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IN A SHROUD FACTORY. A THOUSAND GIRLS HAPPY IN A

STRANGE OCCUPATION.

The Shroudmakers of New York a Disfor the Lead-Various Designs, Grades and Fashions.

There are over one thousand well fed, well dressed, well paid young women in New Yor's city who earn their living making shrouds for the dead. The "Song of the Shirt" was not written for them. They sing no songs with voices of dolorous pitch, and indeed they have very little reason for doing so. Their songs are as merry as the day is long, and are sung to the busy hum of sewing machines. Less doleful melodies it would be hard to find.

The shroudmakers of New York form a distinct class of brend winners. They differ from other needlo plyers as essentially as silversmiths differ from locksmiths. An experienced shroudmaker may know how to make a dress, but a dressmaker has little or no knowledge of how a shroud should be constructed. This part is emphasized whenever a dressmaker secures employment in a shroud factory. Before she is able to earn the regular wages of her craft she must serve an apprenticeship, the length of which depends solely upon her aptitude to learn the peculiar knack of this strange trade. There are twelve well known firms in this city engaged in the manufacture of shrouds, and it is in their factories that all the work is done. The wages are well maintained, although fixed by no union, and employment is guaranteed the year through, for the sale of shrouds is not marked by any of the fluctuations which are noted in some other branches of manufacture.

New York is the recognized headquarters for the clothing of the dead as well as of the living. There is nothing about a shroud factory to indicate the character of its product. Even the rows of coffins and enticing varieties of caskets in the ware room below seem to belong to another business altogether. The showcases that are visible from the head of the stairs, with their display of the latest styles in shrouds, appear to have been left there, perhaps by some previous tenant, and bear no possible relation to the use the rooms are now being put. It is very difficult to imagine that these light hearted girls who chat so merrily over their machines are turning out burial robes by the dozen, but such is the case, and to them the work is no more dolorous than the making of shirts.

CLATTER AND CHATTER.

the largest factories in the city, within a few blocks of Cooper union, in the Bowery, and see for yourself. As the door of the shop opens the noise is almost deafening. Between the clatter of the machines on the one hand and the chatter of the girls on the other, one can hardly hear himself speak. It is 10 o'clock -early for us, perhaps, but not for the girls.

LOCKS OF GOLDEN HAIR.

Legendary Lore Concerning Elair of Sanguinary Tint-Old Proverbs.

Witty paragraphers are at present ac-customed to satifize in many ways the red haired girl, her appearance being said to be connected with the proximate vision of a white horse. It is perhaps impossitinct Class of Needle Plyers-Clothing | ble to say when this idea originated, but it is probable that it had its rise in the ancient aversion to red haired persons, very wide spread. Various reasons have been assigned for this curious antipathy. Mythologists claim that red hair represents the dangerous lightning stroke, or the withering rays of the summer sun. Indra, god of the elments, has golden hair, and Loki, a mischievous imp, was red haired. The mermaid is often represented as combing her golden locks, and red bearded demons are not uncommon. "Rothbart, Teufelsart" (red beard, devil's kind), is an old German proverb. Others claim that the origin of the superstition that red haired men were treacherous, came from a notion that Judas was red haired. Nothing is said as to the color of his hair in the New Testament, and he is shown with black hair in most of the painted representations of the Middle Ages. A German fresco of the Twelfth century, however, pictures the arch traitor as a red haired man. It is probable that Christian influence in Teutonic lands brought about this great antipathy to red hair, as many of the heathen gods and goddesses wore golden locks. Red has always been a detested color. It was the hue of the pirate flag, and its sanguinary tint has been chosen for the banner of the Anarchists. It was for a long time an unfashionable color in England, and auburn locks were, therefore, a disadvantage to the possessor.

Again, it is probable that much of this odium laid upon red haired men arose from traditional hatred against Teutonic conquerors, the yellow haired Goths, the red bearded Danes and the ruddy Northmen alike oppressing Roman, Saxon and Gaul.

In the old romances of the Round Table, the red knight of the Red Lands represents death, whom Sir Gawain finally conquers in combat. Shakespeare alludes to the prevalent superstition on this subject in "As You Like It." Nor is it yet entirely extinct in parts of England. In Devonshire it is thought unlucky to have a red haired person first enter the house on New Year's day, and If you are curious come with me to one of black haired lads go the rounds, and are rewarded by presents. There is a proverb among Scotch Highlanders, "Avoid the red head and the steep rock." In other European lands this dislike also exists. There is a Danish proverb that "red heads and elders do not flourish in

"EYES FOR THE BLIND."

Not wholly sad, dear youth, thy hapless lot. Love circles near with gently thittering wings Sweet music whispers from the echolog status "Blest in her smile be all thy loss formet." Her soft hand leads through dell and movey grot She draws from grief and woe their rankling

stings; Paints for thy inner sight the soul of things, And finds joy's semblance where itself is not

At her command blue take and lenping rill Gleam on the darkened canvas of thy brain; Brave forests rise along the created hill; Fair roses bloom untouched by canter stain: The summer's sublest essences distill Nepenthe draughts to full thee from thy pain. -Sarah D. Hobart in New Orlenns Times Democrat.

The Locusts of the Fast.

Locusts are now a regular part of the day's provisions with us, and are really an excelentarticle of diet. After trying them in several ways we have come to the conclusion that they are best plain boiled. The long, hopping legs must be pulled off, and the locust, held by the wings, dipped into sait and eaten. As to flavor, this inspet tastes of vegetable rather than of fish or flesh, not unlike green wheat, and to us it supplies the pince of vegetables, of which we can

For catching locusts morning is the time, when they are half benumbed by cold, and their wings damp with the dew. They may then be found in hundreds under the desert bushes, and gathered without trouble, merely shoveled into a bag or basicet.

They devour everything vegetable, and are devoured by everything animals larks and bustards, ravens, hawks and buzzards We passed through flocks of ravens and buzzards, sitting on the ground gorged with them. The camels munch them in with their food. the greyhounds run snapping after them all day long, cating as many as they can catch. The Bedouins often give them to their horses, and just now many tribes have nothing to eat but locusts and camel's milk .- Tourists' Letter.

Odd Fact Abont Gun Cottun.

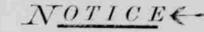
When gun cotton or other high explosives are freely exposed upon an iron anvil and detonated, the explosive leaves a deep and permanent impression upon the surface of the metal with which it was in contact. The impression produced by the exploding mass is an almost exact copy of that face of the explosive which was in contact with the metal. This is best observed with gun cotton, for, from the nature of the material, it can be shaped according to fancy, and such figures and designs as one wishes can be stamped upon its surface. Thus if a disk of gun cotton, on the face of which the letters "U. S. N." and the date "ISSP are indented, be detonated, it will be found that the letters and figures will; be reproduced in the iron and, most singular of all the phenomena, they will be indented in the iron just as they were in the gun cotton,-Charles E. Munroe in Scribner's Magazine.

Outwitting the Political Police. It is said that during the last president

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ruffles around the wristbands, is modeled after a wedding gown as nearly as is possi-2.596.314 ble considering the different use it is to be put to. It will grace the funeral of some 3,117,106 rich patron of a fashionable undertaker. 7,855,519 This plain black garment, with a false shirt 8,474,352 bosom and a collar which ties behind with a cord, is patterned after an evening suit. It 6,039,781 3,378,754 is quict and eminently respectable. It is 1,245,466 intended for a man of middle age and costs 31378.754 quite as much as a suit worn in life. Besides 3,041,915 these there are robes of brown and combina-

patterns they are.

Total Assets, \$42,115,774 tions of brown and black, some faced with satin, some with silk, and others plain even to severity. These form the cheaper grade of goods and are worn by men or women of Losses Adjusted and Paid at this Agency advanced years. The white robes are all in-

tended for the young. Some of these are marvelous pieces of work, and if embroidered by hand would cost a small fortune. This little gown would hardly reach from your hand to your elbow. The tiny neckband is rufiled and tied together in front are covered with embroidery and the skirt is elaborately trimmed with lace. It is a baby shroud and is the smallest size that is made, The styles in shrouds are continually changing. Every fashion used by the living contributes to the robing of the dead. Each Any Kind large factory has its special designer, and jot even double can still the competition between ilgan,-Benjamin Northrup in St. Louis Republican. L. G. Larson,

Mineral Deposits in Arizona.

In Death valley, Arizona, there are thousands of acres covered with a deposit of borax two feet thick, and near by immense quantities of salt, lime and soda. The locality is ninety feet below the level of the sea, and is evidently the bed of a dried up sea.-New York Tribune.

Waste Silk for Pipes.

Careful experiments have shown that waste silk is the most effective of all nonconducting covering for steam pipes, and the demand for this purpose promises to be great, notwithstanding the high price, -Boston Budget.

Do not ask, will this do me any harm? Ask, will it do me any good? The companionship of much of what we call "soelety" is little or no better.

There are thirty-geven tunnels of more than 1.000 yards in England, the longest being that of the Severn-7,664 yards.

A skipping rope has been patented which sets in motion a small musical box in one of the handles.

good soil.' A red cavalier figures in many folk lore tales, and it is said that They have been at work since 8, and onequarter of their day has already been spent. "evil speakers and the red cavalier cause In the center of the room is a double row of men much distress." sewing machines, varying in size and power,

Similar ideas formerly existed in Gerand all fastened to two long and narrow many. An old poem has it that "Red tables with little round places cut in the sides into which the operators snugly fit. At haired men and elder trees are rare in fertile soil." Another writer about 1000 the other end of the room are several counters A. D., advises the reader, "Not to thee a forming a quadrangle. Within this square red man for a special friend." William sit a dozen young women chatting and sewing, of Tyre, writing in the Twelfth century, while a till, middle aged, motherly woman say of Fulk, of Jerusalem, who was red snips out of yards upon yards of black, white haired. "He was affable, benignam, and brown cloth patterns of shrouds. Shrouds and, contrary to the rule of that color, with long skirts, shrouds with short skirts, kind and merciful." French proverbs shrouds with no skirts at all. Shrouds for carry the antipathy to animals. "He is the rich and shrouds for the poor. And such wicked as a red ass," is a saying in many places. Rochefort, in an editorial in his This claborate design in white satin, with soft ruching around the neck and fleecy paper, calls a political opponent a "red ass." Another French proverb says, "Red haired men and woolly dogs are better dead than known," and there is an Italian saying to the same effect.

The Chinese antipathy to red hair is well known One of their familiar appellations for foreigners is "red haired devils." A Slavic proverb also illustrates the same superstition. "At the sight of a bearded woman and red haired men one flees away." Among a certain tribe of Bedouin Arabs there is a saying against "evil bringers like Qodar the red haired." Qodar traditionally caused great evils to the tribe, and hence all red headed men are regarded as malevolent -F. S. Bassett in Globe-Democrat.

School Hygiene in Australia.

It is an interesting fact, especial' / in view of certain comparisons nearer home with a white satin bow. The little sleeves that it suggests, that in Australia the subject of school hygiene has received special attention for some years in the state or public schools. The teachers are particularly instructed to be careful about the spread of infectious diseases. and the public health law is sufficiently stringent to secure the exclusion of scholars and teachers from houses in which communicable diseases exist.

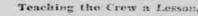
In the state schools of Victoria, now for a number of years, a system of object lessons has been given, with a view to imparting elementary instruction bearing upon the health of the people; these lessons generally include such subjects as food, clothing, ventilation, cleanliness and the prevention of infectious diseases. They have also been given at stated times lessons for the treatment of snake bite, for the resuscitation of the drowned and for the first aid to the injured. The department of education requires also some elementary knowledge on the part of teachers upon the subjects of sanita-tion and physiology.-New York Tribune.

The Candid Tramp.

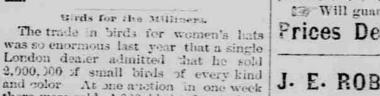
Tramp-I may as well be frank about the matter. Will you please give me fifteen cants to buy a drink of whisky? Old Gentleman-Can't you buy a drink of whisky for less than fifteen cents? "Yes, I can buy it for ten, and in some places as low as five; but, Great Scott! what kind of stuff is it?"-Texas Siftings.

An exchange tells of the finding of the nude body of a man who gave two gasps and then died. This is a case where a pair of pants cop'd not serve as raiment. Herald.

crisis in France a newspaper correspondent at Rennes wrote regularly to his newspaper. Every time the "political police" opened his etters. After awhile he tried the plan of registering his letters. "Inclosure o." 100 francs" he wrote on the outside of one in erder to insure privacy for it, without, of ourse, putting the money inside. The letter arrived safely; none of the scals were oroken, but neatly inclosed by a postal order for 100 francs. The clever officers who had intercepted the letter thought that on openng it they had lost the inclosure, and substitated another, hoping thereby to escape unpleasant investigation .- New York San,



On a recent cruise of the United States man of war Michigan a sailor, who is a Chicago man, attempted to throw an exhausted quid of toisacco over the rail into the water. His aim was bad, and the quid fell on the deck. An officer observed it. He would not allow the sailor to touch it, but ordered the entire erew to rig up a gun tackle. The gun tackle is a hawser three and a half inches thick and weighs 2,500 pounds. Being seldom if ever used, it was stowed away in the hold and covered up. To get it on deels and rig it up is a long, hard task. But the gun tackle was rigged up, and the commanding officer attached to it a silk thread, lassoed the quid of tobacco, made it fast, all hands gave a long pull and a strong pull, and the quid of tobacco was hoisted overboard. Then the gun tackle was taken down and stowed away in the hold. It required eleven hours of hard work to get the tobacco overboard, and it is the opinion of the commanding officer that no more quids of tobacco will be thrown on the deck of the Michigan for some time to come. --Milwaukee Wiscon-



there were sold 3,900 birds of paradise, 5,000 Impeyan pheasants, 400, 590 humming birds and other birds from North and South America, and 330,000 feathpred skins from India .- New York Sun.

The French Soldier's Defects,

A French military writer, M. De Fletres, in an essay on the education of the French infantry, makes some very serious charges against the French soldier. The latter, he says in effect, has serious moral as well as physical defects; grossly abuses his officers when out of hearing, is carcless and slovenly, has no heart for military service, and, when opportunity comes, conceals all trace of its insignia.-Scientific American.

Water Famine in Bogland.

There is an alarming searcity of water in many of the large owns of Frant Britain, and Liverpoor and Manchester are threatened with a water famine. In view of this state of things it is proposed 00 to bring sea water to be used for baths, closets, watering streets, flushing sewers and extinguishing fires. The scheme



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