There Are Twenty-four Reasons Why the Nine of Diamonds Is Called Unincky,

Every reader has at some period of his or her life heard of the nine of diamonds referred to as "the curse of Scotland;" but why, perhaps, you have never taken the time or trouble to assertain.

Wonderful" I find no less than a wentern explanations of the origin of the expression, while Shathwick's "Quizzi m and fts Me," given eleven, seven of which are whelly life centifrom the answers a vein the work above referred to, under all tweaty-four different accounts of the origin of the expression in the two worls. Southwick traces it such to 1715, mentioning a caricature of that date which represents "the young chevalier" attempting to lead a herd of buils laden

with papal curses across the Tweed river with the nine of diamonds lying before

Perhaps the meat satisfactory explanation of the enigma is that which refersit to the mass are of Olencoe. The order for that ernol died was signed by the Earl of Stair, John Carrymole, secreins, futile for Environia was conof arms of the Dales - and failing -

nine baconges, resembling diamonds, on its shield. Thus it approx to have been with reference to them that the nine spot of diamonds was called "the curse of Scotland." The best and most likely of the other reasons for the origin of the expression are given on low.

During the reign of Mary a thief attempted to steal the crown from Firmbeth castle, and succeeded in abstracting nine valuable diamona : from it. To replace these a heavy tay was haid on the people of Scotlan i, which impoverished them to such an extent I'm nine. diamenti, whether or cloth, ... "eal jewels, write spoken of new Albion's

In the game of Pope Join the nine of diamonds is the poper whear the Scotch Presbyterians consider a curse.

It is also said that the Duke of Cumberland wrote his inhuman orders at Culloden on the back of a card, the front of which was marked with nine diawonds.

The "Oracle, or Resilver of Questions," printed in 1770, says that the crown of Scotland had but nine diamonds, and that the Scotch people were too poor to add to the collection. +St. Louis Re-

An Elevator Incident.

man came near departing this life with prevented the door from closing. Luck- in the evening for shipment. ily the conductor understood his busi- "My greatest success is with sweet ness. With an instinctive movement he pease, which most people do not get stopped the car in a few inches. Then along very well with in this latitude. I venture-some passenger, who walked with From June to August I pick platforms during the past ten or twelve away without even looking back or say- very nearly 4,000 sweet pea blossoms | years, says that lecturing is the hardest ing a word. The coher passenge is looked | dody, and they sell for fifty cents a hun- | way of earning a living. The lecturer is

strike him in a new light. He didn't deep, and as the plants grow the earth is | finds himself in uncomfortable quarters thigh of the horner of a life such easy to defilled up around them. Then posts in all sorts of hotels. He cannot get to ta see accept of the landing so that in a most new in along the rows with strings | bed till nearly midnight after any lectsay may, "my an to have me sent to the more set out with sweet peace, and it audience and the receipts are light. The morph to get him the L. L. - New York the blocket

I and a way increasing a suppose se-Wire as I seem et. a main is smar to "plant" he does no personally than, when it is said that a man "formishes" a house, he makes his own culum is and tables, or puts down his own carpets-though our grandfathers and grandmothers, as often as not, actually did the latter, as well as -good souls!-sewing the various strips of carpets together.

If, however, it comes to planting trees with one's own hands, there is still something to be said. Charles II planted nearly all the trees in the avenue at Windsor with his, and some that are now in St. James' park; and George III had a mania for planting his own trees, as well as incomerable grape vines. Her present majesty has planted over 5,000 trees in various places she has visited, and the Prince of Wales cannot be very far behind her in also doing so,-Caligmani's Messenger.

A Terrapin Farm.

Of late years a number of terrapin farms have been directed along the Chesapeaks. The biggest farm is on the Patuxentriver, and it consists of a large salt. water lake, which could accommodate thousands of terrapin if they would breed as rapidly as is desired. The farmer has surrounded this lake with board fences to keep out the muskrats and fexes, which are the terrapin's enemies. He has made hatcheries of boxes partly filled with sand, and so arranged that when the females enter them they cannot got out until they are taken out. He has nurseries for young terrapin, and he keeps the little ones in here until they are ten months old, in order to preserve them from their fathers. - Frank G. Carpenter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Paying the Piper. Inquiring Boy (looking up from a book) —What does "paying the piper" mean? Worried Father (absently)-Tell him to call nest week.

"I said 'the piper,' pa.' call for a mouth."-Good News. FLOWERS BRING MONEY.

HERE IS AN INDUSTRY WORTH WHILE FOR WOMEN TO PURSUE.

A Young Washington Woman Tells About Her Success in Cultivating Roses and In my "Repesitory of the Rare and the Violets - They Require Little Labor and Bring Large Returns.

> "Flower culture in a small way can be rande to pay even by an aunateur who are now with brain that thought, with voice that chooses to pursue it in a painstaking and ntelligent way," said a young woman. tve years impo i hongist a little farm war Anacostia, called it 'Rose Acres,' and started in merels for a susement's sake with a few rose barbes and some ther plants. I love flowers dearly, and Liber I expended up on them was well. repaid by the pleasure of it, but after a thile I found that it would produce noney also. So I planted more and are, until at present I have between tree and four thou and rose bushes of se choicest varieties. A skilled gardener told me the other day that my collection of hybrid perpetuals is probably the fine t in this country. On the day efore Deceration Day I picke I and sold 5.000 roses from my own place "I am extrava cantly foud of roses,

but violets are more profitable. On the lay before Christmas I picked and sold 100 violets at two cents apiece; that is it worth. They were worth the highst price then, but they never bring less than one cent apiece. To raise them is quite easy. I have 320 glass sashes under which the violets bloom all winter long. In May I have a lot of fresh ground plowed and prepared, and in it I plant all my violets, taken from beneath the sashes for the purpose. Then I simply take up the sashes and cover the newly planted violets with them and the work is done. In October they begin to bloom, and continue all through the winter, so that I can pick them every day and send the flowers to market.

ALWAYS A MARKET. All of my violet plants come from one lit-le pot that I bought at the Center market five years ago. They are made to multiply by dividing the roots, so that a single plant taken up in the spring colors. Dixey draws queer caricatures, had observed how much she chewed her will supply a score or more. I sell my flowers by sending them to the florists in Washington or very often in New York. Prices are higher in New York. so that it usually pays to express

In one of the elevators in a down town and there is never any difficulty in dis- room wherever he may be is covered ment or crumb of comfort from their building the other day an absent minded posing of them. Any florist is glad to buy them if they are good ones and in by the door when the car stopped at his to new York are delivered early the Africe King Hamilton draw very neatly. floor and had allowed two or three other | next morning. I expressed some thithpassengers to brush by him. He had er originally on speculation and I got made no signs of a desire to step out, but | iner, diate replies praising their quality when the elevator resumed its upward and asking for more. The violets must course and the door was nearly closed he | be picked always in the afternoon, begave a start and jamped forward until cause otherwise they lose their perfume. his body projected out of the car and Then they must be brought into town

drid, so that they are really the most all the time exhausted with travel from Even the elevator man had nothing to predictable of my flowers. They require place to place by railroad or steamboat, any for a minute, i or even the next floor but little care. I place the seeds in the or stage coach or other conveyance. He was reached the wacie after seemed to spring in open ground, about four inches connot get solid sleep any time. He ern and and granted budy. The first arranged so that the vines are trained are. He is bothered with committee what I call a mean and agents. He often finds that both it Tombs, ch? Ch. E. A man like that brought in a clear \$200 from the sale of Lecturer here quoted says that he is were

with is the single dealer, which is very | hand abourd ship as his has had do. much bend some then the double the years in which he has been and dealer, you know, I plant the bulls, beture platform. His nervous media or cold algar- at the ends of the rows. | page to the motion of highested branch and a does not any more mean that In this way I get them over the first Frosty spell, after which there is usually a senson of quite warm weather, so that fr quently my dahlias are blooming beautifully up to the end of November.

I try to make the flowers I grow altermale, so that when one sort stops blooming another begins. My violets are fl wering from the last of September to ; be end of April; then come the roses grough the summer, and the sweet pease. with dublins in the full and violets again entil spring. You can perceive that my vey of growing flowers does not make a cessary any large investment in greenhouses or otherwise. Of course there are some expenses. I have two man to dp me, though one of them I should tave to keep anyway for other purposes. here is a great deal in the proper pack-

ur of Howers for market. For example, violets must be placed a bunches in past board boxes, with grand paper folded loosely around them. They must not be touched with water, securse to do so will take away their weetres. I consider my own flower rowing enterprise us only begun thus tresome day I-hope to become a millonurs by selling violets and sweet pease. At all events there is money in the busi-- properly pursued, and more women oa dat to go into it." - Washington Star.

Can This Be So? "Nothing wearies a railroad traveler more than a straight track," says an old alload man. "Any road with fifty miles of straight track would be shunned for one with three or four curves in that distance. I know legions of people who put themselves out to go by roads which vind and curve and give a new pit of enery every few minute."-Detroit but never carried to such an extent that

It is a fact not generally known that Missonri furnishes better cavalry horses than any other state in the Union. The Missouri horse is sturdy and short back-"Well, if it's a plumber, he needn't ed, and is now much in demand by cavTHE PARTY OF THE PERSON OF THE A TAWNY HEAD FROM EGYPT.

With tufus of hair warm bronze, within a case It rests, this marvel from the antique land Of pyramid and sphinx, of palm and sand, An illustration of the dominant race. That swayed the world for centuries, and that

Archives of art and estacombs, to stand Galant all time's efforts favoring to effice. These sightless sockets ones with love light glesmal:

This bow commandment over men his beamed. And with its intelless may have a visiting to proviousents, and even touch of our own. be diportion may have proofed on a find you in

-Edward S. Creamer in New York See

An U-limite of Carlyle. "I never knew Carlyle," says the atof this rearring apostle of tacicurnity, and throat, but is taken into the lungs. Once, however, finding myself sitting It is because the cigar smoker does not option to him in a Chelsea omaibus, I understand this that he denounces eigweather-the recognized conversational gigarette is smoked like a cigar, but applicat—but in this case it tailed of its when the smoke is swallowed the effect usual effect. He gave no answer, but is far more delicate than can be obtained sat there, leaning on his staff in brood- from any cigar, and you will find that a ing silence and with introspective eyes, confirmed cigarette smoker seldom enantil he reached his destination. When joys either a cigar or a pipe.—St. Louis he had got out, I, affecting not to know | Hobe-Democrat, him, asked the conductor who he was.

The latter had touched his hat to him. ... Oh, yessir, I know him well enough. E orfen rides in my bus. 'E's wot you call a littery gent-writes books wot no-

bedy can understand." "Fae conductor paused, as if mentally summing up from his superior standpoint—the footboard—poor Carlyle's characteristics, and then added, with a the voice:

... 'E's a bit off his chump, like many you take him the right way."

Actors Who Paint.

W. Kemble, the artist, said: "I know many actors who are artists with the brush and pencil, and very fair artists at that. Joseph Jefferson goes in for water which fact he had reached because he and I saw one of his ecceptric drawings on a Parker house (Boston) bill of fare only the other day. Louis Harrison, the comedian, is a rapid draughtsman. Tim Marphy used to be a house painter in Austriagton, so he comes rightly by his "There is always a market for flowers taste for pen and pencil. His dressing in their attempts to get some nourishwith daubs roughly but effectively done in grease, paint and crayon. Lotta, also have this fiendish habit.—Brooklyn Alice King Hamilton draw very neatly. E. H. Sothern has made sketches which Dan Frohman considers worthy of hanging framed in the lobby of the Lyceum theatre. George Fawcett Rowe used to go in for oils. Alexander Salvini, son of his father, has presented a very neat water color to Marie Burroughs.-New York Herald.

Work in Lecturing.

A popular lecturer who has appeare finest possible seed to begin | before big audiences on hundreds of out down to time bones after a few weeks of lecturing, and that he never had : "Another, flow or I am very successful exhausting work when he was a dehe flow on part sales M, the dust of has been shall seed by it. New York

> Experiments on the French rates. ow that the residence of the acur a nounts often to half the total resistance I wo engines, of which the resistance was measured separately and found to be 19.8 pounds per ton at thirty-seven ailes per hour, were coupled together and again tried. The resistance fell to 14.3 pounds per ton. The second engine was masked by the first. It may be argued from this that by a suitable adapation of the front of a locomotive, elecdeal or otherwise, a saving of from 8 to 10 per cent, of the effective power could be made.—Electrical Review.

Furrows on the Finger Nails.

Nearly twenty years ago Dr. Wilks directed attention to the curious fact that the nails after a serious illness. Medical men ignored what they called the visionallow but little actantion in their medcal works. Recently a new interest in e sanject has been revived and pashe ga al societies have begun an investiation. One remarkable case shows unil furrows caused by three day's seasickness. Herald of Health.

If the loof of a fly is pur under the mality. - New York Telegram. glass of a good microscope it may be con how simple is the contrivance that seems able to dely the laws of gravitation. The foot is made up of two pads. covered with fine short hairs, with a pair of curved hooks above them. Behind each pad is a tiny bag filled with clear, liquid gum, the hairs also being hollow and filled with the same sticky

In applying stimulants to the head a many of them. - New York Sun. fair amount should first be used, and then the quantity increased gradually, they are used indiscriminately and regardless of consequences.

The accumulation of electricity generated by the friction of belts in an engine room is often a matter of consider- amount brought into the United Kingable annoyance. A little steam escaping dom reached the total of 102,647,478 under the belts is suggested as a remedy. gallons.

Common Sense About the Cor reten.

A tobacco dealer says: There was been a great deal said about the harmfulness of cigarettes, and certainly they are injurious to young boys or to men if smoked in excess; but most of those who attack the cigarette habit have very lit Je idea of what they are talking about. It should be remembered that the greatest smokers in the world—the Spaniards, the Cubans, Spanish-Americans and the Russians—use cigarettes far more freely than cigars, and none of these nations can be called unhealthy. People talk about the injuriousness of the paper, but any physician will tell you that it has no effect worth mentioning.

If you take a piece of rice paper and ther of "tilances of tirest and Little Eght it scarcely any residuum will re-Mes," "except by sight. To tell the main, and a man might smoke that patruth, I did not greatly covet his ac | per indefinitely without experiencing the quaintance in those last days of his, smallest bad result. What makes eigerwhen alone I could have known him, ette smoking injurious is the fact that I was even not without a certain dread the smoke is not retained in the month ventured to address him. I tried the arette smoking as insipid. So it is if the

Why People Bite Their Lips.

If you surprise the father of a family stretched out at full length and trying till he is red in the face to raise his legs without lifting his body, you may know he is endeavoring to work off his superabundance of avoirdupois, which inter-?eres seriously with his cutting a graceful figure in the waltz, which his better toncir, half of pity, half of contempt in half insists on dancing every chance she gets. If you consult Mr. Russell on what changes will make you better lookof those gents; but he ain't a bad sort if ing, you will find him very blunt. He may tell you you do not wash your face clean, and when you ask how he knows he will tell you if you did your skin Speaking of people who paint, Edward would not be disfigured with those black pimples, or he may tell you, as he told a weman who recently appealed to him for advice, that she did not eat enough,

So you see you need not be on your good behavior when you pass under his eagle eye. But did you ever sit in the ferry boat or car and watch the women, who make the most hideons, wry faces lips? Not only the women but the men

A Rare New Zealand Bird.

Dr. Fristellt has brought a most interesting and valuable collection of birds, etc., from Amstralia, where he had many an adventurous outing, and from where he proceeded to New Zealand. There he .ucceeded in obtaining a specimen of the quaint and almost extinct kibi bird. This bird is somewhat like an ostrich, but only the size of a crow. It has no wings at all, and is covered with fur culiarity about the kibi is the fact that its egg is larger than one-third of its

He also succeeded in bringing home some Maori skulls, which are difficult to obtain on account of the manner in which the natives bury their dead. When the bodies have been so long in the ground time all the flesh has fallen arel caves, which are very difficult to ind. The attempt disolitain alress simils a attendoù wich di oprintiete danger, m my one discovere I with one is certain of

rical operations are undertaken for the in the treatment of discussed moth Horses have the too arche just like mer lound from the same causes, and pulling a tooth is now a common thing in veterinary surgery. Of course the horse kicks, for his teeth have long and strong roots, but the operaci in frequently saves the life of a valuable animal.-Interview in St. Louis Clob - Democrat,

Cheap Fuel.

Among the latest attempted solutions of the cleap fuel problem is the method transverse furrow always appears on of a German inventor, who proposes to manufacture gas by dropping a stream of crude percoleum through a blast of my opinions of Mr. Willis, giving the cold air from a force pump. The gas mus obtained will be confined in a reguar cylinder open at one and, where i will be lighted. This produces are in-Jensely but flame of savoril for in ventor proposes to heat beflers, and he maintains that the heating of large slocks can thus be reduced very consid-

Revolvers in Sight.

The policemen of Savaunah carry reveryers strapped to their belts in plain sight. They are armed with short clubs as well. They cannot unlimber their shooting irons any quicker than a New York policeman, who usually carries his in his hip pocket, can do it: but with most of the offenders the sight of a weapon in itself has a salutary effect on

cantile industry which has developed with such marvelous rapidity as the peroleum trade. Since its beginning in 1859, when the total importations were 1869 all Orders to roleum trade. Since its beginning in about 2,000,000 gallons, it has increased by leaps and bounds until, in 1889, the

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