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# POINTS AT CUE ENDS.

## THEY SOORE AT THE TIP AND SHOW CHARACTER AT THE BUTT.

Watch a Man Fluxing Billitards, and You Will Loars Something About His Dispositton - How to Fell the "Sharp" -Signs. Which Betoken the Mean Man.

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A well known authority, in a treatise on billiards, by way of warning to the tyro, says, "Deware of the man who carries the chalk in his trouvers pucket and calls the marker John, for verily he is a sharp." With all due deference to the writor of the advice, I must say that my own experience is in direct antipodes to his aphorism. The sharp of today is not so easily spotted. You see that man playing over at the far table, passessed of a child-like and land manner? Well, that is the modern hilliard sharp. With patent leather boots and dressed with faultless taste, he lies in wait for the unsuspicious and confiding learner. To all appearances he is a perfect stranger to the marker, and it would not do to hint that the latter is subsidized and "goes whacks" in the spoil. Our gentleman sharp, you will notice, inquires innocently the way to turn the marking board, makes a tremondous number of scientific misses, does not carry the chalk in his pocket, makes shots worthy of Roberts himself and then apologizes for them to his unsuspecting opponent as "beastly flukes." He is most profuse with "I beg your pardon, sir," when he "unin-tentionally" pots his antagonist's white and assures him, with every expression of sincerity, that "he played for a screw cannon.'

At the commencement of the game he insinuatingly suggests that the small sum of 2s. 6d. shall be a stake on the game, not for the sake of having a bet, but just to have a little "interest" in the game, while his real reason is to have both principal and interest in his pocket. He never wins by too many, and then he has been "exceedingly lucky to win," "the balls ran for him," but he will give his opponent "double or quits" on the next game if he cares to have his revenge. He constantly ejaculates "Hard lines, sir," "You are having all the bad luck," and so the sharp plucks his pigeon.

From my experience I should say that no game of skill in the world brings out a man's meanness like billiards. There is a mean man playing. Watch him prepare for the combat. Probably he has argued his friend into giving him balf the game, for he never plays with a stranger-he might get taken in, he says. See him carefully chalk his cue, and with what care and anxiety he gives the preliminary miss in balk, his face expressive of his mental agony for fear the ball should stop out of Watch him during the progress of balk. the game, how he walks round the table and views the position of the balls when it is his stroke from every part of the table, lest he should by an oversight give his opponent an advantage. His hesitation over each shot is prolonged, and when he does make up his mind to strike his nervous' prostration is terrible as the balls go spinning round the table, and he knocks one of the shades off as he flourishes his fish recently caught always retain some recus about in his endeavor to influence the course of the balls. Great is his disappointment when he fails to score. Listen to his grumbles deep and loud when his ad-versary brings off "a fluke." Let us leave him, for it is dreadfully painful to play with him, and to see him grudgingly part with a shilling, if he be the loser, is like having a tooth drawn. "When found" in a billiard room, "make a note of" and avoid. The jolly, good natured man is the life and soul of the room. He doesn't care a straw whether he wins or loses. He wants a game and means to enjoy it. "Which ball do I prefer?" he says. "I don't care. They are both round." Off he goes, forgets to chalk his cue and then laughs heartily when he gives a miss, rarely asks for points, and if you beat him willask you to have a eigar, tips the marker and laughs loud and long when you make some extraordinary fluke. You play carelessly with the generous man, and as a consequence often get beaten, but you take your defeat kindly enough from a man like this. The grumbler and the mean man at billlards are very much akin, and you take a keen delight, in which the spectators participate, in giving him a sound benting. He is to be met with in every large room, and whether the game be pool, pyramids or billiards his grumbles are to the fore, to the annoyance of every one, with the result that he gets intensely hated. He is always being "sold" at pool and is "the unlucklest man in the world." "Gets the yellow ball, which is crooked, nine times out of ten," and he "missed a certain division through one of the spectators ordering a mild and bitter." His tip always comes off on an important stroke which would have won him the game, he "missed a big break through his hall, which, by the way, is anything but round, jumping over an infinitesimal piece of chalk on the cloth,' which the marker fails to find. "There is not a straight cue in the room," the cushions are too slow or too fast, bad light, the gas flickers, the room is drafty. Who can make a shot with all this row? And the marker is the worst he ever met-"always talking to some one and not paying attention to the game." One would wonder that he continues to play with all these various conditions against him. He leaves the room in a temper every night, to the great relief of the frequenters, solemnly vowing that he will never play again, only to bob up grumblingly the next night. He can't help it, poor fellow! It is his nature. Watch that youth over there. He has just been talking of a big 50 break he made while on his recent holidays and playing the marker of the hotel at Sloshcum-on-the-Sand, "Take points?" Not he! "Will play the best player in the room level." He rolls up his sleeves, takes the chalk out of his pocket and after a big flourish commences the game. The uninitiated are prepared for something big, but are doomed to disappointment, as the youngster is only an empty boaster, just learning to play, and after being hopelessly heaten by 60 says he is out of form tonight and the table does not suit him. He is quite content to part with his shilling if he conveys the impression that he is a great player .---London Sporting Life.

# A LAND OF MYRTERY.

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One of the next proving and interesting places on the American construct. Iten actions the diagonal jum that forows the southern housing of the state of Nevida, promiting into Collification and Percenting alnoot tirkin line of the Atlantic and Partile suffriend. The old forty altern present through this section during the California gold exercision. Many perioded from the thread, and the recognic of their wagons, such as the tires and other iron ports, may the doorsed attracts about the valleys.

Near Hesting springs a man of the name of Lee has a ranch, an Indian wife and family of eight children. Not far from there is what is fadjoired to be the factoria translant mine. One of the pioneers in passing, through that section picked up a tights a during time wind forming boot to even for his ann with it. It was so rich that where he table the atomy to even that in press. performantaries out to involve it. The fact of the similarity of all the valleys led many astroy, and they perished from third. Hisdoscription of the spot applied to so many spots that according how been able to ignote the mine, but the present owners believe they have found it.

The valley adjoining that which is the route of the Nevala Southern is called Pahrump. B is the principal one of them all for gold and silver and lead mines. Up the valley, which is one of those dry, barren sand guiches between two perpendicular walls of rock, is the Mesquite stronp mill. On one side is the Keystona gold mine, from which \$20,000 has been extracted. Up at the head of the alley is the Montgomery gold district. Several miles. above the mill is the Pahrump springs, where a bardy pioncer has settled in a beautiful little onsis and reared a family.

Those who have visited the family say that away off there, imprisoned by canyon walls and saudy deserts, is the most beautiful woman in the west. She is one of nature's queens, and her fame for beauty is spreading quite rapidly since grim civilization placed his foot in the Pahrump valley. The Pahrump valley has not been noted for its civilization. A hand of renegade Indians-a mixture of the Mohaves, Chingowayras and Piutes, all of which inhabit that country-have settled in it. They once had a chief, and when he died his son was the candidate for the chieftainship.

The tribe did not want him and would not elect him, so they went without a head, but not for long. Tecopa stepped into the job and has since held it and is looked up to as the chief. Chief Tecopa's attire consists of a plug hat and an old striped shirt. Once in awhile he wears trousers, but very seldom. When Mr. Blake went there Chief Tecopa said that he owned all that country, and that his consent was necessary before any railroads could be built. His consent could be bought with a plug hat and a red striped shirt. These being promised over a pipe, Tecopa allowed the white chief to proceed with his rallroad .- Denver Republican.

#### Fish.

Firmness of the flesh and clearness of the eyes are the great criteria of any fish being fresh and good. In mackerel such tests are most important, as also in fresh berrings and in fresh water fish. The flavor and excellence of salmon, too, depend upon its firmness, and it should be tested in the same way. Cod is known to be fresh by the rigidity of the muscles or flesh, the redness of the gills and clearness of the eyes. Turbot and all flat white fish, besides being rigid and firm when fresh, will have the under side of a rich cream color. If out of season or too long kept, this becomes a bluish white and the flesh soft and flaccid. Lobsters, crabs and cray mains of mentior net in the claws which may be excited by pressing the eyes with the fingers. When boiled, the tail of the lobster preserves its elasticity if fresh, but loses it as soon as it becomes stale. The heaviest lobsters are the best. When light, they are watery and poor. Prawns and shrimps, when fresh, are firm and If oysters are fresh, the shells are crisp. firmly closed. When the shells are open, the fish are dead and unfit for food. A peculiar elasticity will be perceived in fish recently caught, little or no permanent Impression being made by the ordinary pressure of the fingers, the flesh immediately rising again. Freshfish also lie in a slightly curved position and never quite straight .- Brooklyn Eagle.

# INDIANS AND LUNATION.

#### The Pormer's Respect For the Latter Owner. Accord a Xule Professor.

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ence, and up had a lot of follows from the are 19 women to over 1,000 men. Talking Yale professors. It was a big party, comes. But they build around us all the time. convicted. and General Conter gave orders after two ; men who were knowing had been killed migned before they can be convicted, and that no one should leave comp without there are proportionably so few women permittent

life out of the soldiers. Every professor ering up their tracks, and this with a clayhad a detail of five new who had to watch proces that amounts to talant, and even if him. They would go around picking up this last he true does there not still remain bugs and chasing butterflies all over the something to be said for them from a prairie and would break up rocks and worldly point of view? The Spartans powwow over them with magnifying taught their youth the sin was not in glasses until the soldiers swore that every stealing, but in being found out, you man of them was a bowling idiot. Know." And the warden agreed that the

crowd, a bugoloist, who wore two pairs of glasses- one red and one green-managed In some way or other to get out of the the ground of morality. sight of his detail and wandered two or three miles away. He ran plump into a gang of Sioux. He walked up to them and offered to shake hands. They grabbed dive down into a big green baize bag he carried.

"They pulled out lizards and pieces of worst assortment of truck imaginable. Just about this time the old professor caught sight of a peculiar looking bug. He caught it, pulled out his glass and be gan to study it. That settled it.

him to a bill close by, and pointing to the army below said, 'Go.' He came back and said that the soldiers totally misunderstood the Indians. 'Why, I found them the most polite and courteous of people,' said he to General Custer. But the old chief afterward told me that they wouldn't have had him stay in that country for any-thing on earth."—Washington Post.

### An African Pest.

With regard to the utility of the crocodile there are diverse opinions. It is certainly a seavenger, though when the rapid currents of most rivers are taken into conalderation the importance of his mission dwindles. The author of "In the Morambala Marsh" says that along the banks of African streams it is dangerous to approach the river edge. Water for domestic purposes is obtained from the top of the banks by means of a cup attached to a hamboo pole 20 or 30 feet in length, and in spite of these precautions the death roll is a most ghastly one.

The primitive dugouts used by the natives for traveling on the rivers are in many cases merely deathtraps. While the man is paddling along, barely two inches above the surface of the water, the crocodile seizes his hand and drags him to the bottom.

On one occasion I sent down some letters by a Hindoo merchant, and a few given this place and like places of responweeks later heard that both letters and postman had been devoured by crocodiles. At another time I was strolling along the and hearing cries arrived at the water's edge in time to seize a young boy. whose leg had been caught by one of these brutes and torn from him. He escaped with his life, thanks to my timely arrival. In some places one sees thousands of crocodiles on a mud bank, most of them scarcely 2 inches in length, evidently just hatched. A week does not pass but in some river village wails and lamentations are heard for a fresh victim to the crocodile's insatiable appetite .-- Youth's Companion.

# FEW WOMENIN PRISON

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that their teachings had lived after them,

Women are something of a bother to most men, but to wardens in particular, I have concluded, and having known them both wisely and well I suppose when one low grade are worse than men of the same grade we should accept his judgment without question. But what I want to find clay and bits of rock and bugs and the out is why there are not as many women as men of this same grade? Warden Wright goes further and is especially posi-

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as in 1850 there were but 40 employments in which women earned a living.

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We shall be happy with trot's manner why. Shalls Rolland Swann.

#### Could Not Tath a Little Hit.

"The complete experience I ever had in my life," will a solicitor of life incarance was with an tesh monolacturer in Tree "I had been informed that he was a bard enstoney, but a wealthy man and one who had carelessly neglected to provide himself with insurance, and so I resolved to tackle him.

"Upon entering his office and explaining the nature of my husiness I was surprised at his greeting. It was friendly even cordial. 'Life insurance,' said he Well, now, that's a subject that interests me. Come with me to the shop. I've got to go there, and you can tell me all about thamperiority of your company over all others.

"Then he took up his hat and hade me follow him. As we went out of the office I noticed a smile on the faces of all the clerks, and though I didn't understand it I smiled in return, for I thought possibly they knew my errand and were congratulating me on my success.

"The proprietor walked burriedly, and I after him, until at last he flung open a door. It was the machine shop. The din was terrible. A thousand hammers, 1 think, were all at work beating iron at once. Involuntarily I pt.2, my hands to my ears,

"Looking at my man, I saw his lips move, and lowering my hands I just managed to catch his words, should above the deafening racket, 'Now, tell me all about it!'

"He smiled sardonically as he said this, and I could have murdered him. It was impossible to say a word, and so I went right out. It was a darn mean trick."-New York Herald,

#### Preparing For a Hurricane.

Speaking of hurricanes at the island of St. Thomas, ex-Consul Horne said: "We had one that scared me a good deal more than it hurt me. One day when the sun was shining brightly I suddenly heard four guns fired from the fort. Everybody began jumping around and shutting up things. 'What's the matter?' I asked. 'Hurry up,' said the clerk, 'that's the signal. There's a storm coming.' And in the street the people were running in all directions, and blinds were banging. All the houses have heavy, solid outside shutters, and my clerk was shutting these as fast as he could. Soon I was left in total darkness entirely alone. Everybody goes into the lower stories of the houses during a hurricane, as they are built of stone and the upper part of the buildings are of wood. In an earthquake they use the wooden story. Well, the storm came up and banged and howled around, and would have given \$5 for even a black companion. I expected to see the whole place in ruins, but when I opened the shutters and got a breath of fresh air the people were beginning to walk about again, and the sun was shining, and everything was

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The correspondent booked incredulant. "Don't you b'hove it? Well, I tell ye what i' do. When you go home tonight, just try an experiment. Wait till it's dark, an theo take two apples an go down but the cellar an see if you can tell the difference 'twixt the one with a worm into it an Pother one.

"What do you mean? Why do you tell mu to go down into the cellar?"

"Why, that's the most darkish place 'bout the house, ain't it? Don't take no light with ye."

"But how am I to examine the apples in the dark? Of course I shouldn't know which was which just by feeling of them."

"Thunder'n lightnin, you don't a'pose I wanted ye t' go down there an sit round a feelin of the apples, did ye? That wan't what I meant. What I meant was this: You jest take a wormy apple an a sound one an go down int' the cellar an eat 'em, an I'll bet ye a shillin you won't know when you cat the worm."

The correspondent shuddered.

"Don't that prove it?" ran on the man. "Course it does. We put the worms right int' the grater 'long with the rest. How many of 'em they is we don't know. All we know is that they all turn into elder, en the man ain't livin that kin tell when he's drinkin the cider what part's apple juice an what part's worm juice.

"Then, ag'in, we couldn't do diff'rent if we tried. We couldn't send every wormy apple to a hospital an doctor it with vermifuge till we'd killed off the live stock. No, sir, the worms has to go, an they'll keep a-go'n, I s'pose, till one of 'em cruelty to animal fellers shuts down on it an makes us gree to dose the worms with chlory form 'fore we grind 'em up."-New York Times.

#### The Tomb of Confucius.

The city of Chufu-hsien, the Mecca of the believers in Confucianism, is in the province of Ehangtung, one of the most populous districts of the orient. Here Confucius was born, and here his sacred bones He buried. The tomb, which is located in one of the largest cemeteries in the province, about three miles out from the city above mentioned, is one of the most imposing in the whole empire,

The grave itself is surmounted by an earth mound about 12 feet in height, the whole surrounded by a cluster of gnarled oaks and stately cypress trees. Before the mound is a tablet about 6 feet broad and 20 feet high, upon which is inseribed the names and deeds of the great founder of 4 Confucianism, a religion adhered to by over 400,000,000 human beings. The burden of this inscription, according to reliable translation, is "Perfect One," "Abso-lutely Pure," "Perfect Sage," "First Teacher, " "Great Philosopher," etc. The avenue which leads up to the philosopher's tomb is even more interesting than the actual pince of burial itself. On each side of the avenue are rows of figures of huge animals cut in stone-lions, tigers, elephants and horses, besides numerous mythical creatures, such as animals half dog and half frog, beasts with four legs and twice as many wings, besides a multitude of unnamable monsters that never lived on the earth, in the water or in the Taken altogether, the burial place nir. of Confucius is one of the chief spots of interest in the orient. St. Louis Republic.

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but would concede nothing to women on him, and the first thing they did was to such custodian insists that women of a

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shan men, and that once bad they are more incorrigible, and it is his experience that "An Indian took him by the hand, led there are not so many reformations among women convicts as among the men, by

wrongdoing. Out of the fullness of his knowledge Mr. Wright argues that by the time women land in the penitentiary they are so steeped in sin as to be quite past redemption here, and I got the impression he had not much

hope of them hereafter. But let us see about the iniquity of women. In the first place, there are more women than men in the world. Therefore if women are more immoral than men ought they not to commit at least an equal

number of crimes? But they have not equal opportunity, They are not in the world as men are, therefore are not so beset by temptations, is the reply. But we may deny this, since there are now over 500 occupations for women and all crowded until there is scarcely any room, even at the top, where-

They are now ay the hundreds working shoulder to shoulder with men in all the professions and a majority of the trades. And are they not subjected to the same temptations? It is now quite the exception to find a man on the cashier's stool in stores and restaurants, etc., and could there be a better card to woman's honesty? And yet it has been said women are only sibility because they can be hired for less money. So more the temptation to steal then.

New York city, with its 300,000 Hebrews, may properly be said to contain more Israelites than all Palestine.

#### She Wasn't Superstitious.

A friend said to me the other day, "I used to be superstitious, but I have overcome the feeling entirely."

"Entirely?" I echoed. "Ob, yes," was her reply. "Beginning anything on Friday or on the thirteenth of the month, going under ladders, refusing to turn back after I have started out, picking up black pins, meeting cross eyed people on Monday, singing before break-fast-in fact, all those ridicalous ideas-f have got bravely over."

"Good!" I replied as I put on my bonnet-we were going out together-"I am glad to know that you are so sensible.' "Have you got a hatpin you can loan

me, Polly, dear!" she asked. An idea struck me. I went to my jewel

case and took out a long scarfpin with an opal head and handed it to her. She took and then dropped it as if it was hot.

"Mercy me!" she cried, "I wouldn't wear an opal for \$100 a minute!" 'But I thought you weren't supersti-

tions? "Oh, well, opals everybody knows about. That's a fact and not a superstition," was her unconvincing and ungrammatical re-

ply. So there you are .- Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

#### Time Lost by an Overcoal.

He was an eminent practitioner in Philidelphia, and one of his patients noticed that he more often than otherwise came into the room with his overcoat on. Questioned about it, the doctor said:

"Whenever I can, I keep on my overcoat. It saves time. Inverage, say, 40 calls a day. Now, I cannot get on and off my overcoat in less than a minute. This would be 40 minutes wasted. I must save my time, and that is one of the best ways of doing it." "But, doctor," expostulated the patient, you would not recommend such a practice to me. You would at once say to me that keeping on my overcoat in the house would excite perspiration and so give mea cold when I went out."

"Yes, I would say that to you-you are the patient, I the doctor. Do as I say, not as I do."-Philadelphia Call,

#### A Sure Cure.

Christine-How many times did you refuse Mr. Stickeligh before you got rid of him!

Polly-I never refused him at all. On the contrary, I accepted him at once and then began to flirt with every man in sight and really forced the poor fellow out of the field .- Detroit Free Press.

#### Working a Racket,

The tramp was looking fairly respectable, and as he moved along the street a brilliant idea occurred to him-how to work a racket for a breakfast-and he went into the first good looking residence he came to and knocked at the front door. The lady of the house came out. "Do you want to know how to prevent

moths in carpets?"

"No," she replied curtly.

"Want to know how to prevent mold in first floor closets?" ANNIA D

"Want to know how to clean windows without water?"

"Would you like the secret of preserving the polish on furniture?"

WNO! He hesitated a moment.

"Excuse me," he said insinuatingly,

"can I get something to eat here?" "Of course you can," she replied prompt-

ly, "Why didn't you say so at first? Go on around to the kitchen door." And as he followed her directions he kicked himself four times for ever letting a brilliant thought occur to him how to work a racket.-Detroit Free Press.

#### Praising the Chinese Servant.

"I have had a good deal of experience with Chinesa labor," said Judge Worden of Denver, "and my belief is that the Chinese make the best servants in the world. They will do just what you tell them to humored, too, as if never a thought of and in the way that you tell them to do it. evildoing had crossed the mind. There A combination of three virtues constitutes their principal fault-they are industrious. obedient and frugal. Hence they will do ned brunettes, with the equally fetching more work, do it more willingly, do it dark eyes of that quality commonly called cheaper and save more money than any other race of people. The difference in wages is not as great as is generally represented, and the coolies on the fruit farms in southern California, where I have seen more of them than any place else, are paid as well as similar labor is elsewhere. As house servants they are par excellence They will obey the rules of the bousehold and do not draw the lines as to what their duties shall or shall not be. They can be relied upon and are not given to changing employers."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A King Who Could Change the Winds. King Erricus of Sweden publicly confessed that he was a sorcerer and magician. He was the owner of an enchanted cap, which he pretended enabled him to control the spirits and change the direc tion of the winds at pleasure. So firmly did his subjects believe in the supernatural powers of their ruler that when a storm arose they would exclaim, "Ah, the king is again wearing his magic cap!"-St. Louis Republic.

has been asserted, would they not, unless morally better, be more likely to steal than men who are paid a living salary and have less provocation?

But who ever heard of a woman running away with funds intrusted to her? There is no such curiosity on exhibition in the human menagerie at the Western penitentiary at least, though, to tell the truth, there is a greater one-that of a horse thief! The mention of this freak feminine suggests one more "manly pursuit" as free to women as to men. Why do not more women steal horses? They admire them, and surely a stolen horse is worth as much owned or sold to a woman who would steal as to a man?

And are not women as clever with the pen? Then why not Jane the penman as well na Jim? Yet how seldom we hear of women forging!

Prison reports the country over for 1891-2 show an alarming increase in the population of such institutions, but such statistics do not show a proportionate increase in crime among women. One of the propelling forces leading to eriminality upon which the authorities are quite agreed is "the desire to live beyond legitimate means," and ever since women began mate means, 'and ever all they have been wearing "store clothes" they have been monoid of this very thing. Why, then, do they not steal to gratify this desire as

their brothers do? Through the courtesy of the warden I was permitted to visit the woman's department of the Western penitentiary. to far. as I know I then stood for the first time face to face with a criminal of my own sex. I assure all who have not had the experience that it is a painful one, even though one cannot fully realize the situation just at the time. That character can be read in the countenance had up to that time been a pet theory of mine. It has been exploded.

There they sat in the light sewing room. working away as demurchy and industriously and apparently as contentedly as if at a boarding school. Smiling and good were pink and white blonds, the soulful blue eyes one reads about, and clear skinmournful, but whether blonds or brunettes I think the most expert observer, without having known they were criminals, could not have guessed it, nor could he have picked out from the lot those having had murder in their hearts or on their hands,---Meg in Philadelphia Times.

#### Froved It.

"My wife will bear witness," said the prisoner at the bar, "that at the very time am accused of burglarizing Mr. Smith's premises I was engaged in walking the foor with my infant child in my arms, endeavoring to soothe it by singing 'Rocka by, Baby,' " "The prisoner is discharged," remarked his honor, "He can prove a lullaby."-Ram's Horn.

#### What She Forgot.

Visitor-So you have a little baby broth-Little Girl-Yes'm. I prayed for a litthe baby sister, but I s'pose the angels had run out of girl babies. I forgot to tell them there wasn't any hurry .- Good News,

ovely. They're used to little things like hurricanes there and don't mind them. That's the way all rainstorms come upout of a clear sky,"-Hartford Courant.

#### India.

The civilization of today is indebted to the old time civilization of India. Without it there could scarcely have been an Athens or a Rome, and without a Rome no France or England, as we know them. Do not imagine India as a country inhabited by a single race. You might as well say that the creek in the streets of New Orleans belongs to the same race as the Yankees because they live in the same country. India is densely populated by a large number of acres, the people of which are widely separated by caste. Between the high and low costes there can be no affiliation. It is hard to convert these people to Christianity. The high caste would prefer bell to the idea of a heaven where he would be obliged to mingle with Inferiors. Then, too, the native gravely answers when asked to change his religion that if his own faith were wrong his forefathers would surely have discovered it .-Lecturer Frank R. Roberson.

#### What Shall We Call Him?

Professor Muybridge, the artist who first succeeded in photographing an animal on the run or on the jump, writes his first name Eadweard. This is odd, but there is a man in West Virginia who writes his thus: Liewellyn Phtholognyrrh. His given name is not hard to read, but the other is a puzzler until you take it to pieces and determine the sounds of the letters and combinations by the following words: Phth, in phihlaic; olo, in colonel; gn, in cologne; yrrh, in myrrh .-- Harper's Young People.

The Storage Battery.

It is maintained very stoutly by expert electricians that the storage battery is, after all, a success for commercial work; that the new processes for manufacturing them have cheapened their cost, and that in train lighting they are especially efficient and economical. It is estimated that 185 per horse power is the annual cost of the accumulator. -- Inventive Age.

James Wormley, son of the Wasaington hotel keeper, recently found stowed away in a closet a coffee wood cane, highly pol ished, engraved upon the head of which was this inscription, "Hon. Charles Sumper, from a citizen of Liberia." The stick had in turn been presented to Mr. Wormley,

Somebody still "reads Dickens," after all. A group of children was found not long ago placing flowers at the feet of the noveliat's statue in a park at Sydney. When asked why they were doing it, little Australians answered simply, "it's the story writer."

On the night of the 11th of June, 1859, there were heavy frosts all over New England, and in Livingstone county, N. Y 800 sheep that had been sheared a few days before were frozen to death.

Ice artificially manufactured by the use of chemical mixtures is not a late idea by any means, the invention dating back to 1785.

#### It Outlived the Pharaohs.

The stone age and the bronze age have passed, but the advertising age remains, Advertising is not so very modern. The pharaohs were prudent advertisers. With what subtilty they put their ads in crafty lines on obelisk and pyramid, and they have drawn in the shekels splendidly!

Advertising is the searchlight of trade, The advertiser is more privileged than the plaintiff's attorney. The former not merely has the opening and closing addresses, but keeps the ear of the jury all the time.

No exposition ever had such worldwide reputation as the Columbian. Why not? No other has ever advertised so ably and elaborately. Cause and effect!-Carpet and Upholstery Trade.

#### Mathematics and Money.

Husband-According to your own figures, you spent over #100 this year in cheap fripperies which had to be thrown away after once wearing. That \$100 would have bought a piece of face that would have lasted a lifetime-in fact, could be used by your descendants for generations.

Wife-Well, give me #100, and I will buy the face for next year.

Husband-Um-never mind, I-I don't think face is very becoming to your style of beauty. Here's 10 cents for another ruffle .- New York Weekly.

#### Different.

Head of the House to young man at. front door)-Haven't I told you, sir, never to call here again?

Young Man-Yes, sir, but I haven't called to see Miss Clara this time. I have a three months' gas bill to collect.

Head of the House (in a milder tone)-I see. You will please call again,-London Million.

#### His Love.

Primus-Although you are a millionaire, my love is so great, sir, that it emboldens a poor man like myself to seek a daughter of yours in marriage. Secundus-Which of the girls is it,

young man? Primus-Any of the three, sir.-Paris

Grelot.

#### Hypnotism and Hysteria.

An authority on hypnotiam says that hysterical persons are very difficult to infinence. They are so wedded to their own fancies, montal and physical, that they prove very obstinate hypnotic patients. Even if an influence is gained it passes off very quickly -- Exchange.