity, and as the man was neither a receive a good coating of Chinese Catholic nor a member of a Protestwhite, to be subsequently outlined and ant denomination, there was a great

Struggles of a Growing Mind. Tommy-You say December is the last month of the year, pa?

Tommy's Father-Yes. Tommy-And January is the first?

Tommy's Father-Yes, certainly. Tommy-Well, how is it, then, that He December always comes afore Janu-

No Room for Him.

"Ah!" muttered the skeleton in the closet, as it listened to the conversation at the breakfast table; "going to move into a flat, eh? That-

It was lost in painful thought. "- means the coal bin or the air shaft for yours truly."-Puck.

THREE FIGHTS IN A CATHEDRAL.

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