Carlous Japanese Festival.

The spring festival of the Japanese is known as the Setsubun. This is the period when the winter first softens into epting. It is chiefly famous for the curious festival, the casting out of devils. On the eye of the Setsubun, a little after dark, the caster-out of devile rushes through the town, offering to exorcise all devils from the homes and call good fortune in. For a trifing fee he performs the rites that are needful to accomplish this. This consists of reciting a Buddhist prayer, shaking a shakujo, and scattering around the house in all four directions dried peas.

These peas are afterwards swept up, and when the first burst of spring thunder is heard they are cooked and eaten. No devil will ever trouble a house in which all these rites have been reverently performed.

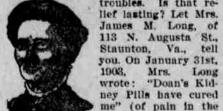
Renssuring Him.

Cholly-Doctoh, have I any symptoms of bwain fag? The Doctor-Brain fag? Not at all,

my dear fellow : nothing but fag.

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The Lonely Sheep Tenders of the California Sterras.

There are few lonelier lives in the world than those lived by shepherds in the high meadows of the California Sierras. All alone they follow their sheep, seeing no one for many months of the year but the sheep, their dogs and perhaps an occasional-a very occasional-traveler. Probably this solitude dries up the springs of speech. for they are said to be very silent when they do encounter any one.

One of these strange men is a Basque from the Pyrenees. A loan, dark visaged, ragged fellow, he is now and then overtaken by some wanderer in the mountains. Along the trail before him his sheep feed. His mongral collie hangs at his heels. He may raise his stick in mute salutation; he may slouch by without a sign. Yet this uncouth being has one talent-he can carve. His amusement is carving quaint sheep buckles out of bone. Every herd has its beliwether, about whose neck haugs a bell. The bell depends from a leather collar, and it is the buckles of these collars that this old Basque shepherd and some of these other Sierra shepherds make in the course of their lonely days. Sometimes a buckle represents a summer's work, for some of them are very elaborate. Some are in the semblance of saints or angels, some have the monograms of the sheep owners or of the shepherds in curious designs. All are patiently cut, bit by bit, with the pocketknife of the shepherd .-- Exchange.



Old Gentleman-And if you had five hundred dollars and multiplied it by two, what would you get? Boy-Nautmobile !-- Harper's Weekly.

Teacher-Parse "court" Pupil-Court," a verb, active, indicative mood, resent tenses and agrees with all the a wire. tirls in the neighborhood.-Tit-Bits.

Punch.

Opinion.

Father-Got a fall, did you? Well, I tope you didn't cry like a baby. Son- of aluminum and one part of gine. It No, dad, I didn't cry. 1 just said one word-the same as you'd have said .-takes a high polish. "What sort of a looking chap is Gus-

sy?" "Well, if you ever see two men in a corner and one looks bored to denth, the other one is Gussy."--London Mother (crossly)-Tommy, haven't 1

won't let me stay up after you go to ed !-- Sketch. "Do you think he can afford to keep

n auto?" "ile ought to. He's been ears and that didn't break him "-Derolt Free Press. Stranger-Been a cyclone or an

arthquake round here recently? Offier-Naw-this liver's a collece town. an 'ne of the students had a birthday for its extraction. arty.-Harper's Weekly.

Mistress-Now, comember, Bridget, he Joneses are coming for dinner. lock-Leave it to me, mum. I'll do ne worst! They'll never troable yez goin !--- Illustrated Bits. "lou say you acted like a perfect

ady throughout?" "Sure, yer houor; when he tips his hat to me an' me not knowin' him. I ups with a rock an' raves in his face."-Houston Post.

Medium (Impressively) - It's the pirit of your late husband, madam. He wishes to speak with you. Mrs. Peck-It can't be poor Henry; he ever had no spirit .-- Boston Trauscript

Teacher-What is it, Tom? Tomlimmy's swearing! Teacher-What did he say? Tom-Well, marm, if you say over all the cuss words you know, Fil tell you when you come to it .-Kansas City Star.

The American globe-trotter-Talk bout traveling. Why, in America insects that H. W. Hanshaw reaches trains go so fast that it takes two peo- the somewhat astonishing conclusion ale to talk about 'em-one to say that if all birds were exterminated, not 'Here she comes," and the other to only would successful agriculture be uy, "There she goes."-The Sketch. Mrs. O'Hoolihan-This payper says of the vegetation of the earth would there do be sermons in sthones. Phwhat eventually be destroyed. A permanent I' yez think av thot? O'Hoolihan-Oi dunno about the ser-rmons, but many says, could not but have disastrous cona good ar-rennent has coom out av a brick, Of'm thinkin'.--Chicago News, "I tell you," said Sinnlek, "men are setting so deceitful these days that you can't trust your best friends-" "And for scientific exploration of the upper

Science

Metals get tired as well as living things, a scientist declares. Telegraph wires are better conductors on Monday than Saturday, on account of their Sunday rest, and a rest of three weeks

adds 10 per cent to the conductivity of Alzen is the name given to a new metal, which is composed of two parts

is said to equal cast iron in strength. but is much more elastic. Alzen is he wants to come to the city and I want superior because it does not rust and to go to the country." . The singular phenomenon of hard steel being cut by a rapidly revolving disk of soft steel has been somewhat puzzling. A microscopic examination

by an English engineer, F. W. Harbord. told you you must not talk when I am has now shown that the metal acted talking? Tommy-But, mamma, you upon is heated nearly or quite to the melting point of steel, but only at the point of contact with the disk. A section of the Canadian Northern

Rallway, running northwest from Sudin amateur photographer for three bury and crossing the Vermillion River, is unique in that it is ballasted with gold. Every yard of the gravel used for ballast has been found to contain from 50 cents worth to \$1 worth of the precious metal in the shape of fine dust.

and a syndicate is installing machinery There was recently brought to the British museum about half a peck of stones asserted to have been taken from the stomach of an African elephant. The stones are angular and unworp. Other Instances of the same nature are known to hunters. The man who gave

the curiosities to the museum has demonstrated the existence of the stone swallowing habit in crocodiles. During the year 1907 the Nile reach ed the lowest level know in Egypt since 1877 and but for the existence of the

great dam at Assnan and the vest volume of water impounded by it to supplement the low Nile during the season of drought the country would have been plunged into the horror of a famine. The year 1907 was the eighth successive lean year, so far as the Nile flood was

concerned. So great is the part played by birds in disseminating seeds and in protecting plants by the destruction of noxious come impossible, but the greater part reduction in the bird population, he

sequences. One of the most remarkable of the high flights achieved by the free balloons, now employed in many countries gloomlly, "you can't get your best Brussels. The tandem balloons left the friends to trust you."-Philadelphia village of Uccle at 7 o'clock in the

the city, decided to move to some smaller town, free from the road of traffic, the bustle and confusion of the thronging multitude, where he could end his daya tranquilly, as became a man of als note. In easting about for a locaion, his eye chanced to light upon the advertisoment in a village paper of one

Thomas R. Foote, who wanted to dispose of his boot and shoe store at a argain, having made up his mind to remove to the city.

"That's the very thing," he said. "Selling shows is a nice, easy occupation. It will give me just enough to

do to keep me from stagnating, and it won't wear me out with overwork. I'll investigate it. It's queer, though, that his name is Foote, my name is Foote,

A visit to the little town decided him. He liked its appearance and location He was pleased, moreover, with "Foote's Shoe Store" and bought it good will and all, at a bargain.

"Well," said the other Mr. Foote. you won't have to change the sign." "No," he answered, slowly. "I'll just add a little to it."

The next day he added this, just be low the sign ; "This place has changed feet."



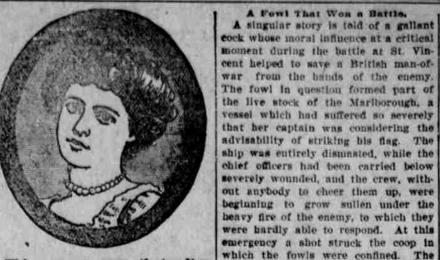
The Lipan and Carankawa.

Two Indian tribes that have passe rom memory within recent years, on to utter extinction, the other to practical non-existence, are the Carankawa and Lipan-Texas bands that were the terrors of the frontier, and rankel among the most warlike and dangerous fighters of the border.

The Carankawa lived near the month of the Rio Grande and infested the small islands of that part of the Gulf. So utterly was this tribe destroyed that no scientist can place it in any racial group. All that is now remembered of the Carankawa is that its men were great in size, terrible in ferocity, and cannibals of the worst description.

When the Americans began to settle Texas the Carankawa terrorized the lower Rio Grande, and their savagery at last became unendurable. The Texans and Mexicans surrounded them. and slew them to the last man, only a few women and children surviving the massacre. This was nearly eighty years ago, and the avengers have long since followed their victims to the land of shades. No one now lives who remembers the Carankawa, and they left no relics behind them.

The Lipan were a bold and formidable figure down to recent times. Some authorities make the Lipan a branch of the Pawnee, and others rank them with the Apache and Navaho, Living in southwestern Texas, ranging from what's worse," interrupted Burroughs, air, was made on July 25, 1907, near the Brazos to the Pecos, and sojourning much of the time in Mexico, the Lipan were bold and dashing warriors, fight morning, and one hour and six minutes ing the Comanche, raiding the settle later they had attained an elevation. ments, and generally making themselves as indicated by the self-recording disagreeable to all their neighbors barometer, of almost exactly 161/2 miles. white and red. The Comanche managed At that point the upper balloon burst. to kill off most of them, and the Texas and the flight was arrested. At the plurality is 3,000. A majority, thererangers took care of most of the rest height of about 71/2 miles, as usual, the fore, must be more than half the en-Retiring to the Santa Rosa moun fall of the thermometer was arrested. tire vote cast, and a candidate's metains, in Coahuila, the Lipan dashed out and a sudden rise of 12 degrees ocjority is, then, the difference between from their fastnesses, and made things curred in the temperature. At a little the number of votes he received and more than comfortably warm on the less than 8½ miles an isothermal zone the combined number of votes cast for Rlo Grande. They might have continwas encountered, above which another all other candidates; his plurality is ued this sort of work indefinitely, but rise of temperature began, and continthe difference between his own nummade the gross mistake of also raiding ned until the balloon burst. The last ber and the number received by the the Mexican villages, thus biting the temperature recorded was about -44 candidate nearest to him. Oftentimes hand that sheltered them. The Mexican a candidate receives a plurality, but government sent a small but business like army, and the Lipan were removed not a majority. Unless there is a tie KINGSTON'S AGED OAK. there is always a plurality .-- Pathbodily to Mexico City, where most of finder. Centuries Old and Washington and them died in a few years' time. Nothing definite was ever known as Clinton Sat Under It. "I was at Ringston during the Clinto the numbers of either the Lipan or Chiropodist-Yes; that's a corn, all ton reburial ceremonies on Memorial the Carankawa, nor were any treatises lay," said a New York man to a Sun ever written as to their habits and so-Col. Gore-What is a corn, anyhow? reporter, "and I stood a while beneath ial customs. They died as they lived, Chiropodist-It's a thickening of the the branches of what is perhaps one hostile to the white man and his ways, skin, usually caused by pressure. In othof the most remarkable old oak trees and passed into the night all unknown er words, it is nature's protest against a tight shoe. and unstoried. Col. Gore (getting hot under the col-



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also the excess of the highest 'number "Summer is upon us, and till the late of votes cast for any one candidate autumn I'll burn on alpenstocks the names of inaccessible peaks, and I'll over the next highest number. When a candidate receives out of 10,000 votes varnish suitcases covered with the cast 4.000 and two other candidates | labels of the costliest hotels of Europe. receive respectively 8,500 and 2,500, "It's odd how the poorest of us the first is elected by a plurality, when abroad, stop, according to our

One of the A singular story is told of a gallant Essentials

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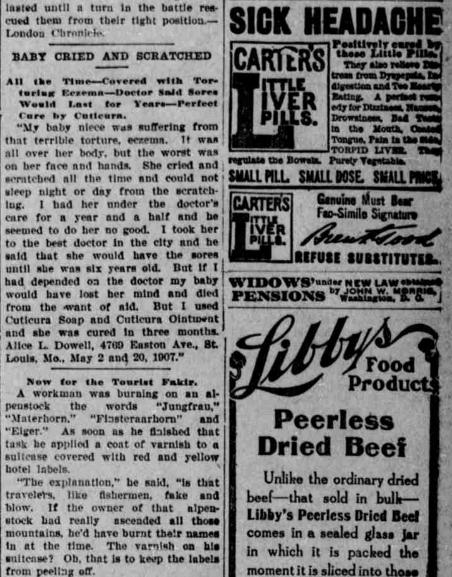
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Cure by Cutlcura.

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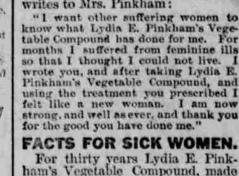
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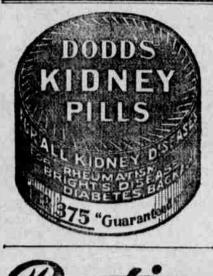
ment retained.



Side Lights on Poesy. Scott was writing the "Lady of the Lake.'

"If you were to tell the truth about her," he said, "I should say that she is awfully seasick, but expects to feel better when the boat gets to St. Joe." Thus it is, in all ages, that the poet

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Press. "So," remarked the boyhood friend, 'you are in the swim." "Mother and

the girls think I am," answered Mr. Jumrox. "But my personal feelings are those of a man who has fallen overboard and ought to be hollering for help."-Washington Star. Teacher-If you are kind and polite

to your playmates, what will be the result? Scholar-They'll think they can lick me!-Philadelphia Inquirer. He-That fellow over there cheated ne out of a cool million. She-How could he? He-Wouldn't let me marry logrees Fahrenheit. his daughter .- The Pathfinder.

"Just this way, sir," said the courteous clerk in the rallroad ticket office. "Let me show you some summer guides entitled 'Where to Go' and 'When to Go."" The man with the modest income shook his head. "They don't in-

terest me," he sighed. "What I want to know is 'How to Go.'"-Chicago Daily News, "Professor," said Mrs. Gaswell to the to be found anywhere in this country.

distinguished musician who had been "Just how old the tree is no one engaged at a high price to entertain her knows, but there are records showing guests, "what was that lovely selection that 260 years ago it was a landmark, you played just now ?" "That, madain," The tree stands to-day more than 100 he answered, glaring at her, "was an feet high and its trunk is nine feet in improvisation." "Ah, yes, I remember diameter. Nowhere about it did I dis- was the picture of its year at the acadnow. I knew it was an old favorite, cover any sign of decay or declining but I couldn't think of the name of it vigor. to save me."-Tit-Bits. "But aside from its admirable physi-

Mud Houses Built by Wasps.

has historic interest. The tree stands A naturalist has thus described the not a great way from the old senate habits of a species of wasp that makes its nest of mud, says the Dundee Adhad its birth, and it marks one edge of vertiser. The mud of which their nests is composed, he said, is often carried ged Dutch governor of the colony, Pefor some distance, as it is essential for ter Stuyvesant, built a stockade as a

them to use good, stiff clay. At the defense for the colonists against maedge of some pond or stream you may rauding Indians. see these insects roll sticky little balls "After the revolutionary war, when out of the still mud- with their strong General Washington went up from jaws. With this heavy load of mud Newburg to visit General George Clinthey rise slowly, and, having gained ton at Kingston, the two patriots sat

some height, they get their bearings beneath the spreading branches of this and ify in a steaight line to their nest. oak and for hours reconnted the events In this way they resemble the bees; in- of the long struggle and doubtless disdeed, all the wasps and bees seen to cussed plans for the future weifare of have a wonderful faculty for flying the country. Who may know but that directly home from any point. When some of the benefits which we enjoy tothe wasp has gained the place select- day under the institutions of our goved for a building site she puts the tiny ernment are results of the discussions ball of mud against the wall of the of those two great patriots beneath building and rubs it tight by moving this grand old tree? I brought myself her head from side to side very rapid. to think so, at any rate.

"A few miles from this historic old ly. The outer surface of the nest shows a series of rings, with sharply defined oak, an old resident informed me, is anlines between most of them, but the in- other tree which besides being an au terior is always extremely smooth and clent landmark is something of a curialmost a perfect cylinder. While build, sity. It is a chestnut tree, with a ing her nest the insect continually runs trunk twenty-one feet in circumference, n and out of the tiny cylinder, exam- from which about six feet from the ining it minutely with her "feelers." ground a white elm of large size has if a rough place is felt on the inner grown. The chestnut trunk completely incloses that of the elm, and the exsurface she carefully sets to work and rubs it smooth. When the cylinder is planation of the curious association is that at some time a branch of the chestfinished the wasp goes hunting for spinut was broken off, leaving a cavity in which in time mold and vegetable mat-

ter collected and made suitable depth "Got any babies around your place?" of soll for the seed of the elm, which lodged therein to germinate and grow "Nope," answered the farmer. "Haand become a tree, a veritable part of bies is all growed up an' married off. its unprotesting host, the manmoth How'd you like to put in the forenoon chestnut trunk."

On a New Footing. Ill news travels fast when it is go Absalom Foote, an eccentric old gen-

A Psychie Phenomenon.

An extraordinary Incident is connected with Prof. von Herkomer's famous painting, "The Last Muster," which emy.

One morning soon after the exhibition was opened the artist was astoncal condition and aspect this old tree ished to receive a letter from a lady, a perfect stranger, who said she was not aware until she saw "The Last house, where the State of New York Muster" at the academy on the previous day that her mother, then dead, the plot on which the famous one-leg- had ever sat to the professor for her portrait.

> Now, the figure in the picture was painted solely from imagination, and the artist hastened to explain this fact to his correspondent. She thereupon asked for an appointment and took an oll painting of her mother, asserting that it was a faithful representation of that lady.

The academician was astonished to perceive that he had really portrayed on his own cauves a fac simile of the figure in this other painting, although it was that of a woman whom he had never seen in his life .- London M. A. P.

Shipwreeks and Courts Martial.

The custom of holding courts-martial in the British mavy after every case of shipwreck has a curious origin. In [74] the Wager, one of Commodore Auson's vessels, was wrecked off the coas of Chile, most of the crew being saved The men and some of the junior officers held that they were no longer amonable to discipline because their buy ceased with the wreck, but the cap tain, whose name was Davy Cheap, differed, treated them as mulineers and shot one of his midshipmen. He was then deposed, and most of the crew made off in three of the boats. Later when it was proposed to proceed against the so-called mutineers the officers of the crown decided that the men had been correct in their view. This discovery led to the framing of Section 91 of the articles of war, which provides that in the case of shipwreck, de-

struction or capture by the enemy a ship is held to remain in commission tieman who had grown tired of life in pending inquiry by a court-martial.

labels, at Claridge's in London and the though he has received less than a majority of the whole vote, and he is Ritz in Paris." said to have a plurality of 500 votes.

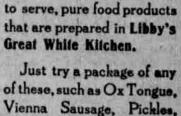
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